Table 5.3 General Ethical Themes and Principles Behind Each of the 10 Commandments[1]

COMMANDMENT (ESV)	**THEME**	**PRINCIPLE**
1) You shall have no other gods before me (Ex 20:2)	POLYTHEISM (vs MONOTHEISM)	the Sanctity of GOD
2) You shall not make for yourself a carved image… (Ex 20:4-5)	IDOLATRY	the Sanctity of WORSHIP
3) You shall not take the Name of the Lord your God in vain (Ex 20:7)	PROFANITY	the Sanctity of SPEECH
4) Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy (Ex 20:8)	SABBATH	the Sanctity of TIME
5) Honor your father and your mother (Ex 20:12)	PARENTS	the Sanctity of AUTHORITY
6) You shall not murder (Ex 20:13)	MURDER	the Sanctity of LIFE
7) You shall not commit adultery (Ex 20:14)	ADULTERY	the Sanctity of LOVE (MARRIAGE and FAMILY)
8) You shall not steal (Ex 20:15)	THEFT	the Sanctity of DOMINION (PROPERTY)
9) You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor (Ex 20:16)	PERJURY	the Sanctity of TRUTH
10) You shall not covet… (Ex 20:17)	COVETOUSNESS	the Sanctity of CONTENTMENT

[1] Joseph Kickasola, *The Bible, Ethics, and Public Policy*, class notes, BIBLICAL LAW, Regent University (1992) (kept on file with this author; the words "Monotheism," "Marriage and Family," and "Property" were added to the original list by this author, as elaborations).