Remember

"Remember the 10 Commandments" – Deuteronomy 5
October 4, 2026

Mid-Fall Sermon Series

REMEMBER *A Study of the Book of Deuteronomy to Help Us Remember God and His Ways*			
Date	***Message Title***	***Remember God's***	***Scripture***
Sept 27	Remember God	Omnipresence	Deuteronomy 1-4
Oct 4	Remember the 10 Commandments	Jealous Love	Deuteronomy 5
Oct 11	Remember the Shema	Three in One	Deuteronomy 6
Oct 18	*The Church Has Left the Building* – doing Deuteronomy in our community		
Oct 25	Remember Holiness	Holiness	Deuteronomy 7-11
Nov 1	Remember Worship	Incomparableness	Deuteronomy 12-16
Nov 8	Remember Marriage and the Family	Greatness	Deuteronomy 16-21
Nov 15	Remember the Orphan, Widow, and Immigrant	Justice	Deuteronomy 22-26
Nov 22	Remember God's Covenant	Mystery	Deuteronomy 27-30
Nov 29	Remember to Plan for the Future	Eternalness	Deuteronomy 31-34

Fun Facts About the Ten Commandments

- The Ten Commandments were written directly by the finger of God on two tablets of stones (Exodus 31:18).
- Moses threw the first set of tablets on the ground in anger and frustration when he came down from Mt. Sinai to find the Jewish people engaging in revelry and worshipping a golden calf (Exodus 32:19).
- The two stone tablets with the Ten Commandments inscribed on them were housed in the Ark of the Covenant. The word "covenant" is one of the names of Ten Commandments. Another name for them is the decalogue (which means the "ten words").
- In 1956, Cecil B. DeMille produced, directed, and narrated the movie "The Ten Commandments" starring Charlton Heston as Moses and Yul Brynner as Rameses. The movie was nominated for 7 Academy Awards and won one. It ranks as the 8th most successful movie of all time based on box office sales (adjusted for inflation).
- The 10 Commandments appear in three different places on or in the United States Supreme Court Building including the exterior architectural frieze, the lower oak courtroom doors, and a stone representation sitting directly above the Justices' bench.
- Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas and Alabama have all passed laws requiring poster displays of the Ten Commandments in all public-school classrooms.

Overview of the Book of Deuteronomy

- After wandering in the wilderness for 40 years, Israel comes to Moab and the edge of the Promised Land. Moses delivers three sermons to prepare the Israelites before they go into the Promised Land without him.
- The theme of these three sermons is "Remember":
  - Sermon #1: **Remember God's discipline** (Deuteronomy Chap 1-4)
  - Sermon #2: **Remember God's law** (Deuteronomy Chap 5-26)
  - Sermon #3: **Remember God's covenant** (Deuteronomy Chap 27-34)

Outline of Deuteronomy 5

- ***Verse 1* – Introduction to Sermon #2** – Standing on the edge of the Promised Land ready to go in, Moses exhorts the Israelites to remember God's law. "Deuteronomy" means "second law."
- ***Verses 2-5* – The Setting** – God gave your parents and you the 10 commandments ("covenant") at Mt. Sinai and spoke to you directly out of the fire. These laws are for YOU.
- ***Verses 6-21* – The Ten Commandments** – God speaks the 10 Commandments to the people directly.
- ***Verse 22* – The Tablets** – God spoke these words and then wrote them on two tablets of stone.
- ***Verses 23-27* – The People's Response** – The Israelites responded with holy fear and asked that God would speak to them through Moses rather than directly from now on.
- **Verses 28-31 – God's Response** – God was pleased with the people's response and called Moses up on the mountain to receive the whole law (vs. just the 10 commandments).
- ***Verses 32-33* – Summary** – Moses concludes with an exhortation for the Israelites to obey the Ten Commandments so that it will go well with them.

How to Approach the Ten Commandments as a New Covenant Follower of Jesus

1. **Know the Ten Commandments yourself and teach them to your children** (5:1)
   - Barna Research Group: 60% of Americans cannot name even five of the Ten Commandments.
   - Family Research Council: Only 14% of Americans can name all ten of the Ten Commandments. By comparison, 25% of Americans can name all seven ingredients on a Big Mac and 35% of Americans can name all six kids on The Brady Bunch.
   - Application #1 – Three challenges from Deuteronomy 5:1
     - ☐ Memorize the Ten Commandments yourself.
     - ☐ Teach the Ten Commandments to your children and grandchildren.
     - ☐ Post the Ten Commandments somewhere in your home.
   - The Ten Commandments (short form from Deuteronomy 5)

LOVE GOD (the vertical commandments)
1. You shall have no other gods before Me (vv6-7)
2. You shall not make idols (vv8-10)
3. You shall not take God's name in vain (v11)
4. Observe the Sabbath day to keep it holy (vv12-15)

LOVE NEIGHBOR (the horizontal commandments)
5. Honor your father and mother (v16)
6. You shall not murder (v17)
7. You shall not commit adultery (v18)
8. You shall not steal (v19)
9. You shall not lie (v20)
10. You shall not covet (v21)

2. See the Ten Commandments as an expression of God's love and character (5:29,33)

- Dr. Thomas Constable: "These words of God reflect God's great love for Israel and His desire that His people experience His blessing. The best interests of His people are deep in the heart of God. This view of divine compassion shows how the Lord's love focuses on what is best for His people. Here is no vindictive Old Testament God in contrast to a loving New Testament Lord. No, this glimpse into the heart of God is in harmony with the most compassionate depiction of Christ in the New Testament."
- Parenting analogy
- A.W. Tozer: "What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us."
- Application #2 – I am going to renew my mind to a right and biblical view of who God is by…
  - ☐ Highlighting attributes of God in my daily Bible reading
  - ☐ Reading Bill Bright's "God: Discover His Character"
  - ☐ Reading A.W. Tozer's "The Knowledge of the Holy"

3. Live as a new covenant Christ-follower under grace who walks in godliness in the power of the Holy Spirit loving God and loving people

- ***Romans 6:14*** – *You are not under law but under grace.* (See also Galatians 2:16; 5:18; Romans 7:1-4)
- John Piper: "Are Christians under the Ten Commandments? No. The Bible says that we are not under the law. We are under grace. The law is already fulfilled perfectly by Jesus. We are in Jesus and as far as justification goes, God sees it as completed for you, one hundred percent. God says: 'You've trusted My Son. You've been grafted in Him. You are in Christ Jesus, and He fulfilled the law perfectly. He covered all your sins.' Now, the Ten Commandments are really important. You should hang them on your wall, and you should measure your life by them, but in a different way than when you were under them, because they have been kept for you. You are now married to the risen Christ. You are not married to the law and the oldness of the letter, but to the newness of the Spirit. Our whole approach towards transformation, love, and life is different than list keeping. The way that we strive towards being obedient, holy, and loving people is not by getting up in the morning and pulling the list out of our pocket. No! We get on our knees, and we open ourselves to the whole counsel of God in the Bible. The new birth is the writing of the law on our heart so that we are not under it; it is under us. We stake our lives in the Gospel and then instead of serving the law, we serve Christ and we serve one another in love."
- Warren Wiersbe: "Christian believers who depend on the indwelling Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22-26) and live by the law of love (Romans 13:8-10) don't have to strive to obey the Ten Commandments because the life of God will flow through them and enable them to fulfill the righteousness of God (Romans 8:1-17). Because we have been born again into God's family and have received God's divine nature within, we are enabled by the Spirit to obey God's law and live godly lives (1 John 3:1-9)."
- Application #3 – Today, I choose to place my full trust in Jesus Christ to fulfill the requirements of God's righteous law on my behalf. I repent of my sin, and I confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior of my life. And I will go public with this decision next Sunday, October 11, through water baptism: WhatIsGrace.org/Baptism
- Note: All of the Ten Commandments are classified as moral laws (versus civil or ceremonial) and are repeated in the New Testament (new covenant) except for the Sabbath.
- James Montgomery Boice: "Christians are not under the specific Sabbath laws of the Old Testament. We have been delivered from keeping 'special days' (Galatians 4:10). But we have been given a new day, the Lord's Day, to enjoy. Our day is not a sober day of withdrawal. It is a day of active, joyful worship. Do you use the Lord's Day for worship, Christian service, and witness? Or do you only pretend to do it, spending a few moments in church in order to be free to spend the rest of the day watching football?"
- Application #4 – The essence of the Ten Commandments is to love God and to love people. A way that I sense God calling me to love is:
  - ☐ Love God by making Him #1 in my life.
  - ☐ Love God by ridding my life of the idol of…
  - ☐ Love God by honoring His name with all of my words.
  - ☐ Love God by spending time with Him daily and weekly and by trusting Him with work and money by resting one day per week.
  - ☐ Love my parents well by honoring them.
  - ☐ Love people by forgiving so-n-so who hurt me.
  - ☐ Love people by being true to my spouse with my eyes, words, and my sexuality.
  - ☐ Love people by not taking other people's stuff but rather giving generously.
  - ☐ Love people by speaking the truth to them in love.
  - ☐ Love people by being content with what I have and not envying others.

Bottom Line: The Ten Commandments aren't 10 ways to earn God's love – they're 10 ways to learn God's heart.