Exodus 20:1-17 • The First Ten Laws of Love

1. (v.1-7) The “first tablet” are commandments involving man’s relationship to **God**.
   1. Mankind violates the 1st commandment by practicing **pluralism**.
   2. Mankind violates the 2nd commandment by making idols of **gods**, **people**, or **things**.
   3. Mankind violates the 3rd commandment by making **God’s name** the most common form of swearing.
   4. If God is not allowed to be God in a person’s life, they will inevitably make **their self** god.
2. (v.8-11) The 4th commandment was a kind of “**hinge**” between God and man.
   1. Jesus states this commandment relates to **man**. (Mk. 2:27)
   2. The purpose was to serve as Israel’s visible **testimony**.
   3. It is binding on **Israel**, not the **Church**. (Rom. 6:14; Col. 2:16)
3. (v.12-17) The “second tablet” are commandments involving man’s relationship with **man**.
   1. The WHOLE Law, however, is fulfilled by **love**. (Gal. 5:13-14)
   2. Jesus’ definition of love: “*This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as* ***I have loved you****.*” (Jn. 15:12)
   3. When it comes to the commandments it’s not an issue of **obedience**, but **love**.
   4. We haven’t “thrown out” the Law, we’ve instead superimposed **love** on it to properly fulfill it.
   5. The Law of Love covers every situation **NOT** specifically referenced in **Scripture**. (Gal. 3:19-29)