

Deuteronomy 5:1-33 **Giving of the Ten Commandments at Horeb**

Statutes and Judgments you must obey

¹ And Moses called all Israel, and said to them: "Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your hearing today, that you may learn them and be careful to observe them.

You were Eye Witnesses - the Covenant is for You Today

² The LORD our God made a covenant with us in Horeb. ³ The LORD did not make this covenant with our fathers, but with us, those who are here today, all of us who are alive. ⁴ The LORD talked with you face to face on the mountain from the midst of the fire. ⁵ I stood between the LORD and you at that time, to declare to you the word of the LORD; for you were afraid because of the fire, and you did not go up the mountain. He said:

Source of the Commandments

⁶ I am the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

Ten Commandments

⁷ 'You shall have no other gods before Me.

⁸ 'You shall not make for yourself any carved image--any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; ⁹ you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, ¹⁰ but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

¹¹ 'You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.

¹² 'Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. ¹³ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁴ but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall not do any work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your manservant, nor your maidservant, nor your ox, nor your donkey, nor any of your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates, that your manservant and your maidservant may rest as well as you. ¹⁵ And remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and that the LORD your God brought you out from there by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.

¹⁶ 'Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may be well with you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

¹⁷ 'You shall not murder.

¹⁸ 'You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁹ 'You shall not steal.

²⁰ 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

²¹ 'You shall not covet your neighbor's wife; and you shall not desire your neighbor's house, his field, his manservant, his maidservant, his ox, his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.'

²² "These words the LORD spoke to all your assembly, in the mountain from the midst of the fire, the cloud, and the thick darkness, with a loud voice; and He added no more. And He wrote them on two tablets of stone and gave them to me.

Fear, request, and promise, of the People

²³ "So it was, when you heard the voice from the midst of the darkness, while the mountain was burning with fire, that you came near to me, all the heads of your tribes and your elders. ²⁴ And you said: 'Surely the LORD our God has shown us His glory and His greatness, and we have heard His voice from the midst of the fire. We have seen this day that God speaks with man; yet he still lives. ²⁵ Now therefore, why should we die? For this great fire will consume us; if we hear the voice of the LORD our God anymore, then we shall die. ²⁶ For who is there of all flesh who has heard the voice of the living God speaking from the midst of the fire, as we have, and lived? ²⁷ You go near and hear all that the LORD our God may say, and tell us all that the LORD our God says to you, and we will hear and do it.'

GOD'S RESPONSE TO THE WORDS OF THE PEOPLE

God acknowledged the truth of what the people said

²⁸ "Then the LORD heard the voice of your words when you spoke to me, and the LORD said to me: 'I have heard the voice of the words of this people which they have spoken to you. They are right in all that they have spoken.'

Heart Cry of God

²⁹ Oh, that they had such a heart in them that they would fear Me and always keep all My commandments, that it might be well with them and with their children forever!

Instruction for receiving the Laws of God, and responsibility to teach the people

³⁰ Go and say to them, "Return to your tents." ³¹ 'But as for you, stand here by Me, and I will speak to you all the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments which you shall teach them, that they may observe them in the land which I am giving them to possess.'

Importance of Obedience to Laws of God

³² "Therefore you shall be careful to do as the LORD your God has commanded you; you shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left. ³³ You shall walk in all the ways which the LORD your God has commanded you, that you may live and that it may be well with you, and that you may prolong your days in the land which you shall possess. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ✧ Yehowah Eloheynov (Lord Our God) made a covenant with us in Horeb (the mount of God at the Sinai Wilderness). [[Exodus 3:1](#), [Deuteronomy 5:2](#)]
- ✧ Moses recounts the giving of the Ten Commandments at Mount Horeb. [[Deuteronomy 5:1-33](#)]
- ✧ The purpose of reminding the Children of Israel is to persuade them to diligently head and keep the commandments for their own welfare. [[Leviticus 18:5](#), [Deuteronomy 4:1](#), [5:33](#), [8:1-3](#), [11:18-21](#), [16:20](#), [30:15-16](#), [19-20](#), [32:45-47](#), [Nehemiah 9:29](#), [Ezekiel 20:11](#), [13](#), [21](#), [Matthew 19:16-17](#), [Luke 10:25-28](#), [Galatians 3:12](#)]
- ✧ The present Leaders of Israel were 20 years of age and younger when God spoke from the fire on Mount Horeb when He gave the Law to the Children of Israel. [[Numbers 1:1-3](#), [20-46](#), [14:20-35](#), [32:13](#), [Deuteronomy 1:33-40](#), [2:14-15](#)]
- ✧ The leaders of Children of Israel are eye witnesses to the fact that God Himself spoke the words of the Law in their own hearing so they would know that Moses was not the one who originated all the commandments, but they came from a much higher power and source. [[Exodus 19:10-19](#), [20:1-20](#), [24:16-17](#), [Deuteronomy 4:11-14](#)]
- ✧ Moses stood between the Children of Israel and Yehowah because the people were afraid of the fire and did not go up the mountain. [[Exodus 20:1-20](#)]

✧ God identified Himself as Yehowah Eloheyk (the Lord your God) Who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. [Exodus 7:1-5, 13:3-9, 14-16, 16:32, 18:1, 20:2, 29:46, 32:11, Deuteronomy 5:6]

✧ **The Ten Commandments** [Exodus 20:2-17, Deuteronomy 5:7-21]

1. I am the Lord your god Who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage, you shall have no other gods before Me.
2. Do not make for yourself any carved image in the likeness of anything in Heaven above, on the Earth beneath, or in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, because I the Lord your God am a jealous God visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, and showing mercy to thousands of those who love Me and obey My commandments.
3. Do not take the Name of the Lord your God in vain, because the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who takes His Name in vain.
4. Observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy as the Lord your God commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God, in it you shall do no work, neither you, your son, your daughter, your male servant, your female servant, your ox, your donkey, your cattle, or the stranger living among you, that your male and female servants may rest as well as yourself. Remember that you were slaves in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. This is why the Lord your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.
5. Honor your father and your mother as the Lord your God has commanded you, that your days may be long and that it may be well with you in the land the Lord your God is giving you.
6. Do not murder.
7. Do not commit adultery.
8. Do not steal.
9. Do not bear false witness against your neighbor.
10. Do not covet your neighbor's wife, house, field, male servant, female servant, ox, donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.

✧ The Ten Commandments were spoken by God Himself on the mountain from the midst of the fire, the cloud, and the thick darkness **with a loud voice**. [Deuteronomy 5:22]

✧ God added no more.

✧ God wrote the Ten Commandments on two tablets of stone and gave them to Moses.

Fear, request, and promise, of the People

✧ The Awesomeness of the manifest presence of God on the mountain drove such fear in the hearts of the Children of Israel that they fled from the mountain and stood afar off and asked Moses to receive the commandments of God and they promised to obey everything God may require of them. [Exodus 20:18-21, Deuteronomy 5:23-27]

✧ The people had heard the voice from the midst of the darkness while the mountain was burning with fire.

✧ They acknowledged that Yehowah had shown us His glory and His greatness

✧ They acknowledged that they had seen that God speaks with man and man still lives.

- ✧ The fear was that the great fire would consume them all, that they would die if they continued to hear the voice of God, acknowledging that it had never happened before in history when people heard the voice of God speaking out of the fire and lived.
- ✧ The people promised that if Moses goes near and hears all the words spoken by God and brings them to the people, that the people will listen and obey. [Exodus 20:19, Deuteronomy 5:27]

Purpose of the Spectacular Display of God's Power

- ✧ God has come to test you, and that His fear may be before you, so that you may not sin. [Exodus 20:20]

GOD'S RESPONSE TO THE WORDS OF THE PEOPLE

God acknowledged the truth of what the people said

- ✧ "Then the LORD heard the voice of your words when you spoke to me, and the LORD said to me: **'I have heard the voice of the words of this people which they have spoken to you. They are right in all that they have spoken.** [Deuteronomy 5:28]

Heart Cry of God

- ✧ **Oh that they had such a heart in them that they would fear Me and keep My commandments always, that it might be well with them and their children forever.** [Deuteronomy 5:29]

Instruction for receiving the Laws of God, and responsibility to teach the people

- ✧ Tell them to return to their tents, but you stay here by Me and I will speak to you all **the commandments, statutes, and judgments you are to teach them, that they may obey them in the land I am giving them to possess.** [Deuteronomy 5:30-31]
- ✧ However the people stood afar off and listened. [Exodus 20:21]

Importance of Obedience to Laws of God

- ✧ Therefore **you shall be careful to do all the Lord your God has commanded you.**
- ✧ You shall not turn to the right or to the left, but you shall walk in all the ways the Lord your God has commanded you, **that it might go well with you and that you may prolong your days in the land you will possess.** [Leviticus 18:5, Deuteronomy 4:1, 5:33, 8:1-3, 11:18-21, 16:20, 30:15-16, 19-20, 32:45-47, Nehemiah 9:29, Ezekiel 20:11, 13, 21, Matthew 19:16-17, Luke 10:25-28, Galatians 3:12]