



ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN

March 2-4, 2024 – **Third Weekend in Lent**

Exodus 20:1-17

A Sabbath to the LORD your God.

Verse 1: How important is a user's manual or assembly instructions?

What is the danger of ignoring or discarding the directions?

Verse 2: How would you describe who you are to someone?

How is identity important to:

1) A person of a foreign country travelling abroad?

2) The King's Son on the battlefield?

3) A beloved child who is lost in the woods?

4) Who are we to God?

What difference does that make in your life?

What is God's purpose for your life?

Verse 3: Explain the truth of this statement: "If we get this first commandment right – to fear, love and honor God above all things, every other commandment falls into place."

Verse 4-6: There is the strongest warning for those who disregard the first commandment and place others or other things (idols) first in their lives

besides God. There is the strongest blessing for those who know to whom they truly belong and worship Him accordingly.

What punishments do you see for people who reject God for idols of self, other gods, etc.?

What blessings do you see for people who follow God, worship him, and keep him first in their lives?

Verses 7-11: These commands are simply ways we keep the 1st commandment in our heart – how we think of and use God's name, as well as taking time to rest in him. In the New Testament we have great freedom in worshipping our God. We are still to gather together regularly, but worship is not limited to Sunday or a particular day. Jesus modeled zeal for his Father's house and worship. What are ways you take time to find rest in Jesus throughout the week?

What are new habits you can form to find rest in Jesus?

Verses 12-17: These commands are written on your hearts. They are explained here and spelled out to make it clear. As you look at these commands, you serve God when you guard and keep them, and you are a true blessing to your neighbor. You truly love others when you put these into practice. What are blessings of personally protecting and guarding:
4- Following authority?

5 – Life and health?

6 – God's gift of sex in and only in marriage?

7 – Your possessions and others?

8 – Your reputation and others?

9 – Contentment in our hearts with what God has given you or others?

Who are we and what is our motivation for all this?