



# The Righteous Shall Live By Faith

## *A Study of the Ten Commandments*

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### *A Picture Of Faithfulness*

#### REMEMBER WHY GOD GAVE THE TEN COMMANDMENTS:

1. They were chosen by God according to His likes and His nature.
2. They reflect who He is and show what He likes.
3. They express His desires telling us what is important to Him.
4. They picture His character giving us a better understanding of His nature.

#### Deuteronomy 7:9 (ESV)

<sup>9</sup> Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations,

#### Thinking about the text

What does this verse tell us about God? What does it mean to be faithful?

**God will never ever break His promise. He will always do what He says He will do.  
God will never leave His people.**

In Exodus 19:4-6, Moses told the Children of Israel about the work and promises of God. Before giving them the Ten Commandments, he revealed that God had chosen them to be His people. Notice their response in Exodus 19:8.

#### Exodus 19:4–6, 8 (ESV)

<sup>4</sup> ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup> Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; <sup>6</sup> and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.”...<sup>8</sup> All the people answered together and said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do.” And Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD.

#### Thinking about the text

What was the condition for receiving the blessing of God? What did the people say in response?

**God made a covenant (agreement) with Israel to be their God if Israel would obey Him and keep His Laws.**

*Was Israel faithful to love and serve only God?*



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#### ***Breakout Group Study***

**DISCUSS WHAT THE FOLLOWING PASSAGES TELL US ABOUT ISRAEL AND WHAT DO THEY TELL US ABOUT GOD?**

## ALL

### **Psalm 106:43–45 (ESV)**

<sup>43</sup> Many times he delivered them, but they were rebellious in their purposes and were brought low through their iniquity. <sup>44</sup> Nevertheless, he looked upon their distress, when he heard their cry. <sup>45</sup> For their sake he remembered his covenant, and relented according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

### GROUP 1

### **Judges 2:11–13 (ESV)**

<sup>11</sup> And the people of Israel did what was evil in the sight of the LORD and served the Baals. <sup>12</sup> And they abandoned the LORD, the God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt. They went after other gods, from among the gods of the peoples who were around them, and bowed down to them. And they provoked the LORD to anger. <sup>13</sup> They abandoned the LORD and served the Baals and the Ashtaroath.

### **Psalm 78:37–41 (ESV)**

<sup>37</sup> Their heart was not steadfast toward him; they were not faithful to his covenant. <sup>38</sup> Yet he, being compassionate, atoned for their iniquity and did not destroy them; he restrained his anger often and did not stir up all his wrath. <sup>39</sup> He remembered that they were but flesh, a wind that passes and comes not again. <sup>40</sup> How often they rebelled against him in the wilderness and grieved him in the desert! <sup>41</sup> They tested God again and again and provoked the Holy One of Israel.

### GROUP 2

### GROUP 3

### **Isaiah 1:2-4 (ESV)**

<sup>2</sup> Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth; for the LORD has spoken: "Children have I reared and brought up, but they have rebelled against me. <sup>3</sup> The ox knows its owner, and the donkey its master's crib, but Israel does not know, my people do not understand." <sup>4</sup> Ah, sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, offspring of evildoers, children who deal corruptly! They have forsaken the LORD, they have despised the Holy One of Israel, they are utterly estranged.



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### *God is faithful even when we are not faithful to Him*

**2 Timothy 2:13 (ESV)** <sup>13</sup> if we are faithless, he remains faithful— for he cannot deny himself.

God will not forsake His people. He never says, “That’s it, I’m going to dump you and go find another people.” God says “I am married to you. I am yours forever. I will always be your God.” God is called a husband to His people. He is a faithful husband who will never leave His people. God commands us to be like Him.

**Exodus 20:14 (ESV)** <sup>14</sup> “You shall not commit adultery.

“Adultery” — Adultery is not being faithful to the person to whom you are married. Adultery is when a married man treats a woman other than his wife like his wife; or when a married woman treats a man other than her husband like her husband.

#### Thinking about the text

What is the specific meaning of this commandment? We are to love God...

What is the general meaning of this commandment?

**God loves marriages and families, therefore He hates adultery.**

**God loves faithfulness, therefore He hates unfaithfulness.**

### **JESUS’ TAKE ON THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT**

**Matthew 5:27–28 (ESV)**

<sup>27</sup> “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ <sup>28</sup> But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

“lustful intent” — Lustful intent means wanting a person to be like a husband or wife to you.

#### Thinking about the text

What does Jesus say about the Seventh Commandment in these verses?

How do thoughts and attitudes lead to actions?

What should we do about our thoughts and attitudes if we want to obey the Seventh Commandment?

**Marriage is something that we protect.**

**You protect it from anything that will hurt it in the future by being careful what you watch on television or in the movies, being careful about what you look at and what you think about.**