

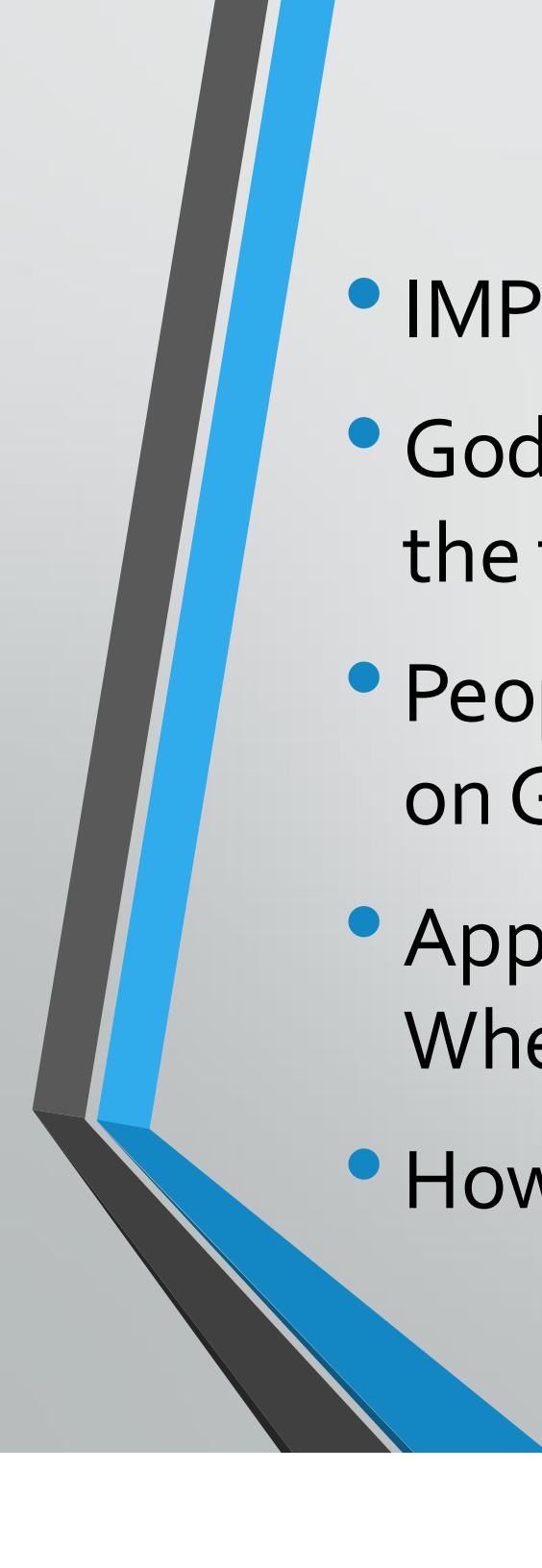


EXODUS 20 - 23

THE 10 COMMANDMENTS

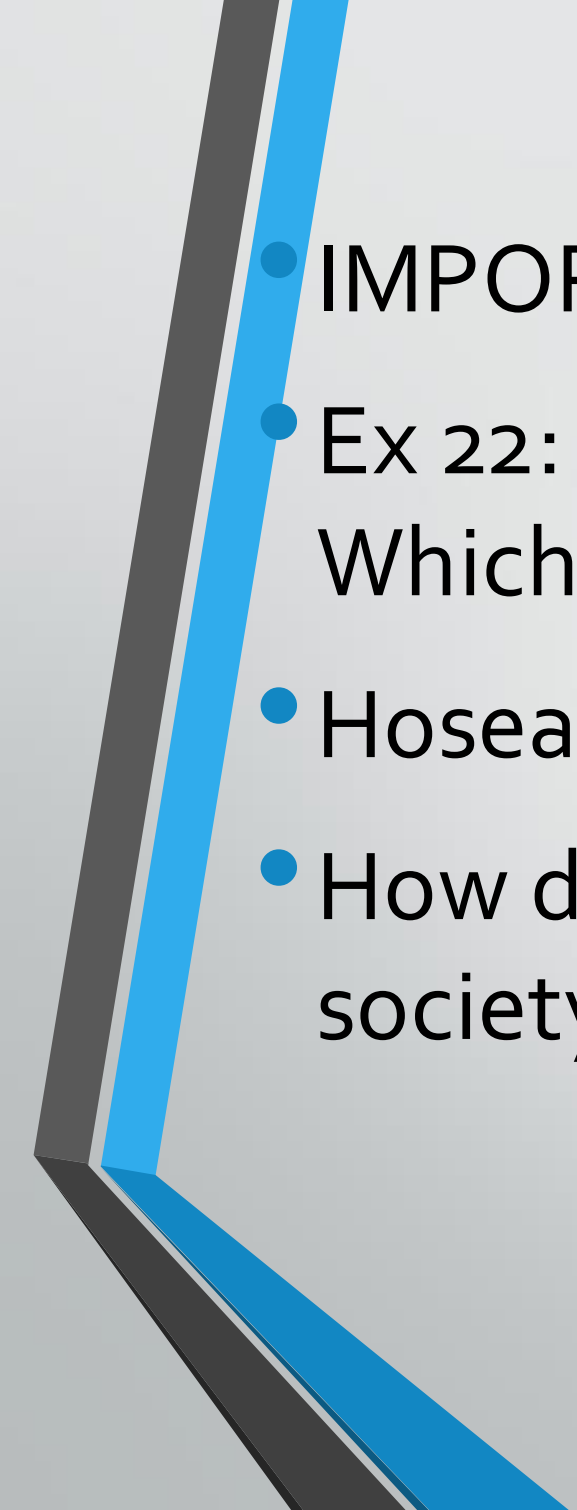
- THE TEN COMMANDMENTS (EX 20):
- PART 1: LOVING GOD
- You shall have no other gods before me (v. 3)
- You shall not make an idol or worship them (v. 4,5)
 - What is “other gods” and “idols” means?
 - What “other gods” and “idols” we have today?
- You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain (v. 7)
 - In the bible, God’s name is the same as God. Proverb 18:10, Psalm 20:1, Phill 2:10
 - In what way can we take God in vain?
- Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy (v. 8)
 - How do we keep the Sabbath holy?

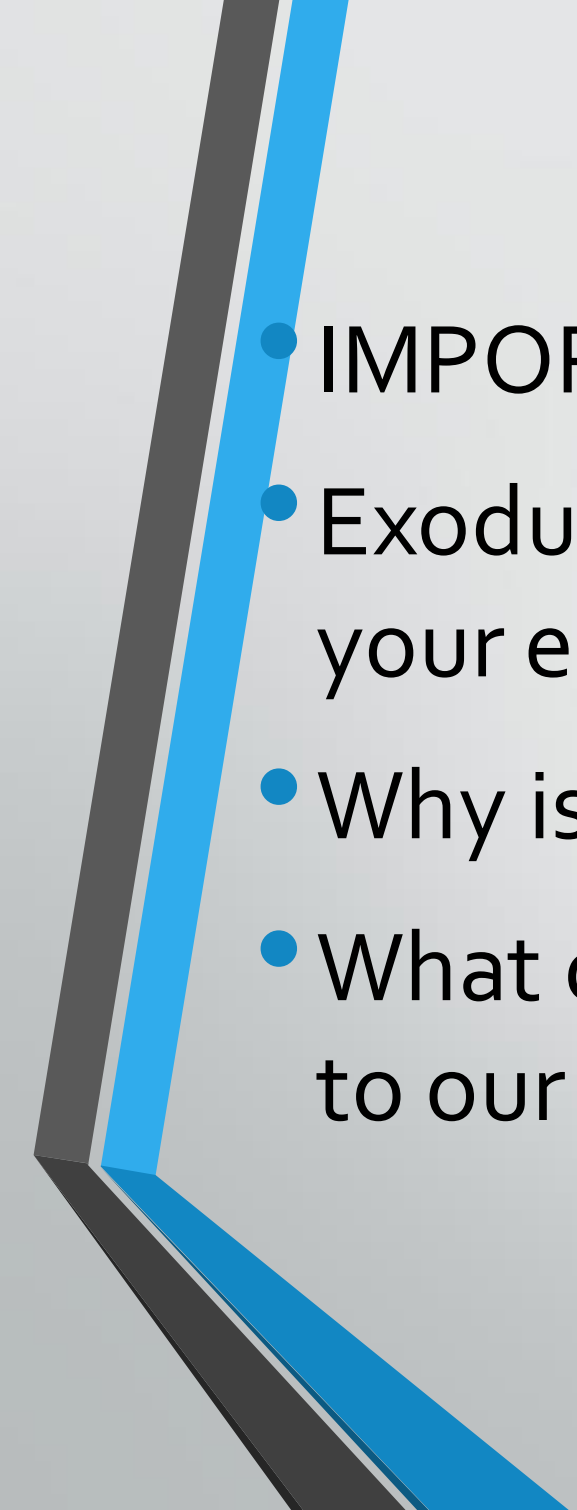
- THE TEN COMMANDMENTS (EX 20):
- PART 2: LOVING OTHERS
- Honor your father and mother (v. 12)
 - How can we honor our father and mother today?
- You shall not murder (v. 13)
- You shall not commit adultery (v. 14)
- You shall not steal (v. 15)
- You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor (v. 16)
- You shall not covet your neighbor's house, wife, servants, properties (v. 17)

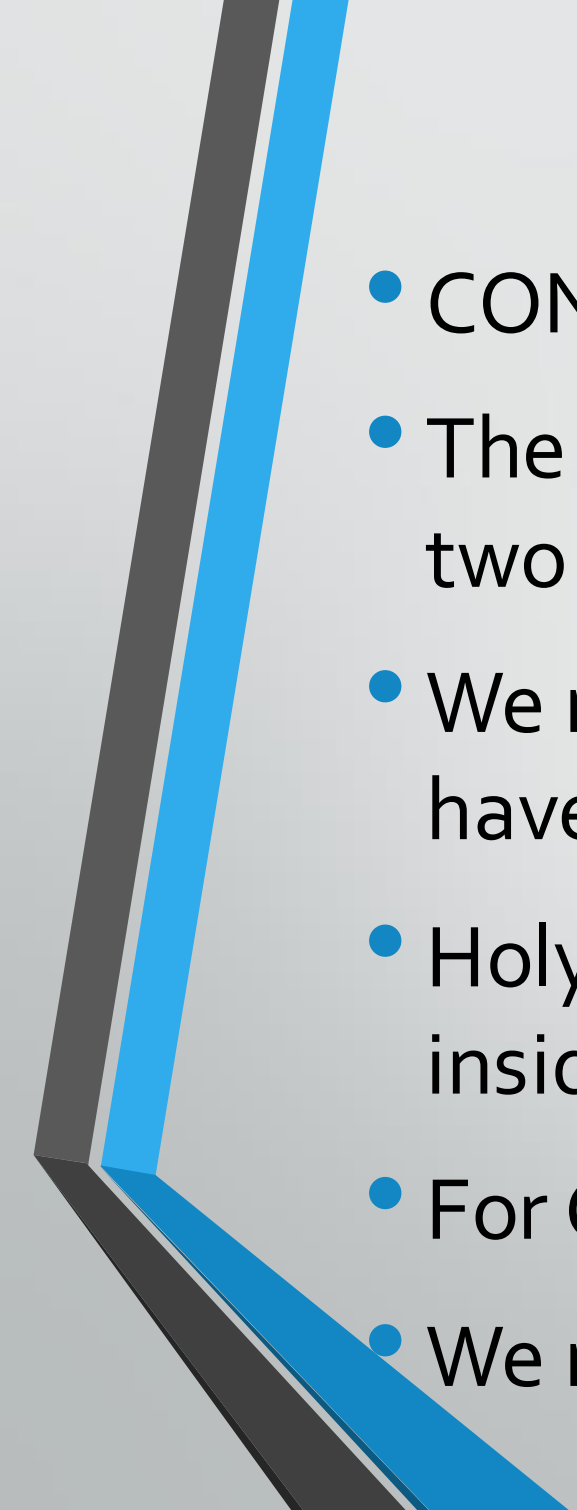
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- IMPORTANT VERSES IN EXODUS 20
 - God came to the people with thunder, lightning, sound of the trumpets and smoke. (Ex 20:18-21)
 - People were afraid because they focus on the external, not on God. As a result they refused to meet and talk to God.
 - Application: We should focus on God, not on the external. When we focus on God, we will not become afraid
 - How can we stay focus on God and not on the external?

- IMPORTANT VERSES IN EXODUS 20
- Make an altar without tool, and hence the altar shall be uncut. (Ex 20:25). Also, don't come near the altar (v. 26).
- Exodus 3:5 : Moses was told to take off his sandals because the place around the burning bush (where God's presence) is holy ground.
- Application: our actions/worship toward God must be holy. Holiness emanate from within to the outside, not outside to inside. i.e. the sacrifice of Cain and Abel.
- What bible verses/story that put emphasis on the inside (heart) rather than outside (appearance)?

- IMPORTANT VERSES IN EXODUS 21:
- Ex 21:12-14: God makes a distinction between intentional and unintentional actions. God looks at the heart, not outside appearance. (1 Sam 16:7).
- Application: We need to make sure we have good intentions. We need to focus on having a pure heart.
- How can we have a pure heart? What are the barriers to having a pure heart?

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- IMPORTANT VERSES IN EXODUS 22:
 - Ex 22: 26-27: Illustration of compassion vs. legalism. Which one is more important?
 - Hosea 6:6, Micah 6:6-8
 - How does compassion vs. legalism play out in our society today?

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- IMPORTANT VERSES IN EXODUS 23:
 - Exodus 23:4,5: Illustration on how to show love to your enemies
 - Why is it important to show love to your enemies?
 - What can we do to make it easier for us to show love to our enemies or to forgive those who hurt us?

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- CONCLUSION
 - The 10 commandments teach us to love God and others (the two greatest commandments)
 - We need to focus on God, not on the external, in order to have no fear
 - Holy actions starts from inside. When we are clean on the inside (heart), then the outside (actions) will be clean/holy
 - For God, compassion is more important than legalism
 - We need to show love to our enemies