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3. Moses “went up to God”, (on Mount Sinai), there the Lord reminds him of all the help and care He gave Israel in _____ in Egypt.
4. God tells Moses “Now, if you _____ and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be for me a _____ - _____.” (Psalm 135:4) (Deut. 14:2) and “you will be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.” (1 Peter 2:9). “This is echoed in the New Testament and became the basis of Martin Luther’s teaching of the priesthood of believers.” (jesuswalk.com)
5. And the LORD said to Moses, 'Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow. Have them wash their clothes and be ready by the third day, because on that day the LORD will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people. “God is pure, holy, full of glory. To approach God, man must _____.” (jesuswalk.com)

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6. The Ten Commandments are also known as “_____” meaning “_____”.
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"the covenant" itself (Deuteronomy 4:13). When they are eventually written on tablets of stone, they are placed in the ark (Deuteronomy 10:5), which is subsequently known as "the ark of the covenant" (Numbers 10:33; 14:44; Deuteronomy 10:8; 31:9, 25-26)" (jesuswalk.com)

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"However, if he did not lie in wait... if a man acts with premeditation": God told the judges of Israel to look for _____ of premeditation and treachery. God did not place accidents, or crimes of passion or neglect on the same plane as crimes of premeditation and treachery

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"Slaughters or sells": "There is a heavier fine for this, since such action presumably *shows deliberate intent to steal.*" (Cole)

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