

Praying the Commandments

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Exodus 20:1-17

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I. Praying God's Law to Drive you to the Gospel!

- Luther: garland of 4 strands: Instruct, thank, confess, pray
- Gospel: Who is God? What has He done? Who am I? How shall I live?
- Importance of praying God's Word

II. Praying the Ten Commands:

1. You shall have no other God's before me.

2 "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 3 "You shall have no other gods before me.

Instruct: God expects me and teaches me to trust Him sincerely in all things as my God!

Thanks: God is my God and He is my comfort, guardian, help, and strength in every time of need.

Confess: I acknowledge my sin and ingratitude for shamefully despising God's gracious acts towards me.

Pray: Help me to grasp your word and obey your commands and live by them in sincere confidence.

2. You shall not make yourself any graven image.

4 "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. 5 You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, 6 but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

Instruct:

Thanks

Confess:

Pray:

3. Don't Misuse the Name of the Lord

7 "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

Instruct:

Thanks

Confess:

Pray:

4. Remember the Sabbath and keep it Holy

8 "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. 11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

Instruct:

Thanks

Confess:

Pray:

5. Honor your Father and Mother.

12 "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

Instruct:

Thanks

Confess:

Pray:

6. You shall not murder

13 "You shall not murder.

Instruct:

Thanks

Confess:

Pray:

7. You shall not commit adultery

14 "You shall not commit adultery.

Instruct:

Thanks

Confess:

Pray:

8. You shall not steal.

15 "You shall not steal.

Instruct:

Thanks

Confess:

Pray:

9. You shall not lie.

16 "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor

Instruct:

Thanks

Confess:

Pray:

10. You shall not covet

17 "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

Instruct:

Thanks

Confess:

Pray:

Visit <http://www.oakbrookpca.org/prayer-resources/>

See Martin Luther's A Simple Way to Pray for more information.