



Read: Exodus 20:1-17

Genre: Old Testament Law (read it like laws... laying the foundation for Christ)

Setting: Place: Mt Sinai Time – 3 months after the Exodus in 1440 BC

Key People: Author – Moses Audience – Israel

Drama: God needs to teach over 2 million freed slaves the standards of a loyal relationship with God.

Observations about the 10 Commandments (Ten Words)

- Moses went up to the mountain to receive them from God
- Written with the finger of God: Exodus 31
- How to love God – 4 commandments
- How to love your neighbor – 6 commandments
- Summarized in the Greatest Commandment: Deuteronomy 6:5, Matthew 22:37
- Recited to Israel twice: Exodus 20:2-17; Deuteronomy 5:6-21
- Mt. Sinai to the Moses generation
- The Plains of Moab to the Joshua generation
- Repeated and reinforced in the New Testament: Matthew 5:21-37, Matthew 19:18-19, Mark 10:19, Romans 13:8-10, Ephesians 6:2-3

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| READ {Exodus 20:2-3} Have no other god. Matthew 4:10 | |
| 1 | REFLECT - Give nothing else credit for <u>hope</u> in your life. |
| RESPOND - Complete weekly devotional. | |

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| READ {Exodus 20:4-6} Make no idol. Matthew 4:10, Romans 1:18-23, 1 John 5:21 | |
| 2 | REFLECT - Create no <u>image</u> to represent God. |
| RESPOND - Complete weekly devotional. | |

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| READ {Exodus 20:7} Don't take the Lord's name in vain. Matthew 5:33-34, Ephesians 4:29 | |
| 3 | REFLECT - Don't use <u>curse</u> words. |
| RESPOND - Complete weekly devotional. | |

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| READ {Exodus 20:8-11} Remember the Sabbath. Mark 2:23-28 | |
| 4 | REFLECT - Get some <u>rest</u> regularly. |
| RESPOND - Complete weekly devotional. | |

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| READ {Exodus 20:12} Honor your Mother and Father. Matt 19:19, 15:4, Mark 7:10 | |
| 5 | REFLECT - Respect <u>elders</u> . |
| RESPOND - Complete weekly devotional. | |

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| READ {Exodus 20:13} You shall not murder. Matthew 19:18, 5:20-22 | |
| 6 | REFLECT - Don't harbor <u>hate</u> in your heart. |
| RESPOND - Complete weekly devotional. | |

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| READ {Exodus 20:14} Don't commit adultery. Matt 19:18, 5:27-30; 1 Cor 6:12-20, 1 Thess 4:3-4 | |
| 7 | REFLECT - Don't <u>lust</u> . |
| RESPOND - Complete weekly devotional. | |

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| READ {Exodus 20:15} Don't steal. Matthew 19:18 | |
| 8 | REFLECT - Respect the <u>property</u> of others. |
| RESPOND - Complete weekly devotional. | |

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| READ {Exodus 20:16} Don't bear false witness against your neighbor. Matthew 19:18 | |
| 9 | REFLECT - Don't <u>gossip</u> . |
| RESPOND - Complete weekly devotional. | |

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| READ {Exodus 20:17} Don't covet. Mark 7:21-23, Ephesians 5:1-4, 1 Timothy 6:6 | |
| 10 | REFLECT - <u>Appreciate</u> what you have. |
| RESPOND - Complete weekly devotional. | |



"But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood" 1 Peter 2:9-10

Using the guidelines below, here is a daily Bible text for Loyalty (Old Testament Law) for you to READ, REFLECT and RESPOND.

MON – Exodus 20:2-6, Matthew 4:10,
Romans 1:18-23, 1 John 5:21

THU – Exodus 20:13, Matthew 19:18, 5:20-22
FRI – Exodus 20:14, Matt 19:18, 5:27-30,

TUE – Exodus 20:7, Matthew 5:33-34, Ephesians 4:29

1 Corinthians 6:12-20, 1 Thessalonians 4:3-4

WED – Exodus 20:8-12, Mark 2:23-28, 7:10
Matthew 19:19,15:4

SAT – Exodus 20:15-16, Matthew 19:18

SUN – Exodus 20:17, Mark 7:21-23, Eph 5:1-4, 1 Tim 6:6

► **HINT:** When reading this week's devotional, apply the rules that are in **bold**.



Read and discover what God communicated to the people *then*.

1. Identify which of the three relationships the law is giving the Israelites guidance on: **relationship with God, relationship with fellow Israelites and/or relationship with Gentiles?**

2. Identify which of the three categories of the law is being taught: Religious Rituals, **Ethical**, Civil.

Discovery – Ask what attitudes and/or behaviors the laws were teaching the Israelites to be loyal to. God's people were required to be loyal to the letter and Spirit of the law (*The Letter of the Law is the 'word for word' application. The Spirit of the Law represents the 'heart of God' behind the law*).



Reflect, pray and determine what is God communicating to us *now*.

1. **Apply the Letter and the Spirit of the law to yourself if the law is repeated and/or reinforced in the New Testament. Ask: Is it repeated or reinforced in the New Testament? What attitude or behavior are the laws teaching you to be loyal to? Write three sentences to describe your reflections in relation to these questions.**

2. Apply only the Spirit of the Old Testament Law if it is fulfilled in the New Testament.



Respond and do something!

Do something by praying and deciding what God wants to do in and through you in the future. Identify the steps of faith you need to take in order to facilitate God's promises. What am I going to do to apply my faith to be more loyal to who God wants me to be? Is there sin to repent of? Is there someone you need to forgive, serve or speak to?

Further applications – Write 3 sentences on how you will apply this your everyday life.

Devotional necessities: A Bible, pen or pencil, notebook or journal, a quiet place, a regular time, a prayerful heart of faith

BOOK TWO: LOYALTY

LOYALTY: OLD TESTAMENT LAW

{Old Testament Law are guidelines for discipline and personal holiness}

GENRE – Old Testament Law (Read it like laws)

READING RULES – While reading the text identify:

1. Which of the three relationships the law is giving the Israelites guidance on; relationship with God, relationship with fellow Israelites and/or relationship with Gentiles?

2. Identify which of the three categories of the law is being taught:

- a. Religious Rituals - laws that only apply in Spirit
- b. Ethical/Moral Law - laws that apply in Spirit and Letter
- c. Civil Law - laws that only apply in Spirit

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