

Exodus
20:2-17

The Ten Commandments

The words below are from the Commandments that God gave to Moses and the Children of Israel. Find and circle each one in the puzzle.

BEFORE
GOD
GRAVEN
IMAGE
NAME
LORD
SABBATH
HOLY
FATHER
MOTHER
KILL
ADULTERY
STEAL
FALSE
WITNESS
NEIGHBOUR
COVET

HONOUR

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A	B	L	L	Y	L	O	R	D	H	U
B	U	S	I	L	Y	L	C	F	E	L
B	N	E	I	G	H	B	O	U	R	T
A	A	K	E	G	R	A	V	E	N	E
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DO THE OLD AND NEW LINE UP?

Though some people think of the Ten Commandments as harsh laws, they were really moral laws, which were given to Moses by God for His people. They were given in love, to help them. In 1 Timothy 1:9-10, Paul wrote that "the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, . . . and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine." When Jesus came to this earth, He himself said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets" (Matthew 22:37-40). As God's perfect sacrifice, Jesus' death put into place the New Covenant—Jesus was the Messiah for whom the Old Testament saints had been so long waiting. See Hebrews 9:15. The two lists below give us a glimpse of how the Ten Commandments of Old Testament (Exodus 20:3-17) line up with the New Testament.

OLD TESTAMENT

NEW TESTAMENT

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| 1 | Thou shalt have no other gods before me. | And Jesus answered him . . . And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. — Mark 12:29-30 |
| 2 | Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image. | Little children, keep yourselves from idols. — 1 John 5:21 |
| 3 | Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain. | Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. — Matthew 6:9
Above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, — James 5:12 |
| 4 | Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. | (We find no direct command in the New Testament on keeping the sabbath day. Jesus told us that, "The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath" (Mark 2:27). Today Christians keep the Lord's Day (Sunday) as their "day of rest." We are told, "Let no man therefore judge you . . . of the sabbath days" (Colossians 2:16-17). In Revelation 1:10, John refers to this day when he said, "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day . . ." |
| 5 | Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. | Honor thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) — Ephesians 6:2 |
| 6 | Thou shalt not kill. | Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, . . . — Matthew 19:18 |
| 7 | Thou shalt not commit adultery. | Be not deceived: neither fornicators, . . . nor adulterers, . . . shall inherit the kingdom of God. — 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 |
| 8 | Thou shalt not steal. | Jesus said, . . . Thou shalt not steal, . . . — Matthew 19:18 |
| 9 | Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour. | All liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire . . . — Revelation 21:8 |
| 10 | Thou shalt not covet . | Take heed, and beware of covetousness: . . . — Luke 12:15 |

Classifying the Commandments

Find out how well you really know the Ten commandments. Read through the commandments below and answer the questions in the grid at the bottom of the page.

- 1 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
- 2 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.
- 3 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.
- 4 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.
- 5 Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.
- 6 Thou shalt not kill.
- 7 Thou shalt not commit adultery.
- 8 Thou shalt not steal.
- 9 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.
- 10 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's. (Exodus 20:3-17)



Which Commandments ...	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
... tell you to do something?										
... tell you not to do something?										
... give a reason?										
... give a promise?										
... govern actions still illegal today?										
... refer to man's relationship with God?										
... refer to man's relationship with man?										
... are restated in the New Testament?										

LOVE GOD'S LAW

The Ten Commandments that are written in the top box. Read through them and decide which of them refer specifically to your relationship with God and which refer to your relationship with other people. As you decide which Commandment each one refers to, write it in the correct box.

In Exodus 20:2, God told Moses, "I am the LORD thy God, . . .

- Thou shalt have no other gods before me. (Verse 3)
- Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, (Verse 4)
- Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; (Verse 7)
- Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. (Verse 8)
- Honour thy father and thy mother: (Verse 12)
- Thou shalt not kill. (Verse 13)
- Thou shalt not commit adultery. (Verse 14)
- Thou shalt not steal. (Verse 15)
- Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour. (Verse 16)
- Thou shalt not covet . . . any thing that is thy neighbour's. (Verse 17)

Which Commandments refer to your relationship with God?

Which Commandments refer to your relationship with others?

In the Book of Matthew we read where one of the scribes came to Jesus and asked, "Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." – Matthew 22:36-40

LESSON 8



BRINGS A MESSAGE FROM GOD

1. THOU SHALT HAVE NO OTHER GOD'S BEFORE ME.
WHO ARE WE REALLY WORSHIPPING IF WE ARE NOT WORSHIPPING GOD IN HEAVEN? _____



2. THOU SHALT NOT MAKE UNTO THEE ANY GRAVEN IMAGE.
OTHER THAN BOWING TO IDOLS, WHAT CAN BE A "GRAVEN IMAGE" TO US? _____

3. THOU SHALT NOT TAKE THE NAME OF THE LORD THY GOD IN VAIN.
LIST SOME "SLANG" TERMS THAT COME FROM THE NAME OF GOD: _____

4. REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY TO KEEP IT HOLY.
GOD KNEW WE NEEDED TO HAVE A DAY TO REST AND WORSHIP HIM. WHAT ARE SOME THINGS THAT HINDER US? _____

5. HONOR THY FATHER AND THY MOTHER.
THIS ISN'T ALWAYS EASY BUT WE CAN OBEY BY LOVING AND RESPECTING OUR PARENTS BECAUSE WE KNOW GOD LOVES THEM WHETHER THEY SERVE HIM OR NOT. SATAN IS THEIR ENEMY TOO!

6. THOU SHALT NOT KILL.
WHO ALONE HAS THE RIGHT TO TAKE A LIFE? _____

7. THOU SHALT NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.
WHAT ARE THE POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES OF ADULTERY? _____

8. THOU SHALT NOT STEAL.
WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF GOD HADN'T INCLUDED THIS ONE? _____

9. THOU SHALT NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS.
COULD LYING ABOUT SOMEONE RESULT IN STEALING THEIR REPUTATION? _____

10. THOU SHALT NOT COVET.
Coveting means to really want something or someone that belongs to someone else. What can this lead to? _____



DISCUSSION:

IF ALL PEOPLE OBEYED THESE COMMANDMENTS TODAY HOW WOULD THE FOLLOWING BE AFFECTED? OUR PRISONS? ABORTION CLINICS? DIVORCE COURTS? SUNDAYS? SCHOOLS? BUSINESSES? COURTROOMS?