

Exodus 20

King James Version (KJV)

(The Ten Commandments)

(Commandments 1-5: Our relationship with God. Commandments 6-10: Our relationship with each other) (Jesus summarized the 10 in two verses – Love God above all else; love each other as yourselves)

20 And God spake all these words, saying,

²I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

³**Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Commandment 1**

⁴**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.**

Commandment 2 (This does not mean pictures or crosses today. These graven images and other likenesses would be something that you make to worship. Having a cross on your wall is not a sin. We don't worship that cross)

(Heathen people of those days made idols and worshipped them – like the golden calf that Aaron is about to make. That will be an insult to Almighty God)

⁵Thou 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; (Only if the generations of children continue as their parents did, to hate God. If they repent and love God, all is forgiven them. If they hate God for 100 generations, they will be as guilty as their parents)

⁶And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments. (God will love those people who love Him; regardless of what their parents felt towards God. Everyone determines their own fate of salvation or damnation. Your parents do not determine whether or not you will be saved. Only you can do that. You make that choice while you live in the flesh – follow God's Laws or follow Satan and the ways of the world)

⁷Thou 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. Commandment 3 (This is not people who curse and swear. These are people who try to convince others that there is no God, or that God is unjust, or evil. Ignorant preachers today teach that Yahoveh is the same as the muslim god Allah. HE isn't. They are violating this commandment when they say that)

⁸Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Commandment 4

⁹Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:

¹⁰But 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: (This was a day dedicated to God)

In the New Testament, Jesus became our Sabbath, our rest. We should celebrate Him every day) See 1Corinthians-5: 6-7 (Jesus became our Passover), Collosians-2 (Don't celebrate a day, but celebrate Jesus Christ's redemption of us)

¹¹For 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.

¹²Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

Commandment 5 (If they are good people, love and cherish them. If they are bad people, at least honor them for bringing you into the world. That's all that God asks of us)

(Commandments 6 – 10 Teach us how to treat each other)

¹³Thou shalt not kill. Commandment 6 (Kill = Do no murder = commit a criminal homicide – this is a bad translation; the Hebrew word means do no murder)

(Deuteronomy differentiates between a criminal murder and an accidental killing)

(Psalms-144 makes the difference between murder, and a soldier who kills the enemy to defend his/her country. That is not murder. God loved King David who killed tens of thousands of Israel's enemies. The

pacifists who allow others to conquer them without trying to defend their families and countries are wrong and are against God's Word)
Also see 1Timothy-5:8

Deuteronomy-19, Numbers-35 (We are to execute murderers, once they have been found guilty in a court of law. Two witnesses are needed to ensure that their guilt is real. Those who are against the death penalty are against God's Word)

¹⁴ **Thou shalt not commit adultery. Commandment 7**

¹⁵ **Thou shalt not steal. Commandment 8**

¹⁶ **Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour. Commandment 9** (This is making false accusations, spreading rumors or being a false witness in court)

¹⁷ **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. Commandment 10** (Covet = Jealousy, envy)

¹⁸ And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw it, they removed, and stood afar off. (God's presence frightened the people. God spoke to them in person so that the people would stop doubting Moses. Just prior to this, they were murmuring about killing Moses. This gave Moses credentials)

¹⁹ And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die. (God lives in a different dimension. To be in that dimension is to be out of our flesh body – to be dead) (They are asking Moses to be the go-between them and God. They finally realize that there is a God in heaven and that Moses has been speaking the truth)

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. (to fear = to reverence – this word fear is the same word as revere in the Hebrew. It is a word with dual meanings; fear God if you are His enemy; revere God if you love Him)

²¹ And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where God was.

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. (This was done so that they know that there is a true God in heaven)

²³ Ye shall not make with me gods of silver, neither shall ye make unto you gods of gold. (Worship no idols – even idols in God’s image. We worship Almighty God with our prayers and our love)

²⁴ An altar of earth thou shalt make unto me, and shalt sacrifice thereon thy burnt offerings, and thy peace offerings, thy sheep, and thine oxen: in all places where I record my name I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee. (God gave us specific instructions. If we obey and love Him, He will bless us. That is His commitment)

(In the New Testament, Jesus <God in the flesh> fulfilled all these blood ordinances forever. Today, it is an insult to Jesus to sacrifice animals and other offerings on an altar)

²⁵ And if thou wilt make me an altar of stone, thou shalt not build it of hewn stone: for if thou lift up thy tool upon it, thou hast polluted it. (God wants His altar made of natural stone or clay<earth>. God loves His nature. He didn’t want man taking tools to is to carve images on it or to “make it ornate” with hammers and chisels)

²⁶ Neither shalt thou go up by steps unto mine altar, that thy nakedness be not discovered thereon. (Common sense – men and women wore skirts. To walk upon the altar would disrespect God by showing yourself – your “private parts”)

(SKIP down to 24:4. Everything in between are ordinances that no longer apply to Christians. Jesus fulfilled all these ordinances on the cross) (This is why some preachers and some people who don’t understand God’s Word tell others that we are no longer under the law. We are. The law is the Ten Commandments and will always be valid)