

# EXODUS 20:12, the 5<sup>th</sup> Word

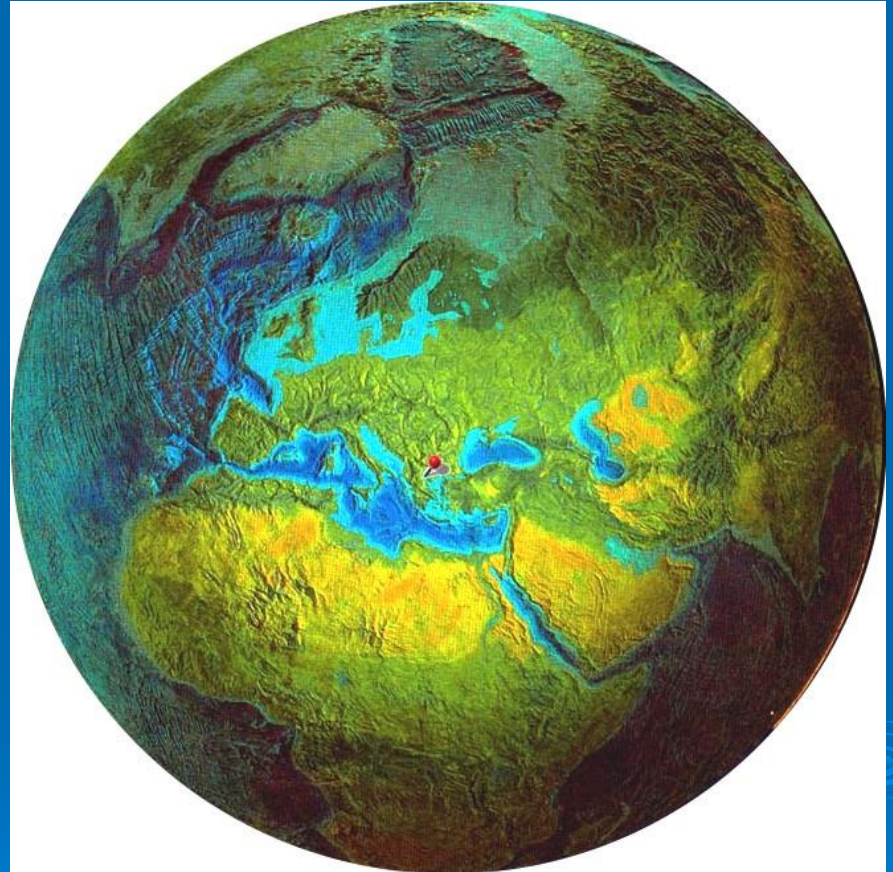


- *“Honor your father and mother, so that you may live long in the land which Adonai (Yehoveh) your God is giving you”.*

God's Principles of the 10 Words aren't just for Israel. God's Principles are for ALL REDEEMED people.

# Vs. 12: The “land”

- Land in Hebrew = *adamah*
- *Adamah* means earth, soil, ground, dirt, and can mean the non-water areas of our whole planet
- *Adamah* not generally used to refer to a specific nation or country
- Eretz is normally used when referring to the “land of Israel” or “land of Canaan”
- Our life on this earth will be blessed when we treat our parents with love and respect.



# EX. 20:13, the 6<sup>th</sup> Word



- “*Do not murder*”
- In Hebrew “Do not *ratsach*”
- *Ratsach* means to kill UNJUSTLY
- Does NOT mean: to carry out an execution sentence, or to kill in self-defense, or to kill an enemy in battle
- Can even mean accidental, but generally includes the idea of negligence

# WHAT IS “UNJUST” KILLING?

- The Lord says ONLY He has the right to take a life
- Torah gives humans the task of assigning guilt or innocence BASED on God’s Laws
- Yehoveh DELEGATES the task of exacting a blood penalty (death) to human governments
- Genesis 9 principle: “...*whoever sheds the blood of man, BY MAN shall the guilty party’s blood be shed....*”

# NOT TAKING THE LIFE OF A MURDER CHEAPENS LIFE

- Most societies have abolished the death penalty
- By the 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple Period the Sanhedrin RARELY ordered the death penalty
- The Romans DID allow the pronouncement of the death penalty, but the Jews had to ask the Romans to carry it out!
- Rabbi Gamaliel says that if the most radical of the Sanhedrin had their way (and abolished the death penalty), more innocent blood would be spilled as a result



# EX. 20:14, the 7<sup>th</sup> Word



- *“Do not commit adultery”*
- **ADULTERY CAN ONLY OCCUR WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF A MARRIAGE UNION**
- In God’s eyes, this union is primarily **SPIRITUAL** in nature
- Adultery is less about our **bodies** entering into unauthorized physical unions, than with our **spirits** entering into unauthorized unions
- In human marriage only 2 authorized unions: 1) between husband and wife, and 2) between them and Yehoveh

# Christ's union with Believers

- Bible speaks of this union in “marriage” terms
- Human marriage = union of man and woman
- Salvation = union (marriage) of Christ and man
- Believers not yet FULLY into a COMPLETED marriage to Christ
- In Bible times, betrothed couples were seen as married
- A marriage contract “Chethubah” was formed and immediately effective
- To become UNengaged required a legal divorce decree
- Upon betrothal, the union began



# Believers are BETROTHED to Christ

- Right now..... we are in union with Christ in SPIRIT
- After the Marriage Feast of the Lamb, we will be in union with Christ in PERSON
- Adultery in Greek = *moichos* refers to infidelity in marriage
- Hebrew sense of adultery is unfaithfulness in a marriage union
- Unfaithfulness did NOT have to be sexual, it could be fraternizing or taking another's side 8



# FORBIDDEN UNIONS

- *What or who we are in union with defines how Yehoveh sees us*
- Paul lists forbidden unions in 1 Cor.6
- The term adultery in the Biblical sense means to engage in forbidden unions



# Divorce and Re-marriage

- The sin of adultery is FORGIVABLE
- Yeshua has already paid for it
- Paul (and Christ) speak on the subject of divorce, even set guidelines for divorce, in order that we do not sin further and in other ways
- Both make clear this is because in God's mercy, He knows man's hardened hearts, and makes provisions, BUT He does NOT excuse divorce.....it IS a serious sin!

# EX. 20:15, the 8<sup>th</sup> Word



## ➤ ***“Do not steal”***

- Hebrew for steal = *ganab*
- Means to use deception to get something that is not yours. To be sneaky.



# EX. 20:16, the 9<sup>th</sup> Word



- ***“Do not give false evidence against your neighbor”***
- Often taught simply “do not lie”
- The meaning here is more in the sense of perjury, or false accusations

# EX. 20:17, the 10<sup>th</sup> Word

- ***“Do not covet.....”***
- Means not to desire something that is not yours
- In Bible times, wealth was gained often by forcibly taking it from another.... This is the tribal way.
- Idleness can lead to covetousness

# Exodus 20:15-23



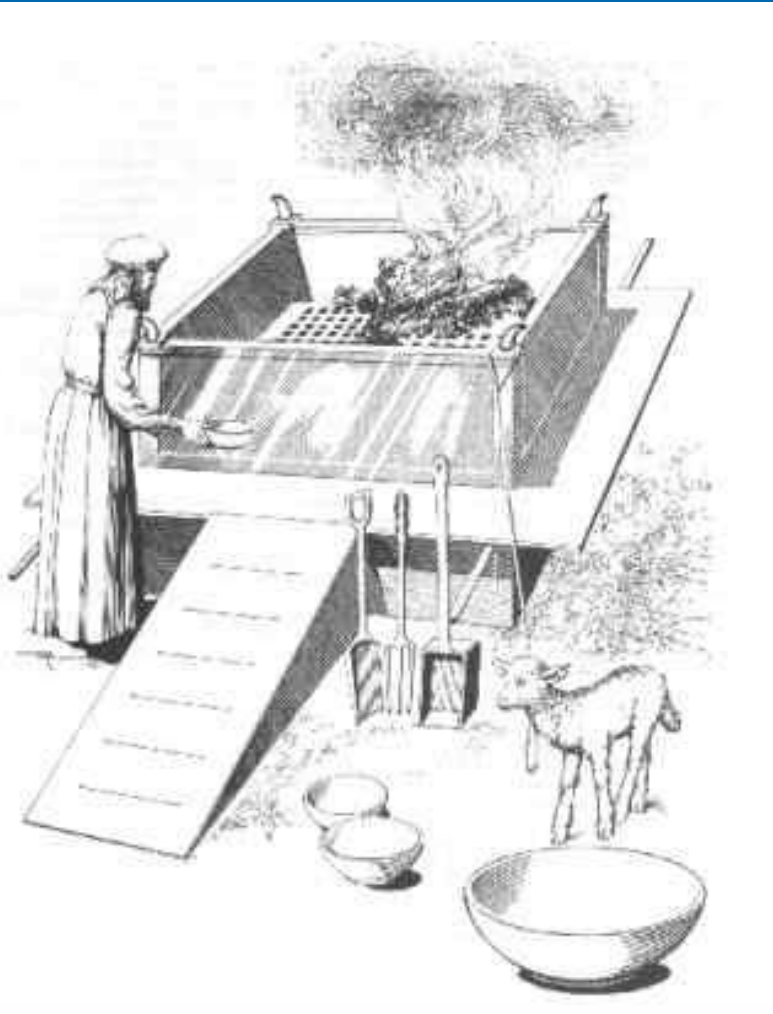
- Israel feared God and asked Moses to speak and hear for them
- Vs 17, 3 reasons Yahweh came to them in power and glory on Mt. Sinai:
  - 1) To put Israel on trial
  - 2) To put awe of God upon Israel
  - 3) Israel learn not to sin

# Ex. 20:20 NO other gods

- Not a repetition of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Word
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Word is primarily about making images and representations of Yehoveh
- Vs.20 is about making IDOLS, images of false gods



# God determines where altars are to be built



- The ONLY purpose for an altar is to sacrifice
- ONLY the places God chooses for an altar is where blessing will be gained from sacrifice
- Altars are not to be grand, for man's attempt to make an altar "better" than what God provided, is profane
- WE are the Temple, the location of the altar, the place of sacrifice in the spirit of Yeshua.