



WALKING BY
FAITH

God Commands Our Best

EXODUS 20:1-11

*"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.
This is the great and first commandment."*

Matthew 22:37-38

I. God commands our _____ because He is the one who set us free.

"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery." v. 2

Look at God correctly to see yourself _____.

II. God commands our _____ because there is no one like Him.

"You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or 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. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God ..." vv. 3-5a

Don't serve anything else that will end up _____ you.

III. God commands our _____ because we are marked by His name.

"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. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy." vv. 7-8

Represent Him in your daily life to experience His _____.

*"But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,
and all these things will be added to you."*

Matthew 6:33

_____ It _____, _____ !

HOME GROUP STUDY & DEVOTIONAL

As you begin, ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and guide your study.

1. Read Exodus 20:1-11. Does the first commandment imply that there are other gods? Explain.
2. In his sermon the pastor said that if you live out the first commandment, the rest will follow. What does he mean by this?
3. What "gods" take you away from wholehearted devotion to the Lord? How did the sermon help you strategize ways to combat them?
4. Why is it good news that God loves you jealously and won't share you with other gods (v. 5)?
5. How serious was God about the Sabbath? What insight do you find in Exodus 31:13-17, 34:21 and 35:1-3?
6. How is the Sabbath law relevant for Christians?
7. Do you have a day you would consider your Sabbath? What does your rhythm for rest and replenishment look like?
8. In what ways can we misuse God's name besides cursing? Do you misuse God's name in any way? If so, confess and ask God to work on this area of your life.

FOR FURTHER STUDY

Study what Jesus says about the first four commandments, and related NT verses. How can you apply each teaching?

COMMAND	JESUS' TEACHING	RELATED VERSES
No other gods	Matt 4:10, 6:33, 22:37-40	Acts 5:29
No idols	Matt 6:24; Lk 16:13	Acts 17:29-31; 1 Cor 8:4-6, 10-13 Col 3:5; 1 Jn 5:21
God's name	Matt 5:33-37, 6:9, 23:16-22	Jas 5:12
Sabbath	Matt 12:1-13; Mk 2:23-27, 3:1-6; Lk 6:1-11	Heb 10:25

A WONDERFUL OFFER

Being a Christian isn't based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God's love for us. Here's how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

1. Realize that you are sinful and separated from God. (Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)
 2. Recognize that the penalty for your sin is death—eternal separation from God and all that is good. (Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)
 3. Understand that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and that He rose again. (Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
 4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior. (Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)
- "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." (John 3:16 NASB) You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:
- "Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in Him alone as the only way to get right with You. Thank You for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen."

One of the great events in the history of Israel, and perhaps in the history of all mankind, is the giving of the Law. The Law was not given so that the Israelites by keeping it could attain righteousness (Rom 3:20a; Gal 3:11). A righteous standing (justification) before God has always been only by faith (trust) in God (Gen 15:6; Rom 4:3, 22; 5:1; Gal 2:16; 3:6, 21). The Law functioned to show the Israelites their sinfulness (Rom 3:19-20b; 7:7) in contrast with God's standards of holiness and righteousness, and to condemn mankind. The Mosaic Law in Exodus has three parts: the Decalogue (Ex 20:1-21), the Book of the Covenant with civil and religious ordinances (20:22-24:11), and ceremonial regulations (24:12-31:18).

JOHN HANNAH

We now reach the climax of the entire Book, the central and most exalted theme, all that came before being, as it were, a preparation for it, and all that follows, a result of, and supplement to it.

UMBERTO CASSUTO

Because of the teaching of the New Testament Epistles. In them we find the Ten Commandments recorded and enforced. At the close of Romans 3, where the apostle treats of Justification, he raises the question, "Do we then make void the Law through faith?" and the emphatic answer is "God forbid: yes, we establish the Law." In the same Epistle he declares again after quoting five of the Commandments. "Love is the fulfilling of the Law" (13:10), and love could not "fulfill" the Law if it had been abrogated. Once more, in 1 Corinthians 9:21, Paul says, "Being not without Law to God, but under the Law to Christ."

ARTHUR PINK

What is an idol? It is anything more important to you than God, anything that absorbs your heart and imagination more than God, anything you seek to give you what only God can give.

TIMOTHY KELLER

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you'd like to find out even more, visit ccbcfamily.org/events.



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STUDENT MINISTRY FALL KICKOFF

We can't wait to kick off a new year of programming and events for students in 5th grade through high school! In Student Ministry, we pursue a generation because our God first pursued us. God has amazing plans for every student — far beyond what they can imagine. This fall, through intentional small groups, engaging worship, and Bible-centered teaching, we'll point students to the One who gives them their true identity and shapes every part of their lives. Sign up to be a part at ccbcfamily.org/students.

CARE, COUNSELING + RESTORATION

We offer resources, classes, and one-on-one support with trained lay counselors to give you space to BE a disciple of Jesus — even through life's hardest seasons. This fall, we're offering several classes, including Grief Share. This class is for anyone navigating grief, and we'd love to support you as you walk toward healing. Learn more at ccbcfamily.org/griefshare.



ELDER AND DEACON CANDIDATES

Scan the QR code to see our full list of Elder and Deacon nominations. This list has been unanimously approved by our Board of Elders, and it also includes the constitutional requirements for these leadership positions. If you are a constitutional member of Christ Chapel, you'll receive a voting link on Wednesday, Aug. 27 to cast your vote by Sunday, Aug. 31 at 12:30 P.M. Results will be announced at our annual meeting on Sunday, Aug. 31 at 1 P.M. at the South Campus.

GROW IN TRUTH THIS FALL Join Women in the Word or Band of Brothers Bible studies where you can grow deeper in Scripture alongside others. Each week, you'll BE transformed by God's Word and MAKE disciples by encouraging and supporting one another in faith. Explore the studies and register today on the Men's and Women's ministry pages online!

INSPIRE YOUR CHILD'S MUSICAL JOURNEY

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