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Welcome to Bible Adventures. Help for today. Hope for tomorrow. Jesus is Lord of all.

All good fathers and mothers want to see their children do well in life. They try to teach them to make good choices, and to turn away from ways that will lead them into trouble.

The Bible book, Proverbs, chapter 1, says this, "Pay attention to what your father and mother tell you, my son... When sinners tempt you, don't give in." And chapter 3 says, "Never let yourself think you are wiser than you are. Simply obey the Lord, and refuse to do wrong."

That sounds easy enough, doesn't it?

The Children of Israel knew the Almighty God cared about them. He was their Father. He had rescued them from slavery; He had helped the people through very hard times, on their journey across the wilderness. They could see He is far above any man-made idol gods of Egypt, or of any other nations around them.

The big question was this - Would they promise always to obey this wonderful God? And would they be true to that promise?

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God gave His commandments to teach us all how He wants mankind to live. He knows what is best for us because He created us.

In the very beginning, He created man and woman in His own likeness. He made us to enjoy fellowship with each other and with Himself. But our first parents rebelled, and did the one thing He told them not to do.

And this wrongdoing, this sin, cut them off from friendship with God.

They were unclean, and unfit to enjoy that friendship any more. And it also spoiled their own love for each other. Their sin earned them and all their children after them, physical death.

But, just as we suffer when our children go wrong, so our Almighty Creator suffers because we have chosen our own foolish way. We have not understood His way is best for us.

Nevertheless, God did not abandon humankind; His plan is to break the power of sin over us; His plan is to bring us into His family.

The nation of Israel had seen His great power and His care of them. But they needed, also, to understand He could only bless them if they were willing to live His way.

The Ten Commandments are all about friendship with the One True God, and friendship with each other.

When the Lord Jesus Christ was on earth, someone asked Him, “What is the greatest commandment?” The Bible book Matthew, chapter 22, says Jesus replied, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself.”

The first four commands taught the children of Israel to love their God, and never to go after any false, man-made gods. And the other six commands taught them how our Creator wants us to treat everyone else.

So, how do you measure up? Do you put God first, before anything else in your life? Or do lots of other things mean more to you? Perhaps what you want is most important. You may not worship idol-gods, but you may have other idol-things that are first in your life.

And how do you treat other people? Do you hold hatred for some, in your heart? Do you think about, and practise sexual sin? Are you jealous of others who seem to have more than you? Do you tell lies to make trouble for others? Or to cover the wrong you have done?

Not one of us can truthfully say we have never done, or thought wrong things. We cannot say we wholly love God; we cannot say we always have been, and always are, kind to others. We all fail.

The Bible book Romans, chapter 3, agrees with this: "There is no one who is righteous, no one who is wise. All have turned away from God; they have all gone wrong."

Do you understand that is true of you, too?

The children of Israel promised to do everything God commanded. We, too, may think we can please God, and earn our way to heaven. But that is not possible. God wants us to understand not one of us is good enough. We have all earned God's judgment.

And that is just the very reason why God's One and Only Son, Jesus, came into our world. He came to die. He came to sacrifice Himself so that anyone who turns and follows Him may receive eternal life. In the Bible book Luke, chapter 5, Jesus said this, "I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

Do you understand you are a sinner in God's sight? When you understand only Jesus can make you right with God then you can come to Him. In the book of John, chapter 6, Jesus said this, "I will never turn away anyone who comes to Me." Will you come?

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