

The Ten Commandments: Keep #1, #1

Exodus 20:1-3

I. Introduction

Today there is a great ignorance of the Ten Commandments and a great interest to know more about them.

II. The Historical Setting of the Ten Commandments

The Ten Commandments were given to the people of Israel as they were leaving slavery behind and journeying to the Promised Land around 1450 BC (Exodus 20:1-17; Deuteronomy 5:2-22).

III. The Reason for the Ten Commandments

- A. The Ten Commandments reveal the nature of God and the ultimate standard for a well-ordered society (Deuteronomy 5:24-29).
- B. The Ten Commandments reveal our sinfulness and need for a Savior (Romans 3:20; Galatians 3:24).

IV. The First Commandment: The True God

In the First Commandment God describes Himself to us:

1. He is *the Lord*, the one who reveals himself to people.
2. He is *God*, the one who creates and sustains.
3. He is *King*, the one who rules humanity and history.
4. He is *the Redeemer*, the one who provides deliverance from slavery.

V. Conclusion

Worship consists of putting God at the center of our lives.