

This week we will study about some very special laws that God spoke to the children of Israel to teach them about loving God and loving others.



# Torchlight

"God purposed to make the occasion of speaking His law a scene of awful grandeur, in keeping with its exalted character. The people were to be impressed that everything connected with the service of God must be regarded with the greatest reverence." - Patriarchs & Prophets p. 303



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## THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Daily Devotional 19



**LET'S PRAY** Dear God, thank You so much for loving me. Help me to be a light for You today. Thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to die for my sins. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**MEMORY VERSE - JOHN 14:15** 

"If you love Me, keep My commandments".

## THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Exodus 19:1-13



#### LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

Our reading today tells us that three months had passed since the people had left Egypt and the Israelites had arrived at Mt Sinai, where they camped on the plain before the mountain. Moses went up the mountain to talk with God. God wanted Moses to tell the Israelites that if they obeyed Him they would be a special treasure to Him. Moses talked with the children of Israel and they agreed that they would obey God. Moses went back up the mountain and God then told Moses that He was going to come down on the mountain in a thick

cloud to speak to the children of Israel and they were to prepare themselves. Notice in verse 9, the Bible tells us that God wanted to honour Moses by allowing the Israelites to hear God speak to him so they would be confident in Moses' leadership.

We can also be a treasure to God. God wants to use us to tell the world about Him. Spend time reading the Bible and store up His Word, His treasure, in your heart so you can share the Word with others.



#### **UNSCRAMBLE THIS VERSE - EXODUS 19:8**

"Then answered all the people together LORD and said, 'All that the has spoken we will do'. So Moses words brought back the of the] people to the LORD.'"





**LET'S PRAY** Dear Father, thank You for my good night's sleep. Thank You for the clothes on my back and the food on my plate. You are so good to me, Lord. Help me to understand what I read in my Bible today. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**MEMORY VERSE - JOHN 14:15** 

"If you love Me, keep My commandments".

## THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

**LET'S READ:** 

Exodus 19:14-25



#### LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

The children of Israel had only a couple of days in which to prepare to meet their Lord. They had to wash their clothes and prepare their hearts and minds. There were boundaries around the foot of the mountain which they could not pass because where God was going to be physically on Mt Sinai was Holy. The Children of Israel were not to touch the mountain or else they would die. Their humanity could not endure God's physical holy presence. On the third day, God descended on Mt Sinai. The mountain was covered in thick smoke

like a dark cloud. The mountain shook and there were loud trumpet sounds. The Israelites trembled with fright. God wanted to make a deep impression on them because what He was going to tell them was very important. He didn't want them to forget this experience.

Can you think of an experience that you have had, that has left a deep impression on you, that you will not forget?



#### **UNSCRAMBLE THIS VERSE - EXODUS 19:17**

"And people Moses brought the out of the to foot meet with God, and they stood at the camp of the mountain."





**LET'S PRAY** Dear Lord, thank You so much for my family who care for me. Help me to be a blessing to someone today. Help me to keep Your commandments. Thank You for my Bible. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**MEMORY VERSE - JOHN 14:15** 

"If you love Me, keep My commandments".

## THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

**LET'S READ:** 

Exodus 20:1-11



#### LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

From our reading today we see that God had spoken the first four commandments to the children of Israel. Commandment number 1 tells us that we should have no other gods other than God Himself. Commandment number 2 tells us we are not to make idols or images of our so called gods and bow down and worship them. We are also not to make an idol and pretend it's the true and living God and worship it. God is the invisible God! Commandment number 3 says we are not to take God's name, or Jesus' name, in vain. Meaning, we are



not to use their names in conversation when we are angry, frustrated or in a careless way. Their names are Holy. This commandment even means God does not want us to swear or curse. Commandment number 4 was to remind the Israelites about the Sabbath. The Sabbath command was given at creation but, because of their neglect of the Sabbath during their bondage, God wanted to put the law back into their hearts. The 4th commandment is telling us to work for 6 days and rest on the 7th—the Sabbath day. God's law is based on love. These first four commandments teach us to love and respect God.

#### **UNSCRAMBLE THIS VERSE - EXODUS 20:2**

"I brought am the LORD your God, who house you out of the of Egypt, out of the of land bondage".





LET'S PRAY Dear Father, help me to love and praise You more. Help me to be kind and caring to the people around me. Help me to share what I am learning in my Bible with others. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**MEMORY VERSE - JOHN 14:15** 

"If you love Me, keep My commandments".

## THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

**LET'S READ:** 

Exodus 20:12-17



#### LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

So, we have just read the last six commandments that God spoke to the Israelites. Commandment number 5 teaches us to respect and be obedient to our parents. Commandment number 6 tells us that we are not to murder, or kill, a fellow human being. Commandment number 7 is for adults, that they are to remain faithful in their marriage. Commandment number 8 tells us not to steal. Unfortunately this is in our society everywhere today. God does not want us take anything that is not ours. We need to be honest and not take advantage



of people. Commandment number 9 is teaching us not to bear false witness, which means not to lie. This commandment also means we should not tell tales or gossip about people. Commandment number 10 instructs us not to covet, or not to want, what other people have. God does not want us to waste our time dreaming or coveting about owning this or that. God wants us to be content with what we have. These six commandments teach us to love and respect others.

#### **UNSCRAMBLE THIS VERSE - EXODUS 20:12**

"Honor long your father and your giving mother, that your may be upon the land days which the LORD your God is you".





**LET'S PRAY** Dear Lord, thank so much for what You do for me each and every day. Help me to be more grateful, Lord. Please forgive me for my sins and help me to be more helpful to others. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**MEMORY VERSE - JOHN 14:15** 

"If you love Me, keep My commandments".

## THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

**LET'S READ:** 

Exodus 20:18-26



#### LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

The Israelites were very afraid; they had witnessed an amazing and awesome event. The Holiness of God was overwhelming to them and it made them realize how offensive sin was to God. In verse 19 they told Moses to speak to them instead. God also told Moses that, when the people built an altar on which to offer sacrifices to the Lord, it was to be made of earth or uncut stones. Heathen altars were often heavily decorated with carvings of their gods and other creatures as part of their idolatry. The true God wanted to make sure

His people worshipped Him in sincerity and not with the works of their own hands. Also, He said there were not to be any stairs going up to His altar. That was because He wanted His worship to be conducted in a pure and reverent manner without the indecent behaviour of the heathen priests and worshippers. Always remember that God loves the sinner but hates the sin. Or another way of saying this is that God loves us but He doesn't love the wrong things we do. They are an offence to Him. With a sorry and repentant heart we can come to Him anytime and ask for forgiveness and He will forgive. Check out 1 John 1:9.



#### **UNSCRAMBLE THIS VERSE - EXODUS 20:18**

"Now all the witnessed the thunderings, the people lightning sound flashes, the of the trumpet, and the smoking; and when the people saw it, they trembled and mountain stood afar off."





**LET'S PRAY** Dear Lord, thank You for keeping me safe and providing for my daily needs. Thank You for my Bible. Help me now to understand what I read. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**MEMORY VERSE - JOHN 14:15** 

"If you love Me, keep My commandments".

## THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

**LET'S READ:** 

Exodus 23:20-33



#### LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

In our reading today, it says that God promised to send His angel before the Israelites to guide them. He also affirmed His promise to take them to the land of Canaan and, if they were obedient, He would take care of their health and daily needs. Notice in verse 28 that God would even send hornets to drive their enemies away! In verse 33 God reminded them that if they served other gods it would be their downfall. They were to be faithful to God alone.



God also wants us to be faithful to Him today. Pray and ask God to help you to not be enticed away with the gods of this world. Can you think of some gods that exist today that can take your time away from serving the Lord?

#### **UNSCRAMBLE THIS VERSE - EXODUS 23:28**

"And I will send Canaanite, before you, shall which drive out the Hivite, the hornets and the Hittite from before you".





**LET'S PRAY** Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for another day of rest. Help me to enjoy this special day with You. Please help me to shine with Your love today. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**MEMORY VERSE - JOHN 14:15** 

"If you love Me, keep My commandments".

## THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

**LET'S READ:** 

Exodus 24:1-8



#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Because the Israelites had been in slavery so long and had been influenced by the worldliness of the Egyptians, God, in His mercy, gave Moses some additional information to help them understand the 10 Commandments better. You can read about this in Exodus chapter 21 to 23:19. Moses wrote these down in a book, which were called the judgements. Moses read these out to the Children of Israel. The Children of Israel agreed to be obedient and keep the 10

commandments and the additional laws in the book of judgements. They then offered oxen on an altar to commemorate this special promise, or covenant, that the Israelites made with God. The 10 Commandments were not just for the children of Israel. God had honoured them by making them the guardians and keepers of the law. But they were really for the whole world; for you and me. Ask God today to help you keep the 10 Commandments. In our own effort we cannot keep the Commandments. We can only be successful in keeping them through Jesus who gives us the power to obey through the Holy Spirit.



#### **SABBATH QUIZ**

- 1. How long did it take for the Israelites to journey from Egypt to Mt Sinai?
- 2. What did God ask the Israelites to wash before He came to speak to them? \_\_\_\_
- 3. What number commandment is 'You shall not steal'?
- 4. What number commandment is 'Remember the Sabbath day'?
- 5. What insect did God say He would send to get rid of their enemies?