

The Commandments of Our Lord God

- 1) *I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before Me. (Exo 20:2-3)*

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- 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. (Exo 20:4-6)*

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- 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. (Exo 20:7)*

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- 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 is in them, and rested the seventh day: therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it. (Exo 20:8-11)*

Keep the Sabbath day to sanctify it, as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee. Six days thou shalt 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, nor thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thine ox, nor thine ass, nor any of thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates; that thy manservant and thy maidservant may rest as well as thou. And remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and that the Lord thy God brought thee out thence through a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm: therefore the Lord thy God commanded thee to keep the Sabbath day. (Deu 5:12-15)

- 5) *Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. (Exo 20:12)*

Honour thy father and thy mother, as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee; that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. (Deu 5:16)

- 6) *Thou shalt not kill. (Exo 20:13)*

Thou shalt not kill. (Deu 5:17)

- 7) *Thou shalt not commit adultery. (Exo 20:14)*

Neither shalt thou commit adultery. (Deu 5:18)

8) *Thou shalt not steal. (Exo 20:15)*

Neither shalt thou steal. (Deu 5:19)

9) *Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour. (Exo 20:16)*

Neither shalt thou bear false witness against thy neighbour. (Deu 5:20)

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. (Exo 20:17)*

Neither shalt thou desire thy neighbour's wife, neither shalt thou covet thy neighbour's house, his field, or his manservant, or his maidservant, his ox, or his ass, or any thing that is thy neighbour's. (Deu 5:21)

My interpretation of the 10 commandments

- 1) The Lord God who gave the people of God the 10 commandments, is the same Lord who brought them out of the land of slavery and oppression. We are not to place any other gods before Him.
- 2) We are not to make, or worship idols of any shape or form. Our God is a jealous God and He brings the consequence of sins to bear on the wicked and their children up to their fourth generation but shows mercy to the people who love Him and keep His commandments.
- 3) We must not take the name of the Lord our God in vain. People who do this will receive punishment.
- 4) We have six days in which to do all our work but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord our God. On the Sabbath day we must rest and do no work. This includes all our family, household, workers and visitors, and also our livestock. Everyone and everything must rest. In six days, our Lord God created the heaven and the earth, the sea, and all the host that dwells therein. On the seventh day He rested, blessed the Sabbath day and sanctified it, therefore we must honour the Lord our God's command and keep it holy.
- 5) We must honour our parents, by doing this we will live longer and be blessed.
- 6) We must not kill people. Murder and abortion begins with hate.
- 7) We must not commit adultery. Adultery begins with lust.
- 8) We must not steal or take anything which does not belong to us. Theft begins with desire.
- 9) We must not testify falsely against anyone. That includes gossip!
- 10) We must not desire or lust for our neighbour's: wife, house, land, servants, livestock or anything else that does not belong to us. We must be grateful for and appreciate what we have and what we own.

Jesus said that all trespasses begin in the mind. We must guard our minds against wrongful desire, hate and lust. If we love our God and our neighbour, we will not commit these trespasses as love is the strongest emotion and it will bring all other emotions into submission.

And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak also to the children of Israel, saying: 'Surely My Sabbaths you shall keep, for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I am the Lord who sanctifies you. You shall keep the Sabbath, therefore, for it is holy to you. Everyone who profanes it shall surely be put to death; for whoever does any work on it, that person shall be cut off from among his people. Work shall be done for six days, but the seventh is the Sabbath of rest, holy to the Lord. Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. Therefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations as a perpetual (! eternal) covenant. It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel forever; for in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed.' "

And when He had made an end of speaking with him on Mount Sinai, He gave Moses two tablets of the testimony, tablets of stone, written with the finger of God. (Exo 31:12-18)

The four tablets of the testimony (witnesses) were written in stone (Jesus Christ being our Rock of Salvation). I believe the Lord God wrote four complete copies of the law because of the following two scriptures.

And Moses turned and went down from the mountain, and the two tablets of the testimony were in his hand. The tablets were written on both sides; on the one side and on the other side they were written. Now the tablets were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God engraved on the tablets. (Exo 32:15-16)

"then you shall bring out to your gates that man or woman who has committed that wicked thing, and shall stone to death that man or woman with stones. Whoever is deserving of death shall be put to death on the testimony of two or three witnesses; he shall not be put to death on the testimony of one witness." (Deu 17:5-6)

Also note that the wicked were stoned to death, killed by the medium of the law. In the Day of Judgement Jesus Christ will judge and put the wicked to death. Eternal life is the blessing, and eternal death is the curse of the law, God's law.

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