

Lesson 9

Ten Commandments, Impossible

Satan Is a Liar

Satan lied when he tells us, "The Ten Commandments are not meant to be kept, they are impossible for a man to keep all of them."

Have you ever been told this? Or is this something that you believe? Well, it is a lie, told by Satan and continued by his anti-Christ, as a way of convincing people not to worship God as he commands.

Satan the Fallen Foe

Remember: Satan is not the name of an individual, it is the name given to all who are the fallen foe. Lucifer was the first, but so too are all of those angels that followed Lucifer in rebellion of God, as too are all Men who side with the ways of Satan and oppose the ways of God, part of Satan. The person or persons who told you the above lie is Satan, one of the Fallen Foe.

The Ten Commandments spell out what is a sin, if you do not know the Commandments of God; how will you have the knowledge to avoid sin. Do you really think the Ten Commandments too arduous for you to keep? Let us take a look at the Ten Commandments one more time with this in mind.

Have no god before Me

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

Pray only to your Creator

In this God is making a statement of fact, he is the same God that brought the sons of Jacob out of bondage. Above that he is also saying that except for him, there is no other God. He has also told us in the Book of Genesis that he is the creator of the universe, and therefore our creator. Do you believe that there is only one God, and that he is the creator of all that is and ever has been? If you do believe this, then you must pray only to him, the Creator, and to no other.

Do you pray to Statues or other Pictures?

If you are encouraged by your church to pray to statues or paintings, or any other type of graven image, then you are not praying to God. Even if the graven image is an image of the one commonly considered to be Jesus, it is still a graven image, and therefore forbidden by God. If you are encouraged to pray to long dead Saints, then you are not praying to God, which puts you in opposition to this the First Commandment.

Is this Commandment impossible to keep?

So, think about it, what is it about this commandment that would make this commandment too difficult or impossible for you to keep? Is it that difficult to pray only to God your creator and no other? God is in your heart, he will never forsake you; it is you who forsakes God when you refuse to worship him as he commands. In what way would keeping this commandment, **(Put no other before me)** be impossible for you to do?

Have 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***

Idolatry

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image: A “**Graven Image**” is defined as: **a picture or statue of a god or a (so called) holy person.** This includes a statue or picture depicting that which has come to be considered the image of Jesus. All imagery used in worship, is images of Idolatry, and as such forbidden under this commandment, even those of God or the Son of God.

This might be a problem for Catholics and Buddhists to keep, among other religions that have statues, paintings, and other graven images, but if you are shown the truth, that idols are contrary to the true worship of God, would it then be so hard to get rid of those things. If you love God and intend to worship him, doesn't it make sense that you must worship him as he tells you to, especially when this verse makes it clear that it is the will of God?

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: This leaves out just about everything that God has created.

Heaven Above

The Sun

When you look up to the heavens, what do you see? The most obvious thing is the Sun; therefore it is a sin if you give worship to the Sun or any aspect of the Sun. This shows that those who worship a Sun God are in opposition to the Word of God and the Second Commandment.

The Moon

When you look up the second most obvious sight is that of the Moon. The Moon is not a living thing, it does not have thoughts, or desires, and it just orbits around the Earth, a rock in space. Why would anyone think that the Moon was alive, and therefore required worship?

The Stars

Another visible sight in the heavens is the stars. DO NOT give worship to any of these lights in the sky, nor are we to make graven images of any of them for the purpose of worship, to do so is to give worship of

something other than the God of Creation. God created the Sun, the Moon and the Stars; God is greater than all of his creation. Give worship to the Creator, not that which is created.

Earth Beneath

Or that is in the Earth beneath, this precludes Man from having graven images of all animals, plants, or anything else living or not. As you might recall from the Book of Exodus, Aaron, brother to Moses, made a golden bull as a god for the people to give worship to. Do you also remember God's reaction to this?

*And the Lord said unto Moses, "Go, get thee down; for thy people, which thou broughtest out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves. They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them: they have made them a molten calf, and have worshiped it, and have sacrificed thereunto, and said, "These be thy gods, O Israel, which have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt." **Exodus 32:7-8***

Moses had gone up on to the mountain, and was gone a long time. The People became anxious, and thinking that Moses had died on the mountain, asked Aaron to make them a god, in this they all sinned against God and his first and second commandments, including Aaron, Moses' own brother.

The Golden Calf

*And the Lord said unto Moses, "I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people: Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them: and I will make of thee a great nation." **Exodus 32:9-10***

God's reaction to this was to indicate that he would destroy all of them, and use only Moses as his source for a great nation. It was only after Moses pleaded with God, that God recanted his intent on destroying those that engaged in Idolatry. If God would kill all of those that he had worked so hard to free from Egypt, because they committed Idolatry, what do you think he would do to you if you wear a cross with the image of a man upon it, or have pictures or statues of long dead saints in your possession? If your church has these things and encourages you to give prayer to them, then your church is not a church of God, but the church of Satan.

Look to your Heart

You do not need to worship an object, for God is in your heart, you need only search for him there. Because God is already in your heart, when you pray to him, he hears you. If you do not worship God as he

commands and you pray to him, but it seems like he doesn't hear you, then you may think that he does not hear you, but he does, but why should God answer the prayers of someone who worships a god of their own invention, and are therefore in disobedience to the God of Creation?

Praying To God

Jesus tells us how to pray to God

And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, "They have their reward." **Matthew 6:5**

Take note that Jesus is telling us to enter into a closet to pray, and not go out into the public when we pray. Making a public spectacle of our praying, Jesus tells us is how hypocrites pray.

A "Closet" is defined as: a small private room, or a large cabinet or recessed area with a door, in which clothes or linens are stored, or a small room set aside for privacy.

Think about it, if you enter into a closet and shut the door, and you leave off the light, what do you see? You see darkness don't you? In this setting then, what good is having a statue or painting or any other graven image, if you can't see it in the dark. But at the same time when you pray to your Creator, he will hear you, then you will see with your heart, not your eyes. This is the God of Creation that you then pray to.

A "Hypocrite" is defined as: somebody who pretends to have admirable principles, beliefs, or feelings, but behaves otherwise. If you talk the talk but fail to walk the walk, then you are a hypocrite.

If it is your intent to give prayer to the God of Creation, then what does it matter to you what other people think? If you love Jesus for his sacrifice and you love God the Father for sending Jesus to us, then pray to God, worship God, as he commands, to do otherwise is to insult the Father and the Son. When you insult someone, you are showing your hatred not your love.

The word "Insult" is defined as: to be offensive to somebody, to say or do something rude or insensitive that offends somebody, to do something that suggest a low opinion of somebody or something.

God has established rules of conduct that we as his children are to abide by, when you disobey his rules, you show your disrespect for him, and in so doing you give insult to him. This is true of your Father in Heaven as well as your father on earth.

*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***

A closet does not have to be a physical room; it can be a secret place in your mind where you go to give your full attention to God. You can be out in a crowd with people all around, but if you wish to give a prayer in secret, without a showing that reveals you're praying to those around you, then you have entered a closet.

A Personal and Intimate Relationship

For example: You are walking down a crowded street, and for whatever the reason, you are moved to give thanks to God, do not falter in your step, or change your outward appearance in any way that would take the notice of those around you, then make your prayer without losing your stride.

Remember: the prayer you are making is a secret between you and God, so it is not something that you want to share with anyone else. God wants to have a personal and intimate relationship with you. There are times when bringing others into your worship of God is desirable, which is what being in congregation with others is all about, but not when you wish to speak in private to your Father in Heaven, then there is no need of a congregation.

Vain Repetitions

*But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him. **Matthew 6:7-8***

The Church of Rome encourages people to say the same words over and over again when they pray; for example, **“Holy Mary mother of God etc.”** This is repeated many times in the prayer, and therefore a **vain repetition**. God refers to such prayers as having been made by a **“Heathen,”** do you want that God thinks of you as a heathen? The word **“Heathen”** is defined as **someone who does not follow a religion, someone who breaks social rule of conduct.** To me this means **to give prayer or to worship a false god.**

Even though you may think that you are giving prayer to the God of Creation, if you do not do as God commands, then who is it that you are truly giving worship to. God is telling us that it is not him.

There is another thing wrong with the above example of a prayer however; it is a prayer to **“Mary”** mother of Jesus. When did Mary become a substitute for God? As the First Commandment says, pray only to God, and no other, to give prayer or reverence to the Mother Mary is to sin against the God of Creation. Mary, the mother of Jesus, was just a flesh and blood human being, no different than you or I, why then would you give prayer to her? To me this is the same as if I were to go down on my knees and give prayer to myself as I looked into the mirror. God tells us “Do not engage in Idolatry,” why then do you disobey God?

God will provide

Know too that God knows what you need, and those who worship God as he commands, will receive from God, that which they need. Do not confuse this with receiving what they want. Just because you want something does not mean that you need it. What you need is food to eat, a place to lay your head at night, and clothing to cover your body. Beyond these three things, what more is there to need? What you need is wholeness in spirit, and knowledge and understanding in the ways of God, when you pray to God for these things, he will answer your prayers.

If you ask God for a new car, or to win the lotto, he most likely will not answer you. To inquire of God for worldly things are to give vain requests to God. God wants that you give glory to God in all that you do and say, in what way are you giving glory to God if you ask him to give you the winning lotto numbers.

The Lord's Prayer

*After this manner therefore pray ye: “Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen. **Matthew 6:9-13***

As you can see in this prayer that Jesus gave us, you are asking only for those things you need, therefore, word your prayers in the same manner as this prayer is worded, and God will answer your prayer.

Praying to Saints

Another aspect of this commandment is the praying to any other than to God himself. Some religions encourage you to pray to dead saints for guidance, and they provide you with statues and paintings depicting these saints, on an altar, so you can kneel down before them and pray to them. This is blasphemy, and in direct opposition to the First and Second Commandments, as revealed in the following words. **Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them.**

Consider this: Why would you want to talk to the secretary, when the boss is available to you? Besides, the saints are nothing more than dead people; they are not nor have they ever been gods, they can't hear you, for as Jesus shows us; the dead are asleep and without consciousness until the resurrection.

Two Resurrections

All who have ever lived will be resurrected in two separate occasions, the First Resurrection at the Second Advent of Jesus Christ, will be of all the faithful, (Saints of God), **“those who have the Ten Commandments written upon their hearts, and have the testimony of the teachings of Jesus.”**

The Second Resurrection, will be of all the others who do not fit the above definition and are therefore not of the faith. You do not want to be in the last group.

If you need guidance, solace, or any kind of assistance, pray to the God of Creation, ask him to forgive your sins. He will hear you. Those dead saints are dead, they can't hear you, and even if they could, they are not God; in what ways do you think they could possibly help you?

In what way would keeping this commandment (thou shalt not have any idols or other graven images) be impossible?

Name of God 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***

The Name used as a Curse

This commandment has more meaning than you might think. God has many names, and using one of his names in a derogatory or slanderous way, are blasphemy, and a violation of this commandment.

For example: it has become a custom, to say **“Jesus Christ,”** as a curse or in a manner of contempt. I believe this is the most common abuse of this commandment. It may take you time to get out of the habit of such slanders, but if you love God and Jesus, you will perceive to end this blasphemy.

Implicating God in a deceit

There is another meaning that to me is more important, and that is to not implicate God in any oaths that you have no intention of keeping. If you make an oath with the phrase **“So help me God,”** you are calling upon God to verify that what you are saying is true. When then it turns out to be a lie, you have given offense to God, and have implicated him in your deceit. In this way you are taking the name of God in vain.

God’s True Name

There is another meaning as to the name of God, and that is the name which he gave to Moses upon Mount Sinai. It begins when Moses asks God to show him his Glory, **Exodus 33:8 through 34:1**, the answer that God gives to Moses is the true name of God, and it is that name that you are not to take in vain. If after reading these verses in the Bible you still do not know the true name of God, I have explained it elsewhere in these Lessons. Allow me to go over it again. In Scripture, God repeats himself often, so I see no reason I shouldn’t do so as well.

God’s Personality and Character

*For wherein shall it be known here that I and thy people have found grace in thy sight? Is it not in that thou goest with us? So shall we be separated, I and thy people, from all the people that are upon the face of the earth. **Exodus 33:16***

In this Moses is asking of God, **“If you do not remain with your people, then how will we your people, be known to have found grace in your sight, as separate from all other people on the earth?”**

*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. **Exodus 33:17***

God responds to Moses, that he will make it so that Moses and his people will be known to the entire world to be special and separate from all others. God also makes the comment that God knows Moses by name. This has significance for Moses, which you will see.

*And he (Moses) said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory. **Exodus 33:18***

Moses is asking God to reveal himself. Moses wants to see what God looks like, but more than that, Moses wants to know who God is. This is apparent in the meaning of the word “Glory.”

The word “Glory” means: a majesty or splendor, beauty that inspires feelings of wonder or joy.

The word “Majesty” means: a deeply impressive dignified quality, supreme authority and power.

In this way Moses wants to see more than just what God looks like but to have insight into who and what God is and what God stands for, his personality, and his character.

All My Goodness

*And he (God) 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. **Exodus 33:19***

Personality Traits

God responds to Moses by saying he will make all his goodness pass before him. The word goodness is the English word that replaces the Hebrew word, “Tuwb,” which means; Beauty, Gladness, Welfare, and Joy. In my opinion these represent personality traits, and not just outward appearances.

*And he (God) said, “Thou canst see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live.” **Exodus 33:20***

God cannot show Moses his face, for to do so would kill him.

God's Back Parts

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 cleft of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by:" **Exodus 33:21-22**

The word "Glory," is the English word that replaces the Hebrew word, "Kabowd or Kabod," which means, magnificence, carriage, honour. If you take all three definitions into consideration, not only is God revealing his outward appearance to Moses, but his Honor as well. Honor is defined as, something or someone worthy of respect. So you see God isn't only showing Moses what he looks like, but his personality and character as well.

And I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt see my back parts: but my face shall not be seen.

Exodus 33:23

I have mentioned before my impatience with those who set up the verse numbering system in the Bible that they too often break up paragraphs and connected explanations by these inappropriate numberings. This is true of these verses. I believe that the first verse of **Chapter 34** should have been included in **Chapter 33**. They continue the discussion between Moses and God on Mount Sinai, and therefore should be included as part of that same conversation. Perhaps you will agree with me as I give explanation this next verse.

A Reflection of God

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 table, which thou brakest." **Exodus 34:1**

They are still on Mount Sinai, and God has just revealed his outward appearance to Moses, and now the very next thing he says is to prepare two new tables of stone, so he can write the Ten Commandments upon them. When God said, "I will proclaim the name of the Lord before thee," he is referring to The Ten Commandments, and they are the second half of revealing himself to Moses. The Ten Commandments give definition to who God is. First he showed Moses his back parts, and then the very next thing he talks about is replacing the tables of stone that had the Ten Commandments upon them. This tells me, that the Ten Commandments are God's personality, his character, his Glory, his Honor and his name.

A name is something that summarizes who and what a person stands for and is. The Ten Commandments is that which defines who and what God is, therefore, the Ten Commandments is the Name of God.

Why has Satan been so successful?

If you would like to understand in what way Satan tells his lies that then cause the entire world to believe him to be God, know this; Satan by way of his anti-Christ had control and influence over those that translated the ancient Hebrew and Greek languages into the more modern languages. Part of the influence is manifest in the chapter and verse numbering system of the Bible. **Verse 1 of Chapter 34** in the Book of Exodus, is in fact part of the answer that God gives to Moses. By placing it as the first sentence of a new chapter, you might when you read, not realize or consider it part of God's answer. This is one of the ways that Satan tells his lies.

In what way would keeping this commandment (*do not take the Lords name in vain*) be impossible for you?

The Sabbath Day

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 they 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

Honor the Day

It is not the observation of the Sabbath that is holy, but the Day that God made holy, therefore it is the Day that you must keep holy. God named the Seventh Day, "Sabbath," which means that it is the name given to God for the seventh day. God has not named any other day of the week, only the Seventh Day has God so honored.

The word "Sabbath," means, God's Holy Day, therefore if the seventh day is God's Holy Day, then why are you observing the first day as being God's Holy Day? In the above verses, which are the Word of God

spoken by God and recorded by God's Prophet Moses, God makes it very clear that it is the seventh day that he hallowed and sanctified. Either you accept and believe the Word of God or you accept and believe words that have no support in the pages of the Bible. If God did not speak the words, "**Sunday is the Holy Day of the Lord**," then who did?

There is only one other who does not want you to give true and correct worship to God, and that is Satan. Are you a Child of God, or spawn of Satan?

Keep it Holy

First God tells us to "**Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy**." In order to remember something, you must first have been told about it before hand. With this in mind I went looking in the Bible where God had made a day holy. I first used the computer search engine to look up all the occasions when the Word Sabbath is used in the Bible. To my amazement, the Word Sabbath is used for the very first time in the above verses of the Fourth Commandment. If you look closely at the words in the above verses, you will see that the words "Sabbath Day," are used, but there is no actual indicator which day of the week that applies to, therefore I did not find any firm indicator as to what day of the week is the Sabbath Day. I then decided to look up the word holy, so I could find where God made something holy. Once again using the computer search engine, I could not find anything where God made a day holy. Then after reading the above verses again, I realized that God might not have used the word holy, but "**Hallowed**," so I once again went to the computer and finally I did find where God "**Hallows**" a day of the week, and that day was and is the Seventh Day as revealed in the following verses.

*Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And **on the seventh day** God ended his work which he had made; **and he (God) rested on the seventh day** from all his work which he had made. **And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it**: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made. **Genesis 2:1-3***

Remember: I said in order to remember something you first needed to have been informed of it beforehand. It is to these verses in Genesis that God is referring to when he tells us to remember. What then is it that God wants for us to remember? God says **remember the Sabbath Day**, so as **to keep it holy**. The only day that God has ever made holy is the **Seventh Day** as is evidenced in the above three verses from Genesis.

These are God's words, spoken by God and recorded by God's Prophet Moses. Where is it written in the pages of the Books of the Bible where it says that God made holy the first day? I have searched

exhaustively in the Bible, and have not found anywhere that God has spoken such words. I have however found several places outside the Bible where others have spoken of the First Day as being the Lords Day of Rest, but they are not quotes from God nor are they written by any of the Prophets of God. In Lesson 12, titled **The Sunday Sabbath**, I reveal several of these others who espouse the First Day Sabbath, despite it not having been spoken by God.

Again, this Commandment might be a tough one, but not impossible, for someone raised a Catholic or any of the other religions that keep no Sabbath or consider Sunday as the correct day of worship. As I have shown you, the Sabbath as defined by God is from sundown (dusk) Friday, to sundown Saturday, which all has to do with God being the creator of the universe, which he accomplished in six days then rested on the seventh day, keeping any other day as the Sabbath puts you in opposition or disobedience to God.

Would it be all that difficult to stop going to church on Sunday, and keep the true Sabbath as a day of communion with God. Only those who refuse the Word of God as being the truth, and therefore prefer to continue in their worship as given in Satan's False Gospel, would find this impossible. Either the Word of God is the True Word, or it is not, you must decide this for yourself. But know this, your eternal soul weighs in the balance.

A Personal and Intimate Relationship

Remember: God wants to have a personal and intimate relationship with you; all you need to do is reach out to him by believing his word above all others. This commandment is not difficult to keep, if you simply acknowledge that the Sunday Sabbath is false, and unsupported by scripture. I defy you to find anywhere in the Bible where God or Jesus actually gives instruction or commandment to transfer the Sabbath from the Seventh day of the week to the First Day of the week. In what way therefore, would keeping this commandment (**Remember my Sabbath**) be impossible?

Honor your parents

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**

Respecting your Parents

Again, is it such a strenuous thing to treat your parents with respect and kindness? Yea, they have gotten old, and are always trying to give you advise unasked for, but do you really think that you have nothing more to learn from them, or is it too hard to accept their suggestions out of respect for them, and then decide for yourself which path to take? Just because someone gives you advice it does not mean you have to follow through on it. Your life is your life, the final decision is yours, but the more information you have, the more intelligent your decisions will be.

Remember: as I have already shown, this commandment has greater meaning, in that it is not just your parents that deserve your respect, but everyone that you meet. When you show respect to others, you are telling God that you will show respect to him as well.

Discipline through Love

Remember: this commandment also applies to those of you who are parents yourselves, and your relationship with your children. I am assuming that you have already read my discussion concerning the understanding of the Ten Commandments. God commands us as parents to raise our children in the love and respect for the law, Civil Law as well as God's Law. Failure of the parents to do this will most likely result in the failure of the child.

In what way would keeping this commandment (*honor your mother and father*) be impossible?

Do not Kill

Thou shalt not kill. Exodus 20:13

I personally do not see how this commandment can be difficult at all to keep. To take another person's life requires a mindset and a character, which is inconsistent with the kind of person who is of God. God is inviting you to come live with him. If you have killed in the past, would it be such a difficult thing for you to repent such behavior, to be sickened by what you have done, and ask for forgiveness of the Lord.

All Sin shall be forgiven

Wherefore I say unto you, "All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men." Matthew 12:31

What this is saying is that even a thing like killing another, can be forgiven; you need only repent your sin and ask God for his forgiveness. To repent means to dig deep into your soul and be sickened by your sins, and vow never to sin again. If it is from the depths of your soul, then God will hear you. If you only give lip service to your repentance, God will know.

In what way would keeping this commandment (*thou shalt not kill*) be impossible?

Adultery-Fornication

Thou shalt not commit adultery. Exodus 20:14

This will be tough for many living in this day and age of loose morals and willing partners, but which has more value to you, a moment's pleasure, or life eternal with God? This is a decision you have to make, but remember; only those who truly repent, and adjust their whole outlook on life, and their own character, to be reborn into a person that doesn't lust after any other than their lawful spouse, have any chance of entering Heaven. Again, if you read my discussion of the Ten Commandments you will have a better understanding of what I have written here.

Just keep the following in mind. **All Sex is a sin.** Engaging in sex is the way of the animals from which God lifted Man above. To engage in activities that are animalistic is to remove yourself from being godly. God gave as a wedding gift the pleasures of sex to a Man and a Woman when and only when they make a vow and a pledge of lifelong commitment to each other and in the blessing of God. Only in marriage between husband and wife is sex permitted, a wedding gift from God that only in this relationship there is no sin.

In what way would keeping this commandment (*thou shalt not commit adultery or engage in fornication*) be impossible?

Stealing

Thou shalt not steal. Exodus 20:15

Is it really so difficult a thing for you, to restrain yourself from taking that which does not belong to you, and making it yours?

Remember: this applies to taking from another through lies and deceptions, as well. After all, those are the tools used by Satan. Do you wish to be like Satan or like God?

Satan the Thief

Consider this: when Satan lies and is successful in deceiving you, he has stolen something that belongs to you. He has stolen from you, life eternal, plus so much more that God offers. When you steal, you are placing yourself in the same company as Satan, not someone that God wants to have come live with him in heaven.

Remember: Satan and his other fallen angels were forced out of Heaven, (**Revelation 12:9**), so why would God want someone else who is sinful to enter in where he has expelled others?

In what way then would keeping this commandment (**thou shalt not steal**) be impossible?

False Witness

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

To say that someone has done something, or said something, when you know or are not absolutely sure that they have done this, is to bear false witness. When you find yourself lying, fight off the inclination, and stop yourself.

To sin is to engage in something that is contrary to the word of God. The Ten Commandments give you knowledge of what God has deemed sinful, only in understanding and knowing them will you be able to stop yourself from engaging in sin before you do sin.

In what way would keeping this commandment (**thou shalt not bear false witness**) be impossible?

Coveting

*Thou shalt not **covet thy neighbour's** house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's. Exodus 20:17*

This goes along with several of the other commandments, if you don't covet them in the first place, you will not commit those other sins in your attempt to have them. If you find yourself lusting after that which is not yours, then stop yourself. If you find that you are unable to stop yourself, turn to God for help. By reading the Ten Commandments, as well as other verses in scripture and taking the time to understand what they are all about, you will get your mind off that which you lust for. If you pray to God, he will give you strength to fight off these temptations.

Pray to God

Pray to God, repent your sins, and ask him to forgive you your sins. Ask God to give you guidance in your daily life and in your study of the Bible. It is these kinds of prayers that God answers, not those where you ask God for Earthly things. God already knows what you need, if you worship him as he commands and put your life and your soul in his hands, he will provide you with your needs.

Remember: what you need does not always translate into what you want.

Let me ask you the reader a question. Where is it written where God has said that the Ten Commandments were never meant to be kept, and that no one person is capable of keeping all ten of God's commandments? I have found nowhere in the pages of the Bible where it says such a thing. Is this saying then the same as the one concerning the Sunday Sabbath, a lie spoken by Satan so as to cause you from giving true and correct worship of God?

So now I ask you, what is so impossible about keeping any one or all of these Ten Commandments?

I Don't Understand

I'm sorry, I just don't see it. Perhaps it has to do with your personality. If keeping any of these commandments would be impossible for you, then consider the possibility that it is not the commandments that are impossible, but you that is defective.

I have a suggestion. Take a pen and paper, and go down these commandments on your own. With the pen, write down for each commandment that which would make it impossible or hard for you to do. Once you have made your list, look into your soul and decide if it is something about you that makes them impossible, or something about the commandments that make them impossible.

Being Reborn

Only by total and complete repentance of your sins, and a rebirth of your personality and moral character, can you ever hope to enter Heaven. That is why Jesus called it being “**REBORN unto the Lord.**”

Jesus answered and said unto him, “Verily, verily, I say unto thee, “Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” **John 3:3**

Nicodemus saith unto him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother’s womb, and be born?” **John 3:4**

Jesus answered, “Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.” **John 3:5**

That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. **John 3:6**

What these verses mean is in order to be reborn and thus have a chance of entering Heaven; you need to undergo a transformation of your personality and character, which is what gives definition to who you are and what you are. If you were a person, who saw nothing wrong in stealing, and then realize your sin, and then asked God for forgiveness, you must first change your personality into someone who is not a thief. This is what Jesus means by being reborn unto the Lord.

If you are one who has multiple sins against God and his commandments, then a total transformation of which you were to whom God wants you to be is necessary. Knowing who God is, will help you to emulate him, and thus speed up the transformation, or rebirth. If you want to know what kind of person and what kind of character that God has, you need only read and understand the Ten Commandments and the teachings of Jesus. They are not just his laws, but a view of who he is. This is revealed in the following.

What constitutes Paganism?

The dictionary defines a Pagan simply as: heathen. What a Pagan is, when put into context of the Bible, is anything or anyone that is not of God or who is in opposition to God. For you to be in opposition to God puts you in accord with Satan, so if you are Pagan, you are in the worship of Satan, even if you do not realize it.

If you give lip service to being a Christian, but do not have the moral character that God has spelled out in the Ten Commandments, and that Jesus teaches then you are a pagan.

If you wear or possess a graven image that is kept as a religious symbol, then you are in opposition to the Second Commandment, as such you are in opposition to God, and therefore not of God, but a Pagan.

If you go to Sunday worship instead of the true Sabbath, Friday at dusk, “sun down,” to Saturday at dusk, you are a pagan, for in doing so; you refute the laws of God, and thereby put yourself in opposition to God, making you and your religion Pagan.

Worldwide Religion

The anti-Christ is no longer a single church or religion, as was told in the Book of Daniel. The anti-Christ has evolved into a worldwide religion made up of several branches and sects. Jesus reveals this to us in the following verse.

*Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; **II Thessalonians 2:3***

Not a Falling Away from God

There are those who will tell you that this verse is referring to a time in the End of Days, when Christians will turn away from their faith and fall prey to the ways of Satan, but that is Satan's Lie.

The “Man of Perdition” is Satan, and the falling away will come when Satan's False Gospel and False Church is revealed for the lie that they are. What the above verse is saying is, Satan or the False Religion of Satan and Satan's False Gospel will be revealed, and when that happens there will come a great falling away, from Satan's false religions. The people when shown God's Truth will leave the False Churches to give their

worship to the God of Creation. It is the False Churches that are the worldwide religion, founded upon Satan's false gospel.

Showing Himself as God

*Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. **II Thessalonians 2:4***

Satan, by way of his False Religions will exalt himself above God. This will be accomplished by the impersonation of the Church of Christ by Satan's False Churches so that they appear to be the Church of God. In this way, the people will believe they are giving worship to God, but are worshiping Satan in ignorance.

This all started with the establishment of the Church of Rome in the 300's AD, and continues today with the Roman Catholic Church as well as all those other Churches that separated from the Church of Rome during the Protestant Reformation. These are easy to recognize, because they observe the Sunday Sabbath which is in opposition to the Fourth Commandment. If you doubt what I am saying concerning the Protestant Churches being part of the anti-Christ religion, read on to see for yourself, I give in depth discussion concerning this in latter lessons and chapters.

The Whore

And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, "Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters."

Revelation 17:1

This angel has done his work and emptied out his vial on to the earth. It is now that God wants us to understand something more concerning Satan's hold on the hearts of men.

Remember: the "waters" refers to populated lands where older nations once ruled, or in this case it refers to the many nations of the world that are under the influence of the anti-Christ.

"The great whore," is another symbolism of the anti-Christ, or as we have learned, the Church of Rome but also include the churches that pulled away from the Church of Rome. These Churches or religions kept as part of their faith the pagan traditions and practices established during the 1260 years that the Church of Rome established when it stood alone as the anti-Christ.

Three Symbolisms of the anti-Christ

The Great Whore being spoken of in the above verse refers to the following verses.

First Symbolism, Little Horn

*I considered the horns, and behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking great things, (blasphemy). **Daniel 7:8***

Second Symbolism

*And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. **Revelation 13:1***

Third Symbolism

*So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. **Revelation 17:3***

All three of these symbolisms refer to the anti-Christ. God uses three distinct imageries, so as to show the evolution of who and what the anti-Christ is. First it begins as a small nation, which is what the little horn represents. Second it is seen as a beast coming out of the sea, which is the same sort, or symbolism God used in referencing the four ancient empires of Man, the Babylonian, the Persian, the Greek, and finally the Roman. Third, the anti-Christ is shown as a Harlot Woman, who sits upon a beast. I will get into greater depth in what all these verses are saying in latter lessons.

God's Judgment of the anti-Christ

I will shew unto thee the judgment, refers to the punishment that God will mead out to the anti-Christ and all nations and people who worked to support and promotes the anti-Christ through the ages.

Kings, (nations) of the Earth

*With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication. **Revelation 17:2***

The “kings of the earth”, refers to the leaders of nations, the leaders of industry as well as the leaders of the False Religions alike.

The phrase “wine of her fornication”, refers to the packs, agreements, and cooperation of those kings as well as individuals, made with the anti-Christ (Church of Rome), which sustained and helped it to grow in power and prominence, and in the murder of millions of innocent people through its Trials of Inquisition.

The Scarlet Colored Beast

*So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. **Revelation 17:3***

I saw a woman, refers to the Church of Rome as well as her offspring, (the anti-Christ).

Remember: God also showed the Church of Christ as a woman, as is revealed in the following verse.

*And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: and she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered. **Revelation 12:1-2***

Therefore all symbolisms using women are to be understood to be Churches or religions, and places of worship, just as all references to beasts have to do with nations as well as nations of imperial powers and influence.

“Sit upon a scarlet coloured beast,” refers to that which the false religion is founded upon, which is Satan’s **False Gospel**. It is depicted as scarlet to give it resemblance to Satan’s symbolism as the Red Dragon, and that the anti-Christ sits upon this beast because the False Religion which is the anti-Christ is based upon Satan’s False Gospel.

“Full of names of blasphemy,” as I have shown earlier, Satan has entered lies into the Bible, taking it from being God’s Holy Gospel to being Satan’s False Gospel, as such the False Gospel is full of names of blasphemy. This then shows that this scarlet beast, which is Satan’s False Gospel, is the Bible of Satan, full of his lies and blasphemies against God and his Holy Gospel.

This scarlet colored beast is *Satan's False Gospel* and is symbolically portrayed as having *seven heads and ten horns*, and if you recall, this is a similar depiction of the beast that is the anti-Christ as shown in **Revelation 13:1**. The only thing missing on this scarlet coloured beast is the ten crowns on the ten heads of this beast, which is because **Revelation 13:1** is a description of Satan's false church which is imperial in its influence of the nations of the world and **Revelation 17:3** is a description of Satan's false gospel, and it is from this that the Church of Rome is built upon. The Gospel is not imperialistic in and of itself.

The Attire of the Whore

*And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: **Revelation 17:4***

To understand this imagery, you need to know that the way that this woman is clothed is a strong identifier of the anti-Christ and not the False Prophet. To understand the meaning of this apparel you need to read **Exodus 39**. In this chapter, it tells of the clothes of service, that the Temple priests were required to wear when entering the holy place of the tabernacle. The colors of these garments were, Scarlet, Purple, Blue, and inlaid Gold threads.

You might recognize the attire that the harlot woman is arrayed in; it is a close match to the formal dress of the high priest of the tabernacle as shown beginning in **Exodus 28:2**. You might also have noticed that the color of blue is missing from the attire of the Harlot Woman. Do you know why the anti-Christ will not have blue in his attire? The following verses will answer this for you.

Priestly Attire

*Then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel: And they saw the God of Israel: and there was under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness. And upon the nobles of the children of Israel he laid not his hand: also they saw God, and did eat and drink. And the Lord said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written; that thou mayest teach them. **Exodus 24:9-12***

The Color Blue

The key to these verses is the phrase, ***“I will give thee tables of stone.”*** God is talking about giving Moses tables with the Ten Commandments written on them, that he God wrote on these stones as told to us in the phrase, ***“commandments which I have written.”***

You might be asking, where the fuss about the color Blue comes into meaning. The only stone that God had been giving reference to in the verses preceding **verse 24:12** is the sapphire stone that God stood on in Heaven. This tells me, that the tables of stone that the Ten Commandments are written on, is from the very floor of heaven, the sapphire stones.

The significance of this in the colors of the tabernacle on earth, and in the clothes worn by the priests, that Blue is a reference to the sapphire stone of heaven, and the Ten Commandments which are written on them by God himself.

Hewn from the floor of Heaven

I have to ask you, the reader, why God would write his laws, the Ten Commandments, on stone hewn from the floor of heaven, unless they were important? You know the phrase, ***“Written in Stone”*** which signifies the fact that once written in stone, it is to last forever. These are the Commandments of God and in this meaning; God is saying that his Ten Commandments are to last forever, which is why he wrote them in a blue sapphire stone hewn from the floor of heaven.

Whenever you encounter the phrase, ***“The Commandments or Laws of God,”*** you will know it is to the Ten Commandments that are being spoken of. When the phrase, ***“The commandments of Moses,”*** is spoken of, it is to the laws written by the hand of Man, and not in stone.

The Sapphire stone can be several different colors when cut, but is generally thought of to be Blue, it can never have the appearance of Red however. This image was given by God in this verse to impress upon us, that the Blue Sapphire Stone on which he stood, was not of the earth but of heaven. The reason for this will become evident soon.

As seen by men

The following is another example in the Bible of why God considers the Ten Commandments of the highest importance can be found in reference to the clothes worn by the Harlot Woman and those worn by the Priests of the Tabernacle.

And above the firmament that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone: and upon the likeness of the throne was the likeness as the appearance of a man above upon it.

Ezekiel 1:26

This is another description showing us that the sapphire stone that the original Ten Commandments are written on is of heaven not of the earth.

Colors of the original Tabernacle

*And the second row shall be an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond. **Exodus 28:18***

This is a description of how the tabernacle tent was to be constructed. As you can see, the sapphire is a part of its construction as well.

*And of the blue, and purple, and scarlet, they made cloths of service, to do service in the holy place, and made the holy garments for Aaron; as the Lord commanded Moses. **Exodus 39:1***

This verse shows us that the garments of the priests were made of the same combination of colors, including the sapphire Blue.

Not of the Earth

*Then I looked, and, behold, in the firmament that was above the head of the cherubim's there appeared over them as it were a sapphire stone, as the appearance of the likeness of a throne. **Ezekiel 10:1***

This verse once more shows that the sapphire stone was in heaven, not of the earth. It is for this reason you will never find the leader of the anti-Christ religion, (the Pope), wearing blue in his formal attire. It is a reminder of the Ten Commandments and that they were written upon sapphire stone hewn from the floor of heaven. The Pope being the head of the anti-Christ religion would never want us to keep remembrance of the Laws of God, of which the anti-Christ has taken so much time and effort to stamp out.

Satan's Counterfeit

Now, let us get back to **Revelation 17:4**, the colors of the harlot's clothes are all there in Satan's attempt to counterfeit God's true church, except for Blue. This is symbolic of the fact that the Church of Rome has forgotten or refutes the Ten Commandments or at the very least the first four commandments which give instruction and command as to how we are to worship God. This is yet another reason to consider the importance of the Ten Commandments. If the one, who opposes God, (Satan and his anti-Christ), rejects the laws of God, then those who have faith in God need to keep the laws of God. Not just those laws that is convenient for you, but all of them.

Remember: God is not the invention of Man, where by his laws can be interpreted by men, but man is the invention of God, and as such, we are required to conform to God's laws exactly as he commands, neither increasing or diminishing that which he commands.

In the above description of the attire of the Harlot Woman, she wears *a garment of Purple, Scarlet and Gold*. The Pope of the Church of Rome, when in his formal attire, wears a garment that matches this description. You might have noticed, but the color of Blue is missing, this is because the anti-Christ has no use for the Ten Commandments, which are written by the finger of God on blue sapphire stone tablets as I have shown above.

Garment Borders

In order to hammer home the importance of the symbolism of the color blue, I show you the following verse.

Speak unto the children of Israel, and bid them that they make them fringes in the borders of their garments throughout their generations, and that they put upon the fringe of the borders a ribbon of blue:

Numbers 15:38

It is required by God that the people of the Nation of Israel are to where a blue ribbon upon the fringe of their clothing as a reminder to not forget the Ten Commandments.

And it shall be unto you for a fringe, that ye may look upon it, and remember all the commandments of the Lord, and do them; and that ye seek not after them your own heart and your own eyes, after which ye use to go a-whoring: **Numbers 15:39**

As you can see, the color blue is missing from the attire of the anti-Christ, because it is a reminder to keep God's Commandments, something the anti-Christ has no desire for you to remember. If you have ever taken a look at the attire of the Pope during special events, it has all that this description covers, **Revelation 17:4**, and is missing the color blue, which is another identifier that the Church of Rome is the anti-Christ.

Why a Harlot?

*And it shall be unto you for a fringe, that ye may look upon it, and remember all the commandments of the Lord, and do them; and that ye seek not after them your own heart and your own eyes, after which ye use to go a-whoring: **Numbers 15:39***

This above verse explains why God portrays the anti-Christ as a Harlot, in that those who do not keep the Ten Commandments, but seek after their own eyes, are a-whoring, after false gods and religious practices, as far as God is concerned. It is this phrase, a-whoring, that gives relevance to God showing the anti-Christ as a Harlot. If those who did not believe in God went looking for a pagan god to give worship to, and God likens such activity as to go a-whoring, then in the anti-Christ they have found the ultimate whore.

Fight against the anti-Christ

*That ye may remember, and do all my commandments, and be holy unto your God. **Numbers 15:40***

Know this, the only way you can be holy, is to keep the commandments of God, because only God can make you holy.

Remember: the word holy as used in the Bible is synonymous with the word truth, therefore for you to be holy you must be a child of God in truth, not just in words. You must walk the walk not just talk the talk. This time I will say it, those "Who hath ears to hear, let him hear, and those who have eyes to see let them see."

As you can see, the color blue signifies the need to remember God's Ten Commandments. So important are the Ten Commandments to God that he required the children of Israel to wear ribbons of blue on their clothing so they would not forget, although in time it appears they did forget.

This is another of the identifiers of the anti-Christ, found in **Revelation 17:4**, the color blue is missing from the formal attire of the one who sits upon the throne of God, as if he were God. If you will take a notice

when the Pope makes public appearances, that he is attired as this harlot women is portrayed. This is yet another of God's identifiers of the anti-Christ, and that the anti-Christ is the Roman Catholic Church, and that the Pope is its leader, and as such **is the little horn that has eyes of a man and a mouth that speaks blasphemies** as spoken of in the Book of Daniel.

The Mother of Harlots

And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. Revelation 17:5

The Forehead Symbolism

There is significance to the symbolism that this woman, this harlot, who has a name **BABYLON THE GREAT** written upon her forehead, it has to do with what I said before concerning the forehead. The forehead is representative of cognitive thought, which is to say that this woman, or those that sit as the leaders of the nation that is the anti-Christ, have chosen through a decision of their own, to worship God as they chose rather than as God commands. As I have said before, to worship God in any way other than that which he commands is to **NOT** worship the God of Creation at all, but a god of your own invention, which defaults to the worship of Satan.

A Mystery to be understood

Remember: how God used the phrase, "*Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.*" the word "**Mystery,**" in **Revelation 17:5**, replaces that phrase, but has the same meaning. God needs you to understand that that which follows the word "**Mystery,**" is important, and you need to study it so that you will understand the truth.

The words, "**BABYLON THE GREAT,**" are part of the mystery. The reason it is written on the forehead of the harlot woman that God uses to symbolize the anti-Christ, is to show that this is part of the Mystery is cognitive thought and thus an aspect of who this woman is.

A City-State

If you recall from history and from the Book of Daniel, ancient Babylon was a city-state that conquered all of the then known civilized world. God does not use words without purpose, therefore when he uses the

phrase, "**BABYLON THE GREAT,**" it is to indicate that the anti-Christ is a city, and like the original Babylon, it is a city-state, which means it is an independent nation the size of a city.

Lacking in Spiritual Acceptance

There is more to why God is calling the city-State of The Vatican, Babylon the Great however, and it has to do with the lack of spiritual acceptance of the laws of God, in that the king of Babylon and his son, despite undeniable miracles shown to them, still set themselves up above the Creator, or went a-whoring after other gods. This is another of the identifiers of the anti-Christ, it is a city-state and it does not give worship to God as he commands, but has set up a worship that is in opposition to the true worship of God.

Two Points to solve the mystery

There are two key points or clues in this verse which help in solving this mystery. These help to give understanding to the identity of the anti-Christ as it exists in the End of Days, "**The Mystery Babylon and the Mother of Harlots**" as shown in **Revelation 17:5**.

The name Babylon the Great does not refer to the ancient kingdom of Babylon of the days of Daniel, it is a reference to the power, authority, and wealth of the anti-Christ, which we now know to be the Church of Rome as the head of a worldwide religion or religions. If the anti-Christ, the Church of Rome, is portrayed by God as a mother, does that not suggest that the mother has offspring? What then can be the offspring of the Church of Rome?

Who are the Harlot Daughters?

Consider this: if the Mother is a Harlot, and she is a mother of harlots, then does it not stand to reason, the daughters are harlots as well? The Daughters refers to the spin-off churches that formed during the Protestant Reformation. That's right; it is not just the Church of Rome, that is the only agent of Satan, but the Protestant churches that retained any of the Blasphemous practices, policies, traditions or dogma of the Catholic Church are also agents of Satan. These Harlot Daughters are just as much a part of the anti-Christ religion as is the Church of Rome.

The observation of the Sunday Sabbath is the most blatant and Blasphemous practice of them all. As far as I can tell, only one of the spin-off churches keeps the Saturday Sabbath and therefore might be considered a church of God. Even so, there are other aspects of this Seventh Day Sabbath keeping church that are not

supported by Scripture, which leave me to think that even this church is one of the Harlot Daughters and not a church of Christ.

Satan's False Gospel

Now can you see that the anti-Christ is a worldwide religion, with power and influence that gives it the same power of an empire? There is more to revealing why the anti-Christ is a worldwide religion, and that has to do with the Gospel on which it is built.

Dogma of the Whore

I feel inclined to once more review the first four of the Ten Commandments, as they relate to Seventh Day Sabbath and the First Day Sabbath as established by the Church of Rome.

First Commandment

Thou shalt have no other Gods before me.

This commandment is not even listed in the commandments as presented by the Church of Rome. What this simply means that there is only one God, and therefore you must pray only to him. To kneel down and pray to any other, god or church authorized saint is blasphemy. The Church of Rome does encourage the kneeling down and giving prayer to statues of long dead saints, putting it and you in violation of this commandment.

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.

If you go into a Catholic Church, you will see a plethora of statues, pictures, and other such images, of the Church Saints, as well as that of the supposed image of Christ, and the Mother Mary.

Part of this Commandment is; *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; And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.*

The Church of Rome, not only has the graven images, but they are set up with alters, and candles all about them. As a Catholic, you are encouraged to light a candle, kneel down before these statues, and pray to the one that they depict. I want to point out here that God gives definition of how to love him, in this commandment. He refers to those who break this commandment as hating him, ***of them that hate me*** and those who keep this commandment as loving him, ***of them that love me, and keep my commandments.***

There is no middle ground. You either keep God's commandments, and thereby show your love for him, or break his commandments, thereby showing your hatred of him. In this way the Church of Rome is in opposition to the Commandments of God.

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.

Despite what you might think, using the name of the Lord in a vulgar way, or in a curse, is not the only way of taking the Lord's name in vain. To deny, or attempt to usurp the laws of God, is to take the name of the Lord in vain as well. In other words, if you adjust or conform any of the laws of God, to make them convenient for you, then you take the name of the Lord in vain. An example of this is Sunday worship. God has made it quite clear, that the day of Sabbath, is the seventh day of the week, or the day we call Saturday, for you to ignore this day, and instead go to church on Sunday or any other day, is to take the Lord's name in vain.

If you keep the Saturday Sabbath, and still go to church or temple on other days of the week, which is alright, so long as it is not a church which is founded upon Satan's false gospel, and as a normal course of its practice keep Sunday as its Sabbath. God has no problem if you wish to worship him on other days of the week, but you must first keep the Seventh Day Sabbath, to prove you are worshiping him.

Mark of the Beast

Keeping the Sabbath Day holy also has to do with buying or selling as well. Though you may give worship to God on other days of the week beside God's Holy Seventh Day, you must not, buy, sell or engage in any kind of commerce during the hours of the Seventh Day Sabbath. To do so is such a sin that God will give you the **Mark of the Beast.**

By Your Pleasure

Let me show you another way of taking the name of the lord in vain. When God was first beginning to show me his truth, I had a problem with the Sabbath falling at dusk or sundown. The time of the day that the sun goes down changes from season to season, this is to say that it is never the same time of day. For this reason I decided that it was more convenient that I observe the beginning and the end of the Seventh Day as of 6:00 PM rather than at sundown. This I did for a few weeks until God through his patience with me, showed me my error.

By God's Pleasure

It is not for you or me to amend the words of God or in any way to alter their meaning, it is our duty to give worship to our creator exactly as he has told us to do so, anything else is to show disrespect for God, and in giving disrespect place yourself in sin. God has made it clear that the new day begins at sun down, and it is therefore required of you and I to observe the beginning of the Lords Sabbath when the sun goes down, not at some time that is convenient for us.

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 this 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.

As you can see, God has indicated in no uncertain terms that the seventh day of the week is the Sabbath, which God hallowed, and sanctified. To keep any other day of the week as a day of worship to God, is not to worship God at all. God, has told us how he wants to be worshiped, it is not for us to decide for ourselves to worship him in a way convenient to us. As I have shown before, there is only black and white, with no gray areas, you either love God by obeying his laws, or you hate God.

Worship in Vain

Jesus tells us what he thinks of those who do not keep the Seventh Day Sabbath.

*This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. **Matthew 15:8-***

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Even though you give lip service to the Lord God, if you do not keep his commandments, you show that your heart is not really in your worship. Therefore, you worship in vain. **The doctrines of men** are the traditions and practices of worship, not given to us by God, but by men who choose not to keep the laws of God. The most obvious of these is the Sunday worship, as opposed to the day of the week that God sanctified and made holy, the seventh day.

These first four commandments are those that dictate how we worship and reveal ourselves to and before God. The Church of Rome has so confused and obscured God's laws, to the point that these commandments are not kept by most who say, **"I am Christian."** You give lip service to Christ, but in vain, if you do not observe the true Commandments of God.

How do you, worship God?

As you might recall, I asked this question of God at the onset of these lessons. I believe I have now answered this question, however if you are still uncertain, let me review.

Love Me, Keep My Commandments

The first thing we discovered is in God's own words, **"Love Me, Keep My Commandments."** As you can see, God has told us how he wants us to worship him. The first four of the Ten Commandments are those that dictate how we are to worship God.

No Other God

I am God, but for me there is no other, Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image...

Thou shalt not take the name of God in vain.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy...

These first four commandments tell us how we are to worship God; the remaining six reveals God's personality, and Character. God gave us these commandments so that we could strive to be as God, moral and intelligent beings.

Neither Adding to or Subtracting from

If you wish to worship the God of Creation, who came to us in the flesh of the man Jesus, then God commands that we do so as he dictates, neither adding to his worship, nor subtracting anything from it.

*Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish aught from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you. **Deuteronomy 4:2***

We must worship him as he Commands, not as we choose, else we do not worship him at all, but instead worship the false God, Satan, who has established himself as a substitute of Jesus and of the Church of Christ.

Search for God Diligently

The only way to knowing if you are truly worshiping the God of Creation, is by studying the Bible (diligently) with intelligence, thereby gaining truth and knowledge of God, getting to know him intimately and personally. When you accept what another has told you as true, then you risk being deceived, and led astray.

By God's Pleasure

Remember: God created Man for God's pleasure; it is therefore at God's pleasure that we worship him, not by our pleasure.

As of this point in these lessons, I have shown you how to give true and correct worship to God, all that is left for you is to manifest your love for God by following through with what you have learned and applying it to your personality and moral character.

Remember: Jesus taught that the Greatest of all Commandments is to love God with all of our heart, soul and mind. You now know what this means, you only need to believe what God has spoken is the truth, and put it above what you have been taught by others in the past.

I pray that all who read the words, which God have caused me to place upon this Web Page, be filled with the Spirit of the Lord, and be converted to the true and correct worship of God the Creator.

Why did God bring the people out of Egypt

I am the Lord your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am the Lord your God. Numbers 15:41

Throughout the ages, even before the Exodus of Moses, there were a few who gave true and correct worship to the God of Creation. As compared to the population of all those around them, they were but a handful of people.

God wanted to establish **a nation of priests**, which by their example the rest of the world could find the way to God's truth and thereby give true and correct worship to their creator. The Nation of Israel, and its people, failed to be that example to all men, but instead succumbed to Satan's enticements.

The Nation of Israel fell out of Grace, which is why God caused that it be destroyed not once but twice. This is also why the Nation of Israel lost its covenant with God and why God has established a New Covenant with anyone who will give true and correct worship to God.

Jesus gives definition of which it is that God recognizes as being a Saint of God.

Here is the patience of the Saints: here are they that keep the Commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. Revelation 14:12

If you believe and accept that Jesus was and is the Messiah, and as such Jesus is God in the flesh of a man, and with that belief you observe and keep the Commandments of God, then you are a Saint of God, and as such are justified in the hope and expectation of Eternal Life.

The Ten Commandments are not impossible to keep, that is Satan's lie.