

“From the Heart of God”

Deuteronomy 5

“Oh that their hearts would be inclined to fear me and keep my commands always” (Deut. 5:29)

A Distinction between the commands of God and rules

The _____ for keeping the Commandments

- To _____ life NOT to _____ life.
 - The Danger of _____
 - The origin of the commandments
_____, _____, _____
- God’s _____ touch

God’s _____ in giving the Commandments

1. As a _____ of His glory to other nations (ch.4)
2. To _____ people to Christ (Gal. 2:16-21)
3. To _____ God’s will for all people (Rom. 2:18)
4. To _____ sin (Romans 3:19-20)
5. To give the _____ law (Mat. 22:37-40)
6. To _____ us to the best life (5:29, Eph.6:1)

God’s _____ revealed through the Commandments

- #1 “No other gods” – God’s _____ for people
- #2 “No idols” – God as _____
- #3 “No misuse of His name” – God’s _____
- #4 “Keep the Sabbath” – God’s _____ with all
- #5 “Honour parents” – God’s _____
- #6 “No killing” – God’s high _____ upon humanity
- #7 “No adultery” – God’s covenant of _____
- #8 “No stealing” – God’s _____
- #9 “No lying” – God is _____
- #10 “No envying” – God’s promised _____

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Booklet hand out on the Ten Commandments

Gallop Poll - 50% of Protestant church attendees 4+

Open - Heart is Scripture used

- who we really are
- desires, thoughts, intentions, will, decisions
whole person ...deep!
- place of spiritual decision making and activity
- where we meet with God

A Distinction between the commands of God and rules

- Dt. 5:29 - "that it will go well for you and your children forever" **Deut 6:6-10 slide**
 - 4:2, 40 = theme of going well
 - God's deep desire, diff. from rules - based on His heart

The **Motive** for keeping the Commandments

- To guide life NOT to give life.
 - The **Danger** of legalism - Rom.3:28-31
"justified by faith alone, not by keeping the law"
 - The origin of the commandments
Named (Ex. 34:28), **spoken** (Ex.20), **written** 2x (Ex 24, 34)
 - God's **personal** touch - HE deeply wants us to have them and to follow them

God's **Purpose** in giving the Commandments

1. As a witness of His glory to other nations (ch.4)

2. To lead people to Christ (Gal. 2:16-21) - "not justified by observing the law but by faith in Jesus Christ **ex. VBS leaders**
3. To reveal God's will for all people (Romans 2:18) - "we will know God's will and what is best b/c law"
4. To reveal sin (Romans 3:19-20) - "Conscience of sin"
5. To give the moral law (Matthew 22:37-40) - taxes, marriage and heaven
6. To guide us to the best life (5:29, Eph.6:1) - "obey your parents b/c it is right"
=> God affirm His covenant relationship
=> purpose - love from God and love to God
Matt 22 - Jesus 1. love God 2. love your neighbour

But the Commandments also express God's Nature
Each one tells us something about God.

God's **Heart** revealed through the Commandments

- #1 vs.7 - "No other gods" - God's love for people
 - #2 vs.8 - "No idols" - God as creator
 - #3 vs.11 - "No misuse of His name" - God's holiness
 - #4 vs. 12 - "Keep the Sabbath" - God's relationship
 - #5 vs.16 - "Honour parents" - God's authority
 - #6 vs.17 - "No murder" - God's high value upon humanity
 - #7 vs. 18 - "No adultery" - God's covenant of faithfulness
 - #8 vs.19 - "No stealing" - God's provision
 - #9 vs.20 - "No lying" - God is true
 - #10 vs.21 - "No envying" - God's promised inheritance/heaven
=> show us the heart of God, the meeting place
- Illustration** - 16 yr old, first youth night, 10 commandments, s/h have failed, God used mighty