

## The Ten Commandments Deuteronomy 4.44–5.21

### *4.44–4.45 Introduction to the Covenant*

- Torah: instruction, teaching is usually translated with the word “law.”
- Testimonies: witness and warning, admonition.
- Statutes: decrees, law, prescription, regulation.
- Rules: judgments, just decrees.

All together these are the whole law that Moses set before the people of Israel (4.44).

### *5.1–5.5 Introduction to the Covenant*

Moses commands the people to:

- Hear: Hearing includes responding, heeding and obeying.
- Learn: Learning includes more than memorizing, it is also learning to live
- Be careful to do: The law requires a lifestyle of obedience.

The Lord (5.2,3):

- Made a covenant.
- Spoke face to face.
- Through a mediator.

### *5.6–21 The Covenant*

The Ten Words on Two Tablets.

Significance:

- Unique Revelation.
- Unique Medium.
- Unique Preservation.

Note: There is not universal agreement on how to number the commandments, just that there are ten.

### ***Facets of the Moral Law***

- The Nature and Character of God
- The Ideal Human Nature
- Seed, root, branch, fruit
- The Prohibitions
- The Requirements
- How Jesus Transforms
- How Jesus Fulfills
- Developed O.T and N.T.
- How Satan Attacks
- Society, Culture and Civil Governments

### ***What the Law Cannot Do:***

- Justify: Gal. 2.19–21, 3.10–14, 21–23 [Deut. 27.26].
- Restrain: Rom 7.5–14.
- Liberate: Gal. 3.23; Rom. 7.14–8.7; Rom 6.1–14.
- Sanctify: Rom. 7.21–8.7; Gal. 3.2–6; Rom 6.15–23.

### ***What the Law Can Do:***

- Reveal the Perfection of God.
- Reveal the Corruption of people.
- Reveal our Hopeless Condition.
- Reveal the Only Solution to our dilemma.
- Reveal the Standard of Holiness and practical righteousness.

### ***Bottom Line:***

We need the law written on our hearts.

In Christ by the Spirit we have the law written on our hearts.

In Christ God has made a new covenant where his laws are written on his people's hearts (Jer. 31.31–34; Hebrews 9.15–18).