

What changes to our society do you think the coronavirus crisis will bring?

What changes to your life will you make as a result of this crisis?

The Hebrew name for this book is *Words*.

The Greek name, which we use, is *Deuteronomy*—"the second law."

The Hebrew Bible actually calls the Ten Commandments the "Ten Words" or "Ten Sayings."

Let's review briefly why God repeats the "Ten Words" which he first spoke in Exodus 20.

Let's read Deuteronomy 5:1-5.

What covenant was made at Horeb (Mt. Sinai)? (See Exodus 19:3-6.)

God had made a covenant with Abraham hundreds of years before that.

What were the differences between the two covenants?

"It was not with our fathers that the LORD made this covenant, but with us" (5:3).

What is being emphasized with that statement?

Let's read Deuteronomy 5:6-21.

Let's compare Deuteronomy 5 with Exodus 20.

What are similarities?

What are differences?

There are different possible ways to divide up the "Ten Words."

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2)

3)

Why is verse 6 such an important verse before God speaks commands?

God's words in verses 6-21 are all addressed to the singular *you*.

Why is that important to note?

God's commands revolve around relating with others.

1) verses 6-15—

2) verse 16—

3) verses 17-21—

The LORD repeats in 5:9 (as in 4:24) that he is a *jealous God*.

Why do you think he is jealous and so strictly forbids other gods and idols?

God punishes to the third and fourth but shows love to the thousandth.

What things does that teach you about God?

The purpose of the Sabbath can be summed up in two words starting with R:

R _ _ _ and R _ _ _ _ _

If it's in the commandments, why don't we observe the Sabbath?

How does honoring parents result in lengthening life and having things go well for you?

There is a progression in the prohibitions in verses 17-20. Let's trace it.

What is startling about prohibitions against coveting and desiring?

Let's read Deuteronomy 5:22-33.

"Oh, that their hearts..." (verse 29): What is the LORD's wish?

How does verse 33 serve as a bookend with verse 6?

Agree or disagree? The commandments of God are aspirational.

"If you love me, you will obey what I command" (John 14:15).

"Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me" (John 14:21).

Both of those are statements made by Jesus to his disciples.

What place do Deuteronomy's commandments have in our Christian life?

Crisis may be less about "What's God up to?" and more about "What should I be up to?"

Learn the LORD's laws!