

Deuteronomy: God's Covenant People

[#17] *Loving God: Commandments 1-3* – Deuteronomy 5:1–11

Sermon Outline – November 26, 2017

Children's Sermon: Do you love Jesus?

What things do you love? How can you tell you love these things?
Do you love Jesus? How can you tell?

1 John 5:1–5

³ For *this is the love of God*, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴ For everyone who has been *born of God* overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—*our faith*. ⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Born-again Christians want to obey Jesus...more & more

Moses' second address (4:44–26:19)

Notes:

How are we to understand OT law as Christians?

Answer: With our Jesus glasses on



Ceremonial, Civil & Moral

The Three Uses of the Moral Law:

1. **To Restrain Evil** (Common Grace)
2. **To Reveal Our Sin** (Leading us to Faith in Jesus)
3. **A Guide for Our Pursuit of Holiness**

Israel, Jesus & Us

Moses' Introduction (5:1–5)

¹ And Moses summoned all Israel and said to them, "Hear, O Israel, the statutes and the rules that I speak in your hearing today, and you shall learn them and be careful to do them." ² The Lord our God made a covenant with us in Horeb. ³ *Not with our fathers did the Lord make this covenant, but with us*, who are all of us here alive today. ⁴ The Lord spoke with you face to face at the mountain, out of the midst of the fire, ⁵ *while 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 into the mountain. He said:

The First Three Commandments (5:6–11)

How should the 10 Commandments be Numbered? (handout)

⁶ “*I am the Lord your God*, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

⁷ “*You shall have **no** other gods *before* me.*

⁸ “*You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.* ⁹ *You shall not bow down to them or serve them; for *I the Lord your God am a jealous God*, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the *third and fourth* generation of those who hate me,* ¹⁰ ***but** showing **steadfast love** to *thousands* of those who love me and keep my commandments.* (Cf. Dt. 24:16; Ezk. 18:20 – Fathers/Sons)

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.*

“The word for ‘vain’ literally means something that is ‘frivolous’, ‘insincere’, or ‘thoughtless’. It has a broad semantic range, and it can designate anything that is unreal, unsubstantial and worthless.” ¹

Israel was being taught to love & worship the one true God with a single-minded devotion to Him, resulting in the carefully learning and following of His instructions.

Today's Clear Biblical Bullet...

Jesus fulfilled these commands freeing us through faith to follow His perfect example.



Loving God

Jesus Fulfilled the Law

Matthew 5:17–20

¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to *fulfill them*. ¹⁸ For truly, I say to you, until heaven and

¹ Currid, J. D. (2006). [A Study Commentary on Deuteronomy](#) (p. 544). Darlington, England; Webster, New York: Evangelical Press.

earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.

Jesus Loved the Father for Us!

John 5:19–21 (Healing on the Sabbath)

¹⁹ So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, *the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing*. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise. ²⁰ For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel. ²¹ For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will.

John 19:28–30

²⁸ After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (*to fulfill the Scripture*), “**I thirst.**” ²⁹ A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. ³⁰ When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Psalm 69:21

²¹ They gave me poison for food, and for my thirst they gave me sour wine to drink.

...Fired at our Life & Heart

Trusting Jesus' finished work, joyfully offer the rest of your life in service to Him!



Following our Savior

The General Principle

Matthew 16:24

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and *take up his cross* and follow me.

The Specific Application

1 John 5:1–5

¹ Everyone who *believes that Jesus is the Christ* has been **born of God**, and everyone who *loves the Father*

loves whoever has been **born of him**.² *By this we know that we love the children of God*, when we love God and obey his commandments.³ For **this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments**. *And his commandments are not burdensome*.⁴ For everyone who has been **born of God** overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—*our faith*.⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world except *the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?*

For Further Reflection: Heidelberg Catechism (Handout)