

Lesson 2

The Ten Commandments

Ten Commandments, Obsolete?

So many of those people that I talk to who call themselves Christian, believe that the Ten Commandments have been fulfilled by Jesus to the point of rendering them obsolete. They tell me that as a Christian they are saved by the Grace of God, simply by declaring Jesus your savior. This belief is based upon Satan's Lie. The Ten Commandments are the Law of God, and as such must be obeyed if you desire to be righteous. In the previous Chapter 1, I defined Righteousness and also revealed how this belief is false.

God's Warning

*And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and a dividing of time. **Daniel 7:25***

I am going to break this verse down so that you will understand fully what God is giving warning of. This verse is given in regards to describing the anti-Christ, which is the arm and mouth of Satan on Earth.

Blaspheme God's Holy Word

And he shall speak great words against the most High. In this the phrase "**Great Words**" in fact means "Blasphemous Words," which is to say that the anti-Christ will tell lies and corrupt God's Truth.

Wear Out the Saints of God

And shall wear out the saints of the Most High: The Saints of God are defined by Jesus as, those who keep the Commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. To "**Wear Out**" is to

kill off or so overwhelm with Satan's Lies as to confuse to the point that people think they are saints but are in fact giving worship according to Satan's Lies, Satan's False Gospel, rather than according to the Word of God.

Change the Laws of God

And think to change times and laws: This warning is directed to us so that we will understand that Satan, through his anti-Christ, will attempt to change the laws of God, which are the Ten Commandments. I suggest that if Satan is intending to change the Ten Commandments, shouldn't we therefore take the time and effort to understanding God's Ten Commandments, so we will know what it is about them that Satan is attempting to change? Think of this logically, if Satan is successful in changing the Laws of God, and we are ignorant of these changes, that we then no longer give worship to God as he commands but as Satan's Lies tell us to give worship. Only by taking the time and effort to educate ourselves in God's Ten Commandments, will we know if we understand the Word of God, or if we have been deceived by Satan.

Change the Times of God

In the above verse, God also tells us that the anti-Christ will intend to change the times of God as well. Have you ever given thought as to what the times of God are, then alone whether they have been changed or not?

Seven Days of Creation

To understand what the Times of God are, you need to go back to the Seven Days of Creation as explained by God in the Book of Genesis. In the first Six Days God explains the process that he used to bring the original spark of creation from its first form, which God refers to as the **"Deep"**, through a series of manipulations until the final form of the universe that we live in was brought about. If you want a full discussion of this go on this web page to the chapter titled, God's Creation.

At the end of each phase of God's manipulations, God then spoke these words: **"And the evening and the morning were the ... day."** Virtually everyone I have spoken to believes this to mean that God is giving a Number to that Day, and as such we interpret this as being the Seven Days of Creation. This is only part of the truth, and it is convenient when discussing those things performed by God in each day. This understanding has caused many to come to the conclusion, that if God created the universe in 7 days, and we of Man live in 7 days of 24 hours each, that God must have created the universe in 7-24 hour days. I have found nothing is the Holy

Scripture that gives support to this extrapolation. As I said, I give a much more detailed discussion concerning this in the chapter titled “God’s Creation.”

God’s Time

To achieve understanding, we therefore need to analyze the words that God uses. “*And the evening and the morning were the ... day.*” The first word used is “*Evening.*” which is defined as: twilight, sunset, dusk, nightfall, sundown, in short this means: when the sun goes below the horizon and can no longer be seen.

Then God says, “*And the morning.*” which has to be taken into consideration in understanding God explanation. The word “*Morning*” is defined as: dawn, daybreak, sunrise, sunup, which in short means when the sun rises above the horizon.

So what then is God telling us? That a day as observed by God and therefore how he intends that we on the Earth observe a day begins at sundown, continues through the night to sunup, and then through the daylight hours till the sun goes down again.

As you are no doubt aware, that this is not how Man keeps time neither now nor for many centuries. Until the 1800’s AD, Man, other than the Jews, considered the new day as beginning at Sunrise. Then in the 1800’s AD with the invention of accurate clocks, Man started the day as of the stroke of midnight.

Satan’s Success

As you can see, Man no longer keeps time as God had intended when he gave us his explanation of the Seven Days of Creation. It was to Moses that this explanation was first given, and from that point the Jews went back to keeping time as God had commanded, only those referred to in the Bible as the Gentiles, who worship pagan gods, and therefore under the influence of Satan, continued in the false observance of when a day begins and ends.

It is in this way, that Satan tells some of his lies, by ignoring what God has spoken, by causing people to no longer have knowledge of the Word of God. Satan has not actually told us to change the time of the day, but by preventing us from knowing the Word of God, he has accomplished the same thing.

Numbering the Days

The primary reason why God gives number to each of the phases of the creation process is however to establish the following very simple premise.

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

God does not enumerate each of the days of Creation to indicate how many days it took him to create the universe, but to establish the understanding that God took six days to create the universe, and therefore commands that we work six days, and like God rest on the seventh day. The purpose of enumerating the days of creation is to establish the observance of the Sabbath, so that in our observing the Sabbath, we are as is God.

The Sabbath Day

Then God gives explanation why the Seventh Day is his Holy Sabbath:

For 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.

Take note here, God did not hallow the Sabbath observance, he hallowed the **day**, the Seventh Day of the week. The above words of course are an excerpt from the Fourth Commandment of God, in which God is commanding that we rest on the Seventh Day, as did God. God then gives an added reason why Man should keep his Seventh Day Sabbath as he commands.

A Sign between you and God

*Moreover also I gave them my Sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the Lord that sanctify them. **Ezekiel 20:12***

In this God is telling all who keep his Sabbath Day, the Seventh Day, that it is a sign between him and them. A **sign** is something that distinguishes one group or person from another. If you fail to keep God's Seventh Day Sabbath, then there is no sign, and God will not think of you as his people, because you have shown in your disobedience, you do not think of him as your God.

Can You Quote all Ten Commandments?

I have discovered that very few people can quote all ten of God's commandments. Therefore I will first give you the list of the Ten Commandments, and then we will discuss them one at a time.

First Commandment

*I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me. **Exodus 20:2-3***

Second Commandment

*Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou 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. **Exodus 20:4-5***

Third Commandment

*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. **Exodus 20:7***

Fourth Commandment

*Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But 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. For 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. **Exodus 20:8-11***

Fifth Commandment

*Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. **Exodus 20:12***

Sixth Commandment

Thou shalt not kill. **Exodus 20:13**

Seventh Commandment

Thou shalt not commit adultery. **Exodus 20:14**

Eighth Commandment

Thou shalt not steal. **Exodus 20:15**

Ninth Commandment

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour. **Exodus 20:16**

Tenth Commandment

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house; thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife; or his manservant, or his maid-servant, or his ox, or his ass, or any thing that is thy neighbour's. **Exodus 20:17**

Understanding the Ten Commandments

I will give you explanation of all but the Fourth Commandment in the rest of this Lesson. The Fourth Commandment is so extensive in its meaning and explanation it needs a full chapter all to itself.

First Commandment

Have No Other gods

I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me. **Exodus 20:2-3**

Here God exerts his sovereignty over all of creation, as well as the denunciation of false gods. To understand what God's intended meaning of this commandment is, let me give you an example.

There are other religions that have Saints, for just about every aspect of your life. This religion has a Saint for Hope, a Saint for Love and Romance, etc. It is encouraged, by those religions, that you pray to one or the other of these saints, with the understanding that they will then act on your behalf or will intercede to God for you. This of course is Blasphemy, for it goes against this the First Commandment in that God commands that you pray only to him and no other.

An Historical Overview

Besides, why talk to the secretary, when the boss is readily available to you? I have always asked the question, “In what way are the saints of this false religion alive to hear our prayers?” Were they not just men and women, that lived as we live and who died, as does all that is mortal? What then about them gives them, in their death, the ability to hear our prayers? This false religion will have you pray to these saints, because Satan does not want you to pray to God. In this way Satan has been successful in deceiving those who give prayer to dead people.

As Jesus Tells us

I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. John 14:18

What Jesus is saying is that when you need comfort because of the loss of a loved one, do not talk to your dead loved one, for he is dead and cannot hear you, but if you turn to Jesus and give prayer to God-Jesus, he will come to you and comfort you. To talk to your dead loved ones is a form of prayer, and as such, pulls you away from God and puts you in violation of, “**Put NO Other god’s before me.**”

It might also be good to remember, that there is only one God, and but for him there are no others. All other gods, that have ever been throughout the history of Man, were not living, conscious beings. They were stone, and mortar, or Gold or silver, nothing more than inanimate objects, created by the hand of man, (Graven Images). One thing you should also be aware of, every one of them were invented by, established by, and promoted by Satan. This he did as a way of deceiving men from the true worship of the true God.

Having failed in these Pagan religions, he has established another religion, which looks like, sounds like, and has the feel of the worship of God, but is a false religion, and therefore those who belong to this other religion, think they are worshiping God, but are in fact worshiping Satan. This False Religion is the anti-Christ as spoken of in the Books of Daniel and Revelation.

The Harlot and the Harlot Daughters

In the Book of Revelation, God depicts the anti-Christ as a Harlot as revealed in the following verse.

*And upon her forehead was a name written, Mystery, Babylon The Great, The Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the Earth. **Revelation 18:5***

God gives the symbolism of showing the anti-Christ as the mother of Harlots, for a purpose. God does this to show that it is not just the anti-Christ that is a harlot, but that by referring to it as a mother of harlots, God is showing us that there is more to the false religion of Satan, than just a single church or religion.

Harlot Daughters

To show the importance of this, in the Book of Daniel, which is written 600 years before the Book of Revelation, reveals the anti-Christ as a single religion, but over the centuries it evolves into several religions, all derived from the original, hence the words, “**Mother of Harlots**,” as revealed in the Book of Revelation. It is only logical that there then has to be Harlot Daughters, and that they being daughters, are derived from the original in some way. Knowing who all this is and the meaning of these symbolisms will help you understand the importance of keeping The Ten Commandments. As you continue to read these lessons, the truth of this will become evident.

Second Commandment

No Graven Images

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:

Thou 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.

Exodus 20:4-5

What is a Graven Image?

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image. As you can see, there can be no graven images. The question must be asked then, "**What is a graven image?**" If you have a statue, painting, or other man made depiction, that you then pray to, or keep as a holy symbol, then you are in violation of this commandment.

The Image of Jesus

You should note that God includes any image of **anything that is in the heavens, on the earth and in the seas.** This poses the question concerning the image that is commonly seen as the image of Jesus, that many Christians wear, and that many people pray to. Jesus was a man of the Earth, he being God is also of the Heavens, therefore, to have or pray to an image of a man, which has become accepted as the image of Jesus, puts you in violation of this commandment.

Is the image truly Jesus?

My problem with this image of Jesus is that it is a fraud. Jesus was a Jew of the First Century AD, he would not have had blue eyes, and would not look Caucasian at all. Consider this, if God had wanted us to know what Jesus looked like, he would have had him pose for any number of artisans that lived during his life on Earth. This was not done because God is opposed to graven images, even of his only begotten son.

Consider this; I interpret this as meaning that if God is in your heart, if you truly love him, then there is no need for statues or paintings, or other pictures depicting God.

*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. **Deuteronomy 30:6***

Did any of you notice the similarity of the words in this Old Testament verse and Jesus' first Commandment? In Deuteronomy, the commandments being referred to, are the Ten Commandments, so when Jesus speaks of loving God with all your heart, soul and mind, he is referring to the Ten Commandments, as evidenced by his reference to this verse in Deuteronomy.

Jesus tells us how to pray to God

*But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. **Matthew 6:6***

If you *enter into a closet and shut the door*, it is dark thus you are unable to see any statue or painting or other graven image. What Jesus is telling us is that God is in all of us, and if we truly seek to know God, we only need to look into our heart when we pray and we will find him.

The Visions of statues crying

There is another aspect of Idolatry I wish to bring up. Because God is opposed to Idols, Satan is all for them, therefore what can we say about these visions of the Mother Mary or of the image that has come to be accepted as the image of Jesus. What about the statue that cries, as reported on the news several years back, are these signs from God or are they signs from Satan in his attempt to confuse and deceive us from the true worship of God the Creator?

I look at it like this, if it is an image as described in the Second Commandment, then the sign has to be of Satan. If you doubt this, you should be aware that The Book of Revelation gives us description of what the signs of God will be, therefore any sign other than these must be considered with extreme caution. Besides, if God has commanded that we have no graven images, and it is a graven image that seems to be crying, doesn't it seem unlikely for God to be giving us a sign using a graven image?

Do you Love or do you Hate God?

I feel obligated to point out once more, that *the opposite of loving God, is to hate God*. There is no middle ground. Either you love him, by obeying him and keeping his commandments, or you hate him by disobeying him and not keeping his commandments.

Many in the era of history that I now live, say that there is no black and white, that everything has shades of Grey. God refutes that idea in this verse, he only recognizes, Black and White, Right and Wrong, Good and Evil, Love Me, or Hate Me. There is no middle ground. This is given further support in the following verses.

But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death. **Proverbs 8:36**

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

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

There is the requirement again about keeping God's commandments, paired with the act of loving him. In these verses, God is also showing the consequences of not obeying him by not keeping his commandments.

To Live or to Die

The Death that is spoken of in the above verses, as was the case of Adam and Eve, is not the death of the mortal body; it is the eternal death that comes from being thrown into **Hells Fire**.

There are two deaths that we as humans have to be aware of. The death of the body is only a temporary death, that which Jesus called "**sleeping**." However, those who are resurrected on Judgment Day, (the Second Resurrection) will face the prospect of another permanent death. All that you are, and have ever thought, wished for, all your life experiences, everything that makes you, you, unique in all of creation, will be destroyed if you are judged unrighteous. That which is your essence, your body and soul, will be thrown into the Hells Fire, and cease to exist, and it will be as if you had never existed. That is what it is meant when you are cast into Hells Fire. It is **not** an eternity of writhing pain and suffering, as Satan would have us believe, for your soul is not eternal. An eternal soul is one of the gifts that God gives to you for worshiping him as he commands, by neither increasing nor diminishing anything from what he has commanded.

The Ultimate Punishment

For God the prospect of eternal death is the ultimate of punishments. Put yourself in Gods position. God is eternal, everlasting to everlasting, for him death would be the end, the prospect of which would be dreadful beyond words. So when he tells us, that death, eternal death, is all you can look forward to if you do not obey and worship him, then as far as God is concerned, that is the most horrible punishment that he could possibly mead out.

He is loath to mead it out to any that he has created. This is evident in how much insult he has allowed Satan to get away with, but the end for Satan has already been determined, whereas your end is up to you. It is not too late so long as you are living and breathing, to change your ways, to love and obey God as he commands.

Third Commandment

Name of the Lord in Vain

*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. **Exodus 20:7***

It is not only that the name of God is Jehovah or Jesus; the name of God is that which defines who God is, his Personality, his Honor, and his Moral Character. This can best be understood from the following verses. Moses is asking God that if God does not stay with his people in some viable way, how anyone in the world will know that they are the people of God.

The Glory of God

*For wherein shall it be known here that I and thy people have found grace in thy sight? So shall we be separated, I and thy people, from all the people that are upon the face of the earth. **Exodus 33:16***

Simply put Moses is asking God, that if God does not abide with his people, how then will all the rest of the earth know that they are in fact the people of God.

*And the Lord said unto Moses, "I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken: for thou hast found grace in my sight, and I know thee by name." And he (Moses) said, "I beseech thee, shew me thy glory." **Exodus 33:17-18***

First God tells Moses that he will do as Moses asks of him, and then Moses makes his request more specific by asking that God shows his glory to Moses. The following verses then give description of what God does as a way of showing his glory to Moses.

*And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy. And he (God) said, "Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live. And the Lord said, "Behold, there is a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock: and it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a clift of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by: and I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt see my back parts: by my face shall not be seen. **Exodus 33:19-23***

*And the Lord Said unto Moses, “Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first: and I will write upon these tables the words that were in the first tables, which thou brakest. **Exodus 34:1***

That Which Defines

When Moses asked to see the glory of God, God told Moses he would proclaim his name, and the Ten Commandments were the next thing that God gave to Moses after showing Moses his back parts. So to take the name of the Lord in vain, is to disregard or give little notice to, or to be in direct conflict with the Ten Commandments of God. God’s seal is his name, therefore to have the mark or seal of God is to be in obedience to the Ten Commandments.

When you use the name of the Lord, “Jesus, Jesus Christ, Jehovah, etc.” in any kind of derogatory manner, you use the name of the lord in vain as well. But you also use the name of the lord in vain when you swear an oath that you have no intention of fulfilling, or at a later time choose not to fulfill. If you think about it, doesn’t using the name of the Lord, in a derogatory way, a sin against at least one of the last six of the Ten Commandments, and not just the Third Commandment? To swear an oath, without the intentions of fulfilling the oath, is to give false testimony, which is the Ninth Commandment. This all tells me, along with other evidence in the Bible, that the true name of God is not a name as we of Man are called but that which gives definition to who God is and what he stands for, which is what the Ten Commandments do.

Remember: there is only one God, so there is no need for a name like Tom, Dick or Harry. There is only one God, whereas there are many of Man, which is why we do need a name so as to differentiate one of us from another.

Do Not Forswear thyself

*Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou Shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths. **Matthew 5:33***

To forswear one’s self, means **to swear an oath or make a promise that you have no intention of keeping.** When you make this oath, then incorporate into it a reference to God, such as, **“So Help Me God, or so help me Jesus,”** you use the name of God or his son, or any reference to them, in a way that makes them party to your deceit.

To perform unto the Lord thine oaths, means to take any oaths made to anyone including God seriously. To swear an oath to God is to give him respect, and commitment. The oath cannot be made lightly. Once made you must live up to its intent and completion. To do otherwise is to show disrespect to God, and therefore in his eyes, to hate him. The same is true of making oaths to other of Men as well.

To Impinge the Honor of God

There is more to this however. When you make a promise or swear an oath, regardless as to whether you incorporate God into the oath, you still do. God is the creator, therefore he is your father, as such what you do is a reflection of him, so when you foreswear yourself, or lie, or make a promise that you do not keep, then this is showing your disrespect for God as well as to those to whom the promises are made. Think of it like this, you have a son, and your son keeps getting into trouble at school and with the law. It is upon you to bail him out or discuss his bad behavior with teachers and Principle. In such a situation as this, would you not be embarrassed, and demeaned? This is as God feels when you take the name of the Lord in vain.

*But I say unto you, swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne: Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King. Neither shall thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black. But let your communication be, Yea, Yea; Nay, Nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil. **Matthew 5:34-37***

To me this means, do not make use of cuss words, slanders, or profanity. Doing so, allows evil to enter your heart, where evil lies the Lord cannot. If you let evil to get a foothold in your heart, then you chip away a piece of the foundation of the glory of God. For God is in your heart from the day you are conceived. His love for you is substantive, and real, but if you allow evil in, then you veil God's love and you will find it harder and harder to know it and feel it. God will never leave or forsake you; it is you who leave or forsake God. To live without God's love, is not to live at all. You will be in a world of darkness, and confusion, without meaning, purpose or direction. God's love gives these things to you, and much more.

Satan changes the Law

Know this, the Third Commandment is one of the Laws that the Church of Rome rewrote. It completely changed the wording as given by God to say that the first day of the week was the Lords Holy Day. This is blasphemy, in and of itself, but it is also an attempt by Satan to change the Laws of God. This is substantiated in the following excerpt from the Catholic Journal located on the Church of Rome's Web site.

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The church, after changing the day of rest from the Jewish Sabbath of the seventh day of the week to the First Day, made the Third Commandment refer to Sunday as the Day to be kept holy as the Lord's day.

The Church of Rome rewrites the Ten Commandments of God, not by God's authority but by its own authority, this is Blasphemy. This is Satan at work in his lies and deceptions. *And the whole world worshiped him.*

The anti-Christ intends to change the laws and times of God. The Church of Rome rewrote the Third Commandment from, *"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,"* to "The first day of the week is the Sabbath day."

Fifth Commandment

Honour thy Father and thy Mother

Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. Exodus 20:12

In the King James Version of the Bible that I use, it says that this is the foundation for family life. This is true enough, but I feel it is too simplistic an explanation.

This Commandment also puts a responsibility, on the Father and Mother, to raise their children in the laws of the Commandments of God, as well as the laws of the nation they abode in. For a parent to shirk this responsibility is the same as breaking this commandment themselves. For how can a child honor a parent, when the parent does not honor his or her own responsibility? If the parents fail to give glory and obedience to God, then how can we expect their children to?

As a child grows, they learn much of what the kind of person that they will become from their parents, their sense of morality, a.k.a., what's right and wrong, etc. If a parent has an iniquity, then the chances are, so too will the child. If the parent keeps and practices in the faith of The Christ Jesus, then so to generally will the

child. But if the parent gives lip service to the faith, but is wayward in that faith, the child will pick up this and unless they develop a foundation of faith on their own, will become wayward themselves.

Such is the responsibility of the parent, for God commands that we live within his Commandments, and each generation after us, as well. If we as parents are lacks in the upbringing of our children, then we show our disrespect for God, and therefore fail to show Honor to him. It is one thing to do your best and fail, it is another to shirk your responsibility altogether.

Children obey your parents

Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. **Ephesians 6:1**

Children, your parents have authority over you. Even though you feel your parents are wrong, or don't understand you, you must obey them, for God has given them authority to decide what is right and what is wrong for you so long as you are a child.

Honor thy father and mother (which is the first commandment with promise). **Ephesians 6:2**

By obeying your parents, you show honor to them. When you show honor to those who have given life to you on Earth, then you are telling God that you will give honor to him when he gives you eternal life in heaven.

That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. **Ephesians 6:3**

When a child obeys their parents, and lives within the parameters of the rules set down by them, then that child will be happier and better centered to deal with the difficulties that life will dish out to them when they become adults. Thus, they will live happier and healthier lives.

When a child is given no rules or guidelines to follow, and the parents allow the child to make his or her own decisions, then more often than not, the child will choose poorly. The only problem is that without parental guidelines to compare with, the child will not know that they have chosen poorly, and this will escalate through life. This will in turn cause frustration, anger, and unhappiness for the child. This can all be prevented by the parent simply fulfilling his/her obligation to God, and to the child.

When God tells us that we may *live long on the earth*, he is not referring to living a long mortal life, but that those who are the Saints of God will also live long on the Earth after Satan has been conquered and eternal life given to the Saints of God.

Parents, Discipline do not Abuse

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

This verse is the foundation for the authority of the parent to discipline their children, with verse 4 above being kept in the minds of the parents. But it is also a warning to the parents. Do not abuse your authority over your children. To discipline is one thing to beat them or otherwise abuse them, is not condoned by God. You are to nurture them with love, and teach them out of your love for your children. Discipline should be tempered by the infraction done by the child. God is our father in Heaven. If God treats us with love and understanding, even when we sin, then so too must the parents treat their children with love and understanding when they disobey?

When a parent disciplines their child without a reason, where no infraction has occurred, or the discipline is greater than the infraction warrants, then the child will become resentful of the parent, and lose respect for them. In order to honor someone you need to be able to respect him or her first. God wants the parents to know, that discipline has to be tempered by love. For when you love someone, you are incapable of doing harm to him or her, or being unjust.

A place to discipline

I have always believed that God has a sense of humor, and in his creation of Man, he provided the perfect attribute on which to discipline our children. It is known as the buttocks. When a parent strikes their open hand on the buttock, both the child and the parent feels the pain. When a parent is forced to discipline a child, it is as much the parent's short comings in teaching the child, as it is the willfulness of the child. Therefore both should be subjected to the pain.

A child should never be struck with a stick or rod or any other form of weapon, only the open hand of the parent should be used, and only on the buttocks, for pain will be felt but no permanent damage or injury will occur. If a parent hits so hard as to cause real injury to the child then they too will have injured their own hand.

Those who endure

*If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? **Hebrews 12:7***

If you endure being disciplined by your parents, then God will deal with you as your father as well. What kind of a child will be the result that has never been disciplined by their parents? This is to say, that all children at some time or another, need to be disciplined. That is the nature of growing up, and attempting to exert one's own authority over one's self.

Liberalism, Satan's Hand

This verse is another example why I believe that the Social Liberals of my time are in extreme error, and under the influence or outright control of Satan in regards to bringing up a child. Liberalism insists that it is not right to discipline a child. Liberalism believes that too publicly spank a child will somehow injure the child's self-esteem, or create a mental illness from the humiliation that such a discipline creates. I say, we all need a little humility from time to time, regardless of our age. This verse, tells me that a spanking, in public or in private, is condoned by God.

As this is the case, those who promote that no child is to be disciplined is in direct opposition to the Commandments of God, and therefore not of God but of Satan. You either obey God or you disobey, you either show your love for God or you show your hatred of God, there is no middle road.

It has even gotten to the point that some of the governments of the world, have passed laws to punish the parents, and even remove the children from their custody, if they as much as give that child a spanking. These kinds of laws are against the will of God. Those social liberals who promote this kind of a law are themselves in opposition to God, and therefore promoters of the false gospels of Satan.

Those without Chastisement

But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons?

Hebrews 12:8

If a child is not disciplined then what kind of a person will he/she grow up to be, God uses the word **"Bastards"** to show how he considers such a child and their parents. If the parent's love their children so little that they would not discipline where discipline is called for, then why would God wish to invite either, child or parent into Heaven?

When a child, is left to decide what is right and wrong on their own, they will most often chose wrong. When the parent shirks their responsibility, it leaves the door open for Satan to enter in. This will lead the

children to live unhappy lives of frustration, when they do not get their own way when they grow up in the real world.

Parental Duty

The Fifth Commandment makes the correct upbringing of children the duty and responsibility of the parents. To discipline a child is a commandment from God that the parent should prepare the child for the trials and tribulations of life, as well as obedience to God. Failure in this is a sin of the parents against God, just as the wayward child commits sins when he makes the wrong choices in life.

If the parent has so little concern for their child, then they are treating that child as one would treat a bastard. If the parents treat the child as a bastard, then God will treat them the same. To never have been disciplined, when it was called for, is to not know the love of the parent. If you never know the parents love, then how will you recognize Gods love when he gives it?

Acting Up

Consider this, when a child is constantly being bad, and doing things to upset their parents, the parents so often sigh and say, **“The child just wants attention.”** Well! Yea! If you as a parent haven’t got the time to give attention to your child, then you are telling that child that you do not love them. To the child, even the attention given in a spanking, is better than no attention at all. Next time your child acts up, don’t spank him or her, simply pick them up in your arms and give them hugs and kisses, and tell them you love them. Next time, don’t wait for the child to act up. A Hug a day keeps the Blues away, not to mention Satan. A parent, who fails to discipline their child, is just as bad, as a parent that abuses their child in the name of discipline.

Prepared for God

*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 12:9***

After having been disciplined by our parents, do we not still love them? In obeying God and accepting his disciplines, should we not still love him, he who offers us eternal life? Think of everything you have been reading of these words that God has given me to place on this web page. I am telling you God’s Truth, and I have no doubt that much of what I have written you find offensive. This is how God is disciplining you. Through me God is giving you instruction, even when the instruction is contrary to what you have always believed. The reason for the instruction is because you are in error as it relates to how you give worship to God.

In these words that you have been reading, God is chastising you, so that you will see the error and correct your behavior. This he does out of love for you, for if you continue in error, you will never be given entrance into heaven.

*For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. **Hebrews 12:10***

Our parents discipline us, so that we will obey their dictates. Our parents are extending their authority over us, for their own reasons and standards. God disciplines us so that we might know his truth and his morality, which is his righteousness, and there by enter into Heaven and thus, adorn in his glory. By embracing the six moral imperatives of God, then we too will make his glory our glory. The reason God has invited us to join him in Heaven is because he seeks companions, but his companions must have the same sense of Honesty, and Morality that he has.

Discipline Reaps the fruit of understanding

*Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby. **Hebrews 12:11***

It is never pleasant to be disciplined, as it is happening, we find it grievous and humiliating. However after a time, we understand the reason for it, and the lessons we learn give us peace and understanding, thus making us a better person and closer to our parents and to God, for having endured it.

Benjamin Franklin Said

When religion is good, it will take care of itself. When religion is not able to take care of its self and God does not see fit to take care of it so that it has to appeal to the civil power for its support, it is evidence to my mind that the cause is a bad one.

In other words, if God is not behind the religion that it needs the civil government to enact laws to support it, then the religion is not of God, but of Satan. In that same light, it is not for a Saint of God, to take up arms, or any other of the instruments of war, to progress your religious believes, God will shine the light of his truth on those that he will, as is his pleasure, nothing we can do that God will not do himself. When Jesus returns, he will take care of all those that are in opposition to him, he will not need our help, in dispensing justice. As Saints of God it is our job to preach God's True Word, not to dispense justice upon those who fail to receive the truth. This is given support in the following spoken by Jesus.

Harmless as Doves

*Behold. I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. **Matthew 10:16***

Sixth Commandment

Thou Shalt Not Kill

*Thou shalt not kill. **Exodus 20:13***

You would think this is straight forward, and no further explanation is needed. But I feel more needs to be said. In the King James Version of the Bible, it says this principle teaches the sacredness of human life, that we ought to endeavor to save life rather than take it. This seems to not be consistent with history as told by the Bible.

The Ten Commandments were given to the chosen ones, (the children or descendants of Jacob) after they were brought out of Egypt. They then wandered around in the wilderness for Forty Years. This allowed for two generations growing up in the knowledge and obedience of the Ten Commandments, which are the Laws of God, before they would be able to become tainted by the pagan religions of the people that dwelt in the lands of Cannon, known as the Palestine today.

When they then came to the “**Promised Land**”, they were given permission, of God, not to just conquer the peoples they encountered there, but to totally wipe them out. On the one hand they’re commanded not to kill, and then they are told not only to kill, but to show no mercy on those they fought. Women and children alike were put to death. This is supported in the following verses.

*When the Lord thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and hath cast out many nations before thee, the Hittites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Cananites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than thou. **Deuteronomy 7:1***

*And when the Lord thy God shall deliver them before thee; thou shalt smite them, and utterly destroy them; thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor shew mercy unto them. **Deuteronomy 7:2***

*Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son. **Deuteronomy 7:3***

*For they will turn away their son from following me, that they may serve other gods, so will the anger of the Lord be kindled against you, and destroy thee suddenly. **Deuteronomy 7:4***

*But thus shall ye deal with them, ye shall destroy their altars, and break down their images, and cut down their groves, and burn their graven images with fire. **Deuteronomy 7:5***

*For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God, the Lord thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth. **Deuteronomy 7:6***

Is there a Double Standard?

In light of this, what are we to make of the Commandment, **Thou shalt not kill?** Is it that God has set a double standard? Based on the following words, it does seem to be the case. **“The Lord thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth,”**

I do not presume to know Gods reasoning for allowing this seemingly double standard, but I can think of one explanation. The chosen ones were a relatively small group, not extremely powerful, militarily, and therefore at risk of being wiped out themselves. The commandments by which they lived were revolutionary as compared to the religions practiced by the other peoples of the area. Only by destroying all traces of those other religions, would it ensure that Gods true worship would survive, and not be corrupted.

Consider this; all religions ever kept by man since the beginning, other than the faith in the true God, were established and promoted by Satan. If you worship any other faith than the one that God has commanded us to keep, you are worshipping Satan not God.

This is another example of God being a merciful God, but only with those who worship him as he commands, and not very merciful at all toward those who follow any other gods. Keep in mind as well, that the chosen ones were considered by God to be above all others, above all people.

Consider this; God is so intent that the Children of Israel keep his laws, The Ten Commandments, that he felt it necessary to completely destroy those other peoples who worshiped other Gods. If he was so intent then, do you truly believe that he is less insistent that his children of the New Covenant keep his commandments as well? Those who believe that we do not have to keep the commandments because we live under the Grace of Jesus are in error, the root of which is the lies of Satan, and this should help you to see his lies for what they are and not be blinded by them evermore.

As you can see, “Thou shalt not kill,” has much more meaning than might first be assumed. It has become the custom, that it is a breach of this commandment if you kill any other human being. I have no problem with this custom, however as I have shown, it may not be correct as far as God is concerned.

Jesus Gives Comment

*Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not Kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: **Matthew 5:21***

*But I say unto you, “That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Ra’ca, shall be in danger of the council:” but whosoever shall say, “Thou fool,” shall be in danger of hell fire. **Matthew 5:22***

As you can see, Jesus, through his teachings has expanded upon the meaning of “Thou shalt not kill,” which of course is one of the Ten Commandments. If Jesus teaches us aspects of the Ten Commandments, and not only teaches us but expands upon the meaning, then isn’t it correct that we as Christians should live our lives within the frame work of his teachings, the foundation of which being the Ten Commandments?

As a way of giving full understanding of the Sixth Commandment, I feel it is necessary to give discussion as to why Jesus compares having anger towards your brother with killing someone. This comparison is no small thing and needs to be discussed.

To Hate is to Kill

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In the above verse, the teaching of Jesus, gave me trouble in understanding exactly what he is trying to tell me, so in prayer I asked for clarification, this is what God revealed to me.

I asked the question, “What kind of anger must you have for another person that would cause Jesus to warn us that it could result in Judgment and hell fire, and that Jesus is comparing it with that of killing someone?”

God-Jesus revealed to me that to feel hatred for another with no logical cause, is an aspect of what he is teaching in this lesson. If you hate someone who looks different from you, or talks different from you, or whose customs are different from yours, or whose skin is darker or lighter than yours, in short for you to be a bigot or a racist, then you are in danger of hells fire, which is what Jesus is warning us about. When someone is a racist, their anger and hatred has no foundation so as to give just cause for their anger. They hate because they hate, with no sense or reason. Therefore Jesus compares this to the killing of someone, because if left to fester and grow, murder is not far behind the hate.

This also tells me that Satan Lied when he said that the Ten Commandments were fulfilled to the point of rendering them obsolete when Jesus was nailed to the cross. If that were true, then why does Jesus teach us morality that is based upon the six moral imperatives listed in the Ten Commandments? Why does Jesus teach us that it is a sin to kill, and then expand upon the meaning of that with a warning concerning having anger without cause? The following is yet another example of Jesus teaching elements of the Ten Commandments. For me this means to be a Saint of God, you must also keep the Ten Commandments.

Seventh Commandment

Adultery

Thou shalt not commit adultery. **Exodus 20:14**

The King James Bible says; this is the principle of sexual purity. Related to this principle are the prohibitions of incest, seduction, prostitution, fornication, etc.

First of all, let's define Adultery. The American Heritage Dictionary defines **“Adultery”** as, “a voluntary sexual intercourse between a married person and a partner other than the lawful spouse.”

You might notice, that no gender is mentioned. The words, **“A Married Person,”** is used, so if a man is married and has a sexual relation with any other, than his lawful spouse, then he has committed Adultery. If a women who is married has a sexual relation with any other than her lawful husband, then she has committed Adultery. My personal definition of **Adultery and/or Fornication** is, engaging in any kind of sexual encounter with anyone other than your spouse.

God's Gift

Sex is a gift given to husband and wife to give enhancement to the love that they already feel for each other. Think of it this way, no other animal takes pleasure out of sex. For the animals it serves only one purpose, the procreation of the species, Man on the other hand also feels love for their mates, this is not enjoyed by any other animal. By combining the love you feel for your spouse with the pleasure of the sexual act, you get a complete and fulfilling emotional and physical experience. This can only be achieved between two people when they have love for each other. When you engage in a sexual encounter with any other then you defile that which is beautiful and make it obscene.

You might have noticed that I used the words, “Any Other”. This is to point out, that a married individual, who has a sexual relation with someone of their same gender, constitutes Adultery or Fornication, as well.

Homo Sexuality

In this age that I live, Homo Sexuality is not considered abnormal by society as a whole. So in that regard, the law of this commandment would apply as well. However, God has defined marriage as being between a man and a woman, there can be no marriage, in the eyes of God, between two of the same gender. I personally find Homo Sexuality to be abhorrent; however my opinion is worthless, so what does God have to say about it?

*If a man also lies 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 speaks plainly in his condemnation of Homo Sexuality. If you continue reading a few more Verses in the book of Leviticus, you will see just what kind of other obscene sexual acts he has grouped it with.

It is clear to me that God wants that Homo Sexuality should be rooted out and destroyed, so that the sin and the disease will not infect the rest of society. I read once, several years ago, that some scientist had determined that there is a difference in the chromosomes of those men who are Homo Sexual, and those that are not Homo Sexual. The scientist concluded that is why some men prefer other men to women. I think that that scientist may have been a Homo Sexual himself, and was just trying to give credence to his sexual preferences. Homo Sexuality is not a biological imperative, but a matter of choice, in other words, you choose to prefer others of your same gender.

Jesus Comments

Knowing this let's then learn what Jesus has to say about Adultery?

Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, "Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, that whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

Matthew 5:27-28

Now I'm assuming that the converse is true as well. Any married women whom looks upon another man with lust, also commits Adultery in her heart. I also have to assume, that Christ is referring to a Married individual, lusting for another, for that follows through with the definition of adultery. Again, Jesus is teaching the Ten Commandments, and not just teaching them but expanding on them.

Fornication

How does all this relate to non-married persons, and their sexual behavior? If Adultery is a sexual act between a married person and someone else, other than their lawfully married spouse, then how does that translate for the youth, two people that are unmarried? This is covered by the definition of Fornication. The American Heritage Dictionary defines "Fornication", as Sexual intercourse, between partners, who are not married to each other.

If this definition sounds a lot like Adultery, that's because it is, and for the purpose of making it clear to the youth, and other unmarried persons, that they too are subject to this Commandment. So let's make this clear;

1: If a married person has sex with someone other than their spouse, the two of them both commit adultery, but the spouse is without sin.

2: If an unmarried person has sex with a married person, then they both commit adultery.

3: If two unmarried persons have sex with one another, then they both commit fornication, which is in essence the same as adultery.

Not a Toy

Though, Man is an animal of nature, and only achieved ascension over the other beasts of the world when God made Man a living soul, thus creating Man-Kind, we still have the animal instincts of the dumb beasts. God however, has placed us to a higher purpose in this world. To conduct ourselves in sexual relations,

as the beasts do, lowers us back to that state, and therefore makes us unworthy to enter into the presence and grace of God. In short, God condones sex only between a man and his lawfully married wife, all other sexual activity is forbidden by God. So if you engage in sex as a top off of a night out with someone, (a date), then you are committing a sin. Sex is not a toy that you take out and play with, it is meant by God to be a fulfillment of the love you feel for your spouse, and all other acts of sex are obscene. The following verse gives support to this.

Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whore mongers and adulterers God will Judge.

Hebrews 13:4

Let's break this down, the word **"Defiled"** holds significance. The American Heritage Dictionary defines it as; to make filthy or dirty; pollute, to debase the pureness or excellence of; corrupt.

How does one make dirty, pollute or debase a marriage? One way is by committing Adultery, or an act of Fornication, prior to or after entering into marriage. I know that in this age, premarital sex is accepted, and anyone, male or female, who refuses to have sex after going out on a date, is looked at as weird, or abnormal. So many reading this and wanting to have God forgive their sins, who have indulged in Fornication, may be saying to themselves, "I have indulged in free sex all my adult life, how can I ever expect God to forgive me.

The following verses may hold the answer to this question.

Sins of your past can be forgiven

*That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. **John 3:15***

*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. **John 3:16***

*For God sent **not** his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. **John 3:17***

*He that believeth on him is not condemned; but he that believeth **not** is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. **John 3:18***

*And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. **John 3:19***

*For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. **John 3:20***

*But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God. **John 3:21***

Put simply this all means, if you have sinned and you refuse to accept Christ and the Commandments of God, because to do so you first must acknowledge your sins, and reproach yourself, then your sins will not be forgiven by God. If you do not see what harm there is, by having sex with someone other than your spouse, and if you can't see why others, even God, should dictate to you what is right and what is wrong, then your personality is not of God but of Satan, and you are already lost.

God loves us all, and wants all of us to come to him, but first we must prove ourselves worthy. Unlike the angels, which God made perfect right from the start, he has put us in this imperfect world, with the lusts and needs of the beasts. I like to refer to this time on Earth, as a Crucible of the Soul. Those of us able to be tempered and forged in the heat of Satan's influences, and made pure from it, will be welcomed into Heaven, which is the house of many mansions, that Jesus spoke of, whereas, if you succumb to Satan's immorality, you have only eternal death awaiting you.

I have often heard it said by those who wish to indulge in immoral behavior, **"Who are you to impose your morals upon me?"** well I say to that, "these are Gods morals first, and he gave them to me. They have been the standard by which Western Civilization has lived by, for the last 6,000 years. Who are you to think you are special or wiser than God and all who have lived before you?"

John 3:21, above, is the key to your salvation. Despite your sins, if you repent and look to Christ for guidance, then God will hold your sins wrought. The American Heritage dictionary defines the word **"Wrought"**, as a **past tense and a past participle of work.** In other words, it is put in the past, and so long as it remains in the past, and you no longer sin against God's Commandments, through Christ you will be forgiven.

Marriage is for Life

One other aspect of marriage needs to be broached, here. When you stand before someone, be it a priest, ordained minister, or some other individual legally authorized to perform the marriage, you make a vow, to your prospective spouse, and to all those present in witness to your marriage. If you make this vow to your spouse to be, as well as those others in presence and to God who will be witness to your marriage, whether you invite him or not, then you commit yourself to the marriage for life.

Are Divorces Allowed?

In the Old Testament, divorces were acceptable, but here is what Jesus had to say about it.

*But I say unto you, that whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery. **Matthew 5:32***

The words, “saving for the cause of fornication”, tells me that a divorce is accepted by God, when the spouse has committed the sin of Adultery, or any of the other sexual acts covered under that commandment. So unless God should give me cause to believe otherwise, the only time an individual can divorce their spouse, without committing Adultery themselves, is if their spouse was unfaithful to them first.

This verse speaks of the consequence to the woman, but I would suggest that the converse for men is true as well. This also suggests to me, that except for infidelity, God views marriage as a lifelong commitment. However if the spouse should commit Adultery, God is telling us that the one that has sinned will not cause the other, who has remained faithful in the marriage, to sin should he or she remarry after acquiring a divorce.

This also means to me, if you are divorced, do to your spouse's infidelity, and then you remarry, you do not commit the sin of Adultery when you remarry, nor do you cause your new spouse to commit Adultery. If, however, you were the one that committed Adultery during your marriage, and are divorced, and then remarry, you cause your new spouse to commit Adultery, because of your sin.

Living Together Unmarried

In this time, the early years of the Twenty First Century, there are many, who live together, and have children, but never get legally married. Does this then mean they are both guilty of Fornication? There are some who would say yes. But if you look at the practices of the Old Testament, there was no formal licensing required for a couple to be married.

Remember: marriage was invented by God when he gave Eve to Adam; therefore, it is not the legality of the civil governments that determine whether you are legally married, but if the marriage is performed and witnessed according to the Laws of God.

In the Eyes of God

In history, if the parents of both condoned the relationship, then they became man and wife under God.

As was the case then, today if the parents do not object that no formal wedding or licensing was obtained, then they are married just the same. They have chosen each other; they have made a commitment to each other through their actions if not in words, so they are therefore married under God. Once they have children, the children are not bastards, but legal offspring. Of course, this is my opinion; you can form your own from your study of the Bible.

Children of the Unmarried

A bastard shall not enter into the congregation of the Lord; even to his tenth generation shall he not enter into the congregation of the Lord. Deuteronomy 23:2

If a child should come about because of your Adulterous activities, then that child, **“a Bastard”** is unable to be a part of the Congregation of the Lord. The American Heritage Dictionary defines **Bastard** as, **“Resembling a known kind or species but not truly such”**. So this child, who you would think is innocent of any sin, is because of your actions, denied the companionship of the Congregation of the Lord, in other words, entry into the Church, not just that one child but to the tenth generation, beyond that child. Only through congregation with others can an individual have pure knowledge of God’s will, not to mention oneness with the community in which he lives.

By Church and Congregation, I do not mean “Organized Religion.” In an Organize Religion, the interpretation of the words of God, are dictated by a few who are in control, any interpretation contrary to theirs are not tolerated. My meaning of **“in Congregation and Church”** is **others who are of your faith, who get together to discuss the words of God with you.**

Without the opportunity of communion with others, then that child and its offspring are hindered in their worship of God. If you worship God in any way other than that which he has dictated, then you do not worship him at all. Therefore, that child is less likely to enter Heaven, than a child born in wedlock.

You may all say why God would make life so difficult for an innocent child, and even those yet to be born. It seems like such an unjust punishment for those who themselves have not sinned. My sympathies are with that thought. However, it is not the child to whom this Commandment is directed. It is to those who would commit adultery. God wants to impress upon them, that their actions have consequences beyond themselves. Even if they are unable to control their own animalistic urges, the thought of the pain that they would impose upon any child that is the result of their sins, might give them pause, with the intent to persuade them away from that sin.

Sins of the Father

This is one of the things that Jesus fulfilled; **Deuteronomy 23:2**, no longer does the child pay for the sins of its parents. This is why the Sin of Adam is no longer on our heads. It is the Sin of Adam that all men are mortal, and as that word implies, subject to death. Jesus has removed that sin, so the potential of eternal life is available to all who “**Keep the Commandments of God and have the Testimony of Jesus Christ.**”

It is that sin which has been forgiven through Christ, any sins you commit in your life can only be forgiven if you repent them and ask God to forgive you, which is another good reason why you need to keep the Ten Commandments. If you do not know these commandments, then how are you going to know if you are committing a sin or not? Except for sins against the Holy Ghost, you commit no sin, if it isn't covered by the Ten Commandments. If it isn't in the Ten Commandments, then it is not a sin.

Eighth Commandment

Thou Shalt Not Steal

Thou shalt not steal. **Exodus 20:15**

The word “**Steal,**” is defined by the American Heritage Dictionary as; “To take (the property of another) without right or permission.” The King James Version of the Bible says, “**This principle of property rights is the basis for the many commands stressing rugged honesty in all financial and commercial dealings.**”

The act of taking that which belongs to another, and claiming it as your own, is stealing. This follows through with acquiring property through deceit, or coercion, as well. I'm not sure what else can be said that could enhance or expand upon the meaning or power of those four words. If it does not belong to you, then to take it, and make it yours, is to steal.

The old saying, “**Finder Keeper, Looser Weeper,**” is the same as committing theft. If you find it, it is your responsibility to make an honest effort to give it back to whom so ever it belongs. Anything else is theft.

Ninth Commandment

False Witness

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour. **Exodus 20:16**

This is the principle of respect for truth. In the literal meaning of the words, not to say something false or untrue about someone else, so as to cause them embarrassment, shame, or legal conflict.

The phrase, “Shame, on those who would attempt to shame another,” rings true here.

The intent of this Commandment is not restricted to its literal meaning however. This covers any falsehoods spoken. If you make a vow, or promise, with no intention of living up to it, and then do not live up to it, then you have lied. This is true whenever you ignore, or choose not to fulfill it.

Promises Made

If you make a vow or promise, and events outside your control, prevent you from the fulfillment of the promise or vow, then you are blameless, and have not lied.

White Lies

It is commonly accepted, that sometimes it is necessary to tell a falsehood, so as to not hurt someone you love, in other words, tell a white lie. I am of the belief that if the intention for telling the falsehood is to not cause pain to another, and not for your own personal gain, it might not be a lie, as is intended of this commandment. I would refer back to the previous words, as a guide to determine if you have broken this commandment. If the telling of a white lie is to cover up some other deceit, then the whole of it is a lie. If you tell a white lie to your child, as a way to sooth or comfort them, then you have not lied. If you tell lies to a child to misguide or confuse them, then you have lied, and you have broken the Fifth Commandment as well.

Do not say something false or untrue about someone else, so as to cause them embarrassment, shame, or legal conflict. If you are a witness to a crime, and you are asked to identify those who committed the crime, and you are not absolutely positive, beyond any doubt, that those you are asked to identify are those who committed the crime, yet you point them out as being the guilty, then you have given false witness. Though you may never

be called into account for your falsely giving witness in this life, God is the final judge of course, and he will know the truth. If you let your intent come from your heart, and your heart is pure, then I think your actions will be pure as well.

Tenth Commandment

Thou Shalt Not Covet

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house; thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife; or his manservant, or his maid-servant, or his ox, or his ass, or any thing that is thy neighbour's. Exodus 20:17

The American Heritage dictionary defines the word "Covet" as: To feel blameworthy desire for (that which is another's), to wish for longingly, to feel immoderate desire for that which is another's.

I believe that another word better defines Covet and that is "Lust." If you Lust for that which is another's, then you covet it. The general intent of this is directed at the desire or lust of another man's wife. It can also be used in context of property as well. To desire that of another, with lustful desire, is to give way to your animalistic traits, thus lowering you to that of an animal. God has no desire to let animals into Heaven, then alone his presence. I believe this is a reiteration of the 7th, 8th, and 9th Commandments.

7th Commandment: If you did not covet, you would not be tempted to commit adultery.

8th Commandment: If you did not covet, you would not steal.

9th Commandment: If you did not covet, you would not lie.

As I said at the beginning of this chapter, the last six of the Ten Commandments are laws of Morality. They lift humanity up from being simple animals, to that of being companions of God. If you choose to live your life as an animal, then you will know death of the spirit as well as death of the body, as will all animals. If you fight against your animal wants and desires, as commanded by God, then you will have the potential of knowing eternal life, and communion with your father in Heaven. God has given us the power to make this choice. Only you can do so. Failure is on your head, and blame can be placed on no other.

You may have noticed that I left out the Fourth Commandment in the above explanations. That is because I believe it is the one commandment that glues all the others together, as defining your worship of the True God,

and not some other false god. For that reason, Satan is intent on causing you and I to **not** keep the Seventh Day Sabbath as commanded by God.

Satan will have you think

That the Seventh day Sabbath is no longer required to be kept, because Jesus was resurrected on the first day of the week, so as to honor that resurrection it is alright to keep the first day of the week as the Sabbath. This is blasphemy, and I will give an in-depth discussion of the Fourth Commandment in the Next Lesson, which reveals this for the lie that it is.