

Cornerstone Message Notes

The Ten Commandments - Loving Laws of Life & Liberty (Exodus 20)

"The Greatest Stories of the Bible" - part 5

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THEME / (The Sermon In a Sentence or Two)

The Ten Commandments are an expression of God's love / a pattern for real freedom.

APPLICATION / (What to Do with What You Hear)

Knowing & keeping all ten is still what God desires for us do. None are negotiable.

FOCUS / (The Core of the Content to Get Us Started)

Here's something to ponder ... if everyone would know & keep the ten commandments, there'd be no need for law enforcement or armies of any kind. It would solve all the world's relational problems instantly & completely. But, of course, that's not going to happen because of our fallenness, sinfulness, arrogance & independence. But still, what a world it would be if we did.

This morning we'll see that when God gave the commandments to Moses on Mt. Sinai, it was because of His desire for His people to know they truly were His treasured possession. The commandments were given because without them, they would be lost in their ignorance & inability to love & live with God & those with whom they were doing life. All they'd proven in the past is that they were powerless on their own to be alive the way God intended.

May we each have a fresh appreciation for & a renewed commitment to all ten!

The Story of the Ten Commandments Tells Us that ...

1. GOD really DOES very much LOVE us.

He tells us what to & what not to do because He loves us & knows what's best for us.

Exodus 19:1-6 (especially vs 5-6) / 1 John 5:1-3

2. REAL LIFE can only be EXPERIENCED on HIS TERMS.

There's no way to be right with let alone alive in God apart from His Word. His commandments are given by Him to obeyed by us. They are debated, denied or discarded to our delusion, destruction & death. God knows what's best.

Psalms 119:1-176 / Proverbs 4:4, 7:2 & 9:6 / Matthew 4:4 / John 10:10b

3. He WANTS US to be RIGHT with HIM & EVERYONE.

The first four pertain to us & Him, the last six to us & one another.

Exodus 20:1-17 / Matthew 22:37-40

Making It Real Questions

- 1] Are you convinced the boundaries God sets are His logical & loving limitations?
- 2] Do you have experiential knowledge concerning the veracity of this truth?
- 3] Will you seek to learn, remember & do these commandments always?

Action Step

Memorize the ten commandments. We can't live them if we don't know them.