

## Gleanings from the Pentateuch

### Covenant Foundations Deuteronomy 5:1-33

## Covenant Foundations

### 1. Foundational Words

#### ➤ *Ten Commandments*

- Called the “ten words” of the covenant
- Spoken directly by God in the hearing of the people
- Inscribed by God on two tablets of stone
- Deposited in the ark of the tabernacle

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### 1. Foundational Words

#### ➤ *Ten Commandments (nature)*

- Express the central obligations of the covenant – love God and love your neighbor
- Not a means of meriting salvation, but the response of obedience by those who are redeemed
- Not merely universal moral law, but stipulations for God’s covenant people
- “Fulfillment in Christ” determines the nature of their application for us

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### 2. Foundational Attitude

#### ➤ *The Fear of the Lord*

#### A. The Scene on Mt Sinai

- the terrifying display of God’s glory and greatness
- evoked terror in the people who feared they would die

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### 2. Foundational Attitude

#### ➤ *The Fear of the Lord*

#### B. Intended Effects

- to produce a right fear of the Lord that leads to lifelong obedience and abundant life
- to perceive their need for a mediator, and to recognize Moses as such

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### Application

#### 1. The fear of the Lord is the beginning and foundation of relationship to the Lord

- All-pervasive attitude of reverential awe that governs our relationship with God
- It leads to holiness and obedience

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### Application

2. We have need of a mediator in order to have relationship with God and not die

- in ourselves we cannot enter into a relationship with God who is holy
- In His grace God has provided a mediator – the Lord Jesus!

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### Hebrews 12:18-29

“Therefore, since we have received a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with fear and awe;  
for our God is a consuming fire.”