

Sermon Outline

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS | Geoff Lin

Readings: Ex 19:1-8; Ex 20:1-21; Ex 24:12-18

Common misconceptions about Christianity ...

- big idea: God's law is less about rules and regulations and more about relationships...

1. God's people are His treasured possession (Ex 19:1-8)

Ex 3:11 But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" 12 And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain."

- we belong to a bigger and better story...

Bible Timeline: From Genesis to Revelation						
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Gen 1-11	Gen 12-50	Ex - Deut	Joshua - Malachi			Matt - Rev
Creation	Fall	The Story of Israel				Jesus
Adam and Eve Cain and Abel Noah's Ark Tower of Babel	Abraham Isaac Jacob Joseph	Out of Egypt	Into the Promised Land	Monarchy and Temple	Exile to Babylon	

i. We see God's initiative and primacy in salvation (v4)

- it's not like Israel was any better or more deserving than Egypt...

- "I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself"

ii. We see how Israel is to respond to God's unmerited favour (vv5-6a)

- "If you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession"

- God doesn't just **save His people from** slavery; He also **saves them for** sonship

Ex 4:22 Then say to Pharaoh, 'This is what the LORD says: Israel is my firstborn son...

Deut 4:32 Ask now about the former days, long before your time, from the day God created human beings on the earth; ask from one end of the heavens to the other. Has anything so great as this ever happened, or has anything like it ever been heard of? 33 Has any other people heard the voice of God speaking out of fire, as you have, and lived? 34 Has any god ever tried to take for himself one nation out of another nation, by testings, by signs and wonders, by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, or by great and awesome deeds, like all the things the LORD your God did for you in Egypt before your very eyes?

- "a kingdom of priests and a holy nation"

2. The Ten Commandments (Ex 20:1-21)

(aka "how to obey God fully and keep His covenant")

- "God spoke all these words" (v1)

- what God has already done for His people (v2)

i. the vertical and the horizontal

Lev 19:18 "Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.

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ii. Even the "do not's" contain wonderful blessings ...

- "showing love to a thousand generations of those who keep my commandments" (v6)

- "so you may live long in the land the LORD is giving you" (v12)

iii. How do you feel about God's law: burdened, or liberated?

Ps 19:9 The decrees of the LORD are firm, and all of them are righteous. 10 They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.

1 Pet 2:9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. 11 Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. 12 Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

3. Forty days and forty nights ... (Ex 24:12-18)