

- Song 88 and Prayer
- Opening Comments (3 min. or less)

TREASURES FROM GOD'S WORD



- **“The Ten Commandments and You”: (10 min.)**

20:3-17

Christians are not under the Mosaic Law. (Col 2:13, 14) So, then, what purpose do the Ten Commandments and the rest of the Law serve today?

- They reveal Jehovah’s viewpoint on certain matters
- They highlight our responsibilities toward Jehovah
- They define our relationship with our fellowman

What do you learn about Jehovah from the Ten Commandments?

- (Exodus 20:3-17) You must not have any other gods besides me. 4 “You must not make for yourself a carved image or a form like anything that is in the heavens above or on the earth below or in the waters under the earth. 5 You must not bow down to them nor be enticed to serve them, for I, Jehovah your God, am a God who requires exclusive devotion, bringing punishment for the error of fathers upon sons, upon the third generation and upon the fourth

generation of those who hate me, 6 but showing loyal love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. 7 “You must not take up the name of Jehovah your God in a worthless way, for Jehovah will not leave unpunished the one who takes up His name in a worthless way. 8 “Remember the Sabbath day to keep it sacred. 9 You are to labor and do all your work for six days, 10 but the seventh day is a sabbath to Jehovah your God. You must not do any work, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your slave man nor your slave girl nor your domestic animal nor your foreign resident who is inside your settlements. 11 For in six days Jehovah made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and he began to rest on the seventh day. That is why Jehovah blessed the Sabbath day and made it sacred. 12 “Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live a long time in the land that Jehovah your God is giving you. 13 “You must not murder. 14 “You must not commit adultery. 15 “You must not steal. 16 “You must not testify falsely when you are a witness against your fellow man. 17 “You must not desire your fellow man’s house. You must not desire your fellow man’s wife nor his slave man nor his slave girl nor his bull nor his donkey nor anything that belongs to your fellow man.”

- (Colossians 2:13, 14) Furthermore, though you were dead in your trespasses and in the uncircumcised state of your flesh, God made you alive together with him. He kindly forgave us all our trespasses 14 and erased the handwritten document that consisted of decrees and was in opposition to us. He has taken it out of the way by nailing it to the torture stake.

Ex 20:3-7—Honor Jehovah, and give him exclusive devotion (w89 11/15 6 ¶1)

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The first four commandments highlight our responsibilities toward Jehovah. (First) He is a God who still exacts exclusive devotion. (Matthew 4:10) (Second) None of his worshipers should use images. (1 John 5:21) (Third) Our use of God’s name should be proper and dignified, never disrespectful. (John 17:26; Romans 10:13) (Fourth) Our whole life should revolve around sacred matters. This enables us to rest, or ‘take a sabbath,’ from a course of self-righteousness.—Hebrews 4:9, 10.

- (Matthew 4:10) Then Jesus said to him: “Go away, Satan! For it is written: ‘It is Jehovah your God you must worship, and it is to him alone you must render sacred service.’”
- (1 John 5:21) Little children, guard yourselves from idols.

- (John 17:26) I have made your name known to them and will make it known, so that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in union with them.”
- (Romans 10:13) For “everyone who calls on the name of Jehovah will be saved.”
- (Hebrews 4:9, 10) So there remains a sabbath-rest for the people of God. 10 For the man who has entered into God’s rest has also rested from his own works, just as God did from his own.

Ex 20:8-11—Keep spiritual things first in your life

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Ex 20:12-17—Honor and respect fellow humans (w89 11/15 6 ¶2-3)

(Exodus 20:12-17) 12 “Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live a long time in the land that Jehovah your God is giving you. 13 “You must not murder. 14 “You must not commit adultery. 15 “You must not steal. 16 “You must not testify falsely when you are a witness against your fellow man. 17 “You must not desire your fellow man’s house. You must not desire your fellow man’s wife nor his slave man nor his slave girl nor his bull nor his donkey nor anything that belongs to your fellow man.”

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(Fifth) The obedience of children to their parents continues to serve as the cornerstone of family unity, bringing with it Jehovah’s blessings. And what a marvelous hope this “first command with a promise” offers! It is not only “that it may go well with you” but also that “you may endure a long time on the earth.” (Ephesians 6:1-3) Now that we are living in “the last days” of this present wicked system, such godly obedience offers young people the prospect of never dying.—2 Timothy 3:1; John 11:26.

Love for our neighbor will prevent us from causing him harm through such wicked deeds as (Sixth) murder, (Seventh) adultery, (Eighth) stealing, and (Ninth) making false statements. (1 John 3:10-12; Hebrews 13:4; Ephesians 4:28; Matthew 5:37; Proverbs 6:16-19) But what of our motives? The (Tenth) commandment, against covetousness, reminds us that Jehovah requires that our intentions always be upright in his eyes.—Proverbs 21:2.

- (Ephesians 6:1-3) Children, be obedient to your parents in union with the Lord, for this is righteous. 2 “Honor your father

and your mother” is the first command with a promise: 3 “That it may go well with you and you may remain a long time on the earth.”

- (2 Timothy 3:1) But know this, that in the last days critical times hard to deal with will be here.
- (John 11:26) and everyone who is living and exercises faith in me will never die at all. Do you believe this?”
- (1 John 3:10-12) The children of God and the children of the Devil are evident by this fact: Whoever does not practice righteousness does not originate with God, nor does the one who does not love his brother. 11 For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another; 12 not like Cain, who originated with the wicked one and slaughtered his brother. And for what reason did he slaughter him? Because his own works were wicked, but those of his brother were righteous.
- (Hebrews 13:4) Let marriage be honorable among all, and let the marriage bed be without defilement, for God will judge sexually immoral people and adulterers.
- (Ephesians 4:28) Let the one who steals steal no more; rather, let him do hard work, doing good work with his hands, so that he may have something to share with someone in need.
- (Matthew 5:37) Just let your word ‘Yes’ mean yes, your ‘No,’ no, for what goes beyond these is from the wicked one.
- (Proverbs 6:16-19) There are six things that Jehovah hates; Yes, seven things that he detests: 17 Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, 18 A heart plotting wicked schemes, and feet that run quickly to

evil, 19 A false witness who lies with every breath, And anyone sowing contentions among brothers.

- (Proverbs 21:2) All of a man's ways seem right to him, But Jehovah examines the hearts.

Digging for Spiritual Gems:

Ex 19:5, 6—Why did ancient Israel lose the opportunity to become “a kingdom of priests”? (it-2 687 ¶1-2)

(Exodus 19:5, 6) 5 Now if you will strictly obey my voice and keep my covenant, you will certainly become my special property out of all peoples, for the whole earth belongs to me. 6 You will become to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you are to say to the Israelites.”

*** it-2 p. 687 Priest ***

The Christian Priesthood. Jehovah had promised that if Israel kept his covenant they would become to Him “a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.” (Ex 19:6) However, the priesthood of Aaron's line was to continue only until the coming of the greater priesthood that it foreshadowed. (Heb 8:4, 5) It would endure until the ending of the Law covenant and the inauguration of the new covenant. (Heb 7:11-14; 8:6, 7, 13) The offer was first made exclusively to Israel to become Jehovah's priests serving in God's promised Kingdom arrangement; in time this offer was extended to the Gentiles.—Ac 10:34, 35; 15:14; Ro 10:21.

Only a remnant of the Jews accepted Christ, the nation thereby failing to provide the members of the real kingdom of priests and the holy nation. (Ro 11:7, 20) Because of Israel's unfaithfulness God had forewarned them of this by his prophet Hosea centuries before, saying: “Because

the knowledge is what you yourself have rejected, I shall also reject you from serving as a priest to me; and because you keep forgetting the law of your God, I shall forget your sons, even I.” (Ho 4:6) Correspondingly, Jesus told the Jewish leaders: “The kingdom of God will be taken from you and be given to a nation producing its fruits.” (Mt 21:43) Nevertheless, Jesus Christ, being under the Law while on earth, recognized the Aaronic priesthood as being in force, and he directed ones whom he cured of leprosy to go to the priest and make the required offering.—Mt 8:4; Mr 1:44; Lu 17:14.

- (Exodus 19:6) You will become to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you are to say to the Israelites.”
- (Hebrews 8:4, 5) If he were on earth, he would not be a priest, since there are already men who offer the gifts according to the Law. 5 These men are offering sacred service in a typical representation and a shadow of the heavenly things; just as Moses, when about to construct the tent, was given the divine command: For He says: “See that you make all things after their pattern that was shown to you in the mountain.”
- (Hebrews 7:11-14) If, then, perfection was attainable through the Levitical priesthood (for it was a feature of the Law that was given to the people), what further need would there be for another priest to arise who is said to be in the manner of Mel·chiz'e·dek and not in the manner of Aaron? 12 For since the priesthood is being changed, it becomes necessary to change the Law as well. 13 For the man about whom these things are said came from another tribe, from which no one has officiated at the altar. 14 For

it is clear that our Lord has descended from Judah, yet Moses said nothing about priests coming from that tribe.

- (Hebrews 8:6, 7) But now Jesus has obtained a more excellent ministry because he is also the mediator of a correspondingly better covenant, which has been legally established on better promises. 7 If that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no need for a second.
- (Hebrews 8:13) In his saying “a new covenant,” he has made the former one obsolete. Now what is obsolete and growing old is near to vanishing away.
- (Acts 10:34, 35) At this Peter began to speak, and he said: “Now I truly understand that God is not partial, 35 but in every nation the man who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.
- (Acts 15:14) Sym'e-on has related thoroughly how God for the first time turned his attention to the nations to take out of them a people for his name.
- (Romans 10:21) But he says regarding Israel: “All day long I have spread out my hands toward a disobedient and obstinate people.”
- (Romans 11:7) What, then? The very thing Israel is earnestly seeking he did not obtain, but the ones chosen obtained it. The rest had their senses dulled,
- (Romans 11:20) That is true! For their lack of faith, they were broken off, but you are standing by faith. Do not be haughty, but be in fear.

- (Hosea 4:6) My people will be silenced, because there is no knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you from serving as my priest; And because you have forgotten the law of your God, I myself will forget your sons.
- (Matthew 21:43) This is why I say to you, the Kingdom of God will be taken from you and be given to a nation producing its fruits.
- (Matthew 8:4) Then Jesus said to him: “See that you tell no one, but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses appointed, for a witness to them.”
- (Mark 1:44) saying to him: “See that you say nothing to anyone, but go show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing the things Moses directed, for a witness to them.”
- (Luke 17:14) When he saw them, he said to them: “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” Then as they were going off, they were cleansed.

Ex 20:4, 5—How does Jehovah bring “punishment for the error of fathers” upon future generations? (w04 3/15 27 ¶1)

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*** w04 3/15 p. 27 par. 1 Highlights From the Book of Exodus ***

20:5—How is it that Jehovah brings “punishment for the error of fathers” upon future generations? After reaching an age of responsibility, each individual is judged on the basis of his own conduct and attitude. But when the nation of Israel turned to idolatry, it suffered the consequences of this for generations thereafter. Even the faithful Israelites felt its effects in that the nation’s religious delinquency made staying on a course of integrity difficult for them.

What spiritual gems from this week’s Bible reading would you like to share regarding Jehovah God, the field ministry, or something else?

Bible Reading:) (4 min. or less) •) Ex 19:1-19
(th study 10)

(Exodus 19:1-19) 19 In the third month after the Israelites went out of the land of Egypt, on the same day, they came to the wilderness of Si'nai. 2 They pulled away from Reph'i·dim and came to the wilderness of Si'nai and camped in the wilderness. Israel camped there in front of the mountain. 3 Then Moses went up to the true God, and Jehovah called to him from the mountain, saying: “This is what you are to say to the house of Jacob and to tell the Israelites, 4 ‘You have seen for yourselves what I did to the Egyptians, in order to carry you on wings of eagles and bring you to myself. 5 Now if you will strictly obey my voice and keep my covenant, you will certainly become my special property out of all peoples, for the whole earth belongs to me. 6 You will become to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you are to say to the Israelites.” 7 So Moses went and summoned the elders of the people and declared to them all these words that Jehovah had commanded him. 8 After that all the people answered unanimously: “All that Jehovah has spoken, we are willing to do.” Moses immediately took the people’s response to Jehovah. 9 And Jehovah said to Moses: “Look! I am coming to you in a dark cloud, so that the people may hear when I speak with you and so that they may always put faith in you as well.” Then Moses reported the words of the people to Jehovah. 10 Then Jehovah said to Moses: “Go to the people and sanctify them today and tomorrow, and they must wash their clothing. 11 And they must be ready for the third day, because on the third day Jehovah will come down upon Mount Si'nai before the eyes of all the people. 12 You must set boundaries for the people all around it and tell them, ‘Beware of going up to the mountain or touching its border. Anybody touching the mountain will surely be put to death. 13 No hand is to touch him, but he will either be stoned or be shot through. Whether beast or man, he will not live.’ But at the sound of the ram’s horn they may come up to the mountain.”

14 Then Moses went down from the mountain to the people, and he began to sanctify the people, and they washed their clothing. 15 He said to the people: "Get ready for the third day. Abstain from sexual relations." 16 On the morning of the third day, there was thunder and lightning, and there was a heavy cloud on the mountain and a very loud sound of a horn, and all the people in the camp began to tremble. 17 Moses now brought the people out of the camp to meet the true God, and they took their place at the base of the mountain. 18 Mount Si'nai smoked all over, because Jehovah came down upon it in fire; and its smoke was rising like the smoke of a kiln, and the whole mountain was trembling violently. 19 As the sound of the horn grew louder and louder, Moses spoke, and the voice of the true God answered him.

APPLY YOURSELF TO THE FIELD MINISTRY

• **Initial Call: (3 min. or less) Begin with the sample conversation. Then leave a jw.org contact card. (th study 1)**

• INITIAL CALL

Question: Where can we find help to deal with grief?

Scripture: 2Co 1:3, 4

Link: What happens to someone who dies?

FIND THIS SCRIPTURE IN THE TEACHING TOOLBOX:

• bhs 71 ¶4

- (2 Corinthians 1:3, 4) 3 Praised be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of tender mercies and the God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our trials so that we may be able to comfort others in any sort of trial with the comfort that we receive from God.

Return Visit: (4 min. or less) Begin with the sample conversation. Then offer a publication from our Teaching Toolbox. (th study 15)

• RETURN VISIT

Question: What happens to someone who dies?

Scripture: Ec 9:5, 10

Link: What hope do we have for the dead?

FIND THIS SCRIPTURE IN THE TEACHING TOOLBOX:

• bhs 63 ¶6

- (Ecclesiastes 9:5) For the living know that they will die, but the dead know nothing at all, nor do they have any more reward, because all memory of them is forgotten.
- (Ecclesiastes 9:10) Whatever your hand finds to do, do with all your might, for there is no work nor planning nor knowledge nor wisdom in the Grave, where you are going.

• **Bible Study: (5 min. or less) bhs 68 ¶17-19 (th study 8)**

*** bhs chap. 6 p. 68 pars. 17-19 Where Do We Go When We Die? ***

17. Why does the idea of people burning in hell insult Jehovah?

17 What many religions teach is shocking. For example, some teach that bad people will burn forever in hell. That lie is an insult to Jehovah. He would never allow people to suffer that way! (Read 1 John 4:8.) How would you feel about someone who punishes a child by burning the child's hands in a fire? You would think he is very cruel. You would not want to get to know

him. And that is exactly how Satan wants us to feel about Jehovah!

18. Why shouldn't we fear the dead?

18 Some religions tell us that when people die, they become spirits. Such religions teach that we must respect and even be afraid of those spirits because they can become either powerful friends or terrible enemies. Many people believe that lie. They fear the dead, so they worship them instead of Jehovah. Remember that the dead cannot feel or sense anything, so we don't have to be afraid of them. Jehovah is our Creator. He is the true God, and we should worship only him.— Revelation 4:11.

19. How does knowing the truth about death help us?

19 When we know the truth about death, we are set free from religious lies. And this truth helps us to understand the wonderful promises that Jehovah has made about our life and our future.

- Paragraph 17
- (1 John 4:8) Whoever does not love has not come to know God, because God is love.
- Paragraph 18
- (Revelation 4:11) "You are worthy, Jehovah our God, to receive the glory and the honor and the power, because you created all things, and because of your will they came into existence and were created."

LIVING AS CHRISTIANS

Song 91

• **How Can I Earn More Freedom?: (6 min.) Discussion. Play the whiteboard animation. Then ask young ones in the audience: How can you earn your parents' trust? What should you do if you make a mistake? Why is honoring your parents vital to earning more freedom?**

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What should you do if you make a mistake?

Why is honoring your parents vital to earning more freedom?

• Honor Your Elderly Parents: (9 min.)
Discussion. Play the video. Then ask the audience: What challenges may arise as parents get older? Why must family members maintain good communication when deciding what kind of care to provide? How can children honor their parents while providing care?

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Congregation Bible Study: (30 min.)

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CHAPTER 128

Found Innocent by Both Pilate and Herod

(Matthew 27:15-17) Now from festival to festival, it was the custom of the governor to release a prisoner to the crowd, whomever they wanted. 16 Just at that time they were holding a notorious prisoner called Bar·ab'bas. 17 So when they were gathered together, Pilate said to them: "Which one do you want me to release to you, Bar·ab'bas or Jesus the so-called Christ?"

(Matthew 27:20-30) But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Bar·ab'bas, but to have Jesus put to death. 21 In response the governor said to them: "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" They said: "Bar·ab'bas." 22 Pilate said to them: "What, then, should I do with Jesus the so-called Christ?" They all said: "To the stake with him!" 23 He said: "Why? What bad thing did he do?" Still they kept shouting out all the more: "To the stake with him!" 24 Seeing that it did no good but, rather, an uproar was arising, Pilate took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying: "I am innocent of the blood of this man. You yourselves must see to it." 25 At that all the people said in answer: "Let his blood come upon us and upon our children." 26 Then he released Bar·ab'bas to them, but he had Jesus whipped and handed him over to be executed on the stake. 27 Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's residence and gathered the whole body of troops together around him. 28 And disrobing him, they draped him with a scarlet cloak, 29 and they braided a crown out of thorns and put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying: "Greetings, you King of the Jews!" 30 And they spat on him and took the reed and began hitting him on his head.

(Mark 15:6-19) Well, from festival to festival, he used to release to them one prisoner whom they requested. 7 At the time the man named Bar-ab'bas was in prison with the seditionists, who in their sedition had committed murder. 8 So the crowd came up and began to make their request according to what Pilate used to do for them. 9 He responded to them, saying: "Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" 10 For Pilate was aware that out of envy the chief priests had handed him over. 11 But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Bar-ab'bas to them instead. 12 Again in reply Pilate said to them: "What, then, should I do with the one you call the King of the Jews?" 13 Once more they cried out: "To the stake with him!" 14 But Pilate went on to say to them: "Why? What bad thing did he do?" Still they cried out all the more: "To the stake with him!" 15 At that Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Bar-ab'bas to them; and after having Jesus whipped, he handed him over to be executed on the stake. 16 The soldiers now led him off into the courtyard, that is, into the governor's residence, and they called the whole body of troops together. 17 And they dressed him in purple and braided a crown of thorns and put it on him; 18 and they began to call out to him: "Greetings, you King of the Jews!" 19 Also, they were hitting him on the head with a reed and spitting on him, and they got on their knees and bowed down to him.

(Luke 23:18-25) But the whole crowd shouted out: "Do away with this man, and release Bar-ab'bas to us!" 19 (This man had been thrown into prison for sedition that had occurred in the city and for murder.) 20 Again Pilate called out to them, because he wanted to release Jesus. 21 Then they began to yell, saying: "To the stake with him! To the stake with him!" 22 The third time he said to them: "Why? What bad thing did this man do? I found in him nothing deserving of death; I will therefore punish him and release him." 23 At this they became insistent, demanding with loud voices that he be executed, and their voices prevailed. 24 So Pilate made the

decision that their demand be met. 25 He released the man whom they were demanding, who had been thrown into prison for sedition and murder, but he surrendered Jesus to their will.

(John 18:39-19:5) Moreover, you have a custom that I should release a man to you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" 40 Again they shouted: "Not this man, but Bar-ab'bas!" Now Bar-ab'bas was a robber.

19 Pilate then took Jesus and scourged him. 2 And the soldiers braided a crown of thorns and put it on his head and clothed him with a purple robe, 3 and they kept coming up to him and saying: "Greetings, you King of the Jews!" They also kept slapping him in the face. 4 Pilate went outside again and said to them: "See! I bring him outside to you in order for you to know that I find no fault in him." 5 So Jesus came outside, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate said to them: "Look! The man!"

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(Luke 23:14, 15) and said to them: "You brought this man to me as one inciting the people to revolt. Now look! I examined him in front of you but found in this man no grounds for the charges you are bringing against him. 15 In fact, neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us, and look! he has done nothing deserving of death.

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(Matthew 27:17) So when they were gathered together, Pilate said to them: "Which one do you want me to release to you, Bar-ab'bas or Jesus the so-called Christ?"

(Matthew 27:21) In response the governor said to them: "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" They said: "Bar-ab'bas."

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(Matthew 27:23) He said: "Why? What bad thing did he do?" Still they kept shouting out all the more: "To the stake with him!"

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(Matthew 27:24, 25) Seeing that it did no good but, rather, an uproar was arising, Pilate took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying: "I am innocent of the blood of this man. You yourselves must see to it." 25 At that all the people said in answer: "Let his blood come upon us and upon our children."

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◇ How does Pilate attempt to have Jesus released and thereby absolve himself of responsibility?

◇ What is involved in being scourged?

◇ After Jesus is scourged, how is he further mistreated?

- Concluding Comments (3 min. or less)
- Song 13 and Prayer