

# Sermon Notes

## I Resolve: Part 1

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- **I Resolve: Intro**
- 'Tis the season for New Year's Resolutions!!
- I Resolve...to follow the 10 Commandments!! **Deuteronomy 5:1-22**
- What would the world be like if everyone just followed the 10 Commandments?
  - o What would the world be like if every Christian followed the 10 Commandments? :/
- We have some preliminaries to talk about before getting deep into the 10...
  - o We are not under Law, but under Grace. We are led by the Spirit not by the Law.
    - But, the Law wasn't random and arbitrary. We can't go around murdering people now.
    - Jesus came to fulfill the law. **Matthew 5:17-20**
      - But legalistic righteousness isn't good enough!! (v20)
      - Instead, we must follow the Spirit of the Law, not the letter of the Law.
  - o I am not intending to create a rigid New Covenant Law...which is a contradiction in terms.
  - o I also don't want to make you think that rebellious compliance will work either...
  - o But, let's look at the 10 Commandments to help us align our hearts with God.
- **Part 1: Love God**
- 4 of the 10 Commandments have to do with how we relate to God. How to love God in His own words.
- 1) **Deut 5:6-7.** No other Gods before/besides me.
  - o Do you have a Lord over your life? One you serve, you obey, you follow?
  - o Ancient Israel sometimes strayed toward other Gods. This was not good. **Jeremiah 5:19**
    - This is not normally a problem today, going after actual foreign Gods.
    - The problem is failing to acknowledge God as God! Living as if there is no God.
      - Instead, be conscious of God, your Father in Heaven, Jesus the Son of God, and The Holy Spirit of God. Three in one. Our God.
- 2) **Deut 5:8-10.** No idols either.
  - o It's one thing to serve other Gods. It's another to serve pathetic little idols over the living God!!!
    - What are the things that you trust in or serve that aren't worthy of comparison to God?
      - Money, Self, Talent, Connections, etc.
      - Don't push out serving and trusting in God for one of these unworthy substitutes.
- 3) **Deut 5:11.** Do not misuse the name of the Lord.
  - o The ancient Israelites had a very profound respect for the Name of God. They won't even say it.
  - o How do we misuse the name of the Lord today?
    - Swearing. That's pretty base, but, come on man.
    - A more subtle way of misusing the name of the Lord is "playing the God card."
      - God will not hold you guiltless for manipulating others with the Name of the Lord.
- 4) **Deut 5:12-15.** Keep the Sabbath.
  - o I've heard people say that the Sabbath does not apply anymore. I disagree.
  - o What is the Spirit of the Law with regard to the Sabbath?? How did Jesus fulfill this commandment?
    - Rest: physical, emotional, mental rest is good!!! Don't let this frantic life take you over.
    - Focus on God. Remind yourself of God regularly. Weekly. Church is a good way to do it!!
  - o Don't get legalistic, trying to make a New Covenant Law. It's ok to work shifts and be a Christian.
- Jesus said the greatest commandment was to love God with all you got! **Mark 12:30**
  - o How? Let's resolve to:
    - Serve and Trust God first. No other Gods. Not even money, self, talent, network...etc.
    - Respect and Honor the Name of God. Keep a reverent heart at the mention of the Lord.
    - Rest and spend time with God. Regular routine of letting go and tuning in to God!
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