

THE TABLES OF STONE

Exodus 20:1-26.

LESSON 34 -- Primary Course

MEMORY VERSE: "It is I; be not afraid" (John 6:20).

BIBLE TEXT

Exodus 20:1-26

1 And God spake all these words, saying,
2 I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:

5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

6 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

7 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:

10 But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

12 Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

13 Thou shalt not kill.

14 Thou shalt not commit adultery.

15 Thou shalt not steal.

16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

17 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

18 And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw it, they removed, and stood afar off.

19 And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die.

20 And Moses said unto the people, Fear not: for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not.

21 And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where God was.

22 And the LORD said unto Moses, Thus thou shalt say unto the children of Israel, Ye have seen that I have talked with you from heaven.

23 Ye shall not make with me gods of silver, neither shall ye make unto you gods of gold.

24 An altar of earth thou shalt make unto me, and shalt sacrifice thereon thy burnt offerings, and thy peace offerings, thy sheep, and thine oxen: in all places where I record my name I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee.

25 And if thou wilt make me an altar of stone, thou shalt not build it of hewn stone: for if thou lift up thy tool upon it, thou hast polluted it.

26 Neither shalt thou go up by steps unto mine altar, that thy nakedness be not discovered thereon.

NOTES

Our Holy God

When the people saw the lightning, and the smoke, and heard the thunder, they knew that God was on the mountain. Moses told them they did not need to be afraid if they obeyed what God had told them. They were afraid to have God speak to them, so they asked Moses to speak to them.









God's Voice

God spoke from the mountain in a voice that could easily be heard by the people. He told them that He was their Lord God Who had brought them out of Egypt, and had taken such good care of them all the way. He wanted them to know that they could still trust Him and obey Him.

God's Commandments

God told the people some of the things we should do for Him, and some things we should do for others.

He said that we should love God more than anyone else.

-  He said that we must not worship idols.
-  We must not swear.
-  We must keep God's day holy.
-  We must honour and obey our parents.
-  We must not kill anyone.
-  We must not steal
-  We must not lie.
-  We must not want what belongs to others.

The Tables of Stones

God called Moses up to Him in the mountain and gave him the tables of stone upon which He had written the commandments. Moses was up in the mountain forty days, and God told him many things He wanted His people to know and do.

QUESTIONS

1. Who gave Moses the Ten Commandments? Exodus 20:1.
2. Were the people afraid when God spoke from the mountain? Exodus 20:18.
3. What did the people say to Moses after God finished speaking? Exodus 20:19.
4. How does God speak to us today? Hebrews 1:1, 2; Psalm 119:105.
5. Commit to memory: Exodus 20:3 and 12.

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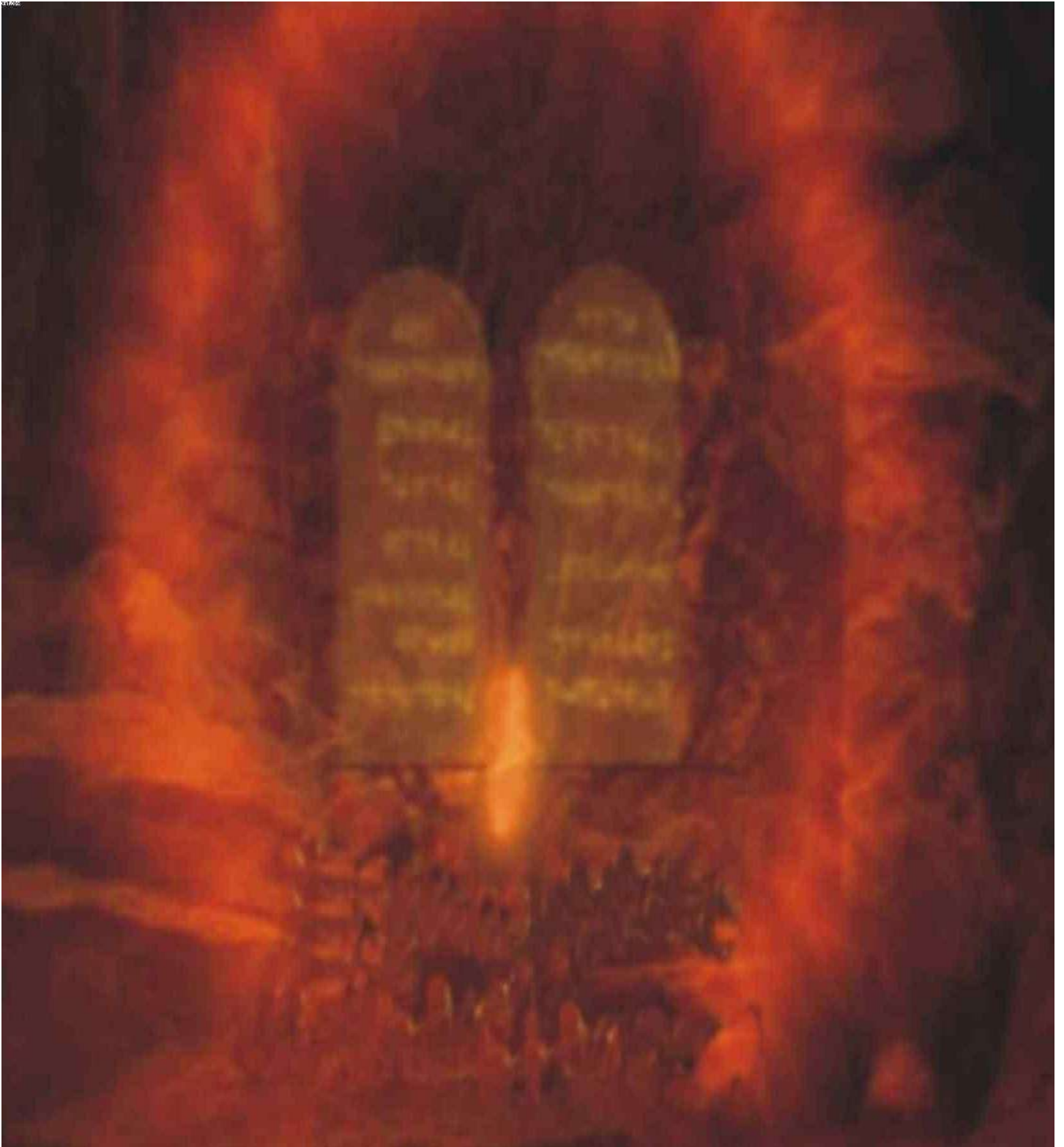
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Our sure Guide, the Spirit's Sword

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PICTURE 1



PICTURE 2

