

**Series:** Exodus: God's Provision in the Wilderness

**Sermon:** The Lord our Loving Law Giver (Part One)

**Scripture:** Exodus 20:1-17, Various other texts (ESV)

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Exodus 20:1-17 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> *And God spoke all these words, saying,*

<sup>2</sup> *"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.*

<sup>3</sup> *"You shall have no other gods before me.*

<sup>4</sup> *"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup> You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup> but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.*

<sup>7</sup> *"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.*

<sup>8</sup> *"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, <sup>10</sup> but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. <sup>11</sup> For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.*

<sup>12</sup> *"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.*

<sup>13</sup> *"You shall not murder*

<sup>14</sup> *"You shall not commit adultery.*

<sup>15</sup> *"You shall not steal.*

<sup>16</sup> *"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.*

<sup>17</sup> *"You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."*

Matthew 24:12:

*And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold.*

"[God's] law is an expression of His love, a manifestation of His mercy, a provision of His grace."

- A.W. Pink

More from Jesus:

John 14:15 (ESV)

*If you love me, you will keep my commandments.*

John 14:21 (ESV)

*Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me.*

John 14:23-24a (ESV)

*If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words.*

From the apostle John:

1 John 5:2-3 (ESV)

*By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.*

Deuteronomy 33:2-4 (ESV)

*The Lord came from Sinai and dawned from Seir upon us; he shone forth from Mount Paran; he came from the ten thousands of holy ones, with flaming fire at his right hand. Yes, he loved his people, all his holy ones were in his hand; so they followed in your steps, receiving direction from you, when Moses commanded us a law, as a possession for the assembly of Jacob.*

### **The Goodness of the Law**

It reveals the holy character of God.

It reveals the supreme authority of God.

It reveals the careful design of God.

### **The Condemnation of the Law**

It reveals the unholy character of man.

It reveals the constant insubordination of man.

It reveals the careless destruction of man.

### **The Gospel and the Law**

Because Jesus came not to abolish the Law or the Prophets but to fulfill them  
(Matthew 5:17)...

Because Jesus hid God's law in His heart and did the will of God (Ps. 40:8)...

Because Jesus perfectly obeyed the law of God, thus fulfilling its demands  
(Romans 8:3-4)...

Because Jesus made atonement for our sins as our sinless High Priest  
(Hebrews 4:14-16)...

Because Jesus' obedience has made us righteous in the sight of God  
(Romans 5:19)...

We, by faith in Jesus, have been set free to love Him and delight in His law.

### **Homework:**

This week, read Exodus 20:1-17 at least once every day. Ask God to awaken your heart to love Him and to love His law. May we all be able to shout with the Psalmist:  
*Oh how I love your law.* (Psalm 119:97)