

## The Ten Commandments (see footnotes <sup>1 2</sup>) (Deut. 5:6-21, The Message: The Bible in Contemporary Language)

I am GOD, your God,  
who brought you out of the land of Egypt,  
out of a house of slaves.

<sup>1</sup>No other gods, only me.

<sup>2</sup>No carved gods of any size, shape, or form of anything whatever, whether of things that fly or walk or swim. <sup>9</sup>Don't bow down to them and don't serve them because *I* am GOD, your God, and I'm a most jealous God. I hold parents responsible for any sins they pass on to their children to the third, and yes, even to the fourth generation. <sup>10</sup>But I'm lovingly loyal to the thousands who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>3</sup>No using the name of GOD, your God, in curses or silly banter; GOD won't put up with the irreverent use of his name.

<sup>4</sup>No working on the Sabbath (<sup>footnote 3</sup>); keep it holy just as GOD, your God, commanded you. <sup>13</sup>Work six days, doing everything you have to do, <sup>14</sup>but the seventh day is a Sabbath, a Rest Day—no work: not you, your son, your daughter, your servant, your maid, your ox, your donkey (or any of your animals), and not even the foreigner visiting your town. That way your servants and maids will get the same rest as you. <sup>15</sup>Don't ever forget that you were slaves in Egypt and GOD, your God, got you out of there in a powerful show of strength. That's why GOD, your God, commands you to observe the day of Sabbath rest.

<sup>5</sup>Respect your father and mother—GOD, your God, commands it! You'll have a long life; the land that God is giving you will treat you well.

<sup>6</sup>No murder.

<sup>7</sup>No adultery.

<sup>8</sup>No stealing.

<sup>9</sup>No lies about your neighbor.

<sup>10</sup>No coveting your neighbor's wife. And no lusting for his house, field, servant, maid, ox, or donkey either—nothing that belongs to your neighbor!

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<sup>1</sup> The Old Testament laws divided into three categories (civil, ceremonial and moral). The commands that apply to God's character, like the Ten Commandments (moral commands) still apply today because God's character never changes. Nine of the Ten Commandments (see footnote #3) are found to be repeated in some form or fashion in the New Testament as viable and current moral laws (for all time).

<sup>2</sup> Please note what Jesus said was the "Greatest Commandment - Deut. 6:5" (see bottom of the next page).

<sup>3</sup> "Keep the Sabbath Day holy": This is the only commandment that is not repeated or reiterated in the New Testament. Hebrews 10:25 says we are not to "forsake the assembling of ourselves together" which can mean we shouldn't be missing church for an extended period of time. Also, we no longer gather together for church on the Sabbath (Saturday), but on the "Lord's Day" (Sunday) to celebrate the day that He rose from the dead. Church is not supposed to be a burden, but a joy of coming together to glorify God. Exod. 31:13 seems to indicate that the Sabbath is a sign of God's covenant with His people. It is a sign to the lost world of the hope of Christians. Col. 2:16-17 seems to indicate that the Sabbath is not supposed to be a legalistic burden.

## **20 Tips, *directly from God*, to help keep your focus on Him (from Deut. 4-12).**

- 1) Speak of (remember) the great deeds that God has done (in history and in your life). 4:9
- 2) Listen to the Word of God (read, study it, obey it). 4:1
- 3) Be on your guard (recognize the World, the Flesh and the Devil seek to destroy you). 4:9
- 4) Diligently Watch yourselves (accountability groups). 4:9
- 5) Teach the things you have learned to your children and grand children (don't leave it for the church or Christian school to do for you...it must come from you). 4:9
- 6) Remember the Lord our God is a jealous God, a consuming fire. 4:24
- 7) Search for the Lord and you will find Him (when you seek Him with your whole heart). 4:29
- 8) Remember the Lord our God is a compassionate God. 4:31
- 9) God has revealed Himself in such a way that you will know there is no other God besides Him. 4:35
- 10) Recognize and keep in mind the Lord is God in heaven above and the earth below. 4:39
- 11) Keep His statutes and commands that you and your children may live long. 4:40 (The 10 Commands)
- 12) Love the Lord...with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. 6:5
- 13) Don't say that you deserve what God has given you because of "your righteousness". 9:4
- 14) Deut 10:12 **"What does the Lord your God ask of you** except to fear the Lord your God by walking in all His ways, to love Him, and to worship the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul.
- 15) The heavens belong to the Lord, as does the earth and everything in it. 10:14
- 16) He chose you. 10:15
- 17) Don't be stiff-necked any longer. 10:16
- 18) Fear the Lord your God and worship Him. 10:20
- 19) Remain faithful to Him. 10:20
- 20) What should you do with altars to other gods? Tear down, smash, burn up, cut down & wipe out. 12:3

### Note in regards to "wealth" as mentioned in Luke 18:18-30:

Money is not evil, the Bible says the "love of money is the root of all evil". We can take God given gifts {land, home, job, possessions, sports, TV, food, RSP, cottage, car} and turn them against God. Even people {friends, family, spouse, children} can be used to sway us and our affections away from dining at the Master's Table, Luke 14:15-23. Be vigilant to keep a heart of surrender to God. When the rich young ruler earnestly desired to know how to find eternal life, Jesus revealed one major stumbling block before he could surrender his life, "sell everything, give to the poor and come and follow Me." Radical obedience and vigilance is required to maintain that love for the Lord our God with all our heart, our soul and strength. The reality is - wealth and prosperity provide huge opportunities for us to rely on ourselves and no longer put God first.

**The Greatest Commandment (and the 2<sup>nd</sup> is like it) as affirmed by Jesus on many occasions.**

***"That you love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and muscle and intelligence—and that you love your neighbor as well as you do yourself."* Luke 10:27 (Quoting Deut. 6:5 & Lev. 19:18)**