

**AN ANCIENT FOUNDATION FOR
MODERN LIVING**

EXODUS 20:1-17

- ◆ Sigmund Freud said that if we would throw off the repressive shackles of the ten commandments, we could minimize personal confusion, sexual hang ups, and emotional hang ups.

- ◆ It seems we have done that:
 - ◆ There is little place for God in education, in science, in music, in movies, and even in many homes.

THE NEED FOR RULES

- ◆ “There is a way that seems right to man...”
Prov. 4:12
- ◆ Man’s way of no fixed norm or standard.
 - ◆ A murder every 30 minutes.
 - ◆ A rape every 2 minutes.
 - ◆ A robbery every minute.
 - ◆ An aggravated assault every 35 seconds.
 - ◆ A theft every 4 seconds.
 - ◆ Figgie report (a privately funded research)
– a nation under siege.

GOD'S WAY – RIGHT LIVING THROUGH OBEDIENCE

- ◆ “My tongue shall speak of Your word...” Psalm 119:172.
- ◆ “For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. “ I John 5:3
- ◆ God has not left moral decisions up to man.
 - ◆ I Peter 1:16; Romans 6:23; I John 3:4

“There are fewer adjustment problems When a society has widely accepted standards for morals and manners.” (Chairman of the Dept. for psychiatry at the University of Chicago)

Internal restraints (belief that something is wrong) are more significant than external restraints – police force, etc.

God's Rules For Modern Living

Israel had been in slavery in Egypt for 400 yrs. and not allowed to govern themselves.

They were given commandments as the basis of their life.

The Laws Are Divided Into Four Basic Categories

- ◆ Our Duty To God.
 - ◆ No other Gods before me (3)
 - ◆ No Graven Images (v. 4)
 - ◆ Do Not Take The Name of The Lord in Vain (v. 7)
 - ◆ Remember The Sabbath Day to Keep it Holy (v.8)
- ◆ Our Duty To Parents – Honor Father and Mother (12)

The Laws Are Divided Into Four Basic Categories

- ◆ Our Duty To Others.
 - ◆ Must Not Kill (v. 13)
 - ◆ Must Not Commit Adultery (v. 14)
 - ◆ Must Not Steal (v. 15)
 - ◆ Must Not Bear False Witness (v. 16)

- ◆ Our Duty To Ourselves – Must Not Covet (v. 17)

These laws made Israel a nation with God as king,
not just a lawless group of people

Though we are not under the old law, these same
rules are the basis of our spiritual relationship with
God, our fellow man, and ourselves.