SERMON NOTES



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No Other Gods Before Me

Deuteronomy 5:1-10 Pastor Tony Chute

Overview: The Ten Commandments are among the most familiar and least understood texts in the Old Testament. They were given to Israel after their deliverance from Egypt, indicating that grace is the basis for belonging to the Lord while obedience to God's law flows from that relationship. They were designed to highlight the character of God in individual and societal living but were not designed to produce such character apart from spiritually renewed hearts. They were external measures by which righteousness could be displayed but required more than external obedience in order to be fulfilled. They were written using recurring negations but were intended to point to positive living. Our approach to the Ten Commandments, then, must combine law with grace, justice with love, and holiness with happiness.

01. Because God is the only God, worshipping other gods is instantly futile and ultimately unfulfilling. Let us pray for hearts that are singular in devotion.

02. Because God is greater than we can imagine, reducing God to our level is inaccurate and insulting. Let us pray for minds that are free from misconception.

03. Because God is holy beyond compare, speaking lightly about God is empty and irreverent. Let us pray for mouths that honor God in our conversation.

I HAVE SET THE LAND BEFORE YOU

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION & DISCOVERY

- 1. In what ways do you find the Ten Commandments are misunderstood by non-Christians? In what ways do Christians misunderstand the Ten Commandments? How would you describe the purpose of the Ten Commandments in a single sentence?
- 2. What is the significance of the sequence in giving the Ten Commandments to Israel *after* God delivered them from Egypt? How does Galatians 3 shed light on how the law leads us to our knowledge of sin and need for a Savior?
- 3. In what ways can we be guilty of breaking the commandments internally without breaking them externally? See Matthew 5:21-30 for further insight. How does breaking one commandment make us guilty of breaking all the commandments? See James 2:10 for further insight.
- 4. How do the first three commandments inform the application of the remaining commandments? Can we assume morality in society without also assuming that God exists and He holds us accountable for our actions?
- 5. In what ways are we guilty of worshipping other gods without formally embracing polytheism? In what ways are we guilty of idolatry without actually carving images of God? In what ways are we guilty of taking God's name in vain without attaching curses to His name? What promise of grace do we have in light of our failure to keep the commandments? See 2 Corinthians 5:21 for further insight.

For Further Reading: J. I. Packer, Keeping the Ten Commandments (Crossway, 2008)

I HAVE SET THE LAND BEFORE YOU

SONG SHEETS



OUR GOD

Verse 1
Water You turned into wine
Opened the eye of the blind
There's no one like You, none like You

Verse 2
Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes, we rise
There's no one like You, none like You

Chorus

Our God is greater, our God is stronger God You are higher than any other Our God is healer, awesome in power Our God, our God

Verse 2
Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes, we rise
There's no one like You, none like You

Chorus

Our God is greater, our God is stronger God You are higher than any other Our God is healer, awesome in power Our God, our God (repeat)

Bridge

And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us And if our God is with us, then what could stand against? And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us And if our God is with us, then what could stand against?

Chorus

Our God is greater, our God is stronger God You are higher than any other Our God is healer, awesome in power Our God, our God (repeat)

Bridge

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Chorus

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THERE'S NOTHING THAT OUR GOD CAN'T DO

Verse 1

Just one word, You calm the storm that surrounds me
Just one word, the darkness has to retreat
Just one touch, I feel the presence of heaven
Just one touch, my eyes were opened to see
My heart can't help but believe

Chorus 1

There's nothing that our God can't do There's not a mountain that He can't move Oh praise the name, that makes a way There's nothing that our God can't do

Verse 2

Just one word, You heal what's broken inside me
Just one word, and you revive every dream
Just one touch, I feel the power of heaven
Just one touch, my eyes were opened to see
My heart can't help but believe

Chorus 2

There's nothing that our God can't do There's not a mountain that He can't move Oh praise the name, that makes a way There's nothing that our God can't do

There's nothing that our God can't do
There's not a prison wall He can't break through
Oh praise the name that makes a way
There's nothing that our God can't do

Bridge

I will believe, for greater things
There's no power like the power of Jesus
Let faith arise, let all agree
There's no power like the power of Jesus
(repeat)

I will believe, for greater things
There's no power like the power of Jesus
Let faith arise, let all agree
There's no power like His power

Chorus 2

There's nothing that our God can't do There's not a mountain that He can't move Oh praise the name, that makes a way There's nothing that our God can't do

There's nothing that our God can't do
There's not a prison wall He can't break through
Oh praise the name that makes a way
There's nothing that our God can't do

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS NAME

Verse 1

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name, let angels prostrate fall Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all Bring for the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all

Verse 2

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall Hail Him Who saves you by His grace and crown Him Lord of all Hail Him Who saves you by His grace and crown Him Lord of all

Verse 3

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball To Him all majesty ascribe and crown Him Lord of all To Him all majesty ascribe and crown Him Lord of all

Verse 4

O, that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall We'll join the everlasting son and crown Him Lord of all We'll join the everlasting son and crown Him Lord of all

NO OTHER NAME

Verse 1

One Name holds weight above them all His fame out lasts the earth He formed His praise resounds beyond the stars And echoes in our hearts

The greatest One of all

Verse 2

His face shines brighter than the sun His grace as boundless as His love He reigns with healing in His wings The King above all kings The greatest One of all

Chorus

Lift up our eyes, see the King has come
Light of the world reaching out for us
There is no other Name, there is no other Name
Jesus Christ our God
Seated on high, the undefeated One
Mountains bow down as we lift Him up
There is no other Name, there is no other Name
Jesus Christ, our God

Verse 3

Find hope when all the world seems lost Behold the triumph of the cross His power has trampled death and grave Our life found in His Name The greatest Name of all

Chorus

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There is no other Name, there is no other Name
Jesus Christ, our God
(repeat)

HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD

Verse 1

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice

Chorus

How great is our God, sing with me How great is our God, and all will see How great, how great is our God!

Verse 2

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End The Godhead, Three in One Father, Spirit, Son The Lion and the Lamb, Lion and the Lamb

Chorus

How great is our God, sing with me How great is our God, and all will see How great, how great is our God!

Bridge

Name above all names, worthy of all praise My heart will sing, how great is our God

Chorus

How great is our God, sing with me How great is our God, and all will see How great, how great is our God