

Series: Honoring God in the 10 Commandment

Title: A God Worth Honoring

Text: (Ex 20:2-3) (Deut 5:6-7)

Why did God Give the Law (10 Commandments)?

(Rom 4:13-16)

If God was always going to save us with a promise,
Why did he give us the 10 Commandments?

The 10 Commandments cannot save you!

Many people believe that the 10 Commandments are
10 rungs on a ladder that stretches us to heaven.

The 10 comm were never a ladder for the Unsaved,
but a pattern of life for those who were redeemed by
the blood of the lamb.

(Gal 3:11)

If Works could Save then the 10 Comm would have
done it! (Gal 3:21)

God did not give them, so Israel would “Become” His
people, but God gave them to Israel and told them to
keep them because they “ARE” HIS people.

It's NOT: *You better keep these laws to “Become” a
Christian,
BUT this is the way you are to live Because you ARE
a Christian.*

(Gal 5:4)

God never started with the Law, then realized it didn't
work and he had to come with a better way. NO NO,
NO! (Heb 10:8) (Gal 3:22)

Many believe that the OT is a book of Law, & NT is a
book of Grace, and that the OT has nothing to do with
NT us. WRONG!

The WHOLE bible is a book of GRACE!

God has only had 1 plan.

To Save by Grace Through Faith! (Gal 2:21)

SO WHY the emphasis on the 10 Commandments!

The Law was given specifically to people who have
experienced the Grace of God, through Faith in God,
and thus become the people of God.

I. 10 Comm Announces our Need for Christ:

**The law given to Moses was perfectly for filled in
Christ.**

The law was not given to bestow salvation upon us
but to Convince us of our need of salvation
(Rom 3:20-21)

Because the law exposes our sin.

(Rom 7:7)

The law condemns our sin.

(Rom 7:13)

The Commandments were given to people that God had already redeemed.

These were people of Faith.
They heard the Word of God and Acted on it by faith.

We do not naturally believe we need a savior.

How many people came up to you in the last five years walking down the streets of Alexandria asking.

“Excuse me, How do I get saved?”

“Excuse me, How do I find the Savior?”

“Excuse me, excuse me, what must I do to be saved?”

“I need a savior, can you direct me to someone to help me get out of my mess.”

No one does that!

What I hear on the doorsteps of Kingstowne is I’m fine, I’m fine, I don’t need anything

Why is our natural tendency is to say I’m fine, I’m fine, I don’t need anything, I am my own God.

They’re not fine!

How are they going to find out that they are NOT Fine?

If all they hear when they come to church is... “I have a promise for you. I have a lovely promise for you”

All they think it is, “you can keep your promise, I don’t need your promise.”

What is the Promise? “Jesus is the Savior” “BIG Deal! I don’t need your promise.”

The next thing they need to hear about is the law.

“Let me tell you about the 10 Commandments”

Have you ever lied? YES. That makes you a LIAR!

Have you ever take something that was not yours?

YES! That makes you a THIEF!

Have you ever looked upon a women to lust after her?

YES, Jesus said you are an Adulterer!.

Have you ever been angry with your brother? YES, Jesus said that makes you a Murderer.

Have you ever dis-obeyed your parents? YES!

That makes you a Rebel!

“What do you think now?”

You are a Lying, Thieving, Rebelious, Adulterous, Murderer.

“OK, I admit I have a bit of a problem.”

I thought I was good on 8 out of 10, but now I think I have 2 out of 10, and that's being generous.
(James 2:10) "*Guilty of all*"

If you are expecting to be judged by the 10 comm, with a score of 2.5 out of 10.
How do you intend to stand before Him and survive?

"I Really don't know."

"Well: Let me tell you about a promise God made regarding Jesus Christ."

This promise is to those who have confronted the law and realize they need a savior to do, what they cannot do for themselves.

The 10 Comm send us to the Lord Jesus Christ.
(Gal 3:24-25)
(Rom 3:23) Missing the mark of God's standard.
(1 Jn 3:4) Everyone who sins breaks the Law of God.

II. 1st Comm Affirms the PreEminence of God: **(Ex 20:2-3) 1st Commandment**

The Most Glorious fact in the Universe is that God Exists and that you can know Him.

The saddest Fact is that Most people don't know Him or even Care!
(Jer 31:33-34)

HE IS GOD! No one like Him. (Is 44:6, 8)(Is 45:5-6)

Self Existent: (John 5:26) *For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;*

No One or No-thing created God! (Rev 1:8) *I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.*

Any God that can fit between your ears is No God at all.

All other Gods are devils stealing God's Glory:
(Deut 32:16-18) He is the Only God there is.

He Pre-dates Everything: (Gen 1:1) *In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.*

He predates Buddha, Alla, Mother earth & Father Sky.
He is outside of Time,
He created time as a reference for us.

God Created All Things:

(John 1:3) *All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.*

All Means All, I know that is deep.

(Col 1:16) **Created it For Himself!** (Eph 1:5, 9-12)

There Is No Other God, anywhere, or of any kind!
(Isa 44:6) *Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God.*

Our God is not another tribal or national deity whom we can add to our collection of gods.
(Jer 10:10) *But the LORD is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting king: at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation.*

God Owns All Things: Because of Creation-
(Ps 24:1)

(Ps 50:10) *For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills.*

(Hag 2:8) *The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the LORD of hosts.*

Based on those verses who owns all the wealth in the world? **GOD does!**

Based on that, how much do we really own?
Zero, NOTHING, NADA

God Owns Us: Because He bought us -
(1 Cor 6:19-20)

When we trust Christ as our savior, we become the purchased possession of Jesus.

BODY AND SPIRIT

He Bought us at Calvary: (Titus 2:14)

Our Faith in God Affirms the PreEminence of God: (Heb 11:6)

By Faith we believe God Can, God Will, & God Wants To: Through You! Eph 6:10

The First Commandment Imposes an obligation on Supreme Devotion to God.

To Worship anything other than the living God is Idolatry.

God was 1st in their lives: (Matt 6:33) *Seek ye 1st*

Ways We Break the 1st Commandment...

By Living for ourself, we take God's place:

By Making Pleasure the Goal of our life. (1 Tim 5:6)

By Seeking to Aquire Material Wealth. (1 Jn 2:15-17)

By being controlled by our fleshly appetites. (Col 3:5)

God deserves the Place of PRE-Eminence:

(Col 1:16-18*) *that in all things he might have the preeminence.*

Consist ~ Sustained, Maintained, Held Together.
(Heb 1:3) *upholding all things by the word of his power,*

Get the Globe Out!

He is in charge! *Illus: The Earth Travels around the sun at 67,000MPH, and He's got it under control!*

Relax

He knows, understands, & can fix your problems.

(Heb 4:15)

He knows & your problems are not big from His standpoint!

Relax!

He is in charge! He is Sovereign!

We need to trust Him that He can Handle it.

Illus: He created everything on purpose, now trust him that He can continue to take care of it!

(Col 1:18c) **Pre-Eminent!** High, Lofty, Exalted Rank!
(Jn 5:23) God is to be the object of our Honor!

Here is where we get into trouble!

Illus: The world travels around the sun at 67,000mph and we want to drive!

We forget He is in charge!

We don't trust Him to take care of it to suit us!

We don't want Him to intervene in our plans!

Illus: Thank you for saving me, but I can take it from here!

I'll pick the career I want.

The spouse, the city I live in, etc.

Why do we do that?

What if I won't like His choices for me?

What if she's ugly?

But what if he wants me to stay in the DC area?

But what if He wants me to _____?

Pre-Eminent! He has the Exalted position of Choice!

Illus: It's not about you, it's all about HIM!

The World does not revolve around you!

(Col 1:10) We are to walk Worthy of His name!

Why, because it's not about US, It's all about Him!

Illus: God's worth in the eyes of others is determined by how we live!

That is why we are to be Fruitful in every good work!

Why, because it's not about US, It's all about Him!

Head of the World in (Col 1:16)

Head of the Church in (Col 1:18)

Head of us (Col 1:20-22)

He saved us To Bring Him Glory!

(Col 3:23-24) *And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.*

(1 Cor 10:31) *Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.*

(Mat 5:16) *Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*

It's not about Us, It's all about Him!

Man was created for the Glory, Praise, and Fellowship with God.

Man was created that the heart of God would have a special recipient of His Love.

God does not want us to just save us from Hell, although that's Great.

“ “ “ to give us a Home in Heaven, “ “
“ “ “ To give us joy and peace, “ “

God mainly wants us for Himself; that we become the object of His Great love!

This is the point of it All!

That is why we are commanded to bring Him Glory.

(1 Cor 10:31)

He Made us for Himself! (Col 1:16)

He Redeemed us for Himself! (Col 1:20-22)

He Wants us for Himself! (Col 1:16 Rom 11:36)

He is THE God Worth Honoring

He is the God who Answers Prayer:

He is the God who Saves:

(Ps 3:8) *Salvation belongeth unto the Lord.*

He is the God who is HOLY:

(Exo 15:11) *Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?*

(Lev 19:2) *Ye shall be holy: for I the LORD your God am holy.*

(1 Sam 2:2) *There is none holy as the LORD: for there is none beside thee: neither is there any rock like our God.*

He is the Holy God, He is Without Prejudice:

No respecter of persons.

(Rom 2:11)

(Rom 1:16) Salvation is free to all who call upon Him

(Rom 10:13) *“Whosoever”*

Illus: He doesn't have it in for you!

Neither is He going to bend the rules for you.

(Rom 2:9-10)

He has the Right to Judge Us! (Psa 51:4) *Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.*

**We rebel in sin because we Forget His holiness,
and Forget that we are unable to fellowship with a
Holy God when we are in Sin.**

*(Isa 59:1-2) Behold, the LORD'S hand is not
shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy,
that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated
between you and your God, and your sins have hid his
face from you, that he will not hear.*

**There is no other that we can beseech, seek, or
find.**

No other being, no Higher being

1st Commandment: He is a God worth Honoring
*(Deut 5:6-7) I am the LORD thy God, which brought
thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of
bondage. 7 Thou shalt have none other gods before
me.*