

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS (Exodus 20)

The Lord God told Moses to leave his people, Israel, at the foot of Mount Sinai and to come up the mountain for he wanted to give him important instructions for how to live a God-pleasing life. Because of these rules, the nation of Israel was set apart from other nations that worshiped false gods.

God wrote on two stone tablets these ten commandments; rules that the people of Israel must obey.

1. I am the Lord your God. You shall have no other gods beside me.
2. You shall not make an idol for yourselves.
3. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord, your God.
4. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
5. Honour your father and your mother.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbour, that is, you shall not lie.
10. You shall not covet (want) your neighbour's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.