

Exodus Chapter 20:1-14

The Decalogue

From *The Five Books of Moses*, translated by Everett Fox

Ex. 20:1 God spoke all these words, saying:

Ex. 20:2 I am ADONAI your God, who brought you out from the land of Egypt, from a house of serfs.

Ex. 20:3 You are not to have any other gods before my presence.

Ex. 20:4 You are not to make yourself a carved-image or any figure that is in the heavens above, that is on the earth beneath, that is in the waters beneath the earth;

Ex. 20:5 you are not to bow down to them, you are not to serve them, for I, ADONAI your God, am a jealous God, calling-to-account the iniquity of the fathers upon the sons, to the third and the fourth (generation) of those that hate me,

Ex. 20:6 but showing loyalty to the thousandth of those that love me, of those that keep my commandments.

Ex. 20:7 You are not to take up the name of ADONAI your God for emptiness, for ADONAI will not clear him that takes up his name for emptiness.

Ex. 20:8 Remember the Sabbath day, to hallow it.

Ex. 20:9 For six days, you are to serve, and are to make all your work,

Ex. 20:10 but the seventh day is Sabbath for ADONAI your God: you are not to make any kind of work, (not) you, nor your son, nor your daughter, (not) your servant, nor your maid, nor your beast, nor your sojourner that is within your gates.

Ex. 20:11 For in six days ADONAI made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in it, and he rested on the seventh day; therefore ADONAI gave the Sabbath day his blessing, and he hallowed it.

Ex. 20:12 Honor your father and your mother, in order that your days may be prolonged on the soil that ADONAI your God is giving you.

Ex. 20:13 You are not to murder. You are not to adulter. You are not to steal. You are not to testify against your fellow as a false witness.

Ex. 20:14 You are not to desire the house of your neighbor, you are not to desire the wife of your neighbor, or his servant, or his maid, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.