

Ten Commandments (Part 8)
(Preface)

Exodus 20:1, 2

-The Setting of the Preface (Ex. 19)

-We should pay attention to the Preface.

- the authority of the Lawgiver
- the Decalogue as the charter of the covenant (Deuteronomy 4:13)

I. A Stunning Revelation (v. 2a: *"I am the LORD"*)

II. A Unique Affiliation (v. 2b: *"your God"*)

III. A Powerful Motivation (v. 2c: *"who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery."*)

-Each of these items is every bit as applicable to the people of God under the NC as they were to Israel (Luke 1:55, 73; Genesis 12:3 with Galatians 3:29).

- Our God is the God of Israel (Exodus 19:5; Matthew 28:18; Philippians 2:10, 11; Hebrews 12:28; Revelation 4:11; 21:26).
- Our God is in covenant with us (Hebrews 8:6f).
- We have been redeemed as Israel was (Jeremiah 16:14, 15; Luke 1:74, 75).

WSC Q#44: *"What does the preface to the Ten Commandments teach us?" Answer: "The preface to the Ten Commandments teaches us that because God is the Lord, and our God, and Redeemer, therefore we are bound to keep all His commandments."*

1) Grace occupies the foreground in God's redemption (Ephesians 2:8, 9; Titus 3:5).

2) A gracious redemption carries with it the obligation to be conformed to the divine order and will (Leviticus 11:45; Romans 8:12; 12:1; Galatians 5:1; Ephesians 1:4; 2:10; Philippians 2:15; Titus 2:11, 12, 14).