



LET'S DO IT GOD'S WAY "Who Needs the Ten Commandments?" Exodus 20:1-17

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Two things stand out in modern western society: a sense of disorientation and confusion, and a distaste for authority. That the two things are connected is not always acknowledged but a study of the Ten Commandments will show this is the case.

I. How We Got the Ten Commandments.

- A. The Abrahamic Covenant. Genesis 12:1-3
- B. The Egyptian captivity.
- C. The Mosaic exodus. Exodus 19:1-6
- E. The divine instructions. Exodus 10:1-17
 - 1. How to love God. Deuteronomy 6:5
 - 2. How to love people. Deuteronomy 10:19; Leviticus 19:18
 - 3. How to live well. Deuteronomy 6:2, 18
 - 4. How to be God's people. Exodus 19:5-6

II. What Is the Significance of the Ten Commandments?

Illustration of orchestra:

- i. Individual instruments.
- ii. Harmonious relationship.
- iii. Piece to be performed.

A. Do they have significance for believers?

- 1. "We are not under law but under grace"! Romans 6:15
- 2. "By observing the law no one will be justified." Galatians 2:16
- 3. Paul is addressing Judaizers.
- 4. Christ said. Matthew 5:17-18
- 5. Paul said. Romans 8:4

B. Do they have significance for unbelievers?

- 1. "The Ten Commandments are too simplistic."
- 2. "Everything is relative—there are no absolutes."
- 3. "I have to be free to be me."
- 4. "The Ten Commandments are outdated and outmoded."
- 5. Answer—they apply nevertheless.
 - a. Creation ethics predate covenant.
 - b. Moral similarities in differing cultures.
 - c. Universality of God's promise. Jeremiah 31:31-34; Isaiah 2:2-4

III. How Should We Apply the Ten Commandments?

- A. Like a compass to give direction.
- B. Like a bridge to exercise restraint.
- C. Like a thermometer to measure devotion.
- D. Like a mirror to see reality.
- E. Like a guardian to bring us to Christ.