

The Ten Commandments: God's Standards for the 21st Century

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The Ten Commandments were given to the new nation of Israel as standards for relating to God and to one another. Because the Ten Commandments reflect God's character and nature, they remain unchanging moral standards that have been applicable to God's people and the societies in which we live throughout history. Today, however, the Ten Commandments are often viewed as an outdated set of rules that are no longer applicable to modern society. Unfortunately, many Christians either share this view, or at least fail to grasp the significance of the Ten Commandments in our own lives.

In this class, we will begin by examining the context in which the Ten Commandments were first given to Moses on Mt. Sinai and answer these questions:

- What was the purpose of the Ten Commandments?
- Why were these specific Ten Commandments given?
- How did the commandments represent a covenant between God and His people?
- How do the Ten Commandments differ from other laws given to the nation of Israel?

We will then examine each of the Ten Commandments individually and ask:

- What does the commandment teach us about God's nature and our own sinful nature?
- What does it teach us about how we should relate to God and each other?
- How does the commandment relate to New Testament principles?
- How does the commandment apply to me as a Christian in the 21st Century?