



And God Spoke

Exodus 20:1-2

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Exodus 20:1-2 clearly establishes God's authority to give the Ten Commandments on the basis of who He is and what He has done for His people.

The Law – Broadly refers to the first five books of the Old Testament. More specifically, it means instruction God gave to His people through Moses after He delivered them from slavery.

How do God's people (who have been delivered from sin and the curse of the law by the grace of God and the gospel of Jesus Christ) relate to God's law? Here are three words that help us think about our relationship to God's law:

1. Redemption

2. Restraint

3. Reflection (cf. Romans 8:29, Galatians 4:19)

Exodus 20:1-2 is the preamble to the Ten Commandments. It identifies:

1. The Lawgiver
2. The Lawgiver's Authority
3. What the Lawgiver has done

Questions to Consider

1. What has been your experience with the Ten Commandments? Can you recite them? Have you studied them before?
2. How do the Ten Commandments bring glory to the work of redemption that Jesus has done in your life?
3. Read Exodus 20:1-17. How is your life reflecting what God has given in the Ten Commandments? Is there one commandment in particular that you need to ask God to help you to be a better reflection of His will?
4. Read Exodus 19. How does this passage describe God and God's work on behalf of His people?
5. Why does it matter that the God who gave the law is first described as the One who delivered His people out of slavery? What does that also say about the purpose of the law?

Next Week's Sermon Text: Exodus 20:3