

Exodus 20, Leviticus 19, Matthew 22

Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Romans 13:10

Readings this week

S	Exodus 19
M	Exodus 20: 1 - 21
T	Exodus 23: 1 - 13
W	Leviticus 19: 1 - 19
Th	Deuteronomy 6
F	Matthew 22: 34 - 40
S	Romans 13:8 - 10

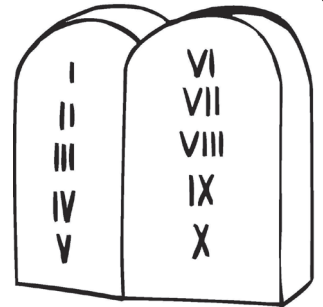
Why not stay in Egypt?

Do you think God had a specific purpose in mind when he brought the Israelites out of Egypt?

Is your answer the same as the one God gives in Exodus 19:3 - 6? God wanted his people to be different. In a world of evil and idolatry he wanted them to love each other and to love him, so that other nations come to serve God themselves.

The Ten Commandments are the most well known part of the Law of Moses. They still form the basis of most law today. Do you know what they are? Find them in Exodus 20 and write them down.

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Which law strikes you most as one people most need to learn today?

God wanted the Israelites to be different from the other nations, but his real aim was that Gentiles would join them and become part of his people. Look at Exodus 12:48-50, Isaiah 56:6-7, for instance. Sadly, the opposite happened - Israel became like their neighbours.

Jesus said that the whole law could be summed up in two commandments. Read Matthew 22:36-40 to find out what they are, and write them as headings to boxes 1 and 2 on the next page.

How do God's laws teach us to love?

Start with the ten commandments, and make notes in the boxes. God is really trying to teach us.

Now do the same with the verses below. Think about what each commandment means, and then think about the deeper lessons that God wants us to learn.

Leviticus 19:9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 28

Leviticus 19:31, 32, 33-34, 35-36;

Leviticus 20:25;

Numbers 5:2;

Deuteronomy 6:6-7, 17-18.



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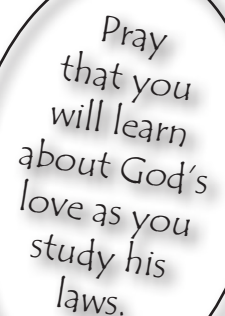
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God gave them laws because he loved them and wanted to keep them safe.

Digging Deeper - Looking forward to Jesus

From digging deeper in lessons 11, 16 and 17 you already know three important events that foreshadow Jesus. What are they? Look at these passages and decide how they too are telling us that God knew he would send Jesus right from the beginning.

- Genesis 3:15
- Leviticus 16:15-16 (you will learn how this applies to Jesus in next week's lesson)
- Numbers 24:15-19 (Balaam, a false prophet, is made to say what God wants him to say)
- Deuteronomy 18:16-19 (Moses is talking to the Israelites)
- John 4:14 and 6:48-51 (What is Jesus saying about himself)



Pray that you will learn about God's love as you study his laws.