

# Lecture #1 Introduction



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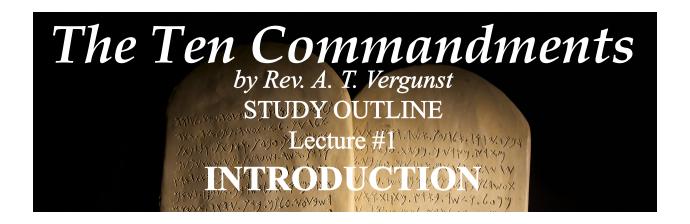
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### The Ten Commandments

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- 17. The Tenth Commandment
- 18. The Law in Eternity



#### **Key Text:**

"The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver."—Psalm 119:72

#### Summary:

This lecture is a bird's-eye view of the rest of the Ten Commandments course, in which we will illustrate God's glory in the law he has given us. We need to hold fast to the fundamental claim that the glory of God is revealed in the law of God. Our main purpose here is not to decrease, but to increase devotion. We hope that as we study the details of the glories of God that you will find this a subject that will fill us more and more with admiration and joy in the God of the law. Our full and final purpose is that we would echo the psalmist's confession in Psalm 119:72, "The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver."

#### Structure:

- 1. Introductory story.
- 2. The basic foundational statement.
- 3. Main contents.
  - a. The Lawgiver
  - b. Adam and the law
  - c. Jesus and the law
  - d. The law and the sinner
  - e. The law and the saint
  - f. The law at Mountain Sinai
  - g. The Ten Commandments
  - h. The law in eternity
- 4. Conclusion.

#### Review Questions:

1. What is the main purpose of this study of the Ten Commandments? Is it to increase knowledge?
2. What themes do you think of when you think about the glory of God? Why did the author say, "The glory of God is also beautifully revealed in the law he has given to us"?
3. Why is neglecting the law of God neither healthy nor scriptural?
4. What will be the starting point of studying the law? Is it reasonable? Why?
5. Why do we need to know the relationship between the law and Adam?
6. To what will our attention be drawn when we study the law in relationship to Jesus Christ?
7. Why is it important to have a right understanding of the law in relationship to sinners?
8. What is Antinomianism? What is the question we will mainly focus on in dealing with the law and the saints?

9. Why is understanding the historical context of Exodus chapter 20 important for us to rightly learn the law?
10. When dealing with the law and eternity, which questions will we mainly answer?
<ul><li>Further Application:</li><li>1. Meditate on Psalm 19. What is David's attitude toward the law of God and its relationship to himself?</li></ul>
2. Why should we never add anything to, nor take anything out of the law of God?