

10 Words, First Table, Part 2

“You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.” - Exodus 19:4-6

I. The THIRD Commandment (20:7)

A. The Command: “Do not take the name of the LORD your God in vain...”

B. Meaningful words:

1. TAKE - *nassa* - carry, lift up
2. VAIN - *sav* - worthless, futile, inconsequential, profane, desolate

C. Beware of BLASPHEMY.

1. Definition:
 - a) Attempt to make God LESS than he is.
 - b) Attempt to DEIFY creature strength.

D. Beware of three falsehoods:

1. COVENANTAL (1 Samuel 12:19-25)
2. LITURGICAL (Jeremiah 7:8-15)
3. PERSONAL (Psalm 16:4; Psalm 24:6)

II. The FOURTH Commandment (20:8-11)

A. The Command: Honor the Sabbath and keep it holy...”

B. 3 ways to trust God on the Sabbath:

1. Trust God for his PROVISION.
2. Trust God for his present CONTROL.
3. Trust God for the FUTURE.

C. Observations:

1. Not a PROHIBITION.
2. Celebration of God's SALVATION. (Ezekiel 20:12)

3. Testimony of the GOODNESS of God.
4. A day to IMITATE God.