

Welcome to the tenth week of  
*25 Weeks of Advent!*

*The stories of Advent all give us some insight as to the point and value of Jesus' life for us.*

Moses ascended on Mt Sinai, to meet with God—thunder, lightning and a thick cloud covered the mountain top. God gave Moses the 10 Commandments—the foundation of following Him.

One way we can understand these commandments is as 10 promises about life with God, that show God's love for us, and our love for him. "I am God," He says. "Follow me, and worship me, and no one else. My way is the only way—and it is good, and loving. Don't desire anything but me, and you will see the goodness of life as I planned it to be—love in the right order, goodness in good order."

We demonstrate our love for God in obeying his commands—this is what Jesus said in John 14:15, "If you love me, keep my commands." While we are obedient, when we love God we find that our desires change—and we understand the goodness of His ways, and his 10 "love rules."

## Week 10: Ten Love Rules

**Read: Deuteronomy 5, Exodus 20:1-21**

We are visiting the heart of God's commands today: it is obvious that God has a way of life in mind for his people that is set apart, pure, holy and *different* from the world around. He chose us out of the world (John 15:19, 1 Peter 2:9, Ephesians 1:4) to be *different from it*. God's ways are different from the world—they are rooted in goodness and love.

Tozer, in his book 'The Price of Neglect,' wrote this: "Religion today is not transforming the people; rather it is being transformed by the people. It is not raising the moral level of society; it is descending to society's own level and congratulating itself that it has scored a victory because society is smilingly accepting its surrender."

*Do you see the goodness of God's way, or do you struggle to see this?  
(Do you need to pray Psalm 119:18?)*

*Where can you see compromise of God's will and God's way in relation to love and morality? What stand will you take for the sake of the truth today?*

**Read: Deuteronomy 30:11-20**

God has set before you a choice.  
*Which way have you chosen? Do you need to confess and repent, and turn to God's love and goodness, in His way?*



### Readings for your Week

*You have chosen to follow his ways—you are his people!*  
**Deuteronomy 26:16-19**

*Teach and practice God's laws*  
**Matthew 5:17-20**

*Love is the fulfillment of the law*  
**Mark 12:28-34**  
**Romans 13:8-10**

Remember to add this picture to your Jesse tree!

