

"First Commandment—Part 2"

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BIG SANDY, Texas—At our Bible study on Wednesday night, I continued with our series. The topic is the Ten Commandments. The presentation was titled "First Commandment—Part 2." (The plan is to have most of the Commandments have their own individual Bible study, but I wanted to pay extra attention to the First Commandment.)

Foundational scripture

■ Exodus 20:2—"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage."

Then, the Lord proceeded to remind the children of Israel about the Ten Commandments.

Old Testament lesson = After God delivered them from Egypt, He reminded them of His expectations from them.

New Testament lesson = When God offers His bountiful grace to New Testament disciples, He still has expectations of them (Romans 6:1-2, Ephesians 2:8-10 and Titus 3:4-8).

First Commandment

■ Exodus 20:3—"You shall have no other gods before Me."

Old Testament scriptures

Notice some Old Testament scriptures.

■ Isaiah 40:10—"Behold, the LORD God shall come with a strong hand, and His arm shall rule for Him; behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him."

■ Isaiah 40:11—"He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those who are with young."

■ Isaiah 40:12—"Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand? Who has measured heaven with a span and calculated the dust of the earth in a measure? Who has weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance?"

■ Isaiah 40:13—"Who has directed the Spirit of the Lord? Who was His counselor and taught Him?"

- Isaiah 40:14—With whom did He take counsel? Who instructed Him? Who taught Him in the path of justice? Who taught Him knowledge? Who showed Him the way of understanding?
- Isaiah 40:18—To whom will you liken God? What likeness will you compare to Him?
- Isaiah 40:22—It is He who sits above the circle of the earth. The earth's inhabitants are like grasshoppers. It is He who stretches out the heavens like a curtain and spreads them out like a tent.
- Isaiah 40:23—He brings the princes to nothing. He makes the judges of the earth useless.
- Isaiah 40:25—The Holy asks: "To whom will you liken Me?" and "To whom shall I be equal?"
- Isaiah 45:5—"I am the LORD, and there is no other. There is no God besides Me."
- Isaiah 45:6—"I am the LORD, and there is no other."
- Isaiah 45:7—"I form the light and create darkness. I make peace and create calamity. I, the LORD, do all these things."
- Isaiah 45:9—"Woe to him who strives with his Maker!"
- Isaiah 45:18—Thus says the Lord (who created the heavens; who is God; who formed the earth and made it; who has established it; who did not create it in vain; and who formed it to be inhabited): "I am the LORD, and there is no other."

New Testament scriptures

Notice some New Testament scriptures.

- John 5:19—The Son can do nothing by Himself, but He does what the Father does. Whatever the Father does, the Son also does in like manner.
- John 5:20—The Father loves the Son and shows Him all things that He does.
- John 5:21—As the Father raises the dead and gives life, the Son gives life to whom He will.
- John 5:22-23—The Father judges no one but has committed all judgment to the Son—that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.
- John 5:26—As the Father has life in Himself, He has granted the Son to have life in Himself.
- John 5:27—The Father has also given the Son authority to execute judgment.
- John 5:28-29—There is a resurrection of life and a resurrection of condemnation.

- John 10:28—The Son said: "I have given them [My sheep] eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand."
- John 10:29—The Son said: "My Father (who has given them to Me) is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand."
- John 10:30—The Son said: "I and My Father are one."
- 1 Corinthians 8:6—Paul wrote: "There is one God, the Father (of whom are all things, and we for Him) and one Lord Jesus Christ (through whom are all things, and through whom we live)."
- 1 Corinthians 15:24-28—The Son delivers the Kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule, authority and power.
- 2 Corinthians 1:3—"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ—the Father of mercies and God of all comfort."
- 2 Corinthians 1:8—When Paul and other disciples were burdened beyond measure and above their strength, they were in despair for their lives.
- 2 Corinthians 1:9-10—Instead of trusting in themselves, they trusted in God—who has delivered, who does deliver and who will deliver.

Savior through the Son

- 1 Timothy 2:3—God is the Savior.
- 1 Timothy 2:5—"There is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus."
- 1 Timothy 4:10—Trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men.
- Titus 2:13—Look for the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.
- Titus 3:4—The love of God our Savior appeared toward man.
- Jude 25—"Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy—to God our Savior (who alone is wise) be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen."