

Year 5

RECONCILIATION – INTER-RELATING

Prayer and Reflection

I have chosen the way of faithfulness;

I set your ordinances before me.

I cling to your decrees,

O Lord; let me not be put to shame.

I run the way of your commandments,

for you enlarge my understanding.

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,

and I will observe it to the end.

Give me understanding that I may keep your law

and observe it with my whole heart.

Amen.

(Psalm 119: 30-34)

People who want to live or work together make rules for themselves. The rules give them freedom to live as they wish, but at the same time, be responsible for the happiness of the whole group.

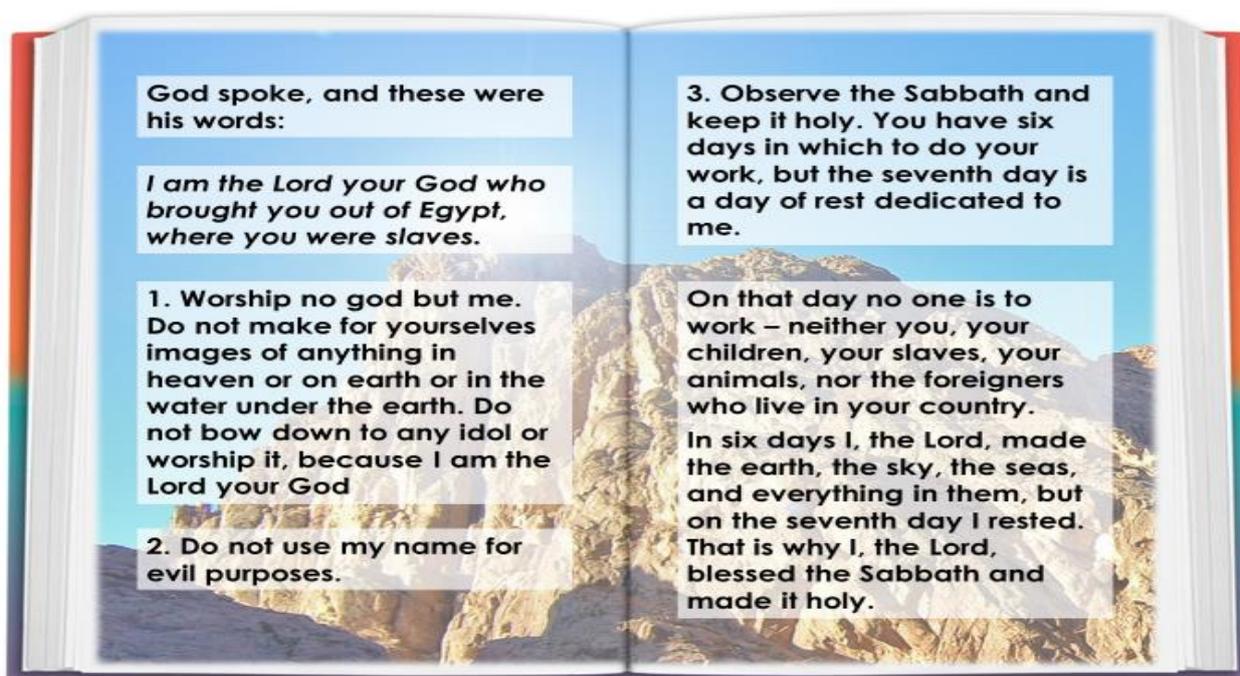
This story is found in the Book of Exodus, which is the story of the Israelites' journey from Egypt to the Promised Land.

After Moses led the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, they wandered in the desert for many years. They were glad they were free, but it was hard going at times. Sometimes they were hungry and thirsty, then they began to grumble. But God provided for them, in spite of their grumbles and they knew that God was with them leading and guiding them.

As they made their way through the desert they lived together as a community learning to care for each other's needs, but above all learning to know and worship the God who had saved them. When they reached a very high mountain called Mount Sinai, Moses ordered the people to camp at the foot of it and not to climb its slopes, because it is God's mountain. Moses himself began to climb and asked the people to pray that God would teach them the laws which would bring them together as a people. Moses stayed on the mountain for a very long time, praying and talking with God. Then he returned to God's people and gave them God's Laws: The Ten Commandments. These were to help the people to live in freedom and to be responsible for their actions.

The giving of the Ten Commandments.

The story of the Ten Commandments is found in the Book of Exodus 20: 1-17 and in the Book of Deuteronomy 5: 1-21 Moses reminds the people again about them. Christians share these Commandments with Jewish people. This list is from the Book of Exodus:



God spoke, and these were his words:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of Egypt, where you were slaves.

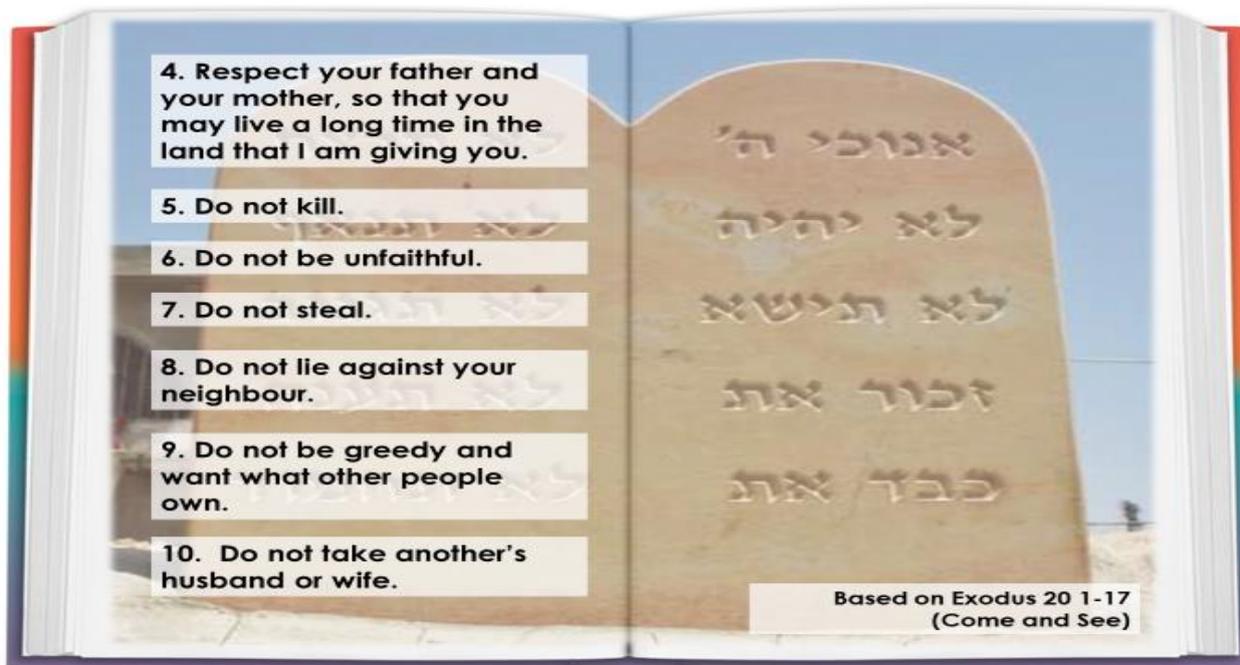
1. Worship no god but me. Do not make for yourselves images of anything in heaven or on earth or in the water under the earth. Do not bow down to any idol or worship it, because I am the Lord your God

2. Do not use my name for evil purposes.

3. Observe the Sabbath and keep it holy. You have six days in which to do your work, but the seventh day is a day of rest dedicated to me.

On that day no one is to work – neither you, your children, your slaves, your animals, nor the foreigners who live in your country.

In six days I, the Lord, made the earth, the sky, the seas, and everything in them, but on the seventh day I rested. That is why I, the Lord, blessed the Sabbath and made it holy.



4. Respect your father and your mother, so that you may live a long time in the land that I am giving you.

5. Do not kill.

6. Do not be unfaithful.

7. Do not steal.

8. Do not lie against your neighbour.

9. Do not be greedy and want what other people own.

10. Do not take another's husband or wife.

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לא יהיה
לא תישא
זכור את
כבוד את

Based on Exodus 20 1-17
(Come and See)