

# The Teachings of Jesus Christ

## Chapter 1

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### I Love Them that Love Me

When I first began to study the Bible in February of 2007, the first question I ask of God was, “How do you, God, require that I worship you?” The following verse in the Bible is where he directed me, which gives answer to that question.

*I love them that love me; and those that seek me early (diligently) shall find me. **Proverbs 8:17***

In this verse God is telling us that he loves those who love him, then he explains how to show or manifest that love for him and that is to seek for him with diligence.

The word “**Diligence**” is defined as: a persistent and hardworking effort in doing something, the care or attention expected in doing something.

For me, this translates out to taking the time and effort of studying and researching the words written in the Bible to verify that I understand the intended meaning that God originally used.

I qualify my definition to make it clear, that it is the intended meaning that God had when he spoke his words to his prophets that I desire to know, rather than the meaning that has come about due to the many translations of the original writings.

If you read the Bible like a novel, you are not diligently seeking God; you must search and study the verses to get to the True Word of God, which is what God means when he says we must seek him “**Diligently**.” The rest of my study of the Bible has been with this verse and my understanding of it, foremost in my mind.

# The Two Commandments of Jesus

## Jesus' First Commandment

It is my opinion that all Jesus teaches us, and therefore what is written in the Books of the New Testament, can be summarized in his two commandments, therefore let us jump ahead in the Book of Matthew and discuss those commandments. This same event is told of in the Book of Matthew, the Book of Mark, and the Book of Luke, I will show all three so as to give a more complete understanding of what Jesus is saying.

### From the Book of Matthew

*But when the Pharisees had heard that he had put the Sadducees to silence, they were gathered together. Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying, "Master, which is the great commandment in the law?"* **Matthew 22:36**

*Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment.* **Matthew 22:37-38**

*And the second is like unto it, "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.* **Matthew 22:39-40**

### From the Book of Mark

This scribe has been listening to Jesus' answer to questions asked of him, and thinking that Jesus has answered well, and asks a question of his own.

*And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, (Jesus), "Which is the first commandment of all?"* **Mark 12:28**

*And Jesus answered him, "The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and will all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.* **Mark 12:29-30**

*And the second is like, namely this, "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these. **Mark 12:31***

## From the Book of Luke

*And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, "Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" **Luke 10:25***

*And he (Jesus) said unto him, "What is written in the law? How readest thou?" **Luke 10:26***

*And he (the lawyer) answering said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself. **Luke 10:27***

*And he (Jesus) said unto him, "Thou hast answered right: this do and thou shalt live." **Luke 10:28***

As you can see each of these three apostles gives a slightly different view of what they witnessed. Even so, the gist of what they each testify to is the same.

Do you understand what Jesus is telling us? The Greatest of all the Commandments is not even one of the Ten Commandments, but that **we love God** with **all our heart, soul and mind**. I suggest that this being considered the greatest of all the commandments by Jesus, we should take the time to understand why.

## How Do You Love God?

The question for me is, "How do you love God with all your heart, soul, and mind?" Do I just say, "I love you Lord, God, creator of the universe, and I accept that you came to live amongst us in the flesh of a Man, the Christ Jesus, and for me you are my savior and redeemer." Or is something more required as a showing of my love? After all there are several religions, that call themselves Christian, and of course the Jewish and Muslim religions and they all claim that they are the true faith. However, there is only One God, so I have to believe that there can be only one true faith. The true faith, the true way of worshipping God, has to be the one that God himself has told us of.

The question still persists, “How do I manifest this love,” as asked for in Jesus’ first Commandment? Do I just say, “Yes, I love God, and Yes, I love The Christ Jesus, and I accept him as my savior?” Will just this insure my entrance into Heaven and eternal life?

Though one who is educated in the teachings of the Bible has told me, yes, this is all I must do, a nagging question still arises. How do I manifest my love for God, as well as my neighbor, as the Christ Jesus told us to do? This gives me cause to define Love, as part of researching **diligently** that which I read in the Bible.

## Defining Love

The American Heritage dictionary has many different definitions of the word love, but the one that seems best associated with this question is, “To have a deep, tender, ineffable feeling of affection and solicitude toward.”

Wanting to be sure that I understood the definition, I looked up the definition for the word **“Ineffable”**, which is, “Incapable of being expressed; indescribable or unutterable.” I also decided to look up the word solicitude, just to be certain I understood its meaning, the Dictionary tells us **“Solicitude”** is A cause of anxiety or concern.

With this information, a more complete definition of the word LOVE arises, “To have a deep tender, indescribable, and unutterable feeling of affection and anxiety or concern toward.”

I ask you, does that definition help you to understand how to manifest your love for God? It doesn’t help me all that much. I suggest we look for the meaning of Love, in a biblical perspective. After all, God and Jesus both tell us to love them, so doesn’t it stand to reason that they have told us how to manifest this love?

## With all thy Heart

This is the first part of how to show your love for God. Have you ever given thought as to what it means to love with all your heart? For me it goes as follows: I love my wife of 47 years with all my heart, but how do I manifest this love for her? The words **“I Love You,”** are just hollow words until you fill them with substantive acts. You can tell one hundred people you love them, but until you

demonstrate that love in some fashion or other, the words remain hollow. I show my love for my wife every time I caress her hair or kiss her on the neck or just come up to her and give her a hug.

This is how you fill the hollow words with actions. The question arises, “how do you translate this kind of action to God?” You can neither see nor feel God, therefore none of these actions manifest your heart felt love for God.

## With all thy Soul

This is the second part of how Jesus teaches us to love God. Have you ever loved anyone with all your soul, do you even truly know what a soul is?

The Bible tells us that God made Man a living soul.

*And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. **Genesis 2:7***

As you can see, God did not give Man a living soul, but in fact made Man a living soul. This tells me that a soul is part of the body and not separate from it. I have, until finding this understanding, assumed that the soul is that which got resurrected and not the body, this tells me I was wrong about that, and it is the body that gets resurrected, in that the soul is part of the body. This also tells me that the soul is not separate from the body, so when the body dies, so too does the soul. God has more to say on this subject.

## What is the Soul?

This then causes us to ask the question once more, “What is the soul?”

In order to understand this we have to compare Man to the other animals established on the Earth during the sixth day of creation. Several whom I have spoken too, refutes that God created Man on the sixth day along with all the other animals that are upon this Earth with us. They try to tell me, that Man was created separately from the animals, but the following verses, makes it quite clear to me, that both were established on the Earth on the Sixth Day of Creation.

## The Sixth Day of Creation

*And God Said, “Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind:” and it was so. **Genesis 1:24***

*And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and everything that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good. **Genesis 1:25***

### After his Kind

The phrase, “**After his Kind**,” refers to the fact that cattle will beget cattle, a sheep will beget sheep, and a mouse will beget a mouse, and so on. It also means that cattle will not give birth to a bear, or a dog will not give birth to a lion. This is also the foundation of understanding the process of natural evolution.

*And God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.” **Genesis 1:26***

As you can see, Man is being established on the Sixth Day of Creation, alongside of and with the animals of the earth. The only difference is that God is giving Man dominion over all other animals.

**Take note:** God has not yet spoken of Man as having been made a living soul, only that God has established Man upon the Earth.

*So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. **Genesis 1:27***

### **Take Note:**

On the Sixth Day of Creation, God created Man, **male and female**. This tells me that God established Man, male and female on the Earth on the Sixth Day of Creation and at the same time.

It isn't until after the Seventh Day of Creation that God makes Adam, a living soul. This tells me, that when God established Man on the same day as the animals, Man was nothing more than another animal, and that it isn't until after God rests on the Seventh Day of Creation before God makes Man, first Adam, then the rest of Man, into a living soul.

I suggest that this is why God caused Adam to go into a long sleep, God needed time to or generations to go by before all that had been the soulless Man had died off and only those men who are living souls were left.

*And God blessed them, and God said unto them, "Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth." **Genesis 1:28***

God made Man in his own image, and as such he made Man to have intelligence far greater than the other animals. It is possible to have intelligence, and still not be a living soul, as this verse tells me.

*And God said, "Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat, and to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to everything that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat:" and it was so. **Genesis 1:29-30***

What the above verse is telling me is that God made Man to be dependent upon the things of the earth for his sustenance, just as he did the animals. For me, this is another way of saying that Man is just as much a part of the natural order of life on Earth as are the animals.

*And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day. **Genesis 1:31***

Now that you understand that Man is as of the Sixth Day of Creation just like the other animals of the Earth, but with greater intelligence. We must then ask the question, "What is different from Man and those other animals that would give perspective as to what a soul is?" After all, it is my understanding that the Bible tells us that only Man is a living soul, and that no other animal is.

What my study of the Bible tells me is that there is no other animal that walks upon the land of this Earth that God has also given a soul to. Therefore we only need compare the animals to ourselves to determine what a soul might be. We also know that as of the Sixth Day of Creation, Man has not yet been made a living soul; therefore we must compare Man to the animals as Man was changed by God after the Seventh Day when God rested.

## Man, a Living Soul

*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 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***

These three verses are a recap of all that God told us in Chapter 1 of the Book of Genesis, and then God continues in his explanation of how he created the universe by telling us that he rested on the Seventh Day, and because he rested on the Seventh Day, he “**Blessed**” the Seventh Day, which means **to make holy**. Then he tells us that he “**Sanctified**” the Seventh Day, which means that he made the Seventh Day a day special from all the others, **in that it is to be kept free of sin**. God then tells us that the reason that he made the Seventh Day a special day is because; **he (God) rested from all his work.**

*These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, and every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground. But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground. **Genesis 2:4-6***

The phrase: “**the generations of the heavens and of the earth,**” once more refers back to Chapter 1 of the Book of Genesis, and all that God performed in those first Six Days of Creation. The word, “**Generations,**” refers to the process that God used to take his original spark of creation and over the next Six Days of Creation, caused it to form and change from its original form into that which God intended that it be. This is another way of saying, that God used the process of “**Controlled Evolution,**” to slowly change his creation from one form to another.

*And the Lord God formed Man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. **Genesis 2:7***

With the understanding of the first verses, that God used the process of evolution in the formation of the heavens and the earth, and the animals upon the earth, God then gives a specific explanation of the formation of Man.

The phrase: “**The dust of the ground**,” refers to the earth, and that it is made up of dust, or dirt. But it also reflects back on the fact that the earth is the evolutionary by product of the stars in the Heavens. All matter, save that of the two original elements, is the result of the nuclear dynamics that takes place in the core of stars, and when the stars go Super Nova, all its interior is spewed out into space, which then forms the planets, moons, and asteroids.

Because of this you can then say that the Earth, the plants, the animals and Man are all made of star dust. So when God tells us that he formed Man from the dust of the ground, he is also referring to the fact that the ground was at one time star dust. This then is God’s way of telling us that Man is part of and an end result of the evolutionary process, he has just explained in the verses above.

Unlike the other animals of the earth, however, in **Genesis 2:7** God makes Man a living soul. It is this that makes Man different from all the other animals. It is this difference that we now need to attempt to understand.

## God Says Love Me

In that God tells us to love him, I have to believe that the capacity to love is an indicator as to having a soul. I could use as comparison Man’s closest link to the animal kingdom and compare the apes and chimpanzees with Man’s ability to love, but I have no personal knowledge concerning this so instead I will compare Man to the only other animal that I am convinced has the capacity to show love.

## Does a Dog Love?

The dog is always given the title as Man’s best friend. In ancient times this was because of the partnership between Man and dog in the hunt for food. In these times when Man need only go to the market to acquire food, this relationship has no meaning, however the Dog is still considered Man’s best friend, because of his companionship to us as well as the dogs ability to give such powerful loyalty to their masters. It is this loyalty that I have always associated with a form of love. So I am convinced that the Dog has the potential of feeling love, yet do they in truth feel love? Many other animals show similar capabilities; therefore I wonder if the ability to feel love is an aspect of what a soul is after all, in that we know that only Man is a living soul.

One aspect of Man that I am convinced is not something that an animal can do is to give cognitive thought as to what it means to love. Though the dog may have the ability to show love, it has

no understanding of love or even that it does love, it is merely acting upon instinct. This is not how Man feels love; at least this is not how I exhibit love.

In the teachings of Jesus, he taught us an aspect of love, and that is morality. As part of this lesson Jesus told us the following:

*But if thou wilt enter into life, KEEP the COMMANDMENTS. **Matthew 19:17***

The life that Jesus is referring to is not our mortal life on earth but the eternal life that God offers as a gift for those who show their love for him. Jesus then listed five of the Ten Commandments; then again he repeated his second commandment, this he does so as to impress upon us that when Jesus tells us the “Keep the Commandments,” he is referring to the Ten Commandments.

*Thou shalt do no murder,*

*Thou shalt not commit adultery,*

*Thou shalt not steal,*

*Thou shalt not bear false witness, **Matthew 19:18***

*Honour thy father and thy mother: and,*

*Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. **Matthew 19:19***

When you combine this listing of the Ten Commandments with something that God repeats throughout the Bible, you will understand how God gives us definition as to how we are to show our love for him.

## The Image of God

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

It is in this verse where aspects of God’s soul are revealed. You see, God is telling us that if we keep his Ten Commandments, then we are showing our love for him. In this God is showing us his capacity of having mercy upon those who keep his commandments, and it is this revealing of his soul that he intends that we love with all our soul.

The word “**Mercy**” is defined by the dictionary as, one who has Compassion, Pity, Forgiveness, Humanity, and Generosity towards others. What other animal has in them the ability to exhibit any of these attributes but Man.

## In the Image of God

God made us in his own image; an image need not only be a shape or a form but an image can also be personal attributes as well. In that we, like God, have the ability to give Compassion, Pity, Forgiveness, and Generosity to others, reveals our soul, just as it does God's soul. When you also take a look at the six moral imperatives listed in the Ten Commandments, you will see in them aspects of having a soul that the animals do not have. It is these that define what a soul is, and it is the soul that makes us in the **Image of God**.

## With all thy Mind

The mind is another of the aspects of Man that none of the other animals possess. The brain of Man has the capacity to store enormous amounts of data. Think of the brain like a computer, in it can be stored enormous amounts of data, but is a computer intelligent, can the computer take the data it has and put it to use? No, it is the mind of Man that compares the data, using cognitive thought, to ascertain meaning and how to then apply that meaning to his environment. It is one thing to store data in memory, it is quite another to take that data and know how to make use of it. This is the difference between someone who is educated, and someone who has wisdom.

## Love God out of Knowledge

This is another way of saying that God wants us to love him from our knowledge of him and not by Blind Faith. The more you know about God, the more data that you accumulate, the more you will understand what God is all about. The more you understand and can discern his truth from Satan's lies the more you will come to love God. Perhaps now you will understand what Jesus is saying when he tells us to love God with all our heart, soul and mind.

## A Quote from Moses

One more thing, concerning this, I wonder if you are aware of. Do you know that this phrase, **“Love God with all thy heart, soul and mind,”** does not originate with Jesus, but that Jesus is in fact giving quote from words written in the Book of Deuteronomy by the hand of Moses, some 1500 years earlier?

*But if from thence thou shalt seek the Lord thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul. Deuteronomy4:29*

*When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, even in the latter days, if thou turn to the Lord thy God, and shalt be obedient unto his voice: Deuteronomy4:30*

*For the Lord thy God is a merciful God; he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he sware unto them. Deuteronomy4:31*

## In the Latter Days

**Take Note:** the phrase above, "even in the latter days," is a reference to the End of Days, which is those last days or years, prior to the second advent of Christ, which I am convinced, we are now living in. This reference to the latter days tells me that these verses are meant for those of us who live in this the Twenty First Century, just as it did for those in the days of Moses.

There are those who tell you that **the Ten Commandments and other commandments of the Old Testament are meant only for the Jews and that as Christians, they have no bearing upon us for salvation.** With this new understanding of God referring to the Latter Days, I now know that what others have told me for all my life, to be Satan's Lie.

To be a Saint of God is to give worship to God as he God commands. God commands that we keep his Commandments; therefore, we must do as God commands, if we truly wish to give worship to the God of Creation.

When Jesus gave us his two commandments, he was quoting from the above verses in the Book of Deuteronomy. Therefore Jesus' First Commandment is not his at all but was written by Moses, at the behest of God of course, so I guess you could say that they are the words of God, but given to Moses to write down 1500 plus years before Jesus first spoke them.

If you read the verses leading up to these, in chapter 4, in the Book of Deuteronomy, you will find the context as to what Moses was talking about which gave rise to his writing these words. It is this same context that Jesus is pointing to when he tells us that to love God with all your heart, soul and mind, is the Greatest of all the Commandments.

The following verse pretty much sums up this meaning.

*And now, Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, to keep the commandments of the Lord, and his statutes which I command thee this day for thy good?* **Deuteronomy 10:12-13**

## To Fear God

The Encarta Dictionary defines the word **“Fear”** as: an unpleasant feeling of anxiety or apprehension caused by the presence or anticipation of danger, a frightening thought idea or other entity that causes feelings of fear.

As you can see, with this definition it promotes a negative reaction. However, God is not someone to fear, not in this way at least. It is Satan, which has given us this meaning.

If you look the word **“Fear”** up in the Bible Concordance you will see that the original Hebrew word was **“Yare”** which is pronounced, *Yaw-Ray*. This is then defined as: to revere, to give reverence.

The word **“Reverence”** is further defined as: feelings of deep respect or devotion. So you see God does not want that we fear him, so as to be afraid of him, but to give reverence to him out of our respect and devotion for him and all that he stands for.

In my mind, it is not possible to give reverence for anyone, if we do not first know who they are, their personality, honor and their moral character. To **“Fear”** God is not to be afraid of him, but to have the utmost respect, and deference for God. It is this knowledge that the Teachings of Jesus will show us how to do.

## You Shall Not Add to or Subtract from

God also wants us to understand, as an aspect of Loving or fearing him, that we must give worship to God, as he commands. To worship God in any manner other than God has spelled out with his own words, is to not give worship to the God of Creation at all. This God makes clear in the following verse.

*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***

This is something I have been saying all along, though I say it using different words. “You must worship God as he commands neither adding to nor subtracting from how he commands that we must worship him, to worship in any other manner is to not worship the God of Creation but some other invention of your own.” **Do not put words into the mouth of God.**

*Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy son, and thy sons' sons; **Deuteronomy 4:9***

In these verses, Moses warns the Israelites to keep the laws of God. In that the God of Israel is the same God that is the Christ, who came to Earth in the form of a man, Jesus, this then tells me that this warning applies to we who follow the teaching of Jesus, just as much as it applied to them in the days of Moses, in that Jesus himself is pointing to this that was written by Moses, and the context of what Moses was talking about, is therefore the context that Jesus is pointing to, and that context is to **keep the Ten Commandments.**

Moses gives warning, “take heed to thyself,” which means **to remember all those things that God has shown you, and keep the laws that God has given you.** If you falter from the Word of God, then you no longer give true and correct worship to God. God is very specific about how we are to worship him, therefore if you love God, you must worship him as he commands.

The words, “keep thy soul diligently,” tells me that the work of keeping the laws and ordinances of God is not easy, therefore you must work “diligently” at preventing yourself from forgetting them and breaking them. This is the path of righteousness. You must also make yourself aware that Satan is a liar, and will deceive you with his lies if you do not diligently search for God’s truth. If it is not written in God’s Holy Scripture then it is not of God. If it is not of God then it must be of Satan, for he is the prince of lies.

# Jesus' Second Commandment

## From the Book of Matthew

*And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. **Matthew 22:39***

**And the second is like unto it.** What this means to me is that the Second of Jesus' Two Commandments is like Jesus' First Commandment.

**Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.** Where in the first commandment does it say anything about giving love to our neighbour? So what does Jesus mean that the second is like the first? In the first commandment Jesus gives us instruction on how to love God with all our heart, soul and mind. In the same way that Jesus taught us to love God, we are told to love our neighbour as Jesus revealed his love for us. Jesus showed his love for us by showing us how to correctly give worship to God, and through that we are justified in the hope of salvation. We are then told to show our love for our neighbors by showing them how to give true and correct worship of God, just as Jesus taught us. When we who are the Saints of God teach others how to become a Saint of God, then we show our love for those we thus teach.

What greater love can you show for another, than to show them the path to salvation? Only in giving worship to God as God commands that we worship him, can we be justified in the hope of salvation.

## The Law and the Prophets

*On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. **Matthew 22:40***

Have you ever taken the time to analyze this verse? What do you think Jesus means that **all the law and the prophets hang on these two commandments?** Jesus' First Commandment relates to the LAW in that its context is the Ten Commandments. The question would then be in what way do these two commandments relate to the prophets? I suggest that Jesus is not talking about the individual men that penned the books of the Old Testament, but the content of those books.

## A Prophet of God

To understand this you first need to understand what a Prophet of God is. The Encarta dictionary defines the word **“Prophet”** as: **one who speaks for God.** This definition is alright if you are talking about one of those gods of antiquity, which are statues or other graven images which were made by the hand of Man. These things that were called gods, have no life, therefore they were no gods, just creations of Man, graven images. Because they had no life, they had no thoughts, and would then need someone, a prophet, to speak for them.

The God of Creation is not a statue or a carving made by the hand of Man. The God of Creation is life, and but for his giving life to you and I, we would have no life. The God of Creation, is life and has cognitive thought, and therefore has no need for someone to speak for him, he being able to speak for himself. A **Prophet of God** is therefore **one through whom God speaks, from the lips of God, into the ear of the prophet, and onto published medium (the Bible).**

When Jesus tells us that the prophets hang on his Two Commandments, he is referring to that which they wrote down, not the men themselves. What did the prophets write down, God’s Holy Gospel. What Jesus is telling us in this verse is that the laws (The Ten Commandments) and the Holy Gospel of God, hangs upon his two commandments.

## God’s Word is his Bond

That is a very powerful statement. Do you understand what the Ten Commandments and the Holy Gospel of God represent? They represent everything that God stands for, and is; all of his authority to rule over us and the entire universe are manifest between his laws and his Holy Word.

The God of Creation is not only that, he is also King of the Universe, where his spoken word is his bond of honor, and his personality and moral character insure Justice and Mercy to all who give worship to him as he commands. I like to think of the writings of the Prophets of God as like the Constitution of a nation. It spells out in written form the rules upon how society is to conduct its daily life, and how it is to interact with each other and the ruler of the nation. The Bible is God’s constitution, and in it God gives instruction as to how we are to live our lives and interact with others and with him, the King of the universe.

## From the Book of Luke

*And he (the lawyer), willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?"*

**Luke 10:29**

### The Good Samaritan

*And Jesus answering said, "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. **Luke 10:30-32***

*But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, and went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, "Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee." Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves?" And he said, "He that shewed mercy on him," then said Jesus unto him, "Go, and do thou likewise." **Luke 10:33-37***

This then tells me that my neighbor is any and all of Man whom I come upon in my life's travels who exhibit the morality or traits of God as taught to us in the Ten Commandments and fulfilled in the Teachings of Jesus Christ, regardless of the color of his skin, the place of his birth, or the content of his religion. If someone has the beginnings of the Morality of God, then regardless of all else, they have the potential of being converted to the true and correct worship of God. It is the responsibility of all who walk in the ways of God, and the Teachings of Jesus that we therefore make a diligent effort to show such people, God's True Word.

## God's Truism

God has shown me a truism; keep this following truism in mind, as it has helped me to see Satan's lies and perhaps it will assist you in seeing Satan's lies, rather than being blinded by them.

**If God spoke it, then it is written in the Holy Gospel and it is true, it is true because it is of God, and it is of God because God spoke it.**

**If God did not speak it, then you will not find it written in the Holy Gospel and it is a lie, it is a lie because it is not of God; it is not of God because God did not speak it.**

By comparing what you currently believe to this truism, you will be able to discern if what you believe is of God or Satan's lie.

You might ask the question, "Why should I be concerned that something that I believe may or may not be of God, and therefore Satan's lie? I know that what I believe is true, because it is true."

The following is to warn you, that unless you have verified in scripture whether what you believe is written down, then your worship may be based upon Satan's false gospel, and not on God's Holy Gospel. If God spoke it, it is written in his Holy Gospel. If what you believe is not written in the Holy Gospel or at the very least given support by the Word of God, as it is written in the Bible, then it is a lie.

*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; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. **I Thessalonians 2:3-4***

What this means is that Satan, by the End of Days, will have deceived the whole world with his False Gospel, that they will think his lies are in fact God's truth. Only by understanding the true meaning of the words in the Bible, will you be able to see Satan for himself and God for who he is, the true God. What God is telling us here, is that Satan will have succeeded so well in deceiving mankind, that Satan's False Gospel will be preached in the Church of God, as if it were God's Holy Gospel, and mankind will not only believe it to be the Word of God, but will worship according to Satan's lies. Only by diligent study of the words in the Bible, will you know, and therefore be sure of God's True Word.

Do not think of the above verse as describing a man or a person sitting upon the throne of God. The above verses are symbolisms.

**Let no man deceive you by any means:** You may consider yourself above deception and that you are secure in your worship of God, and therefore when Satan begins to tell his lies, you will see them for the lies they are and not be deceived. The problem with that frame of mind is that you are most likely already deceived, Satan has been telling his lies for thousands of years, and it is most likely that

your worship of God is not as God commands that he be worshiped, but founded upon Satan's False Gospel, which is to say that you are already at risk of Judgment.

**For that day shall not come:** Refers to the Second Advent of Jesus, which is to say that Jesus will not return to the Earth until:

**Except there come a falling away first:** A falling away from what? Jesus is telling us that he will not return to the Earth until a falling away occurs. The question is what will fall away and what will it fall away from?

**And that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition:** The man spoken of here is Satan, who Jesus has called the Son of perdition: The word **"Perdition"** means: **being in a state of everlasting shame and damnation.** This then tells us, that Jesus will not return until after Satan has been revealed. But again do not think of it as the Man Satan, but that Satan's False Gospel will be revealed. The question is, how do we expose Satan in a way that the entire world will see him and then fall away from his lies and the false worship they encourage?

So what is it that we will fall away from? Not Satan the person but Satan's lies, which are his False Gospel, and the False Churches that is built upon Satan's False Gospel. How then do we expose Satan's lies when we ourselves might be blinded by them? God gives us several examples of how Satan tells his lies, we only need to keep ourselves aware that we have been lied to and be open to the possibility that something we have believed all our life may be a lie.

Remember God's Truism and use it to apply to all that you believe.

**If God spoke it, then it is written in God's Holy Gospel and it is true, it is true because it is of God, and it is of God because God spoke it.**

**If God did not speak it, then you will not find it written in the Holy Gospel and it is a lie, it is a lie because it is not of God, it is not of God because God did not speak it.**

With this understanding of Jesus' Two Commandments, and that the first commandment is defined by the keeping of the Ten Commandments, let us now take a diligent look at what Jesus teaches us, and compare his teachings to that which the Ten Commandments teaches us.

## The First Recorded Lie

God has also shown us another way of discerning Satan's lies besides his truism. You know the story's told in Genesis no doubt but are you aware of this?

Eve is having a conversation with the Serpent.

*Hath God said, "Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?"* **Genesis 3:1**

**Is it true that God has told you that you may not eat of every tree of the garden?**

*And the women said unto the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, least ye die."* **Genesis 3:2-3**

*And the serpent said unto the woman, "Ye shall **not** surely die."* **Genesis 3:4**

You know this to be Satan's first lie, at least his first lie told to the Sons of Man. In telling us about this lie, God is giving us an insight as to one of the ways that Satan tells his lies and why we do not discern them as lies but as truth.

God has said, "**Do not eat from the tree of the knowledge of Good and Evil, least ye die.**" This is the word of God, his Holy Gospel. Then God tells us, "**For when you do, you shall surely die.**"

Satan then said, "**Ye shall not surely die.**" These words are a lie, and as such are Satan's False Gospel. In all the thousands of years since then he has told many lies, and the entirety of them are that which make up Satan's False Gospel.

The thing that God is attempting to show us here is how Satan tells his lies, so we can look for them in scripture. In this example from Genesis, God is showing how Satan told his lie to Eve. God said, "**Thou shall surely die,**" and Satan said, "**Ye shall not surely die.**" Simply by adding a simple three letter word to God's words, Satan has changed the meaning of what God said to the complete opposite as God intended his words to mean. It is in this way that Satan has by adding a word or replacing a word, or simply giving false interpretation of God's words in scripture that he has taken God's Holy Gospel and turned it into Satan's False Gospel.

God's Holy Gospel is incapable of being polluted by Satan's lies, but the Bible is a work of Man, in that men (the prophets) took the words spoken to them by God and wrote them down. This then being written down by the hand of Man makes it capable of being changed or polluted.

You may protest this as I first did and say, "If the Bible is polluted with Satan's lies then it is a lie and not of God, and if the Bible is not of God, then where can we find God?"

Even though the Bible has been polluted by Satan's lies, God's truth is still in the Bible. God tells us this in the following.

## How to Find God's True Word

To know how to find God's True Word in the Bible that is polluted by Satan's Lies, we must return to the first verse I presented to you in this study.

*I love them that love me; and those that seek me early (diligently) shall find me.* **Proverbs 8:17**

You see, God's truth can still be found in the Bible if you seek for it diligently, through diligent study and research. Jesus gives support to all this in the following.

*And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people.* **Revelation 14:6**

As I said, the Holy Gospel of God cannot be corrupted. In this verse Jesus is telling us that the uncorrupted Holy Gospel is in the safe hands of an angel in heaven, where Satan cannot pollute it, and that the angel will, in the End of Days, preach it to those who live on the Earth.

When you come to accept this, then you are strong on your way to getting to know God, personally and intimately.

**Satan has a False Gospel**, and it is this that will deceive man as to thinking that Satan's False Gospel is the truth, and that when you are told God's Holy Gospel you will not accept it as the Word of God because it is contrary to that what you have believed all your life, you will reject God's truth, and hold fast to Satan's lies. This you will do, even though God's truth can be shown to you in scripture, and Satan's lies not being spoken by God have no foundation to give them support.

**Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is God, or that is worshipped;** as I have said, these are symbolisms that once you understand their meaning you will see God's Truth.

## What is God?

Satan opposes all that is God. I therefore asked the question, "So what is it that is God?"

God is the creator, so creation is of God. For Satan to oppose or attempt to destroy creation, would result in his own destruction, for Satan like man is a creation of God. God is defined by the fact that he is the Creator.

God can also be defined by his morality, as well as how he commands that we (his creation) worship him. This begins with God's Ten Commandments, which by themselves are incomplete, but with the teachings of Jesus, completes or fulfills how God defines himself.

**So that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.** The temple of God is not a brick and mortar building. The Temple of God is that which gives definition to that which God is; his personal Honor, his personality, and his moral character. The temple of God is the Holy Gospel of God, which is summarized by the Ten Commandments. But the Ten Commandments are but symbolic of all that is spoken by the lips of God, which is his Holy Gospel. When Satan attempts to destroy or falsify the Ten Commandments or any of the verses of the books of the Bible, he is attempting to place himself as substitute or counterfeit of God. In this way, he shows himself to be God, by using his altered version of the Bible causing those who do not diligently study to think they are reading the words of God. This is why I say that you have already been lied to and are deceived, for the Bible is polluted by the lies of Satan.

## The Elixir to Deception

Even so the Bible is the elixir to Deception. Only in diligently studying the Bible, and being certain of what God is telling you, will you be able to recognize Satan's lies for the lies that they are, and God's Holy Gospel for the Truth that it is.

**Understand This:** when you speak, the words you use have meaning to you, and you expect and hope that those hearing your words will understand the meaning as you understand it, thereby understanding what you have said. This is true of God as well. When the Prophets first wrote

down the Word of God as God spoke them to the prophets, they wrote them with the expectation that all who would read their words would have the same understanding of meaning as the prophets intended that they have.

Over the generations, the original language has changed or died and new languages have arisen. It therefore becomes necessary that the original words be translated. It is in these translations where the original meaning can be distorted or replaced by Satan's lies.

This being the case, you might ask, "How can we ever know for certain the true meaning of the words intended by God? It has been 3500 years since Moses wrote the first books of what we call the Bible, and 2000 years since the Apostle John wrote the last, the Book of Revelation." The answer is simple, on your own, you cannot. This is why Jesus tells us:

*I am the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. **John 14:6***

You see, by looking to Jesus and his words, for direction in your study of the Bible, he will show you God's truth. This will still require diligent study and research on your part, but God's True Word can still be found in the pages of the Bible, you need only pray to God for guidance and understanding, and God will grant this to you if you are truly intent on getting to know God.

## God's Truth, the Passover

A good example of how God's Truism can be shown to work in discerning Satan's lies is in the establishment of the Passover. Before Moses and the exodus from Egypt, there was no Passover in the correct and true worship of God. In other words, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob did not observe the Passover. Neither did Moses until after he had led the Israelites out of Egypt.

After the Exodus, God commanded that an annual week of memorial and a feast to the Lord, to be kept by the children of Israel and all their generations as an ordinance forever. This you can find in Exodus Chapter 12.

What God has done in establishing the Passover, is to make a small modification to the true and correct way to give worship to him. In this small modification, this ordinance, God instructs when it is to be observed, what things are to be consumed in the feast, how to prepare those foods, and then how it is to be eaten.

In this minor change in the way God commands that those who wish to worship him, must worship him, he has given precise instructions. We know that it is a part of how to worship God, because God has told us with words from his own lips, and caused those words to be written down by his prophet Moses, which is to say, **that God spoke it, so it is true.**

In justifying those believes that makes up your faith, use this same method of scrutiny. With it you will be able to determine what beliefs you have that are true and of God, and what believes are lies, not having ever been spoken of God.

## The Seventh Day Sabbath

Another example of how God's Truism works is in the observance of the Sabbath. In the Fourth Commandment of God, he gives precise command and instructions concerning the keeping of the Sabbath.

*“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***

**Take Note:** In the above verse (**Exodus 20:10**) God tells us in no uncertain words that **the Seventh Day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God.** If God has spoken it, then it is true. Where in scripture is it written where God says that **the First Day is the Sabbath of the Lord;** Nowhere that I have found in all my studies of the Bible? If God did not speak it, then it must be a lie.

God begins this commandment by saying, **“Remember the Sabbath day.”** To be told to remember something, suggests that it is something that you already have knowledge of. Within the words of the Ten Commandments, the Fourth Commandment is the first place, written in the Bible, where the word Sabbath is written in all the pages of the Bible up till then. That being the case, how can we be told to remember, that which we are only just being informed of?

If you have read the Bible from the beginning you will know that the Seventh Day of the week is spoken of in **Genesis 2:3** and that God **“blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it.”**

## Blessed

The word **“Blessed”** is defined by the Encarta Dictionary as: to make holy. Therefore, when God says to remember, it is to this verse that God is pointing us to. God wants that we remember that he is the God of Creation, and that he made Holy the seventh day. When God tells us to remember the Sabbath Day, it is God’s way of informing us that he has given name to the seventh day.

**Think of it like this**, of all the seven days of the week, only one is blessed, sanctified and thereby made holy. Only one of the seven days in a week has been given a name by God. This makes the seventh day or the Sabbath day a very special day to God, and in the Fourth Commandment, God wants that we also see it as a very special day. It is not the observation of the Sabbath that is special, but the seventh day of the week is special.

## Holy Defined

To fully understand this we need to understand what it means to be **“Holy”** as well. The Encarta Dictionary defines the word **“Holy”** as: to set apart for religious purposes, to devote to the service of God, a god, or a goddess, relating to, belonging to, or coming from a divine being or power.

In my study of scripture, I find that God has a different meaning of what it means to be **“HOLY.”** To understand this, take a look at the following phrase: **“God’s Holy Gospel,”** as used in this phrase the word **“Gospel”** means “Word,” and the word **“Holy”** means “True,” therefore what this phrase is actually saying is “God’s True Word.”

In this way, God gives his definition of what it means to be **“Holy,”** and that is to be “True, or Truth, or more precisely, **God’s Truth.**” So when God tells us to **“Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy,”** he is saying to keep it true. God is not talking about keeping the observance of the Sabbath holy, but to keep the Day holy or true. The day that God is speaking of in the Fourth Commandment is the day that God made holy (true) in the Book of Genesis, the Seventh Day of the week. I ask the question to you the reader, “How can you keep the Seventh Day true if you give observance to the Sabbath on some other day of the week, such as Sunday?”

## Sanctify Defined

The word “Sanctify” is defined as: to give something holy status, and to free somebody or something from sin. What this means is that God not only made the seventh day of the week the only holy day of the week, but that on that day, there is to be no sin engaged in.

With this in mind and based upon the following words from **Exodus 20:11**, the Holy Seventh Day is synonymous with the Sabbath. “Wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.” In **Genesis 2:3**, the word Sabbath is not used, but instead God used the words, “Seventh Day.” It is in the Fourth Commandment that God has made the two words to mean the same thing. God has given name to the seventh day of the week. No other day of the week does God so honor? The name of the seventh day of the week is not Saturday, that is the name that a known pagan, the Roman Emperor Constantine named the seventh day. In doing this, Satan, through his earthly pawn, caused a change in the name of the seventh day. God’s given name of the Holy Seventh Day is Sabbath.

So, God is saying, “Remember the Sabbath, (Seventh Day), to keep it holy.” To keep something holy is to know that it is already holy, that we can only keep it holy through our actions, and know that only God could make the day or the Sabbath holy, we can by doing as God commands, keep it holy in our hearts as well.

## Work Defined

God then tells us, “Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work.” As you may recall from Genesis, God created the universe in six days, and here in the Fourth Commandment, God is telling us that we, like him, have six days to do all our work. The word work as used here refers to all that we must do, to give sustenance to our body.

In this verse the word work has a more complete meaning than you might perceive however. The word “Work” as used in this verse refers to any kind of commerce or income producing activity as well. If you are in business, and have employees, then you must not have them engaged in your business during the hours of the Sabbath. It is not enough that you personally do not break the Sabbath, but you cannot allow others who are in your employee, (in your Gates), to break the Sabbath either.

The word work as used in this verse tells us that there can be no exchange of money or barter or any other transference of any kind of monetary value. For example, you cannot go to the store and buy a

carton of milk during the hours of the Sabbath, you cannot buy gas for your car, you cannot buy a ticket for a sporting event, and therefore in short there can be no exchange of money or coin or barter during the hours of the Sabbath.

## Mark of the Beast

God has a warning for all who do not keep the Sabbath Day Holy.

*And he **causeth** all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. **Revelation 13:16-17***

The above verses have been misunderstood, do to Satan's lies. The popular interpretation of those verses is that Satan, forces all who want to buy or sell to receive his mark, (The Mark of the Beast), else they will not be able to buy or sell.

## Causes Defined

Just give thought to what God is saying however. It is God who decides who gets the Mark of God, and it is also God who decides who has the Mark of the Beast. That being the case, it is not that Satan forces people to receive the Mark of the Beast, but that Satan "**causeth**" them to receive the mark. The word "**Causes**" is defined as: a person or thing that makes something happen or exist or is responsible for something that happens. As you can see, the word causes does not mean "**Forced.**" Satan by his lies, "**Causes,**" us to engage in sin, he does not "**Force**" us to. Can you see the difference?

Therefore, Satan **causeth** those who buy or sell during the hours of the Sabbath to receive the Mark of the Beast; he does this by telling us a lie; that the Sabbath is to be observed on the first day of the week, (Sunday). All those who thus accept Satan's lie, and keep the first day of the week as the Sabbath day, will forget that it is the seventh day that is the Holy day, and therefore they will engage in sinful acts during the hours of the seventh day, not realizing that they are in fact committing a sin in doing so.

## Seventh Day Sins

We are not to do any kind of servile work, such as that which increases our worth, or generates any kind of monetary advantage to us. If you own a business, it is necessary that you close the business down during the hours of the Sabbath. Part of the ramifications of Satan's Lie, is that in the world today, if you want to be in business, Saturday, or the seventh day of the week, is commonly accepted as just another work day, and as such, for you to close your business, you will also allow your competitors who do not observe God's Holy Day, an advantage in business against you.

Again, because of Satan's lie, those who might otherwise give true and correct worship to God, will error and fall short of true worship, because they will be ignorant of the seventh day being holy and observe the first day, (Sunday), as the holy day instead.

This is verified by Jesus in the following verses.

*And he (Satan) causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: and that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. **Revelation 13:16-17***

## Buy or Sell

The following words are the key to understanding these two verses. **“And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark.”** What God-Jesus is saying is that no man is to buy or sell during the hours of the Sabbath, and that only those who have the Mark of the Beast will in fact buy or sell during those holy hours, because they are deceived of Satan.

It is not that Satan will force you to acquire a mark or some kind of a tattoo before you will be able to buy or sell, but that in your ignorance of God's Truth, you will not consider the seventh day of the week as holy because you observe the first day of the week as the holy day. In this, despite your ignorance, you will receive the Mark of the Beast from God for your failure to keep holy the seventh day.

If you worship God as he commands, and keep holy the Seventh Day Sabbath, then you will know not to buy or sell during the hours of the seventh day. Those who do not give true and correct worship to God, because of their ignorance, who keep another day as Sabbath, will not understand God's Truth, so they will think nothing of going to a store, etc. on the Seventh Day and in so doing, engage in sin, and be given the Mark of the Beast.

The following is an example that I think best reveals the truth of God's words. If you, because of the lies and deceptions of Satan, observe the Sabbath on the First Day of the Week, (Sunday), and not on the day of the week that is written down in the Bible in the Fourth Commandment, (that God has spoken with his own words), then you do not worship the God of Creation, but Satan. As such, you give no thought to keeping the Seventh Day holy, but instead observe the First Day as the Sabbath. Because you do not give consideration to the holiness of the Seventh Day, (Saturday), you engage in sinful things like buying and selling. You have no problem working on Saturday, or engaging in any other commercial activities. It is because of your observance of Sunday as the Sabbath that Satan causeth you to sin against God, thus giving God cause to give you the Mark of the Beast.

God tells us to be diligent in our worship, if you fail in that, then you are not an innocent, and your ignorance is self-inflicted, therefore God will have no pity on you.

## God Speaks Plainly

**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. **Exodus 20:10****

In the above verse, God continues, **“But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God.”** When I read these words, it is very clear to me what God is telling me. **“The Seventh Day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God.”** How can you accept Satan's Lie that the first day of the week, (Sunday), is the Sabbath, when God in his own words, comes right out and tells us that it is the seventh day?

What God is saying to me is simple, **“I labored six days, and in those days I your God **“made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is.”**** Therefore, as I have done, you must do, which is to keep the Seventh (Sabbath) Day Holy.”

## Within thy gates defined

In the Fourth Commandment, God goes on to tell us, that we are not to 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.”**

Take heed to understand what the phrase, **“within thy gates,”** means. God is telling us that you and your family are not to do any work, but if you are in business, and have employees, they are not

allowed to do any work as well, for they are in your gates. Therefore, during the hours of the Sabbath, Friday at sun down to Saturday at sun down, any businesses that you operate must also be closed down.

Think of it this way. You have a retail business, on the Sabbath you personally have nothing to do with its operations, so you are not in violation of the Sabbath. However, if you keep the business open, and have employees actively involved in its operation, you are forcing them to break the Sabbath, and you are also tempting those who are your customers to violate the Sabbath as well. When you, by your actions, cause others to break the Law of God, then you are also breaking the Law of God.

## The Seventh Day is the Sabbath

The seventh day of the week is the one day that you must do what it takes to give sustenance to the soul. Because God has made Holy the Seventh Day and the Holy Sabbath Day, synonymous to one another; to move the Sabbath to any other day of the week is impossible. God has not made the First Day synonymous with the Sabbath, and God did not make the First Day holy, and God did not sanctify the First Day, which is to say that only the Seventh Day of the week is Holy, and the other days of the week are unholy. To observe the Sabbath on any day other than the Seventh Day is to make your observance of the Sabbath unholy.

In the Fourth Commandment, God has given precise and specific instruction as to when we are to keep his Holy Sabbath, as well as instruction as to things that we must not do. God has **“Spoken it,”** and it is written in the Bible, so we know that it is true. There is nowhere in the Bible where God, gave command or instruction concerning the transfer of the Sabbath from the Holy Seventh Day of the week to the unholy First Day of the week. **“If God did not speak it, then it is a lie.”**

Just think about it, God was very specific concerning a small change in how he is to be worshiped in establishing the Passover, and was very specific as to the observance of the seventh day Sabbath; don't you think that God would be at least as specific concerning transferring the Sabbath to the first day of the week, which would be a major change in how God tells us to worship him? In that there is nothing at all concerning the transfer written in the Bible, this therefore tells me it is not of God, but a lie. Satan's lie!

## The Apostle Paul and the Sabbath

The Apostle Paul has given us comment concerning the observance of the Sabbath in the book of **Hebrews Chapter 4**.

**1)** *Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.*

**2)** *For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.*

**3)** *For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, “As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest:” although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.*

**4)** *For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, and God did rest the seventh day from all his works.*

**5)** *And in this place again, if they shall enter into my rest.*

**6)** *Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief:*

**7)** *Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To-day, after so long a time; as it is said, To-day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts.*

**8)** *For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day.*

**9)** *There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.*

**10)** *For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.*

**11)** *Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.*

The following is an explanation of the above words of Paul:

**1)** **“Let us therefore fear,”** to fear is to give worry as to whether we are in the right or wrong, as regards to God’s intent.

**“lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest,”** the promise is Heaven and Eternal Life, and his rest is God’s Holy Sabbath, as spelled out in the Fourth Commandment.

**“any of you should seem to come short of it,”** this has to do with your ignorance, or do to the lies and deceptions of Satan, that you do not come into the Lords Rest, but into no rest at all, or into Satan’s false day of rest, Sunday.

2) **“For unto us was the gospel preached,”** is to say that Jesus taught Paul and the other Apostles, God’s everlasting holy gospel, and they in turn teach us through their writings.

**“as well as unto them,”** is a reference to the children of Jacob, who were led out of Egypt by Moses. This is to say, that Moses preached God’s holy gospel, as did Jesus. This I interpret to mean, that those things preached to the first Israelites are the same as taught by Jesus, therefore it is Paul’s understanding, based on these words, that those things that God expected and commanded of those that Moses taught are also expected and commanded of those that Jesus teaches.

**“but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.”** What Paul is telling us is that the children of Jacob heard the gospel of God but did not embrace it, because they did not have the faith in the God of Creation, whereas those that came to Jesus, came out of faith, that Jesus was in fact the Son of God, which is God in the flesh of a man, and because of this faith, they embraced the gospel as truth.

3) **“For we which have believed do enter into rest,”** is to say that those of us who do believe that Jesus is God in the flesh of a man, do enter into God’s rest because in our faith we obey God’s commands; the Word of God is supreme, and it is faith that we who give true and correct worship of God, look to his word for our guidance and instruction, and to no other word. If it is not spoken by God, then it is a lie.

**“As I have sworn in my wrath,”** God has given warning throughout the Bible, that those who disobey his word would feel the full measure of his wrath.

**if they shall enter into my rest:”** To avoid God’s wrath, you must be obedient to him, and observing the Holy Sabbath on the Seventh Day of the week as God has commanded. It is in this way that it is to be obedient to the word of the Lord.

**Although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.** The word **works** in this context refers to the Six days of Creation, that creation was complete upon the foundation of the earth. The word **although** suggests that even though the universe was complete at the foundation of the Earth, God still expected that Man would keep holy that one day of their week just as he kept holy his seventh day.

- 4) “For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise,”** the word **“he”** refers to God, and the words **“a certain place,”** refers to the Book of Genesis and his discussion of the Holy Seventh Day. The words **“of the seventh day”** refers to the Seventh Day that he God rested, and the words, **“on this wise,”** means of this subject which Paul is writing about, which is the keeping of the Seventh Day Sabbath.
- “God did rest the seventh day from all his works,”** is Paul reminding us that God rested on the Seventh Day, and therefore so must we, if we wish to worship God as God Commands.
- 5) “And in this place again, if they shall enter into my rest.”** Is God telling us, as in the times of Moses, and now as it is being spoken of by the Apostle Paul who is once again referring to the Fourth Commandment, that all who would worship God as he commands must enter into his rest as he God has commanded it and as he God has done so himself.
- 6) “Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein,”** is Paul’s way of acknowledging that some, (not all), must and will enter into God’s rest out of belief that Jesus is God in the flesh of a man, and that in doing so we have the promise of eternal life.
- “and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief:”** is an acknowledgement by Paul that he is aware that some of those who followed Moses did not enter into God’s rest because they did not belief. I assume the disbelief stemmed from the people who came out of Egypt with Moses did not perceive God in the words spoken by Moses, but saw only Moses a man. If you think that a man speaking to you concerning your morality and you do not perceive this man as being a man of God, then you have no reason to believe the words that the man speaks are first spoken by God.
- 7) “Again, he limiteth a certain day,”** despite this understanding, Paul is reiterating the fact that God did limit a certain day, (the Seventh Day), and that Jesus is once again limiting the Sabbath to a certain day, because he did not speak of any other day.
- 8) “For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day?”** This is Paul giving voice to the logical assumption, that if God limited the Sabbath to a specific day and Jesus did not mention any other day in all his teachings, then the Seventh Day was still the true day of God’s rest.
- 9) “There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.”** In these words Paul is making a logical conclusion based upon all that he has thus far written, that **there is still a rest to the people of God,** who give true and correct worship to God.
- 10) “For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.”** Paul is telling us because God rested after six days of labor, that **“he”**, which is

to say all who will enter into the Lords Rest, will also cease all of their work and commerce on the Seventh Day Sabbath.

**11) “Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.”** Paul is telling us here, that we who wish to worship God as he commands, must therefore enter into that rest of the Lord, which is to say the same rest as did the Creator, on the Seventh Day. Paul is also telling us that not to do so would bring about the same example of unbelief that the followers of Moses engaged in, which is to say, that if you do not worship God as he commands, neither adding to or subtracting from that worship as God has commanded, then you do not worship God at all.

Because God is very specific and demanding concerning how we are to worship him, as is spelled out in the first four of the Ten Commandments, that it is easy for Satan through lies and deceptions, to cause us to believe and therefore to engage in practices that are not of God. It is therefore imperative that you obey the Commandments of God, exactly as he God has spelled them out else you too will fall into unbelief.

## The True Sabbath Day

As you can see, Paul has come to the logical conclusion that because God rested on the Seventh Day after six days of labor, and that Jesus never commanded nor instructed that we transfer the seventh day Sabbath to another day, that it was therefore correct that the Seventh Day Sabbath was still the only day that the rest could be entered into in the true and correct worship of God.

Be warned therefore, if you observe the Sabbath on the first day of the week, it will lead you to damnation not redemption. It is Satan’s lie, established by the anti-Christ and enforced by the torture and murder of those who refused to comply during the Dark Ages. Do you recall the Trials of Inquisition conducted by the Church of Rome?

## Jesus Prepares a place for us

*In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. **John 14:2***

This verse is important, because in it Jesus is informing us that God the Father is inviting us to come live with him in his home, Heaven. The Bible is a teaching tool that explains what we need to do, and what we must not do, if we want to go live with God.

## The Bible is an anagram

The word Bible is an anagram for:

**B**-Basic

**I**-Instruction

**B**-Before

**L**-Leavings

**E**-Earth

The Bible is the “Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth.”

## Two Groups of Commands

God has set down a set of rules by which we must live our lives if we want to go to live with him in heaven. These rules are known as the Ten Commandments. The Ten Commandments can be divided into two groups of imperatives.

## The first Four Commandments

The first four tell us how God **“Commands”** that he be worshiped. To add to or subtract from that which he has told us is to not worship God at all but an invention of your own, which is to say, if you want to worship God as is your pleasure and not by God’s pleasure, then you should have no expectation of ever going to Heaven. If you are unwilling to worship God as he has told you how to worship him, then how can you expect him to allow you to come live with him?

*As I live, saith the Lord God, surely with a mighty hand and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out, will I rule over you: **Ezekiel 20:33***

**As I live:** God is life, but for God, there would be no life, you and I would not exist, for you would never have had life. Therefore, this vow that God is making is not just any vow, but that he is

pledging his life, that we will worship him. For God, there can be no greater vow, than the vow of his life.

**Will I rule over you.** In these words God is saying to us, “I will rule over you, and by my pleasure, you will obey me. I swear by my very life, that I will rule over you. The full power of my wrath I will pour out upon you, if you disobey my commandments.”

## Showing Mercy

*And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that Love Me, and Keep my commandments. Exodus 20:6*

God is telling us that if we love him, then we must keep his commandments. In this verse God is also giving definition of who he will give his mercy to, which is those who obey, love and worship him, and that he God defines this as those who keep his commandments. This also tells me that if you do not obey the Commandments of God, then God has no reason to be merciful to you.

## Look to God

*Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else. Isaiah 45:22*

**Look unto me, and be ye saved,** The Ten Commandments are God’s laws. To keep those commandments, is to look to God for your direction. To obey God by keeping his commandments is to look to God and to manifest your love for God. Only those who keep the Commandments of God, have any hope of going into heaven. If you do not believe this now, you need to understand the Teachings of Jesus. When you understand those teachings, you will know that the Ten Commandments are the cornerstone and foundation to all that Jesus teaches, and to the salvation in God.

## Once spoken it remains Spoken

*I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, that unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear. Isaiah 45:23*

This verse is another way of saying, “I God, will rule over you, by my pleasure, and not as you find convenient to worship me.” God is telling us that he has spoken it, “*the word is gone out of my*

***mouth in righteousness,***” and once the word is spoken, it will not be rescinded. God is honor bound to fulfill all that he utters, for he is a moral being whose word is his bond. Once God has said something he cannot and will not later change his mind. The word of God is his living word, and the Living Word of God is the Holy Ghost.

*Surely, shall one say, in the Lord have I righteousness and strength: even to him shall men come; and all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed.* **Isaiah 45:24**

Another way of saying **incensed against him**, is to say, **all those who are disobedient to the Commandments of God**. It also means that those who hate you because of your obedience to the Laws of God will know shame, for their hatred of you upon Judgment Day, for when you hate a Saint of God; you also show your hatred of God.

*Remember this, and shew yourselves men: bring it again to mind, O ye transgressors.* **Isaiah 46:8**

The phrase, **“shew yourselves men,”** can be reworded to say, **“reveal your personal honor, and give respect and obedience to God.”** God is also telling us that all who are sinful and in disobedience to the Laws of God, can be saved if they **“shew themselves to be men of honor,”** and repent their sins, and ask God for forgiveness.

*Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure.* **Isaiah 46:9-10**

The **former things of old**, is a reference to the six days of creation. God is reminding us that he is the creator and to prove it, he tells us that he can predict both human and natural events, long before they occur. Only God can see into the future. Satan is a creation of God, as are we, and as it is with Man, Satan cannot see into the future.

**“My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure,”** is another way of God saying, that we must obey his commandments, that we exist by his pleasure, and it is by his pleasure that we must worship him, not by our pleasure.

## Turn Away your Foot

*If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: **Isaiah 58:13***

**“If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath,”** when you place your foot upon something, you are exerting control over it. So if you turn your foot away, you are giving control back to God and observing the Sabbath as he commands.

**“From doing thy pleasure on my holy day,”** This means to do things as you want to do because they are convenient for you, or you find what God commands that we do to be difficult.

An example of this goes as follows. As I have come to worship God, I have had to adjust my habits to conform to the will of God. God says that the Sabbath begins Friday evening at dusk, (Sun Down) and continues until Saturday evening at dusk. This I found to be inconvenient because the time of day that the sun goes down varies from week to week and month to month, in short it is never the same time of the day. For this reason I decided that I would keep the Sabbath from 6PM Friday evening, to 6PM Saturday evening year round regardless of when the sun goes down. This gave uniformity and consistency to the time.

My reasoning was that I had a dependable clock to keep the time, and if the ancients had mechanical clocks that God would no doubt have made it at 6PM that the Sabbath began. The problem with this rationalization is that I was putting words into the mouth of God. It doesn't matter that they did not have clocks, what matters is what God has commanded not what is convenient for you and I.

After a few months of this, I realized that in doing this I was dictating to God how I intended to worship him, and not worshipping him as he commanded. Once I realized this, I immediately began observing the Sabbath as God commands us to do, when the sun goes down on Friday evening, regardless of what time of the day the clock tells me it is.

**“And call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honourable,”** To call the Sabbath a delight is to enter into the Sabbath in love and peace knowing that you can take joy in reading God's own words from the Bible, and knowing if you have questions and need guidance, you have this one day of the week that you can take the time to pray to God, because the Six Days of labor are finished.

Think of it like this. In Six Days you do that which you must to give sustenance to the body, but on the Sabbath you leave the needs of the body behind and through prayer to God, and diligent study of God's Holy Word, you give sustenance to your soul.

## A Child of God

**“And shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words.”** What God is saying here, is if you keep the Sabbath as he commands and “not by your pleasure, which is to say, if you worship as you find convenient to you and not as God has spelled out in the first Four Commandments, then you do not worship God at all, but an invention of your own, however, when you worship God as he commands then you are giving honour to God, showing him respect, which means that you are showing God that you love and worship him and only him.

When you keep the Seventh Day Sabbath as God commands, you have made the Seventh Day, by your actions, a sign between you and God. You are telling the God of Creation, your creator, that you see him and only him as your God, and he in turn acknowledges you as being his Son. As a Son of God, you are entitled to the inheritance of being the Son of the King of the Universe, and that inheritance is eternal life.

All of Man who have ever lived are the children of God, but only those who give true and correct worship to God as God has commanded are the Sons of God, and therefore worthy of the inheritance.

## Delight in the Lord God

*Then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord. **Isaiah 58:14***

The opposite of delighting yourself in the Lord, is for you to place yourself in opposition to the Lord. Don't you consider it impossible to show worship for the God of Creation, if you are engaged in acts that place you in opposition to the will and law of God?

## The last six of the Ten Commandments

The last six of the Ten Commandments are a partial listing of God's own moral imperatives, which he has given to us so that if we live our lives by them, we will have the same type of personality and moral fiber as God or as it is spoken elsewhere, we will be “One with God.”

## 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***

Included under this Commandment is, having respect, mercy, compassion, etc. for others.

## Thou Shalt not Kill

*Thou Shalt not Kill. **Exodus 20:13***

## Thou shalt not commit adultery

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

Included in this sin are Fornication, Incest, and Bestiality.

## Thou shalt not steal

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

## Thou shalt not bear false witness

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

## Thou shalt not Covet

*Thou shalt not covet by neighbour's house; thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his ox, or his ass, or anything that is thy neighbour's. **Exodus 20:17***

God has no interest in letting into heaven anyone that is immoral as he God defines morality. It therefore behooves you to embrace God's six moral imperatives and make them who you are, which if you do this, is how God defines you as being **"One with God."**

On top of and including, the six moral imperatives listed in the Ten Commandments, Jesus teaches additional points of morality. This is how Jesus fulfills the laws of God, and when you embrace

all of these of God's morality and change them from being laws to be obeyed, to aspects of your personality, personal honor, and moral character then you are in the *Spirit of the Lord*.

## I lead down the Path

*I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment, that I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures. **Proverbs 8:20-21***

It is to this end that Jesus was sent to the earth to teach us how to find the path to righteousness, and once found how with Jesus as our guide, to stay on the path that leads to salvation, rather than any of the many paths that leads to damnation.

*Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God and him only shalt thou serve. **Matthew 4:10***

To worship anyone or anything other than the God of Creation is a sin against God. It is a sin against God because God is the Creator, and that means that he is your creator, so to worship one other than God is to not worship your creator. This is an insult to God, who tells us to think of him as our father in heaven. Do not be disrespectful to your father. What purpose is there in worshiping any other than your creator? Only the Creator offers rewards for our love, respect, obedience, and our worship. What other than death can you expect from any other god that is no God?

This also goes along with what I was saying above about worshiping God in a way other than that which he has already spelled out. As you may have noticed, this verse, **Matthew 4:10**, is very similar in wording to God's First Commandment; which is to show that Jesus is teaching us the Ten Commandments.

*Thou shalt have no other gods before me. **Exodus 20:3***

## The Path to Repentance

*Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. **Matthew 4:17***

If you have sinned or are in sin, then you must repent those sins to obtain forgiveness. To repent your sins is to first know that you have sinned. To sin is to break any of the Ten Commandments. Other than a sin against the Holy Ghost, it is not a sin if it is not covered by the meaning and intent of the Ten Commandments, which is a good reason why you need to know what the Ten Commandments are all about. Once you understand what constitutes a sin, then you must bring as many of your sins up to your

current memory, with them fresh in your mind, then be repentant of having ever having committed those sins, and then after you have repented your sins, ask God to forgive you. If you do not repent and ask God for forgiveness, God cannot forgive you?

Once this is done, you must work towards remaining without sin for the rest of your life, (Walk the Path of Righteousness); otherwise God will know that you were not truly repentant at all. This can be done by learning and knowing and living by the Ten Commandments, the Teachings of Jesus, as well as the rest of God's Holy Word as given in the Books of the Bible.

The Ten Commandments are the laws of God, and the foundation of any true and correct worship of God. If you have been taught since childhood that the Ten Commandments have been fulfilled by Jesus on the Cross to the point that they are obsolete and of no importance to Christians, I ask you, where in the Bible you can find such words. You won't be able to find them in the Bible, and it is for that reason, I remember and use God's Truism, **"If God says it, then it is true, but if God does not say it, then it is a lie."** When you read God's words in the Bible, then you know that God said it. If you cannot find those words that you believe to be spoken by God in the pages of the Bible, then those words are lies, and not of God.

## Are You Above the Law of God?

In the Writings of Paul there is a verse, when taken out of context, could suggest to you that you are above the Law of God.

*But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.* **Galatians 6:18**

What does Paul mean when he says you are not under the law? If you have been paying attention, to all that Paul has thus far written, you will know that Paul is not saying you are no longer subject to the morality of God, which is what the laws gives identity to, but that as one in the spirit, you are not a slave to the law, but have written the law upon your heart and made God's morality your morality, thereby placing yourself above the law, because it is no longer a law to be obeyed, but an aspect of your own personality, honor and moral character. It is this that puts you above the law, and not in opposition to the law.

## Will You Inherit the Kingdom of God?

In order to make it clear what he is talking about, Paul then gives a listing of the sins that are manifest when you allow yourself to be pulled by your animalistic urges.

*Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these;*

*Adultery, Fornication, Uncleanness, Lasciviousness,*

*Idolatry, Witchcraft, Hatred, Variance,*

*Emulations, Wrath, Strife, Seditions,*

*Heresies, Envyings, Murders, Drunkenness,*

*Revellings and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. **Galatians 5:19-21***

There is a common belief that as a Christian it is not important that you keep the Ten Commandments, because you are saved by your faith in Christ. If this is true, then why does Paul give discussion concerning aspects of the Ten Commandments?

Isn't adultery and fornication the essence of the Seventh Commandment, "Thou shalt not commit adultery?"

Isn't Idolatry, the essence of the Second Commandment?

Isn't Murder, the essence of the Sixth Commandment, "Thou shalt not kill?"

If you take the time to study and understand the rest of those sins listed by Paul in the above verses, you will discover that they too relate to one or more of the Ten Commandments. In that Paul teaches the Ten Commandments, and Paul is Prophet to Jesus, isn't it correct that we keep the Ten Commandments?

***That they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.***

Paul then informs us without any doubt that to engage in these sinful acts removes you from any chance of inheriting the Kingdom of God. This gives full support to all that I have been saying as well. As you might have noticed those sins listed are also aspects of the Six Moral imperatives listed in the Ten Commandments.

## God's Morality

*But the fruit of the Spirit is... Love, Joy, Peace, Longsuffering, Gentleness,  
Goodness, Faith, Meekness, Temperance:*

*Against such there is no law. **Galatians 5:22-23***

Paul then goes on to give a listing of those moral aspects that are of the spirit. There is no law against these things because these things are an aspect of God's Morality, and therefore are righteous, only those laws established by Satan through his False Gospel, would make such as these sinful.

Do you wish to walk in the ways of God or of Satan, the choice is yours. In the Writings of Paul, he has given you education in the ways of God, at the same time you understand how not to walk in the ways of Satan, which path do you chose to walk?