

# **GREAT CHAPTERS OF THE BIBLE ---**

## **EXODUS CHAPTER 20**

### **I. INTRODUCTION.**

#### **a. The book of Genesis.**

- i. Creation.
- ii. First home.
- iii. Beginning of sin.
- iv. The Flood.
- v. Tower of Babel.
- vi. Abraham's faith.
- vii. Isaac the promised child.
- viii. Jacob (Israel)—the father of a nation.
- ix. Joseph in Egypt.
- x. Children of Israel in Egypt.

#### **b. Book of Exodus.**

- i. New Egyptian king who "knew not Joseph".
- ii. Children of Israel are "afflicted" and in bondage.
- iii. Hebrew male children ordered killed.
- iv. Birth and upbringing of Moses.
- v. Moses flees to Midian.
- vi. Moses selected by God to lead His people.
- vii. The 10 plagues.
- viii. The Israelites leave Egypt.
- ix. Crossing of the Red Sea.
- x. The people murmur against Moses and Aaron.
- xi. Manna from heaven.
- xii. Let's murmur some more.
- xiii. God's people come to Mt. Sinai.
  1. God speaks to Moses (Exodus 19:4-8)
  2. Moses goes up to the top of the mountain. (Exodus 19:20)

## **II. EXODUS CHAPTER 20.**

### **a. GOD GIVES MOSES THE 10 COMMANDMENTS (EX. 20:1-17)**

1. THOU SHALT HAVE NO OTHER GODS  
BEFORE ME.
2. THOU SHALT NOT MAKE UNTO THEE  
ANY GRAVEN IMAGE.
3. THOU SHALT NOT TAKE THE NAME OF  
THE LORD THY GOD IN VAIN.
4. REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY TO KEEP  
IT HOLY.
5. HONOUR THY FATHER AND THY  
MOTHER.
6. THOU SHALT NOT KILL.
7. THOU SHALT NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.
8. THOU SHALT NOT STEAL.
9. THOU SHALT NOT BEAR FALSE  
WITNESS.
10. THOU SHALT NOT COVET ANYTHING  
THAT IS THY NEIGHBOR'S.

**b. Read and comment on Exodus 20:1-17.**

- i. Two groups of commandments:
  - 1. Commandments 1-4—emphasize man's duty to God.
  - 2. Commandments 5-10—emphasize man's duty to man.
- ii. Some think Jesus alluded to this division in Matthew 22:34-40.
- iii. Verse 1—These commandments were both spoken and written by God. (See Deut. 4:13 and 10:4 and Exodus 31:18)
- iv. Verse 2—God is their leader and their lawgiver.
- v. Verse 3—The children of Israel were well acquainted with "strange" gods.
- vi. Verse 4—Every form of idolatry is prohibited.
- vii. Verse 5—God does not want them corrupted by worshipping idols.
- viii. Verse 6—God will show mercy to those who obey His commandments.
- ix. Verse 7—Swearing, empty vows, and profane language are all included. (See Matt. 5:33)
- x. Verse 8—The Sabbath day was given as a sign between God and Israel because of their deliverance from Egypt by the hand of God. See Deut. 5:1-3, 15.



- xi. Verse 9—The Israelites are commanded to work six days and to rest the seventh.
- xii. Verse 12—The home is the basis institution of society. Honor and respect is due parents for the care they provide. This is the only commandment with promise. (See Ephesians 6:2,3)
- xiii. Verse 13—This command prohibits murder. Here is taught the sacredness of life. (See Matt. 5:21) Punishment by designated authorities and warfare does not appear to be under discussion.
- xiv. Verse 14—This commandment upholds the sacredness of marriage. The marriage union was instituted by God in the beginning and Jesus taught the same in Matt. 19:1-9. (Also see Matt. 5:27)
- xv. Verse 15—God recognizes property rights. (See Eph. 4:28)
- xvi. Verse 16—This includes false testimony in courts, making false statements about other people. God's people are to show respect for the truth. (Rev. 21:8)
- xvii. Verse 17—This command of God prohibits a person from endeavoring to deprive another man of his house, property, wife or anything that is not his. The person who does so is living in rebellion to God. (See I Cor. 6:10)