

The Story, chapter 5 (Exodus 20)

The big story of God's love for his people is that he wanted to live among his people, the Israelites. For this to happen, three things had to happen.

First, God required that sin be atoned for in the blood of sacrifice.

Second, God needed a place to live. The Lord said to Moses...

“Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them. ⁹ Make this tabernacle and all its furnishings exactly like the pattern I will show you.

(Exo 25:8-9)

And third, the people had to know how to treat God and each other...

And God spoke all these words: “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

- I. You shall have no other gods before¹ me.
- II. You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.
- III. You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God
- IV. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
- V. Honor your father and your mother
- VI. You shall not murder.
- VII. You shall not commit adultery.
- VIII. You shall not steal.
- IX. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
- X. You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. (Exo 20:1-17)