

THE SECOND IS LIKE IT

Exodus 20:12-21

- We love our neighbors as God prescribes by...
 - FOCUSING on the FAMILY (v. 12)
 - CONTROLLING our ACTIONS (w. 13-15)
 - TAMING our TOUNGE (v. 16)
 - CULTIVATING CONTENTMENT (v. 17)
- The FEAR of God is the BEGINNING of HOLINESS (w. 18-20)
- God DEMONSTRATES His LOVE for us in the giving of a MEDIATOR (v. 21)

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FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Of Commandments 5-10, which have you historically felt was the easiest to live out? Which is the most difficult?
2. The 5th Commandment to honor father and mother was not placed into a group (deed, word, or thought) like the others were. Why do you think that this is? How, if at all, are mothers and fathers different from "neighbors"? Genesis 2:23-24. Ephesians 6:2-3.
3. What does honoring your father and mother look like for you? Matthew 15:4-6.
4. What are some practical ways that we can be forward thinking to preserve human life? Deuteronomy 22:8. 1 John 3:15.
5. How does our relationship to our Earthly spouse mirror our relationship with our Heavenly spouse? How does infidelity or sexual immorality on Earth affect the Heavenly relationship? Ephesians 5:31-32. Jeremiah 31:31-32. Hosea 4:1-3.
6. What does the 8th commandment imply about Biblical economics? What are some things that we may steal that we wouldn't commonly think of?
7. How is bearing false witness related to the other commandments? What are some other ways, other than perjury, that we can break this commandment? Do you think that all lying is forbidden in this Commandment? Deuteronomy 19:15-20. Exodus 1:19-20.
8. We are instructed to not covet that which is our neighbor's. Is there anything that it is ok for us to covet? How does covetousness relate to the other commandments?
9. What does a right fear of God look like? Is the fear of God an encouragement or hindrance of obedience in your experience? Isaiah 6:1-5. 2 Corinthians 7:1.
10. In what ways is the presence of a mediator an encouragement for the Israelites? For us? How is our mediator different from Moses? Hebrews 7:23-25, Hebrews 9:24-26.

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