

House Rules For Israel

A Look At The Second Part

Represent Him Well!

- We are to bear the Name of Jehovah before this world. Summed up- Worship only Yahweh!
Represent Him well!
- Ex. 6:7 – “I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God.” or I am yours and you are mine
- Yahweh could not be represented by carved images; instead He was to be represented by people whose words and actions were to reflect His Character!
- The relationship with Yahweh changes our relationship with people.

Represent Him Well!

- Matt.22:36-40 - “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”
- Jesus summed up the 10 Words and all of the law in those 2 phrases. Jesus wasn’t worried about the numbering order, but the action out of them.

The Second Half

- Some have referred to this as a “Bill of Rights.”
- These are your neighbour’s rights. It is our job to preserve our “neighbour’s” rights!
- #3. Remember the Sabbath day.
- The Sabbath command protects people’s right and need to rest, ensuring sustainable living.
- This was a lifestyle God practiced in creation and then put in place in the wilderness with the manna.
- It is not just about resting and worship, but enjoying the fruit of your labour

The Second Commandment?

- # 4 – Honour your Father and your Mother
- This is also about adults respecting our parents. Multigenerational homes are becoming more common.
 - “This is the first command with a promise”- Eph.6:2 “that your days may be long in the land.” Ex.20:12
 - When parental, godly values are not respected, then parental values are not lived, usually resulting in the abandonment of the remaining 6 Words.
 - The remaining 6 speak to mutual trust in community

The Second Commandment?

- #5 – You must not murder – a neighbour's right to life and a fair trial in the case of a dispute. No revenge, or negligence or carelessness.
- Matt.5 Jesus sermon on the mount has 3 sections that apply to this. Anger, Retaliation and Love your enemies
- #6 – You must not commit adultery – Matt.5:27 – Each neighbour has a right to a marriage free from competition. Sexual intimacy is a reflection of our covenant relationship with Yahweh. “I am yours you are mine” Eph.5:22-33

The Second Commandment?

#7 – You must not steal. Every one has a right to personal property, free from the greed of neighbour. Protection of neighbour’s property is everyone’s business.

#8 – You must not give false testimony – In that day, a person’s word held a great deal of weight. Justice depends on truth. Slander or misinformation is an acid that eats at peace in community. 2Thes.2:9-12

#9,10 – Do not covet anything of your neighbour’s. These are totally unenforceable commands

The Second Commandment?

- **The internal nature of these commands hints at the function of the entire law. These are about character formation. They are painting the picture of a society transformed by relationship with Yahweh.**
- **1Tim.6:6 - “Godliness with contentment is great gain”**
- **1Thes.5:18 – “in every circumstance give thanks, for this is God’s will for you”**
- **Are you content with what God has given you?**
- **Are you letting God transform you into His image?**