The Ten Commandments

“Thou Shalt Not” — “Thou Shalt”

John1:17 For the law was **given** by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

1. **The Law was a Gift from God** to Moses and from Moses to Israel who were ignorant of the mind and Will of God.
2. **The Law is the knowledge of the Ideal Perfection of God**, without the Power to perform.

**Ex 20:20**—*And Moses said unto the people, Fear not: for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not.*

**Jer. 1:12**—*Then said the LORD unto me, Thou hast well seen: for I will hasten my word to perform it.*

**17**—*Thou therefore gird up thy loins, and arise, and speak unto them all that I command thee: be not dismayed at their faces, lest I confound thee before them*.

**Romans 7:*18****—For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not*.

Moses was the Mouth Piece for the Divine Idea. The law was given to Moses after engraved in stone by the finger of God and then again engraved in stone by God showing Grace in giving the Law after the first tablets were broken.

The law was given also through the mind, will and voice of Moses.

**Ex 20:** **22—***And the LORD said unto Moses, Thus thou shalt say unto the children of Israel, Ye have seen that I have talked with you from heaven***.**

**23**—*Ye shall not make with me gods of silver, neither shall ye make unto you gods of gold.*

**Romans 4:15***—Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression.*

1. **The Law worketh wrath**, and grace neglected leaves only wrath.

**John 3:36**—*He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.*

**2Cor. 5:11**—*Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.*

The Ten Commandments - Ex.20:3-17

1. 3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
2. 4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image
3. 7 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain
4. 8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy
5. 12 Honour thy father and thy mother
6. 13 Thou shalt not kill
7. 14 Thou shalt not commit adultery
8. 15 Thou shalt not steal
9. 16 Thou shalt not bear false witness
10. 17 Thou shalt not covet

**Deut. 5:7-22**

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2. 8 Thou shalt not make thee any graven image
3. 11 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. 12 Keep the sabbath day to sanctify it, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee.
5. 16 Honour thy father and thy mother
6. 17 Thou shalt not kill.
7. 18 Neither shalt thou commit adultery.
8. 19 Neither shalt thou steal.
9. 20 Neither shalt thou bear false witness against thy neighbor
10. 21 Neither shalt thou desire thy neighbour's wife

**22**—These words the LORD spake unto all your assembly in the mount out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness, with a great voice: and he added no more. And he wrote them in two tables of stone, and delivered them unto me.

***Ex 34:28****—And he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments.*

**Deut. 4:13***—And he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, even ten commandments; and he wrote them upon two tables of stone.*

**Deut. 10:4**—*And he wrote on the tables, according to the first writing, the ten commandments, which the LORD spake unto you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly: and the LORD gave them unto me.*

COMMIT THE LAW TO MEMORY AND TO LIFE.

Mat. 22:37*—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.*

38*—This is the first and great commandment.*

Mark 12:30*—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: this is the first commandment.*

31*—And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.*

Luke 10:27*—And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.*

1John 4:20*—If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?*

1John 5:2*—By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.*

Deut. 6:5*—And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.*

11:1*—Therefore thou shalt love the LORD thy God, and keep his charge, and his statutes, and his judgments, and his commandments, alway.*

13*—And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day, to love the LORD your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul,*

22*—For if ye shall diligently keep all these commandments which I command you, to do them, to love the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, and to cleave unto him;*

13:3*—Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.*

19:9*—If thou shalt keep all these commandments to do them, which I command thee this day, to love the LORD thy God, and to walk ever in his ways; then shalt thou add three cities more for thee, beside these three:*

30:6*—And the LORD thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live.*

16*—In that I command thee this day to love the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it.*

Deut. 30:20*—That thou mayest love the LORD thy God, and that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him: for he is thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.*

Jos 22:5*—But take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law, which Moses the servant of the LORD charged you, to love the LORD your God, and to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to cleave unto him, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul.*

Jos 23:11*—Take good heed therefore unto yourselves, that ye love the LORD your God.*

Ps 31:23*—O love the LORD, all ye his saints: for the LORD preserveth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer.*

Ps 97:10*—Ye that love the LORD, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.*

Ps 116:1*—I love the LORD, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications.*

John 14:21*—He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.*

John 14:23*—Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.*

Mat. 22:36*—Master, which is the great commandment in the law?*

*What is the Will of God?*

*What is the duty of Man?*

*What shall I do?*

The Law of God reveals Man’s most important responsibilities:

* *Love God supremely*
* *Love man as yourself*

Our love to God should lead to worship and obedience.

Gal. 5:5*—For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.*

6*—For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.*

When a man’s love for God is supreme, the Lord and man’s interest become one.

Our Love must be all in all.

The heart of service must be SERVICE FROM THE HEART.

The more man serves the greater he becomes

Genuine greatness:

* *Living for God not for self*
* *Spiritual not physical*
* *Heavenly not earthly*
* *Truly, nothing false*
* *Eternity not time*

True measure of greatness is when a man gives not gets.

2Cor. 12:15*—And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved.*

David Livingston was found by Henry Morton Stanley in Africa, after being lost for a long time in Africa, He refused to go home; he died upon his knees, his heart was buried in Africa while his body was buried in Westminster Abbey. He was well known around the world even still today.

Self-seekers are not good soul-winners.

* *God gave His Law to Moses so that Moses would give the law to the people.*
* *God gave his Love by giving His son that we might have life to show His love.*

John 3:16*—For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

1John 3:16*—Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.*

It is possible to be so concerned of outward form and forget inward grace,

but it is not possible to have inward grace and forget outward form.

Titus 2:11*—For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,*

12*—Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;*

Eph 1:4*—According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:*

Mat. 5:3*—Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Luke 6:20 And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said, Blessed be ye poor: for yours is the kingdom of God.*

James 2:5*—Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?*

You could lack iust one thing trusting yourself and be sorrowful.

Mark10:21*—Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me.*

Luke 18:22*—Now when Jesus heard these things, he said unto him, Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me.*

If we have TRUE LOVE to the Lord our approach to every situation will be with total commitment, full surrender and absolute devotion to the Lord.

If we lack His True Love we will not make it.

Self serving is pride.

Self sacrificing is Love.

We must put into practice the self sacrificing love the Lord has shown to us, always ready to give all, do all, suffer all, for all at all times.

James 5:20*—Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.*

Conflict between the Moral Law and the sinner

Romans 7:14*—For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin.*

15*—For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I.*

16*—If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good.*

17*—Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.*

18*—For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.*

19*—For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.*

20*—Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.*

21*—I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.*

22*—For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:*

23*—But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.*

24*—O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?*

25*—I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.*

1. Who is the Apostle addressing?

*Romans 7:14—For we know that the law is spiritual:*

1. Those who are enlightened to the knowledge of the law.

14*—For we know that the law is spiritual: but* ***I am carnal, sold under sin****.*

16*—If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good.*

22*—For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:*

1. Those who are unsaved and still under the law.

**Romans7:5***—For* ***when we were in the flesh****, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.*

* *The Law reveals the true condition of the soul, undone.*
* *The Promise reveals the true condition of the saved.*

6:14*—For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.*

1. What does He say of them?

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1. They approve the Moral Law
2. Yet they serve sin – Law has not the power to deliver.
   1. *(sin is a universal, incurable corruption)*
   2. *Redemption is a work of Grace.*

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1. The Necessary Conclusion.
2. There is no deliverance by the Moral Law.

Acts 13:39*—And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.*

3:20*—Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.*

28*—Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.*

Gal. 2:16*—Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ…*

Gal. 3:11*—But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.*

3:24*—Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.*

5:4*—Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.*

1. Deliverance is in Christ.

Romans 7:25*—I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.*

1. There is no deliverance without the satisfying of the law which is a revelation of His Holiness.

Romans 2:13*—(For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified.*

Romans 9:30*—What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith.*

31*—But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness.*

32*—Wherefore? Because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumblingstone;*

1John 3:7*—Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.*

1John 2:29*—If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him*

Living right and doing right is the proof that you have been born again.

Eph 2:10*—For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*

Titus 1:16*—They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.*

The Law that makes men free

No Condemnation now

Romans 8:1*—There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*

# A Greater law cancels a lesser law

Under the law of sin all men are condemned

In Jesus Christ all true believers are free.

The law of the Spirit is a Higher Law

2*—For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.*

# *The weakness of the law*

*Romans 7:10—And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death.*

8:3*—For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:*

There is nothing wrong with the law of God, (7:10)–ordained to life, 12-Holy, just and good 14-spiritual

The weakness is in the flesh

4*—That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*

5*—For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.*

6*—For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.*

7*—Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.*

8*—So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.*

The basis of the Ten Commandments has been set in Tablets of Stone, The Rock of Ages, the Chief corner stone, The stone of stumbling, Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.

The basis of the Ten Commandments is God Exists eternally and man must receive what God gives and judge himself wisely by faith.

The Ten Commandments work. God knows exactly what man needs to live a fulfilled and orderly life.

The Ten Commandments are based upon God Himself, upon His person and work, upon His knowledge of what man needs, upon His understanding and wisdom.

**The Great Basis of the Ten Commandments**:

* The Person and Work of God Himself revealed to man.

The Ten Commandments are to be the Basic Moral laws of society, which govern human relationships and the relationship between God and man. And they are to govern man down through history, every generation and every society

Ex 20:1*—And God spake all these words, saying,*

Ex 20:2*—I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.*

1. *God Exist Eternally*
2. *God speaks plainly*
3. *God keeps Covenant.*
4. *God is our Savior, Deliverer “brought thee out”*

God has given us the living Word of God*,* (the Lord Jesus Christ Himself) His own Son to demonstrate and show us how to live out His Written Word.; But more than an example he came as Savior, to deliver, to Redeem and sent the Holy Ghost to make us like Himself.

*⇒ Through His written Word, the Holy Scripture*

*⇒ Through the Living Word, the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God Himself.*

*⇒ Through the Power of the Holy Ghost*

God is the Lord--Jehovah, self-existent, eternal, and the creator of all being and power; therefore He commands us. He that creates gives law; and He is able to bear us out unto obedience, to reward us, and to punish our disobedience.

Deut. 5:1*—And Moses called all Israel, and said unto them, Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your ears this day, that ye may learn them, and keep, and do them.*

2*—The LORD our God made a covenant with us in Horeb.3 The LORD made not this covenant with our fathers, but with us, even us, who are all of us here alive this day.*

God condescends by His Grace in turning the commands into a covenant, that we might be encouraged to obey and inspired by the Exceeding great and precious Promises.

Acts 7:8*—And he gave him the covenant of circumcision: and so Abraham begat Isaac, and circumcised him the eighth day; and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat the twelve patriarchs.*

God made this covenant of law with Israel, not with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God gave the covenant of circumcision (Acts 7:8) or Promise but not that of the Ten Commandments.

The light of divine revelation is shone gradually, and the children were given greater detail of God’s will than their father’s but the law was inferior; it cannot do what the Promise does and does not change the Promise’

Ex 23:7*—Keep thee far from a false matter; and the innocent and righteous slay thou not: for I will not justify the wicked.*

Rom. 4:5*—But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.*

Gal. 3:17*—And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.*

Ga l.3:22*—But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.*

Gal. 3:24*—Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.*

The Moral Law of God; the standard of God’s Righteousness shows men their sin and danger, and leads them to the Savior. The law condemns and prepares them for Pardon through the Redeemer.

The experience of passing from Law to Promise is by faith in Christ Jesus

1. The Law restrains rebukes and keeps us as the ancient school master.
2. The whole Law was designed to introduce Christ. Point to Christ; Reveal the Redeemer.

**Romans 3:22**—*Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:*

Romans 4:16—***Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace****; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all,*

Romans 4:3 For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

1. A Faith that believes God for Salvation.
2. A Faith that receives the Righteousness of Christ.
3. A Faith that can be rewarded.

*Rom—10:4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth.*