

Silver Creek Fellowship NOTES

August 2

EXODUS THE LAW OF THE KING

Proverbs 30:5 (NIV) "Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV) All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

"He who understands the Ten Commandments understands the whole of Scripture."—**Martin Luther**

"We believe that the basic laws of the Ten Commandments are the fundamental guides for all mankind, without which no civilization can endure."— **Winston Churchill**

Exodus 20:1-17 (NIV) The Ten Commandments "And God spoke all these words: ² 'I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. ³ You shall have no other gods before[a] me. ⁴ You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments. ⁷ You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name. ⁸ Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. ¹¹ For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. ¹² Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you. ¹³ "You shall not murder. ¹⁴ You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵ You shall not steal. ¹⁶ You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. ¹⁷ You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.'"

1. Cosmic Handcuffs vs. Guidelines to Freedom

Life Point: The Ten Commandments are not a cage; they are a blueprint for human flourishing. They are Guidelines to Freedom.

"God's Law is not a fence to keep us out of happiness; it is a guardrail to keep us from plunging over the cliff."— **A.W. Tozer**

Life Point: God's parameters are protective, not punitive. They don't stifle life; they guard it.

2. The Engine and the Tracks

Matthew 22:36-40 (NIV) ³⁶ "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" ³⁷ Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the

second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

3. The Mirror, Not the Ladder

Life Point: The Ten Commandments are not a ladder you climb to earn your way to God; they are a diagnostic mirror that reveals your absolute need for God.

Romans 3:20 (NIV) "Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin."

James 1:23-25 (NIV) "Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror ²⁴ and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. ²⁵ But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do."

"The Law of God is like a mirror. It shows us our dirt, but it cannot wash our face. It drives us to the water."— **Augustine**

4. Written on the Heart

Romans 2:14-15 (NIV) "Indeed, when Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature things required by the law, they are a law for themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts sometimes accusing them and at other times even defending them."

Jeremiah 31:31-33 (NIV) ³¹ "'The days are coming,' declares the Lord, 'when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,' declares the Lord. ³³ 'This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,' declares the Lord. 'I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.'"

Ezekiel 36:26-27 (NIV) "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws."

2 Corinthians 3:3 (NIV) "You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts."

- Legalism says: "I have to obey the law so God will love me." (Fear)
- License says: "God loves me, so I can break the law all I want." (Deception)
- The Gospel says: "God loved me and redeemed me when I was His enemy, and now His Spirit lives in me, so I DELIGHT to do His will!" (Sonship)

Psalms 40:8 (NIV) "I desire to do your will, my God; your law is within my heart."

5. The "I AM" Before the "YOU SHALL"

Exodus 20:1-3 (NIV) "And God spoke all these words: 'I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me.'"