

BIBLE BACKGROUND

Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20

Verses 1-4

And God spoke all these words: "I am Yahweh your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of servitude.

You shall have no other god before me.

You shall not make an image or a likeness of anything in heaven above or on earth below, in the sea or below the ground.

Verses 7-9

You shall not invoke the name of Yahweh your God in vain because Yahweh will not leave unpunished the person who invokes his name without sincerity.

Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.

Six days you will labour and do all your work.

Verse 12-17

Honour your father and your mother so that you will live long in the land Yahweh your God is giving to you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not respond as a false witness against your neighbour.

You shall not covet your neighbour's house, nor covet your neighbour's wife, his male servant, his female servant, his bullock, his ass, and anything belonging to your neighbour."

Verses 18-20

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Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid for God has come so that he can test you. Then the fear of him will be with you to stop you from sinning.