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# DAILY READING

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Exodus 20: 1-26

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## **EXODUS 20:1-26**

### **THE TEN COMMANDMENTS**

**20** Then God spoke all these words: <sup>2</sup> I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the place of slavery. <sup>3</sup> Do not have other gods besides me. <sup>4</sup> Do not make an idol for yourself, whether in the shape of anything in the heavens above or on the earth below or in the waters under the earth. <sup>5</sup> Do not bow in worship to them, and do not serve them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the fathers' iniquity, to the third and fourth generations of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup> but showing faithful love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commands.

<sup>7</sup> Do not misuse the name of the Lord your God, because the Lord will not leave anyone unpunished who misuses his name.

<sup>8</sup> Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy: <sup>9</sup> You are to labor six days and do all your work, <sup>10</sup> but the

seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. You must not do any work—you, your son or daughter, your male or female servant, your livestock, or the resident alien who is within your city gates. <sup>11</sup> For the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and everything in them in six days; then he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and declared it holy.

<sup>12</sup> Honor your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup> Do not murder.

<sup>14</sup> Do not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup> Do not steal.

<sup>16</sup> Do not give false testimony against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup> Do not covet your neighbor's house. Do not covet your neighbor's wife, his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

## **THE PEOPLE'S REACTION**

<sup>18</sup> All the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain surrounded by smoke. When the people saw it they trembled and stood at a distance. <sup>19</sup> "You speak to us, and we will

listen,” they said to Moses, “but don’t let God speak to us, or we will die.”

<sup>20</sup> Moses responded to the people, “Don’t be afraid, for God has come to test you, so that you will fear him and will not sin.” <sup>21</sup> And the people remained standing at a distance as Moses approached the total darkness where God was.

## **MOSES RECEIVES ADDITIONAL LAWS**

<sup>22</sup> Then the Lord told Moses, “This is what you are to say to the Israelites: You have seen that I have spoken to you from heaven. <sup>23</sup> Do not make gods of silver to rival me; do not make gods of gold for yourselves.

<sup>24</sup> “Make an earthen altar for me, and sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, your flocks and herds. I will come to you and bless you in every place where I cause my name to be remembered. <sup>25</sup> If you make a stone altar for me, do not build it out of cut stones. If you use your chisel on it, you will defile it. <sup>26</sup> Do not go up to my altar on steps, so that your nakedness is not exposed on it.