

# Lesson 8

## God's Morality

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### Greatest Lesson taught by Jesus?

Love God with all your heart, soul and mind. This is the first and greatest commandment.

### God's Six Minimum Moral Imperatives

The last six of the Ten Commandments are the minimum moral attributes that we each must have before we will be invited into heaven by God. You might recall that I referred to the last six of the Ten Commandments as being the laws of morality. God is a moral being. God wants that his children, (we who are Man), to be moral as well. In this desire, God has given us Six Moral Imperatives, which we must obtain and live by if ever we wish to enter into heaven.

I have oft times heard people say, "**Don't impose your Morality on Me.**" I reply to that, "It isn't so much my Morality, as it is God's morality first, and out of my love for God-Jesus, I have chosen to live by his morality and make it mine. I have chosen to write God's morality upon my heart and make it an integral part of who I am."

Others have responded to me, that they do not believe in God, so therefore they are not subject to those Laws, nor to that kind of morality. At this point in time, it seems to me that far more people are without a spiritual belief than there are those who put their trust in God. So if this is the case, does the Morality of the Bible become something to ignore?

### Morality and Civilization

For Six Thousand or more years, mankind has been civilized. To be Civilized is to be in a society made up of people of similar social interest, gathering together, forming Cities and

Nations, with the force of law, language and/or religion, as the glue that holds them together.

Of all the Civilizations that have ever come and gone over the ages, those that had a moral set of laws, that the whole society lived by, prospered and survived. Only outside conquest caused those societies to end.

Those societies that did not have a moral base, tended to die off, do to their own decadence and corruption, without the need of outside pressures. Even societies that had a moral base, that were also decadent and unclean, did not last long. The Mayan Civilization is an example of this. Their religion had a strong moral code, but its lust for the blood of human sacrifice, brought about its demise.

Those societies that started out with a moral base, but who lost it do to whatever the reason, tended not to survive long after they lost their base. I believe this is one of the reasons why God was so adamant that the Nation of Israel, his chosen people, should live by his laws and not falter. Whenever in history they lost their way from God, he allowed a time of tribulation to come upon them. Only when they once again found him, were they able to become strong and prosperous again, which is to say, that God rewards those who live by his morality, and allows those who do not to falter and fail from their own devices.

It is my belief that if you talk to anyone about Morality, they tend to associate it with some religious view or other. Virtually all Civilizations with a moral set of laws based those laws on its common religion.

It has always been my belief, that an individual who defines his or her own moral rules to live by, are doing nothing short of injuring society as a whole. When you have hundreds of millions of individuals with each their own definitions of what is right and what is wrong, then chaos is the result.

How can we expect our children to grow up with a moral base unless we the parents and we the nation provides them with one that is recognizable and unquestionable? Children need guidance and limitations on their actions as they grow up. Those that decide for themselves more often than not choose badly. This idea is supported in in following verses.

## Nurture a Child

*And, ye fathers provoke not your children to wrath: but nurture them in the chastening and admonition of the Lord. **Ephesians 6:4***

When society as a whole is without a moral base, the result will be a government without morality. Then the government as well as those who are elected and the bureaucracy that makes it run, will become more and more decadent and therefore unable to be trusted.

## An Enemy of Society

It is the responsibility of a government to keep its citizens safe, not just safe from harm from outside enemies, but safe from internal enemies. Government corruption is as much an enemy of the people as any gun totting terrorist. When a government is without morals, then those in the government will be without morals. That is a recipe for destruction and chaos.

I am a firm believer in personal freedoms. I have always been a rebel, and resisted rules of conduct imposed upon me by others. At the same time however, I also realized that individual freedoms must be tempered by the needs of society as a whole. The rights of the many must over rule the rights of the few. Democracy is founded upon that principle, the majority rules. Whenever this is not true, then chaos is the result. A society in chaos is a society destined to fail.

## A Set of Moral Laws

From my diligent study of the Bible, I have come to understand that God imposed a set of moral laws upon the Nation of Israel, *The Ten Commandments*, so to elevate those people and that nation above all other nations and peoples.

These same Commandments of Morality apply to all of mankind as well. They lift mankind above the animals of the earth and bring Man closer to God who is a moral being. He gave us free will to decide for ourselves to worship God or not. Those who choose to worship God as he commands will be given eternal life and entrance into Heaven. However, why would God wish to give such an enormous gift to mere animals? By imposing a set of moral laws on us, he expects more of us than the animals that have no such restriction imposed on their actions.

## A Crucible of the Soul

If we are unwilling to live within the moral restrictions God has imposed on us, during our short lives here on Earth, then what could he possibly expect if he brought us up to Heaven and gave us eternal life? Our

stay here on Earth, is a crucible of the soul. Only those who survive the fire of living under the influence of Satan, and still live by God's Morality, shall ever have a chance of entering Heaven.

For me, Morality is more than a set of rules of conduct however. Morality is also the status of individuals within the family unit and again in the community. God made Adam to be the symbol of the Father, or the Patriarch of the family of Man. As the head of the family, it is the responsibility and the duty of the Father to set the rules of conduct of the family unit. Through Adam and the example of his sin, God established a guide that fathers should use in setting these rules of conduct in the Commandments of God, which give us God's Morality.

Just as Adam is the patriarch of Man, God is the Father in Heaven, and therefore the head of the family of Man. God's laws are imposed on us just as the rules of conduct of our fathers on Earth. God has in fact given our fathers this authority over the children in their household.

## Why is Satan Evil?

You know, I am sure, that Satan is evil, but do you know why God considers Satan to be evil? The definition of the word **Evil** from the dictionary is: **Someone who is wicked, sinful, or the source of sorrow or distress.** To understand that definition we need to decide against what do we measure some ones actions and say, yes that is Evil, or no, that is not evil? What is the guidepost that gives us this determination?

## A Moral Base

If you give thought to it, throughout all of the history of Man there has been only one truly consistent guidepost, and that is the Morality of God. Even those Pagan religions that had some kind of a moral base, acquired that base from God's influence in that religions earliest stages of development.

## In Disobedience to God

God considers Satan to be evil, because he rebukes or refuses to live by God's laws, or Satan is in opposition to God's laws. Therefore, if you engage in any activity that is sinful, which means to be in opposition to God's laws, then you are evil in the eyes of God.

**For example:** we all know that to kill someone is to be evil, that is because it is in violation to the Sixth Commandment, **Thou shalt not kill**, but what you might not realize, that to keep the Sabbath on any day other than the Seventh Day of the week as spelled out in the Fourth Commandment, is also evil in the eyes of God. Both sins are spelled out in the Ten Commandments, therefore both are sins. To engage in sinful acts is to be evil. Any one of the Ten Commandments is every bit as important as any other.

When Jesus was asked which of the commandments was the greatest, he did not give us anyone of the Ten Commandments, he gave us his first Two Commandments, which is to love God, with all your heart, soul and mind, the manifestation of which is to keep all of God's Ten Commandments as I explained in an earlier lesson, and in a like manner, to Love our Neighbors.

## Jesus gives warning

But Jesus also gave us an additional warning:

*For verily I say unto you, "Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. **Matthew 5:18***

What is Jesus telling us in this verse? **Till heaven and earth pass**, is a reference to the End of Days after the thousand year reign of Jesus on Earth, when God will cause this old heaven and old earth to pass away, and will bring forth a new heaven and earth. This event then has not yet occurred, therefore, what Jesus tells us next is still valid that we who live today and for many more years, must accept and live by.

**One jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law.** I don't know about you, but if you love Jesus, then that which Jesus is teaching us, we must accept and obey. What then is a "**JOT**"? The word "**JOT**" is defined as: **to write something in a quick informal way, Phrases, Iota.** The word "**Iota**" is further defined as **a very small amount of something, as in "anyone with an iota of sense."**

The Word "**Tittle**" is defined as: **a tiny bit of something, a small mark used in printing and writing, e.g. an accent, punctuation mark, or diacritical mark.**

In context to what Jesus is speaking of, which is the Ten Commandments, the Jot or tittle then **is any word, phrase or punctuation, that at no time will there be a change or a removal of such from the wording of the Ten Commandments, until all is fulfilled.**

## We Must Obey all Ten

To put it bluntly, Jesus is telling us that the Ten Commandments as worded, are correct and therefore unchangeable or unalterable until all of God's will has been fulfilled. Therefore, we must, if we love Jesus, keep all of the Ten Commandments as given to us by God through Moses, without changing any word or phrase from them. In my mind, that means that we must keep and obey all "**TEN**" of God's Commandments, else how can we say that we are children of Christ?

## A Code of Logic

The Morality of God, as reflected in the Ten Commandments, is founded in logic. They do not just instruct us what is and is not tolerated by God, but they also offer a foundation for social unity and peace.

The ancient Romans are an excellent example of a strong family unit, that when it disintegrated, so too did the society. I am not saying that the ancient Romans were moral as God defines morality, but they did have a set of personal and national rules by which they lived their lives, that they called their moral code. Rome was never conquered by an outside foe; it died from within, because it lost its moral code. It lost its moral code which then allowed Satan through his power over the rulers or Caesars to take control of the Imperial government.

## Satan's Puppet

**Know this:** Satan has no power over those who live by God's Morality, but those who are immoral, are as Satan is, and therefore can be influenced and even manipulated by Satan. You may think that you are doing what you do from your own free will, but in truth, you are Satan's puppet, doing what he wants you to do, only thinking that it is you who has control. Such is the power of deception that Satan has over those who refuse God's Morality. The following is a listing of the Last Six of the Ten Commandments. I present them to you again so that you will learn them as well as understand that these are the minimum moral imperatives that we must all obtain and live by if we want entry into heaven. Let us then try to define the various aspects of what constitutes the laws of Morality. I do not mean to have a discussion here of each of the commandments, which I have already done in a previous lessons, but instead to discuss the morals implied or spelled out by each.

# Honor thy Mother and Father

This is commonly known as the Fifth Commandment. These Commandments tell the head of the family that discipline of the child is required. God, who gave us these moral imperatives, will discipline all who reject or disobey him. God is our Father in Heaven, and therefore has authority as our creator, to impose his morality upon us.

As the above heading applies, it is required of the children to give respect and love towards their parents. But this commandments has far more meaning than just that. When you show your respect and love for your parents, even when they discipline you, then God knows that you will show him love and respect as well if you are brought to live with him in heaven.

## Respect

The word "Respect" is defined as: a feeling or attitude of admiration and deference towards somebody or something. The word "Deference" is further defined as: putting another person's interest first before your own.

Giving respect, not just to your parents but to everyone, is a showing of love, which is the path to righteousness. When you are disrespectful of others, you are showing your hatred of them. Hatred is the path to the darkness of Satan's False Gospel. By showing respect you shut the door on Satan, for he cannot enter where he is uninvited.

## Sons or Bastards

To set rules of conduct and then **NOT** discipline those who break those rules, is more a sin of the parent than a sin of the child. It is the nature of a child to test his or her independence from their parents. It is therefore required of the parent to enforce his/her rules of conduct.

God has said, that a child who is not disciplined for breaking the rules, must be unloved by the parents, and that they must therefore think of the child as a bastard. For if the parent feels discipline to be too arduous to perform, then his love for his child is negligible. If our parents on Earth do not love us, then why should our father in Heaven give us any notice?

*If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? Hebrews 12:7-9*

**“If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons.”** If your father on Earth disciplines you where discipline is called for, then he is showing you his love, in that he wants you to do right not wrong, as your father on Earth thus shows his love so too will your father in heaven show his love by treating you as his son.

**“For what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?”** In this God is asking a question. What kind of a son is he who his father has never chastised? If your father doesn't have the time or desire to give correction to you, then does your father truly love you?

**“But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.”** God is asking you the question, if your father or mother never disciplined you, then what does that say about their love for you? Are you not their son but a bastard for whom they have no love or care for?

To better understand this, we should understand what the word **“Bastard”** is defined as. A **“Bastard” is an unpleasant or annoying man, someone whose parents are not married to each other, something that is inferior, debased, or of questionable or mixed origin.**

Do your parents think that you are an unpleasant and an annoying person, do they wish that you had never been born? If you have never been disciplined by your parents, then this is as God thinks of your parents. This is why, it is the parent who is sinning against God and not the child when the child needs to be disciplined, yet the parents fail to do so.

## A Sign of Love

**“Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?”** If your parents did discipline you, did you not still love them and give them your respect. If you did, then when God disciplines you, and points out your errors, it is correct that you still love him and give honor to him. If you think of God as another of your parents, then when the Word of God is contrary to what you want to do, think of the Word of God as a scolding or discipline against you're doing something in error and in need of correction.

The discipline that your parents inflict upon you, help you to become a better person, but the discipline that God gives you helps to guide you to eternal life, and entry into heaven. When you accept God's rebuke and learn from it, and correct that which you were doing that gave cause for God to correct you, then you are on the path of righteousness, which is required for entry into heaven.

You may be asking the question, "When has God ever given me correction?" Whenever you do something that you know to be wrong, or to be a sin, you feel a twinge of conscious. This twinge of conscious is God giving you rebuke against what you are about to engage in. If when you feel this twinge, you stop yourself, then you are showing God that you are listening to him.

I must admit, in my youth, I felt these twinges, but for the most part I ignored them. Looking back at my actions, I can see just how disappointed God was in me. God love each and every one of us, but at the same time God Commands that we live our lives in the same morality that he lives his. Whenever you ignore God's rebuke, and go ahead and do that which you know is sinful, then you are giving insult to your Father in Heaven, and telling him that you do not love him, and that you have no respect for his morality.

We are all defined as to who we are by what kind of Personality, Honor and Moral Character that we have. If you are a moral person, then all who know you know this to be who you are, if you are an immoral person, then all who know you know this is who you are. It is the same with God. When you get to know God in a personal and intimate way, you know that God is moral, and that he has a high sense of Honor. This is how his personality is defined. When you reject God's rebuke, you are telling God that you hate all that he is and that which defines who he is. In short you are insulting the God of Creation, and in the eyes of God that makes you evil.

## **Failure of the Parent**

If you do not know what is right or what is wrong because your parents never instilled this knowledge into you as a child, then you give insult to God even though you have no clue that you are doing so.

It is my opinion that a child left to their own devices, will more often than not, choose wrong. It is the job of the parent to assist their children to acquire the skills necessary to deal with the knowledge of what is right as defined by God and what is wrong as define by God. This will allow the child to go through life capable of dealing with the tribulations of life. Failure of the parent will too often result in the failure of the child.

## Teaching Right from Wrong

Disciplining a child is nothing less than teaching the child the difference between right and wrong. If this concept is not ingrained into the personality of the child early in life, then it is less likely to be accomplished as the child reaches their years of adolescence.

This is a personal requirement between the Parent and the child, the last thing we need is having a government forcing us to worship in any way other than that which we decide is correct. This was imposed on Europe during the Middle-Ages by the Roman Catholic Church and because of this the people of Europe were held back and society stagnated for over a thousand years.

People run religions, though based on faith, when they gain power over other people; tend to think themselves better than the others. They then begin bending the laws of that religion to reflect their wants or interpretations, rather than the intent of God. This is what happened in the Temple in Jerusalem and in Europe and the Church of Rome.

## Those Against God

*He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.* **Matthew 12:30**

I have always reworded this to say, **“Anyone who does not worship God as he instructs us to do, is not worshipping God at all, and therefore is in opposition to God.”**

The Fifth Commandment has more to do with the true and correct worship of God more so than children needing to honor their parents. Jesus, through his teachings, gives us a much more complete understanding of this commandment. The following is a discussion of those moral imperatives taught to us by Jesus, which bring to completion the Fifth Commandment.

## Mercy

The word **“Mercy”** is defined as: **a disposition to be compassionate or the forgiving of others.** Be patient, loving, considerate, understanding of those who suffer. Be willing to give a helping hand to those in need.

God tells us of the **qualifiers** that we must obtain if we are to receive God's mercy in the following verse.

*And shewing mercy unto thousands of them, that love me, and keep my commandments. **Exodus 20:6***

You see, the **qualifier** is that we must first "**keep my Commandments**," before God will give us his mercy. Think of this in the same light as your parents. If you are obedient to the rules that they set for you to live by under their roof, then your parents show you many mercies and kindnesses. Whereas, if you are disobedient to their rules of conduct then they not only endeavor to give you discipline, but they also withhold their mercies from you for a time.

Jesus tells us this about mercy:

*Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. **Matthew 5:7***

In this Jesus is teaching us, not of a thing of sin, but of an attribute of God. In this Jesus is showing us that God is merciful to those who love God and give obedience to God and who give mercy to others. God gives to us that which we give to others.

## Compassion

The word "**Compassion**" is defined as: **sympathy for the suffering of others, with a desire to help.** Know this, but for the mercy of God, those who are in pain or suffering might be you. Give of yourself as you would want others to give to you, which is what Jesus spoke of in his Second Commandment.

## Pity

The word "**Pity**" is defined as: **a feeling of sadness because of another person's trouble or suffering.** Pity goes along with compassion. If you come upon another that is in pain and suffering, physically or mentally, take pity on them, do not scorn or ridicule thus adding to their pain.

## The Parable of the Pitiless Servant

*Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants. And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents,*

*but forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made. **Matthew 18:23-25***

Jesus tells us in the above that this parable is to be likened with heaven, but it also can be likened to the morality of God. As you can see, this servant owes a sum to his lord, but has not to make payment with. The lord then commands that the servant and his wife, children and all that they own are to be sold in restitution for the debt.

*The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. **Matthew 18:26***

In this the servant asks for patience, by pleading with his lord that his is good for the debt if the lord will just have patience with him.

*Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt. **Matthew 18:27***

In this verse, the lord shows his pity and mercy by forgiving the debt of his servant. In this the lord is revealing his kinship with the Morality of God.

*But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellow servants, which owed him and hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, "Pay me that thou owest." And his fellow-servant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all." And he (the first servant) would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt. **Matthew 18:28-30***

In this the first servant is showing his kinship with Satan, in that he has no mercy or pity, as his lord had shown to him.

*So when his fellow-servants saw what was done, they were very sorry, (filled with compassion), and came and told unto their lord all that was done. Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, "O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me: shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellow-servant, even as I had pity on thee?" **Matthew 18:31-33***

In this parable, Jesus has shown us a glimpse into the personality and moral character of God. God is our father, he wants that we live in and practice the same in our moral judgments as God shows to us.

## Forgiveness

The word **"Forgiveness"** is defined as: the act of pardoning somebody for a mistake or wrong-doing. Be forgiving to those who abuse or hate you. Just think of how God gives forgiveness to those of us who sin against him. Even after a life of sin and depravation, I know that God has forgiven me. This has shown me how to forgive those who have abused me over my life. That God has this moral trait makes me want to have it as well, for I, being his son wish to be like him, and the morality of God is beautiful to me.

## Generosity

The word **"Generosity"** is defined as: the willingness to give money, help, or time freely, with no expectation of reward. No matter how poor you are, if you have God and are obedient to his word, then in God you will always have that which you need provided to you by God. God will never allow those who love and obey him to go hungry or have no place to get out of the cold. He will provide for your needs. So when you encounter another that has nothing, take what you can and give it to them. Along with your gift of sustenance, give them the gift of Jesus. Share with them his teachings, so that the one that is destitute will through God never need for nothing again.

Know the difference between wanting something and needing something. God will provide for your needs, but to want something more than that which you need is excessive. Things of the Earth are of the Earth and cannot be taken with you when you die or when you go to heaven, therefore, things of the Earth other than those things that are necessary, are an excess of life that only detract from your giving glory to God.

## Obedience

The word **"Obedience"** is defined as: the act or practice of following instructions, or complying with rules or regulations, or submitting to someone else's authority. When you give honor to your parents you manifest your love for them by being obedient to their rules. God also demands that you obey his commandments. They are for your good. Those who do obey his commandments are happy and mentally centered so that they can deal with the trials and tribulations of living in a world corrupted by Satan's lies and deceptions. When you give obedience to your parents, God knows that you will also give obedience to him. The rules that your parents impose upon you are a trial run for the rules of God. If you can

obey your parents, even when you do not consider their rules fair, you are showing God that you will obey his laws as well. As you can see, it is once more the duty of the parents to teach and discipline their children in the knowledge of right and wrong and in the morality of God. Failure of the parent is a sin against God, for all too often, that failure results in the failure of the child.

**Remember:** we are all the children of God, and God has placed his children in the care of their earthly parents and has given the parents of each of us the command that they educate their children in the way of the Lord. If you shun this responsibility, then it is you who are at fault if the child does not grow up in the love of God and all his ways.

Even though you reject the authority of your parents, if you live within the confines of their home, or in a broader view, within the boundaries of the city, state, or nation, it is necessary that you remain obedient to the rules, laws and statutes. If you are unable to obey your Earthly rules and laws, then why would you think God would have interest in inviting you into heaven? If nothing else, God is all about rules, regulations, and commandments. When you obey your parents you are also showing your love for God. If you reject your parents and engage in wrongful acts, then you are giving disrespect to God as well.

## Respect

Being obedient also refers to giving respect to your parents, as well as the laws of the nation in which you live. To obey the law does not mean to accept it as correct. The Laws of God supersede the Laws of Man. If a law of man is in opposition to God's law, then it is your responsibility to obey it to the point that you do not disobey God.

**For example:** there have been laws in the past enacted that made giving worship to God on the Seventh Day illegal. This law is in direct opposition to the Fourth Commandment. Because God's law supersedes the laws of man, you must continue to give your worship to God on his Holy Sabbath and not obey that law of man that violates God's law. For this you will be persecuted, imprisoned and perhaps even killed. Whenever it is possible you must obey the Laws of Man, but only to the point that doing so does not put you in violation of the Laws of God.

Those who love their own life more than they do God are unworthy of God.

*Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.*

In this context, Caesar represents all that is Earthly and relating to life on the Earth.

# Thou Shalt not Kill

## Murder

The word "**Murder**" is defined as: The deliberate and intentional act of taking another person's life; with violence and brutality.

## Manslaughter

The word "**Manslaughter**" is defined as: the unlawful killing of one person by another without advance planning, or the unintentional act of taking another person's life, brought about through an accident or negligence.

## Infanticide

The Word "**Infanticide**" is defined as: The act of killing an infant, or a new born child. From my study of God's Holy Scripture, it is my understanding that to God this includes the killing of unborn infants, (abortion) as well. This understanding relates to how and when God recognizes the existence of a human being. The following verse reveals to my mind when this occurs.

*For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb. **Luke 1:15***

While yet in his mother's womb, John the Baptist is recognized as being a human being by God, because God fills the unborn John with the Holy Ghost. It is my understanding that the Holy Ghost is only given to human beings, and not to an animal or any other thing that is not human. This tells me, that even the newly conceived child of Man, is seen as being human by God.

## Terrorism

The word **"Terrorism"** is defined as: The act of the deliberate murdering non-combative citizens as an extension of a military war effort, to kill maim or destroy, with the intent of generating terror in the populace, violence or the threat of violence, especially bombing, kidnapping, and assassination, carried out for political purposes.

## Crimes against Humanity

Crimes against humanity are the deliberate act of inflicting avoidable casualties upon civilian populations as a part of a military or war effort.

All of these immoral acts are related to "Thou Shalt not Kill," and as such are sins against the Commandments of God.

## Adultery

The word **"Adultery"** is defined as: A voluntary sexual intercourse between a married person and a partner other than the lawful spouse.

## Fornication

The word **"Fornication"** is defined as: A voluntary and consenting sexual intercourse between individuals not married to each other. This encompasses all sex not between a husband and wife, further defined as between a man and a woman, which precludes that of two of the same gender from being considered married by God. As far as God is concerned, **"All Sex outside of marriage is a Sin."**

## Procreation of the Species

Sex is all about the procreation of the species, and is a necessary aspect of the animal kingdom. Man having been established upon the Earth on the Sixth Day of Creation as were the other animals, is therefore necessary that Man also engages in sex so as to continue the species. Unlike the other animals however, God

has made Man a living soul. This added component of who Man is lifts Man above the animals and gives Man the potential of being as God is, in mind and in spirit. Because God has given this to Man he has commanded that Man be above the animals in that God intends that Man be a moral being as is God, therefore when mankind engage in sex as do the animals it lowers us back to being no better than the animals.

## A Gift from God

God has made a special allowance for Man on this wise. If a man and a woman enter into a holy marriage, giving vows of fidelity to each other, then God gives to this marriage a gift. The gift given by God is that the two married to each other can now engage in sex, without sin. If there is no marriage, as defined by God, then there is no gift and to engage in sex is still a sin.

## Incest

The word “Incest” is defined as: The act of sexual intercourse with a member of one's own family, either voluntary or by way of rape; This includes blood lines down to and including third cousins; as well as individuals related by marriage.

## Seduction

The word “Seduction” is defined as: the willful use of one's sexual prowess, as a way of controlling the actions of another for your personal gain, or sexual pleasure.

## Prostitution

The word “Prostitution” is defined as: the act of offering sexual acts for compensation.

## Whore-Mongering

The word “Whore-mongering” is defined as: an offensive term meaning to be a regular customer of prostitutes, or an offensive term meaning to work as a prostitute.

## Homo-Sexual

The word "**Homo-Sexual**" is defined as: relating to, or having a sexual orientation to persons of the same sex, to be gay or lesbian. Because God considers all sex outside of marriage between a man and a woman to be sinful, God calls homo-sexuality **an abomination unto the eyes of the Lord.** The word "**abomination**" is defined as: something that is immoral, disgusting, or shameful, a feeling of intense dislike or disapproval toward somebody or something.

Know this, the reason it is an abomination is not entirely because of two men or two women; it is because they are engaging in sex outside of the state of marriage as defined by God. This is given support in the following verses.

*Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is an abomination. **Leviticus 18:22***

*If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them. **Leviticus 20:13***

As you can see, God finds homosexuality as being an abomination, therefore, if you engage in such acts; do not think that there is a place in heaven or eternal life for you. Because God says that it is a sin, then if you love God more than yourself, you must end this obscene act, or only damnation and eternal death await you.

## Bestiality

The word "**Bestiality**" is defined as: sexual activity between a human being and an animal, or an act, behavior, or condition more appropriate for an animal rather than a human being.

As I have shown above, God made Man greater than the animals, to reduce yourself to that of being an animal is to insult God, and to tell God that you hate him.

# Thou Shalt not Steal

The word **"Steal"** is defined as: The deliberate act of removing property from another person illegally or without the owner's permission and making it your own, this follows through with acquiring property through deceit, coercion, trickery, plagiarism and fraud.

## Deceit

The word **"Deceit"** is defined as: the act of misleading someone through dishonesty and lies.

## Plagiarism

The word **"Plagiarism"** is defined as: the process of copying another person's idea or written work and claiming as an original work of your own.

I have given permission that you can copy and reproduce everything that I have placed upon this Web Page, therefore to do so is not plagiarism; however, if you do make copies, then claim that it is your work, then that is plagiarism.

## Trickery

The word **"Trickery"** is defined as: a cunning action or plan done with the intent to cheat or deceive.

## Fraud

The word **"Fraud"** is defined as: through the use of Lies and deception, you obtain money, property or some other benefit belonging to another. This then is as Satan is, therefore when you engage in any kind of fraudulent activity; you are showing yourself to be a Spawn of Satan, and not a child of God.

## Coercion

The word "Coercion" is defined as: the use of force, intimidation or threats to make somebody do something against his or her will.

## Bear no False Witness

### Perjury

The word "Perjury" is defined as: the telling of a lie after having taken an oath to tell the truth, any act of giving false witness against another, that cause them embarrassment, shame, or legal conflict.

### Lying

The word "Lying" is defined as: saying something that is untrue in a conscious effort to deceive somebody, to give a false impression, a false statement made deliberately with the intent to deceive.

### Liabe

The word "Liabe" is defined as: having legal responsibility for something, especially costs or damages incurred against another.

## Thou Shalt not Covet

The word "Covet" is defined as: to have a strong desire to possess something that belongs to somebody else, to want something so badly so as to develop an adverse mental condition, that removes you from logical reason.

Of all the Six Imperatives that God has listed in the Ten Commandments, Covet is the worst. Think of it like this:

If you did not covet that which your parents owned, you would treat them with honor and respect.

If you did not covet that which belonged to someone else, you would not have killed them to acquire it.

If you did not covet you would not commit adultery or fornication.

If you did not covet you would not steal.

If you did not covet you would have no reason to lie or give false witness.

If you did not covet, then the reason for most sins committed would not exist.

In all Six of the above moral imperatives of God, most of the nations of the world currently have laws pertaining to these Moral concerns, and varying degrees of punishments relating to those who break them. It is in this way that the nations of the world see the logic of having God's Morality as defining the nation's character, even if the nation refutes God, they still embrace his morality.

## God is a Moral Being

As you can see, Jesus has defined what is moral, and that which Jesus taught us can be shown as being part and parcel with the six moral imperatives listed in the Ten Commandments. God-Jesus has defined morality because he is a moral being, and he wants those whom he has created, which have a soul, and whom he calls his children, to be moral beings as well.

You might ask the question, *"Why does God care if humans are moral or not?"* If you look at each of the Ten Commandments, you will see God's character in them. God is a moral being, who has invited us to come live with him in his home. Not every one of us will be acceptable to him however, only those whose moral character is one with God, has any chance of being redeemed.

## Jesus' Morality

As you can see, the Six Moral Imperatives listed in the Ten Commandments have far more meaning than the words alone suggest. It is this added meaning that Jesus taught us, and it is in these Teachings of Jesus that the laws of God have been fulfilled, not to the point of obsolesce but to the point of a greater perfection of God's Way and defining who God is.

## The Way of God

*Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for blessed are they that keep my ways. **Proverbs 8:32***

God is telling us straight up that those who keep the ways of God are blessed. The word "**Blessed**" is defined as: being made holy, and as you may remember the word holy is interchangeable with the word truth, or true, which is another way of saying Righteous. Only God can make us holy, and when he tells me I am holy if I keep his ways, then I will with all my abilities, mind, soul and heart, keep the Ways of God. I am my Father's son, and I want only to give glory to my Father, by living my life as he has commanded me to do so.

## Education and Wisdom

*Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not. **Proverbs 8:33***

So far in these first eight lessons' I have tried to impress upon you the requirement of educating yourself in the Word of God. In this verse God is telling us the same thing. To be wise you first have to be educated, to be educated you first have to study and research. Know the word of God from your own study; do not rely on others to tell you what scripture means.

## God's Forgiveness

*Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he (God) will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. **Isaiah 55:7***

If you are a sinful person, you need only forsake your ways of sin and turn to God, asking him for forgiveness after repenting all your sins before him. Jesus tells us; all sins are forgivable, save a sin against the Holy Ghost. This means that if you killed someone, and repent your actions, and ask God to forgive you, he will, so long as you do not ever return to your sinful ways. Once you ask God for forgiveness, you must remain true to the ways of God for the rest of your life, if you falter and return to your sinful ways, then that tells God that you really weren't repentant after all. If you truly weren't repentant, then any forgiveness that God has given you is void.

## The Omnipresent God

*For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.*

**Isaiah 55:8-9**

## The Living Word of God

*So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. **Isaiah 55:11***

God did not create the universe for the pleasure of Man, he created the universe for his own pleasure, and Man exists at the pleasure of God. All that God desires he will cause to happen, for that is his pleasure.

*So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth:* The words that God speaks are heard by the Prophets of God, and they then write those words down and publish them, so that all who come after them who also look for God as they did will have access to the same words spoken to them by God. In this way is the Word of God the Holy Ghost, for God's Word is as alive now as it was when spoken to the prophets.

*It shall not return unto me void:* The word "**Void**" means to be without substance. As used here by God, it means that the words spoken by God do have substance, in that those that hear or read the Word of God and accept it as truth will be converted to the worship of God. It is this conversion that gives the Word of God substance and life. The Word of God is the Living Word or righteousness, and as such is the Holy Ghost.

## The Path of Righteousness

### Strait Gate

*Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.*

**Luke 13:24**

This means to make an effort to be of the true and correct faith of God. The gate is the entrance into Heaven, which is symbolic of keeping the true faith. The "Strait Gate," is symbolic in meaning to living your

life by the teachings of Jesus, and by the keeping of the Ten Commandments, by embracing their morality, and making it a part of who you are, which is the path of righteousness and necessary to becoming a Saint of God.

## Strait

To understand fully, you need to understand the word, strait. The word **“Strait”** is defined by the dictionary as: to be just, proper and honest, a situation that is difficult or involves hardship. Along with that, in the context of what God is saying, it means to be confronted by obstacles, or a path made difficult because of obstacles.

**For many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.** Many will try hard to keep the faith, but will be unable. There will be many who call themselves Christian, who are only giving lip service to Christ, but do not follow the true faith as spelled out by God in the Bible. You must obey fully the Word of God. God says that it was the Seventh Day that he rested, and that it was the Seventh Day that God hallowed, and it was the Seventh Day which God sanctified. Why then do most Christians observe the Sabbath on the First Day of the week?

## Giving Obedience to the Word of God

I want to give you an example here. I know that Sunday worship is the Mark of the Beast, but for the sake of argument, let's say that Sunday worship was condoned by God. Would it not be correct then, that you must keep the Sunday Sabbath in the same manner as it is required to keep the Sabbath as spelled out in the Fourth Commandment?

The Sabbath is a day of communion with God, yet how many who call themselves Christian, spend the day watching sports, or involving themselves in any number of activities, none of which relates to the worship of God. Not to mention going to the market to buy groceries or other acts of commerce. It is my observation that after church many Christians will go to the market and buy groceries, or go to a sporting event and pay to get in. These things are all in opposition to what God has said concerning the observance of the Sabbath, yet as a Christian many still engage in these acts. It is in this way, among others, that you give lip service to being of Christ, but whose heart is far from him, making you a hypocrite.

There are those, who call themselves Christian who go to Church on Sunday, and sit and listen to someone preaching to them. But, most do so as a showing rather than as an act of worship. What I am saying is to be a true Christian, you need to walk the walk, not just talk the talk.

It is easy to go to church and just sit there listening to what is being preached, but how does that translate into your giving worship to God? When you leave the church does all thought of God and scripture leave you.

When God went one day a week to commune with Adam, it was on the Seventh Day of the week. Adam and God would sit together, have a meal, and Adam would give worship to God, and ask questions, and carry on a conversation, as we would with our father. This is why God calls himself our Father in Heaven, he wants us to have a good relationship with God, just as we have with the good and kind father we have on earth.

## Why Sunday Sabbath is Sinful

Because Sunday is not the day established by God to observe his Sabbath, **but Satan's lie**, when you observe Sunday you give no consideration to the true day of Sabbath, Saturday. Because of this you have no problem going to the market or engaging in commerce on Saturday. This is exactly as Satan wants you to do. You are engaging in sinful acts on Saturday because you have been deceived into believing that Sunday is the Sabbath Day. For this Jesus will assign you with the **Mark of the Beast** upon his return.

**Remember:** God has hallowed the Seventh Day, which means that the Seventh Day is the Lords day of rest in truth. God also sanctified the Seventh Day, which means that he has cleansed that day of all sin, and for you to do sinful things on the Seventh Day is what gives you the Mark of the Beast.

It is this that is an aspect of obstacles and difficulties by staying on the **strait path** that is spoken of in the above verses. To rest in the Lord does not mean to take a day off from work so you can do what is your pleasure, it is to make that one day a week a day of communing with God. To commune is to communicate; Think about it, do you speak to or pray to God, when you are not in church on the Sabbath?

## How to Keep the Sabbath

There are four aspects of what you should be doing on the Sabbath Day.

1/ Don't work:

2/ Don't cause others to work:

3/ Do not engage in commerce, the buying or selling of anything:

4/ Bring God into your life for the day, commune with God, which means to involve yourself in the study of his Holy Gospel.

In my conversion to the worship of God, I have found that God speaks most often to me while I am giving study to specific questions I have asked him. Most of my study is done in the Bible, for that is the only place that you will find the Word of God; therefore it is while I am studying the Bible that I most often hear God speaking to me.

The question must therefore be asked, **“What constitutes WORK as defined by God.”** If you go to the book of Leviticus, you will find all sorts of laws that the Jews couldn't do on the Sabbath, but then Jesus rescinded most of those laws, when he said that **the Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.** So this leaves a big question mark for me as to what God wants from us in observance of his Sabbath.

I have always defined **“Work”** as **the act of performing those duties that are required of you for the purpose of being gainfully employed,** or else, what it takes to making a living, putting food on the table, and a roof over your head.

God has given us six days to see to all of our Earthly needs, but one day a week God has set aside so that we can forget about the needs of our bodies, and give sustenance to our souls. Only in giving yourself to the God of Creation can you fill your soul with health and happiness.

## Doing Your Pleasure

For example, a carpenter is at work when he is engaged in using his skills for the purpose of gainful employment. But if this same carpenter, on the Sabbath, desires to work in his garden, that is for enjoyment and relaxation, and has no aspect of producing him currency, is it then work as defined in the Fourth Commandment? Yes, it is still work as defined by God. The Sabbath is all about bringing God into your life this one day a week, not to give you pause so you can do those thing that you enjoy doing. You must commune with God. **To Rest in God** is not for your pleasure, but for God's pleasure. God gives us Six Days a week to do our pleasure, is it so much to ask that one day a week you spend it with God?

On the other hand, is spending the Sabbath in front of a television or computer watching movies or a sporting event or playing games equal to doing work? I say yes, as is the intent of God concerning our observance of the Holy Sabbath. When you are engaged in things not relating to the communication between you and God you are not in communion with God. To be in communion with God requires that you give thought and consideration to scripture and its meaning, praying to God in thanks as well as in guidance. How is this accomplished when you are engrossed in other things? The Sabbath is not for your pleasure; it is for you to do God's pleasure.

## Bring God into your life

Whatever you do, you must bring God into your life all days of the week but especially on the Sabbath. God is the creator, and praise is given to him for all the beauty, rest and relaxation, that his creation gives to you.

Consider the Sabbath day as a date that you and God have to spend with one another. Consider this, one day a week, God used to sit in the Garden of Eden with Adam, face to face, carrying on personal and intimate conversations, with Adam. You can put yourself in Adams stead, and enjoy that communion with God, that Adam so foolishly lost.

Think of this as you would do with your earthly father or mother; you invite them over to share a day with you, and while they are there you engage in conversations with them. This is as God would have you do with him on this one day a week.

## Time is running out

*When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are: **Luke 13:25***

You will think yourself a Christian, and therefore expect that you are saved and that Jesus will come for you, having made a place for you in his Father's house, only to find he does not acknowledge you as anyone he knows. For this reason you will begin to wail and lament confused why Jesus has rejected you.

God tells us: **“Love Me, Keep My Commandments,”** because you do not keep his Ten Commandments, but some variation of them instead, God does not acknowledge you. You must worship God as he commands; else you do not worship him at all. When you keep God's Commandments you are manifesting your love for God. When you fail to worship God as he commands, then your words of love are hallow without substance.

*Then shall ye begin to say, “We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets.” **Luke 13:26***

You will respond, I am a Christian, I have prayed to you often, I read your Bible often, and I go to church every Sunday.

*But he shall say, "I tell you, I know you not whence ye are, depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity."*

**Luke 13:27**

These people are those who call themselves Christian, Jew and Muslim, but do not abide by the teachings of Christ or the Commandments of God. To be a follower of Christ, you have to live the faith, and make that faith a part of you, to become **"One with God"**.

God uses the phrase, **"workers of iniquity,"** to show those who give lip service to Christ, but do not live within the frame work set by the Ten Commandments, as compared to those who live the faith, by living their lives by the teachings of Christ which have as their foundation the Ten Commandments.

The Sabbath, as defined in the Ten Commandments, is from Sundown on the sixth day of the week, to sundown on the seventh day of the week. As we keep time today, this is from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday. If you do not keep this day as God's Sabbath, then you are being disobedient to God. Being disobedient is the same as being in opposition to God. For God, that is the same as hating him. He, who opposes God, is in league with Satan, whether he knows it or not.

***There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out. Luke 13:28***

To be a Saint of God, you must keep God's Commandments; all ten of them, as well as have the testimony of Jesus, by believing that Jesus is God in the flesh of a man and living by the teachings of Jesus, otherwise there will be no seat for you in the kingdom of God.

*And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God. Luke 13:29*

The kingdom of God will no longer be restricted to descendants of Jacob, all of man, no matter his station or race or place of origin will be welcome into the ranks of the Saints of God, they need only keep the Commandments of God and acknowledge the Christ Jesus as the living God, come to Earth in the flesh of a man.

*And, behold, there are last which shall be first, and there are first which shall be last. Luke 13:30*

This means, that though you have come late to the faith of God, and have been a sinner all your life, if you repent your sins and ask God for forgiveness you will be first into Heaven, and those who have considered

themselves Christian or Jewish or Muslim for years will be last behind you, if at all, for they do not give worship to God as God Commands.

## History repeats itself

It has been oft time said that history tends to repeat itself, as with the Christians and Jews of today, so too was it with the Jews of the days when Jesus walk the Earth.

*O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto ye desolate: are verily I say unto you, Ye shall not see me, until the time come when ye shall say, "Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord." **Luke 13:34-35***

As it was then with the Jews, so is it today with the Christians. You believe you are saved, because your Churches preach to you that to declare Jesus your savior is to insure salvation, but that is Satan's lie, as is evidenced by all that I have written down in the above lessons. If after reading all these words given to me by God, you still do not accept God's True Word, then you are as were the Jews of two thousand years ago, lost in your own arrogance.