

"God's Treasured Possession!"

The Book of Deuteronomy- Old Israel and New Israel = The Church

Lesson 5 for us:

**"You shall be careful therefore to do
as the Lord your God has commanded you"**

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(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: (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.**

(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 a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant, or your ox or your donkey or any of your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. (15) You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and 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 commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may go well with you in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.**

(17) **"You shall not murder.**

(18) **"And you shall not commit adultery.**

(19) **"And you shall not steal.**

(20) **"And you shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**

(21) **"And you shall not covet your neighbor's wife.**

And you shall not desire your neighbor's house, his field, or his male servant, or his female servant, his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.'

(22) **"These words the Lord spoke** to all your assembly at the mountain out of 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. (23) And as soon as you heard **the voice** out of the midst of the darkness, while the mountain was burning with fire, you came near to me, all the heads of your tribes, and your elders.

(24) And you said, 'Behold, **the Lord our God** has shown us **his glory and greatness**, and we have heard **his voice** out of the midst of the fire. This day we have seen **God** speak with man and man still live. (25) Now therefore why should we die? For this great fire will consume us. If we hear **the voice of the Lord our God** any more, we shall die. (26) For who is there of all flesh, that has heard **the voice of the living God** speaking out of the midst of fire as we have, and has still lived? (27) Go near and hear all that **the Lord our God** will say and speak to us all that **the Lord our God** will speak to you, and we will hear and do it.'

(28) "And **the Lord** heard your words, when you spoke to me. And **the Lord** said to me, 'I have heard the words of this people, which they have spoken to you. They are right in all that they have spoken. (29) Oh that they had such a mind as this always, to fear me and to keep all my commandments, that it might go well with them and with their descendants forever!

(30) Go and say to them, "Return to your tents." (31) But you, stand here by me, and I will tell you the whole commandment and the statutes and the rules that you shall teach them, that they may do them in the land that I am giving them to possess.' (32) You shall be careful therefore 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 way that **the Lord your God** has commanded you, that you may live, and that it may go well with you, and that you may live long in the land that you shall possess.

Study Notes:

1. The 10 Commandments are recorded here and in **(Ex 19 and 20)** Mt. Horeb = Mt. Sinai.
2. The Lord God gave the 10 Commandments to his covenant people Israel. The new covenant would be given to his covenant people, the new Israel – the Church **(Jerem 31:31-34; Heb 7:22; 8:6-13; 10:15-18)**.
3. The moral law is applicable for all time, unlike the ceremonial law given to the nation state and theocracy of Israel. **(Mt 4:7-10; 22:36-40; Mk 12:28-31; Lk 4:8-12; 10:25-28; Rom 13:9,10; Gal 5:14; James 2:8)**
4. The Gentiles, however, are not required to keep all the ceremonial laws of the Jews. **(Acts 15:19-33; Gal 6:14-18; Eph 2:10-21; Col 2:9-17)**
5. The 3rd Commandment has a new covenant understanding. Now that Jesus, the Lord of our Sabbath rest has come, HE is our Sabbath rest. Whenever then we gather around Word and Sacrament, we are "keeping the Sabbath" because we are resting in forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. It does not need to be a Saturday when we gather at the divine service. It can be any day of the week. The early church began to worship on Sunday, the first day of the week, called "the Lord's Day," because it was the day of his glorious resurrection. **(Mt 12:1-12; 28:1-10; Mk 2:27; 16:2-8; Lk 6:1-9; 24:1-7; Jn 5:9-18; 9:14-16; 20:1-9; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor 16:1-3; Heb 4:9-11; Rev. 1:1-11)**

6. The Close of the Commandments (Luther's Small Catechism)

What does God say about all of these commandments?

He says, "I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments" (Exodus 20:5-6).

What does this mean?

God threatens to punish all who break these commandments.

Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them.

But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments.

Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.

7. THE THREE USES OF THE LAW:

1. A CURB – on society 2. A MIRROR – shows our sin 3. A GUIDE – for the Christian life

8. The Distinction between the Law and the Gospel:

THE LAW – shows our sin – tells us what to do and not to do – condemns us

THE GOSPEL – shows our Savior – tells us what Jesus has done for us – comforts us

Life Application:

How do we, as new covenant people, be careful to do as the Lord our God has commanded us?