

TEN COMMANDMENTS

Exodus 19,20

The third month after the children of Israel had left Egypt, they came into the wilderness of Sinai. There they camped beneath the mountain. Moses went up into the mountain to talk with God, and the Lord called to him out of the mountain and said, "This is what you shall tell the house of Jacob, the children of Israel. You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I carried you on eagles' wings, and brought you to myself. Now then, if you will truly obey my voice, and keep my covenant, then you will be a peculiar treasure to me above all people. For all the earth is mine. You will be a kingdom of priests to me, and a holy nation. These are the words that you are to speak to the people."

Then Moses called the elders of the people and told them all the words which the Lord spoke, and what he had commanded them. When the people heard this they all answered together, "All that the Lord has spoken we will do."

Moses took the people's reply back to the Lord. The Lord answered, "I will come to you in a thick cloud, so that the people can hear me speak with you, and they will believe me forever." The Lord said to Moses, "Tell the people to clean themselves and wash their clothes and to be ready on the third day when I will come down upon the mount Sinai. Set boundaries around the mountains that no man or beast come up into it while I am there. Tell the people to be careful, for any person or animal that touches the mountain will die."

Moses went down out of the mountain to tell the people to get ready to meet the Lord.

On the third morning there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mountain. Then the people heard the voice of a trumpet, exceeding loud, so that all the people in the camp trembled. Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet with God and they stood at the foot of the mountain. The whole mountain was covered with smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire. The smoke of it rose up like a furnace and the whole mountain quaked and shook greatly. When the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and grew louder and louder, Moses spoke and God answered him by a voice. The Lord came down upon mount Sinai that day and God called Moses to come up and meet him.

Moses went up to meet the Lord, and the Lord said, "Go down and warn the people so that they don't come near the mountain, so that I do not have to destroy them."

Again Moses returned to the people and warned them not to touch the mountain.

Then God spoke these words, and gave his people these commands:

Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

(We are to worship only God and we are not to make anything else the god of our life.)

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, of anything that is on the earth, under the earth, or above the earth.

(We are not to make an image or idol of any creature or thing that we see in order to worship it as god.)

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord in vain.

(We are not to use the Lord's name in a foolish or vile way, but only in a manner that will glorify and honor him.)

Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy.

(We are to set aside a day each week for the Lord and rest, because the Lord gave us this pattern for life when he created the world. He used six days to create the heavens and the earth and he set aside the seventh day as a day of rest. Under the old covenant the people worshipped the Lord on the sabbath or seventh day. But today, we who follow Christ, worship the Lord on the first day of the week to commemorate and honor the Lord's resurrection.)

Honor thy father and thy mother.

(We are to respect our parents, to listen to them and obey them.)

Thou shalt not kill.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

(Each person is to be satisfied with the husband or wife that they have.)

Thou shalt not steal.

(Whether it is very small or very great, we are not to take something that belongs to someone else)

Thou shalt not bear false witness.

(Do not lie about anyone.)

Thou shalt not covet.

(Be satisfied with what you have and don't desire what is given to someone else.)

These are the laws that God gave to the children of Israel. If you study the New Testament, you will see that the Lord has told us again to live by these laws. Though they are not listed in order, or all together in one place.

A person who loves the Lord will not find these laws grievous, but realize that the Lord gave them to us to guide us in living a happy, contented, and peaceful life. Every command given us by the Lord is for our own good and well being. We can trust him because he loves us.

LEARN: 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.

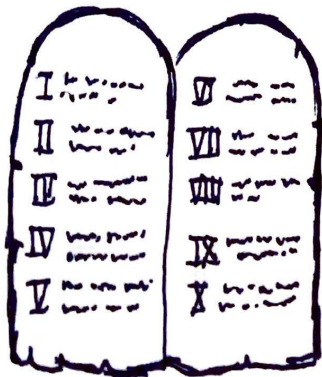
And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these. Mark 12:30,31

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2. Color the tablets and cut them out.
3. Paste the tablets in Moses' hand.

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2. Trim the edges.





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