

WORD #1: First in your heart (Deut. 4:32-38; Exod. 20:1-3)

The Ten Commandments



...dull?

...draining?

...to be discarded?

ORIENTATION

What are the Ten Commandments, actually?

Part of a larger story

Exodus 20:1-2 – reminding us of Exodus 1-19

G_____ comes before I_____

How should that affect the way we read these ten words?

- Not as legalism

- Words of timeless wisdom

Matt. 5:17

So Jesus shows us their *depth, embodies them perfectly & presents them as God's wisdom for life still*

- Words that set forth a vision
- Words that provide freedom (cf. Ps. 119:97; James 1:25)

What are we made for?

Matt. 22:37-40

WORD #1 – Exodus 20:3 (The foundation)

How might we potentially hear this word?

Is that the God who speaks in Exodus?

Why would we want such an exclusive relationship? Why stake everything on just one God?

Exodus 20:2 again! God vs the “gods” (cf. Deut. 4:34-35)

Not to *shiook sendiri*, but because he alone is worthy

But what exactly does it look like to obey this command?

“before me” = lit. “before my face”, meaning...

- Cannot participate in the literal worship of other gods
- The subtle danger of “both-and” (eg. 2 Kings 17:33)
- Neglect

How can we possibly keep this word?

Ten Words to live by

To ask: Lord, what have I allowed other than you to become first in my ♥?