

I. The LORD is the Covenant King (5:6; 4:13; 5:7; 6:5; 28; 30:19; 5:2-3)

A. Christ is the New Covenant King (Heb 8:8-10)

II. The LORD is the Redeemer of His People (5:6; 9:24, 26; 6:24; 4:6; 30:1-3; Jer 31:31-34; Exo 24:7-8)

A. Christ is the New Covenant Redeemer of His People
(Heb 7:22; 8:8-10; Luke 22:20; John 1:29; 1 Cor 5:7; Col 1:13-14)

WLC Q. 101. What is the preface to the Ten Commandments? A. The preface to the Ten Commandments is contained in these words, I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Wherein God manifesteth his sovereignty, as being JEHOVAH, the eternal, immutable, and almighty God; having his being in and of himself, and giving being to all his words and works: and that he is a God in covenant, as with Israel of old, so with all his people; who, as he brought them out of their bondage in Egypt, so he delivereth us from our spiritual thralldom; and that therefore we are bound to take him for our God alone, and to keep all his commandments.

“These are not the commandments of a despot who lays down his law in the sense of ‘obey and be quiet,’ for these are the commands of Yahweh the Liberator, who wants His people to *stay* free.” —J. Douma

Reflection and Application Questions (for personal reflection and family conversation):

1. Why is the preface to the 10 commandments important? How would your understanding of the 10 commandments change without it?
2. What is the significance of understanding the 10 commandments as a covenant?
3. Why is it so important to understand that God gives the 10 commandments after redeeming his people?
4. How does the coming of Christ affect the 10 commandments?