

- *Summary: The dust, metaphorically, is beginning to settle. Who, now are God's people? What is their core identity? Are they defined in relation to God and his ways? And making clear that laws/signs of identity follow salvation, not precede it.*

Introduction

- *Fingerprint "who am I?" picture*
- New people out of Egypt...
 - but who are they?
 - what are they like?
 - "stereotypes" between, eg Scots/English/Irish/Welsh, Americans, European neighbours...
 - there is something there - not to base prejudice on, but to mark out as different ways of doing things, ways of being...
- What are God's people to be like?
- *Passport picture*
- With freedom comes responsibility
 - consular aid with a passport...
 - but subject to the laws of the UK...

Command 1: Have no other gods before me

- *Clouds image*
- In some ways covers all the rest!
 - God's people are those who put God, and his ways first

Command 2: No idols

- *Shiva image*
- In particular, don't put something else first:
 - perhaps less danger in our society of ascribing directly and explicitly to an object divine status...
 - but what about career?
 - what about the perfect relationship?
 - what about whatever we do in church - GB, Bodybuilders, Presbytery, ...
 - what about our hobby or interest - golf, computing, photography, even friendships
 - what about our family - do we "live for our family"?

Command 3: Don't misuse God's name

- *Asterisks!*
- Outward sign of our respect for God!
 - an external, identifying mark of our allegiance

Command 4: Keep Sunday special

- *Fintry church image, no. 123*
- Do we keep the Sabbath, putting worship and rest in their proper places in our lives?
 - do we feel we have lost this battle along with the Keep Sunday Special campaign of a decade back?
 - have we given up on not shopping on a Sunday...? (says he who forgot to get stuff for communion and called into Asda this afternoon when I was passing)
 - have we been sucked in by the workaholic and frenetic society around us that thinks we have to be busy to be achieving anything or to be of any value?

Command 5: Honour your mother and father

- *An older couple*
- So much more fuzzy than it maybe used to be...

- but what is our attitude?
- respect?
- or condescension?

Command 6: Do not murder

- *Blood image2*
- Not just the act itself...
 - also the rage that leads up to it
 - and the attitude that thinks we can get our way by displays of power or intimidation
 - are we known for not descending to that level?

Command 7: Do not commit adultery

- *Adultery composite image*
- Not just the act, but also the thought
 - the way we look at each other
 - the way we think about people of the opposite sex
 - what we watch, on TV, on the internet, what we read...
 - may be different details for different people - but if we are honest we will know where we fall into temptation...
 - its a battle, in our sex-saturated society, perhaps particularly for those in their teens and early 20's, but not exclusively to them

Command 8: Do not steal

- *money out of pocket image*
- Seen the piracy ads on DVDs... where is the line?
 - [integrity!](#)

Command 9: Do not lie

- *Whispered secret image*
- Lie - exaggeration - innuendo...

Command 10: Do not covet

- *Lamborghini image*
- What do we day-dream about?

Conclusion

- Has God so "taken over" that we are marked by his standards, his way of viewing the world and others in it
 - [during this Summer Focus week, will we be identifiable as the delivered?](#)