

Ten Commandments

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Text **Exodus 20:1-3**

1st Commandment

1. No other God's, v3

A. Scripture relevant to the first of the Ten Commandment

Exodus 15:11 Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?

Deuteronomy 6:14 Ye shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the people which are round about you;

Joshua 24:18 And the LORD drave out from before us all the people, even the Amorites which dwelt in the land: therefore will we also serve the LORD; for he is our God.

Joshua 24:19 And Joshua said unto the people, Ye cannot serve the LORD: for he is an holy God; he is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins.

Joshua 24:20 If ye forsake the LORD, and serve strange gods, then he will turn and do you hurt, and consume you, after that he hath done you good.

Joshua 24:21 And the people said unto Joshua, Nay; but we will serve the LORD.

Joshua 24:22 And Joshua said unto the people, Ye are witnesses against yourselves that ye have chosen you the LORD, to serve him. And they said, We are witnesses.

Joshua 24:23 Now therefore put away, said he, the strange

gods which are among you, and incline your heart unto the LORD God of Israel.

Joshua 24:24 And the people said unto Joshua, The LORD our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey.

Psalms 73:25 Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee.

Psalms 81:9 There shall no strange god be in thee; neither shalt thou worship any strange god.

Isaiah 43:10 Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.

Isaiah 44:8 Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared it? ye are even my witnesses. Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no God; I know not any.

Isaiah 45:21 Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the LORD? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me.

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

Isaiah 46:9 Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me,

B. Illustration of an Adulterous wife or husband

O' I love you dear. See you later. She or he goes out on the town, lust after what they cannot have, and the next thing you know they have someone else. Then comes back home and acts like all is normal, nothing ever happened. Good night dear. I love you.

C. Is God our only God?

Him and Him only?

Do we choose to live in sin? And Serve the Devil by doing so?

Just thought I would ask?

Is God first in our life even above our desires?

D. To make God your only God we must love Him.

Matthew 22:

37 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.

38 This is the first and great commandment.

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

40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Verse 37

Some explanations of Love:

to act vehemently or intensely; because love is always active, and will act in every possible way; for he who loves is, with all his affection and desire, carried forward to the beloved object, in order to possess and enjoy it.

to be completely at rest, or, to be intensely satisfied; because he who loves is supremely contented with, and rests completely satisfied in, that which he loves.

a person eagerly embraces, and vigorously holds fast, that which is the object of his love.

I admire, I rest, because that which a man loves intensely he rests in, with fixed admiration and contemplation.

So that genuine love changes not, but always abides steadily attached to that which is loved.

Some points take from Adam Clarke:

"Verse 40. **On these two-hang all the law and the prophets.]** They are like the first and last links of a chain, all the intermediate ones depend on them. True religion begins and ends in love to God and man. These are the two grand links that unite God to man, man to his fellows, and men again to God.

Love is the fulfilling of the law, says St. Paul, Ro 13:10; for he who has the love of God in him delights to obey the Divine precepts, and to do all manner of kindness to men for God's sake."

E. The joys and rewards of truly loving God and making him your first and only God.

Peace within yourself

Everlasting joy and gladness in our hearts

Be still and know that I am God!

Conclusion to 1st Commandment

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Much scripture relevant to the first of the Ten Commandment

Is God our only God?

Him and Him only?

To make God your only God we must love Him.

There are joys and rewards of truly loving God and making him your first and only God.

Do we obey the Ten Commandments?

1. Thou shalt have no other gods before me. v3
2. Thou shalt not make, bow down to, or serve any Idols, v4-5
3. Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD in vain; v7
4. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. v8-11
5. Honour Father and Mother, v12
6. Thou shalt not kill. v13
7. Thou shalt not commit adultery. v14
8. Thou shalt not steal. v15
9. Thou shalt not Lie, v16
10. Thou shalt not covet, v17

2nd Commandment

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Exodus 20:

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

5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

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

We often think of this commandment of only not making idols and physical things to worship.

Remember the curved illusion cards? Is it what we believe we see or what is the actual truth?

Do we create an image of what we think God is to us? Then worship the God we created in our minds?

We must serve the God of the Bible, not the God of our minds.

3rd & 4th Commandments

Read all of Leviticus 26

v1 speaks of idolatry

v2 speaks of keeping the Sabbath and reverence the sanctuary

v3-13 blessings for those who obey

14-39 Punishment of disobedient

40-46 promises to those who repent

Malachi 3:6

For I [am] the LORD, I change not;

Let's look at some of the Ten Commandments again

Exodus 20 Read Verses 1-6

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2. v4-5 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them:

Both mental (inward) idolatry and physical (external) idolatry

Today however let's look at the 3rd and 4th commandments

Read Exodus 20:7-11

3rd Commandment

7 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

3. Don't take the Lord's name in vain Exodus 20:7

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I. Using as a curse

Jesus Christ (said in anger, used to swear)

Christ

Jesus

II. Slang use of God's name

Jeese, Golly, oh Gee, etc...

III. Light, un-reverent use of names and attributes

A. O' my God

B. Holy Cow, Holy _____

IV. Substituting words in place of The Lord's Name

A. Replacement phrases

1. (Forgetting The word God in front of) damn

V. Vain use will not be left go

...for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

We will not get away with taking God's names in vain!

4th Commandment

Remember the Sabbath!

What is the oldest commandment in the Bible? It came before the law was written!

Genesis 2:

2 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.

3 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.

Exodus 20:

8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

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

10 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:

11 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.

I. Remember the Sabbath Day

8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Lets go back to Genesis 2:

2 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.

3 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.

Verse 2. On the SEVENTH day God ended, &c.] It is the general voice of Scripture that God finished the whole of the creation in six days, and rested the seventh! giving us an example that we might labour six days, and rest the seventh from all manual exercises.

ACC: Exodus Verse 8. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.] See what has been already said on this precept, Ge 2:2, and elsewhere. See ACC for Ge 2:2. As this was the most ancient institution, God calls them to remember it; as if he had said, Do not forget that when I had finished my creation I instituted the Sabbath, and remember why I did so, and for what purposes. The word *shabbath* signifies rest or cessation from labour; and the sanctification of the seventh day is commanded, as having something representative in it; and so indeed it has, for it typifies the rest which remains for the people of God, and in this light it evidently appears to have been understood by the apostle, Heb. iv. Because this commandment has not been particularly mentioned in the New Testament as a moral precept binding on all, therefore some have

presumptuously inferred that there is no Sabbath under the Christian dispensation. The truth is, the Sabbath is considered as a type: all types are of full force till the thing signified by them takes place; but the thing signified by the Sabbath is that rest in glory which remains for the people of God, therefore the moral obligation of the Sabbath must continue till time be swallowed up in eternity.

Isaiah 58:13 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:
14 Then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

Adam Clarke writes: Isaiah 58:13.

If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath]

The meaning of this seems to be, that they should be careful not to take their pleasure on the Sabbath day, by paying visits, and taking country jaunts; not going, as Kimchi interprets it, more than a Sabbath day's journey, which was only two thousand cubits beyond the city's suburbs. How vilely is this rule transgressed by the inhabitants of this land! They seem to think that the Sabbath was made only for their recreation!

Christ did away with the Sabbath and we are not to judge man in these matters.

No Christ did NOT!

Colossians 2:16

Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:

Verse 16. **Let no man-judge you in meat, or in drink]** The apostle speaks here in reference to some particulars of the hand-writing of ordinances, which had been taken away, viz., the distinction of meats and drinks, what was clean and what unclean, according to the law; and the necessity of observing certain holydays or festivals, such as the new moons and particular sabbaths, or those which should be observed with more than ordinary solemnity; all these had been taken out of the way and nailed to the cross, and were no longer of moral obligation. There is no intimation here that the Sabbath was done away, or that its moral use was superseded, by the introduction of Christianity. I have shown elsewhere that, Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, is a command of perpetual obligation, and can never be superseded but by the final termination of time. As it is a type of that rest which remains for the people of God, of an eternity of bliss, it must continue in full force till that eternity arrives; for no type ever ceases till the antitype be come. Besides, it is not clear that the apostle refers at all to the Sabbath in this place, whether Jewish or Christian; his sabbatwn, of sabbaths or weeks, most probably refers to their feasts of

weeks, of which much has been said in the notes on the Pentateuch.

1. What not to do

- a.** Not to Work or Make others work
Exodus 20:10 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:
- b.** Buy and sell
Nehemiah 10:31 And if the people of the land bring ware or any victuals on the sabbath day to sell, that we would not buy it of them on the sabbath, or on the holy day: and that we would leave the seventh year, and the exaction of every debt.
- c.** Unnecessary travel

2. What to do

- a.** Keep it Holy
Ex. 20:11 "wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it."
- b.** Reverence my sanctuary
Lev. 26:2 Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I am the LORD.
--Do we dishonour God because we miss church? I mean all services too.
- c.** Rest

Ex. 20: 11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day:

II. Changed to Lord's day (Sunday)

1. Why we celebrate the Sabbath and call it The Lord's day

- a.** Christ Appeared to Mary
Mark 16:9 ¶ Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils.
- b.** Christ Appeared to the Two on the way to Emmaus
Luke 24:13 And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs. 14 And they talked together of all these things which had happened. 15 And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them.
- c.** Christ Appeared to the Disciples
John 20:19 ¶ Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

d. Paul Preached at Troas

Acts 20:7 ¶ And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.

e. John refers to the Lord's day when he wrote:
Rev. 1:10 "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,"

f. Jesus Christ rose on the 1st day of the week.

e. Gathering of the offerings of the saints:
1 Corinthians 16:2 Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.

III. God wants us to keep his commandments

A. Blessings to keepers

Lev. 26:3-13 blessings for those who obey

B. Punishment to sinners

Lev. 26:14-39 Punishment of disobedient

C. Forgiveness promised those who repent

Lev 26:40-46 promises to those who repent

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Conclusion

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A. Oldest commandment back to Genesis

B. What not to do

- a. Not to Work or Make others work
- b. Buy and sell
- c. Unnecessary travel

C. What to do

- 1. Keep it Holy
- 2. Reverence my sanctuary
- 3. Rest

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James 2:

8 ¶ If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture,
Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well:

9 But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are
convinced of the law as transgressors.

5th & 6th Commandments

10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.

11 For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law.

12 So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty.

13 For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment.

14 ¶ What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?

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Exodus 20:

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5th Commandment

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From the dictionary

Honor means:

1. Esteem due or paid to worth; high estimation; respect; consideration; reverence; veneration; manifestation of respect or reverence.
2. That which rightfully attracts esteem, respect, or consideration; self-respect; dignity; courage; fidelity; especially, excellence of character; high moral worth; virtue; nobleness; specif., in men, integrity; uprightness; trustworthiness; in women, purity; chastity.

Godlike erect, with native honor clad. --Milton.

3. A nice sense of what is right, just, and true, with course of life correspondent thereto; strict conformity to the duty imposed by conscience, position, or privilege.

Say, what is honor? 'T is the finest sense Of justice which the human mind can frame, Intent each lurking frailty to

disclaim, And guard the way of life from all offense
Suffered or done. --Wordsworth.

4. That to which esteem or consideration is paid;
distinguished position; high rank.

5. Fame; reputation; credit.

6. A token of esteem paid to worth; a mark of respect; a
ceremonial sign of consideration; as, he wore an honor on
his breast; military honors; civil honors. ``Their funeral
honors." --Dryden.

7. A cause of respect and fame; a glory; an excellency; an
ornament; as, he is an honor to his nation.

8. A title applied to the holders of certain honorable civil
offices, or to persons of rank; as, His Honor the Mayor.

Real Moms and Dads are heroes

They spend their lives working to take care of you,
They love and cherish you
Willing to die for you

Do we treat them as heroes?

I. Honour thy father and thy mother **Grandparents too....**

A. Be Kind

1. voluntarily helpful

B. Obey

1. What they say do

- a. without question
- b. only exception is if it goes against God's
word and will cause you to **sin against God**

2. Do not murmur

- a. uh, sigh, mone, groin, grope, complain,
be angry

C. Respect of Authority

1. No back talk

- a. whether we agree or not
- b. remember they are more experienced
and we may not see the full picture

2. difference of opinion

- a. express yours with a question like attitude
- always expressing yours as one under
authority
- b. accept there opinion, and do it

Does obeying the 5th Commandment only require
Being kind, respectful, and Obedience?

What about when they grow too old to care for themselves?

D. Take care of them when they cannot

1. Nursing home? (Yes or No)

- a. When you were a baby and a child that
could not take care of yourself, did you
parents put you in a nursing home?
No and neither should you!

- b. Extreme medical conditions may warrant an exception
- c. Don't allow them to be drugged up, drugs steal from the mind, especially if they are not saved, under drugs, may never get saved.

Honor thy father and thy mother
Grandparents too....

6th Commandment

I. v13 Thou shalt not kill.

A. What does it mean to kill

1. to take someone's life,

B. What does God's word say about murder in the NT.

1 John 3:15

"Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him."

1. to hate is murder
2. we should hate the evil, but love the person

C. What does Jesus say about it?

As recorded in Matthew 5:21-22

- ¶ Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:
- 22 But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment:
 1. To be angry without a cause is sin
 - a. unrighteous anger
 - selfish concerns
 - it hurt me
 - b. righteous anger
 - out of concern for others
 - never to a point of bitterness
 - should still pray for their souls and and mean it from a heart of love

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7th Commandment

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Introduction

Illustration:

If we where to kill, and not repent would God send us to Hell?

If we where to lie, and not repent would we be guilty of sin before God and sent Hell?

If we would continue living in our state of sin, did we truly repent of our sins?

Text:

Exodus 20:14

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Hebrews 13:4

Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.

I. Obligations of MARRIAGE

A. Two become One

Matthew

5 And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?

6 Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

B. Until Death do us Part

Romans 7

1 Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth?

2 For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband.

Marriage is for life. There is nothing that can break that vow of marriage except death of one of the spouses.

II. Adultery

A. Acts of Adultery

Matthew 5

27 ¶ Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery:

28 But I say unto you, **That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.**

29 And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.

30 And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.

B. Continuous State of Adultery

Matthew 5:

31 It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement:

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

In the words of Christ

Luke 16

13 No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

14 And the Pharisees also, who were covetous, heard all these things: and they derided him.

15 **And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.**

16 The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it.

17 And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail.

18 **Whosoever putteth away his wife, and marrieth another, committeth adultery: and whosoever marrieth her that is put away from her husband committeth adultery.**

Some may say they cheated on me and Matthew 5 says it is lawful for me to get divorced, or to remarry?

Matthew 19

3 ¶ The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?

4 And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female,

5 And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?

6 Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

7 They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away?

8 He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so.

9 And I say unto you, **Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.**

10 His disciples say unto him, If the case of the man be so with his wife, it is not good to marry.

11 But he said unto them, **All men cannot receive this saying, save they to whom it is given.**

12 For there are some eunuchs, which were so born from their mother's womb: and there are some eunuchs, which were made eunuchs of men: and there be eunuchs, which have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that is able to receive it, let him receive it.

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Mark 10

2 And the Pharisees came to him, and asked him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife? tempting him.

3 And he answered and said unto them, What did Moses command you?

4 And they said, Moses suffered to write a bill of divorcement, and to put her away.

5 And Jesus answered and said unto them, For the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept.

6 **But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female.**

7 **For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife;**

8 **And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh.**

9 **What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.**

10 And in the house his disciples asked him again of the same matter.

11 And he saith unto them, Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, committeth adultery against her.

12 And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she committeth adultery.

This is not a license for divorce, but a permission to not live together any longer. God has called us to peace not war. Many will us this as a release from

marriage and say now they are not bound by the vow, and hence they remarry when the Word plainly does not allow remarriage so long as the first spouse lives. If the departing unbeliever goes forward with divorce, it is not right for the believer to take any part in the sin of divorce. While the unbeliever may not be able to stop the divorce, they should not take action to see it go forward. Most divorces with go final after a set period of time depending on the laws of the state they are in. The unbeliever is not at fault if this occurs and all responsibility and accountability rest on the shoulders of the departing unbeliever at this point. The unbeliever should continue to seek God for the salvation of the unbelieving spouse until they are called home from this earthly world to be with the Lord.

As Christianity is about mercy, love and forgiveness it is only right that the believer be willing to except proper and truehearted seeking repentance of the departed spouse and enter back into marriage if this be at all possible.

Adam Clarke said; "A real Christian ought rather to beg of God the grace to bear patiently and quietly the imperfections of his wife, than to think of the means of being parted from her."

This being one of the most miss understood things about divorce and remarriage, because they use this as an excuse to divorce and as grounds to remarry. But look at what Jesus says about marring someone who is divorced.

To marry a divorced person whose spouse is still

alive is to be living in a continuous state of adultery before God. Both the divorced person and the one who marries them are guilt of adultery before the Lord.

Marriage is for life, the only release from the marriage vow is death.

Romans 7

1 Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth?

2 For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband.

3 So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.

III. Permissible remarriage

1 Corinthians 7

10 And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from her husband:

11 But and **if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband:** and let not the husband put away his wife.

Romans 7:3 So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: **but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so**

that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.

Remarriage is only permissible if the Husband and Wife are reuniting.

IV. False permission to remarry

1 Corinthians 7:

27 Art thou bound unto a wife? seek not to be loosed. Art thou loosed from a wife? seek not a wife.

28 But and if thou marry, thou hast not sinned; and if a virgin marry, she hath not sinned. Nevertheless such shall have trouble in the flesh: but I spare you.

Verse 27 is referring to a person not married when it says "Art thou loosed from a wife?"

The apostle Paul was not saying it is OK to remarry here, but in verse 28 was say that the unmarried or widow could marry and it would not be sin.

Scripture never conflicts itself, and when there are so many scriptures pointing to remarriage being sinful in the case of a living previous spouse, how then could this one passage of scripture mean it is OK.

Jacob Martin a Bible and Theology teacher at Penn View Bible Institute, made this statement;

"that when we find a verse that seems to disagree with many other scriptures, we not understanding the singular area of scripture and should look at the balk of scripture on the subject rather than put our faith in a small part which we are mostly misunderstanding. Scripture when properly understood, never conflicts itself!"

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

Do we obey the Ten Commandments?

1. Thou shalt have no other gods before me. v3
2. Thou shalt not make, bow down to, or serve any Idols, v4-5
3. Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD in vain; v7
4. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. v8-11
5. Honour Father and Mother, v12
6. Thou shalt not kill. v13
7. Thou shalt not commit adultery. v14
8. Thou shalt not steal. v15
9. Thou shalt not Lie, v16
10. Thou shalt not covet, v17

8th Commandment

Thou shalt not steal.

Exodus 20:15

Thou shalt not steal.

Ephesians 4:28

Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

To steal:

- 1 Take that which does not belong to you.**
- 2. Borrow and never return**
- 3. Steal from the God**

Malachi 3:

7 ¶ Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them.

Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the LORD of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return?

8 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

9 Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

11 And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts.

12 And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts.

4. Steal someone's time

A. On the Job

B. Keeping someone waiting,

1. I'm Not talking about emergencies, but those who do not have concern for others time.

5. What about you Bills,

Do we steal from the company that provides you phone, electric, sewer, etc....

Ephesians 4:28

Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

Restitution:

Numbers 5:

5 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

6 Speak unto the children of Israel, When a man or woman shall commit any sin that men commit, to do a trespass against the LORD, and that person be guilty;

7 Then they shall confess their sin which they have done: and he shall recompense his trespass with the principal thereof, and add unto it the fifth part thereof, and give it unto him against whom he hath trespassed.

8 But if the man have no kinsman to recompense the trespass unto, let the trespass be recompensed unto the LORD, even to the priest; beside the ram of the atonement, whereby an atonement shall be made for him.

- 1. To the person you took it from**
- 2. They are not alive or company is out of business, then give it to the Lord**

Pay my restitution to the Lord now!

3. Don't have it to pay, make payments or

borrow and then pay it back

-Right to borrow:

Sold for His theft:

Exodus 22:3 If the sun be risen upon him, there shall be blood shed for him; **for he should make full restitution; if he have nothing, then he shall be sold for his theft.**

The case with Zacchaeus:

Luke 19:8 And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold.

1. THERE is one doctrine relative to the economy of Divine Providence little heeded among men; I mean the doctrine of restitution. When a man has done wrong to his neighbour, though, on his repentance, and faith in our Lord Jesus, God forgives him his sin, yet he requires him to make restitution to the person injured, if it lie in the compass of his power. If he do not, God will take care to exact it in the course of his providence. Such respect has he for the dictates of infinite justice that nothing of this kind shall pass unnoticed. Several instances of this have already occurred in this history, and we shall see several more. No man should expect mercy at the hand of God who, having wronged his neighbour, refuses, when he has it in his power, to make restitution. Were he to weep tears of blood, both the justice and mercy of God would shut out his prayer, if he made not his neighbour amends for the injury he may have done him. The mercy of God, through the blood of the cross, can alone pardon his guilt; but no dishonest man can expect this; and he is a dishonest man who illegally holds the property of another in his hand.

The unnatural brethren who sold their brother are now about to be captivated themselves; and the binder himself is bound in his turn: and though a kind Providence permits not the evil to fall upon them, yet, while apprehending it, they feel all its reality, conscience supplying the lack of prison, jailer, and bonds.

No Restitution, no forgiveness

If you don't do it now, God (a just God) will draw it later for there will be justice.

Do you steal?

Are you still stealing?

Are you still living in your old thefts?

"Let him that stole steal no more"

If we look around our homes, are there things there that do not belong to you.

Restitution made?

What do you think you ought to do after hearing this message?

Do you steal, have you made your restitution yet?

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9. Thou shalt not Lie, v16
10. Thou shalt not covet, v17

God loves you enough to make a way to Him and to give you victory over your sins!

9th Commandment, Lying

Revelation 21:

7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

Famous American Fibs

- The check is in the mail.
- I'll start my diet tomorrow.
- We service what we sell.
- Give me your number and the doctor will call you right back.
- Money cheerfully refunded.
- One size fits all.
- This offer limited to the first 100 people who call in.
- Your luggage isn't lost, it's only misplaced.
- Leave your resume and we'll keep it on file.
- This hurts me more than it hurts you.
- I just need five minutes of your time.
- Your table will be ready in a few minutes.
- Open wide, it won't hurt a bit.
- Let's have lunch sometime.
- It's not the money, it's the principle.

Bits and Pieces, December 9, 1993, pp. 12-13

Little White Lies

As reported in USA Today, Jerald Jellison said, "Each of us fibs at least 50 times a day." He explained that we lie about our age, our income, or our accomplishments. And we use lies to escape embarrassment.

A common reason for "little white lies," we're told, is to protect someone else's feelings. Yet in so doing, we are really protecting ourselves.

According to Jellison, here are some of our most commonly used fibs:

- "I wasn't feeling well."
- "I didn't want to hurt your feelings."
- "The check is in the mail."
- "I was just kidding."
- "I was only trying to help."

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Lying A Way Of Life

Lying seems to be a way of life for many people. We lie at the drop of a hat. The book *The Day American Told the Truth* says that 91 percent of those surveyed lie routinely about matters they consider trivial, and 36 percent lie about important matters; 86 percent lie regularly to parents, 75 percent to friends, 73 percent to siblings, and 69 percent to spouses.

Our Daily Bread, August 28, 1992

Lying Condoned By Physician

A USA Today poll found that only 56% of American teach honesty to their children. And a Louis Harris poll turned up the distressing fact that 65% of high school students would cheat on an important exam. Recently a noted physician appeared on a network news-and-talk show and proclaimed, "Lying is an important part of social life, and children who are unable to do it are children who may have developmental problems."

Our Daily Bread, Sept. 23, 1991

Lying, Cheating, and Stealing

Lying, cheating, and stealing are becoming an "acceptable norm" among high-school and college students, says Ralph Wexler, speaking for the Joseph and Edna Josephson Institute of Ethics. In a recent survey, the Institute reported that 61 percent of the high-school and 32 percent of the college students polled admitted to having cheated on an exam during the past year; 33 percent of the high-school and 16 percent of college students said they'd stolen something in the last year; and 16 percent of the high-school and 32 percent of the college students said they'd lied on a resume or job application.

National and International Religion Report, quoted in *Signs of the Times*, June, 1993, p. 6

Quotes

- A lie has no legs. It requires other lies to support it. Tell one lie and you are forced to tell others to back it up.
- Stretching the truth won't make it last any longer.
- Those that think it permissible to tell white lies soon grow colorblind. - Austin O'Malley
- I would not tell one lie to save the souls of all the world. - John Wesley
- One never errs more safely than when one errs by too much loving the truth. - Augustine
- No man has a good enough memory to make a successful liar. - A. Lincoln
- Men hate those to whom they have to lie. - Victor Hugo
- What upsets me is not that you lied to me, but that from now on I can no longer believe you. - Friedrich Nietzsche
- Those who think it's permissible to tell white lies soon become color-blind.- Austin O'Malley
- When regard for truth has been broken down or even slightly weakened, all things will remain doubtful. - Augustine

Sources unknown

Signals Of Lying

- Signals of lying:
- Increased blinking and pupil dilation.
- A facial expression incongruous with what's being said.
- Increased body movement (especially hand gestures).
- Shorter sentences.
- More speaking pauses and errors.
- More negative words and extreme words.

USA Today

Which Tire Was Flat

The story is told of four high school boys who couldn't resist the temptation to skip morning classes. Each had been smitten with a bad case of spring fever. After lunch they showed up at school and reported to the teacher that their car had a flat tire. Much to their relief, she smiled and said, "Well, you missed a quiz this morning, so take your seats and get out a pencil and paper."

Still smiling, she waited as they settled down and got ready for her questions. Then she said, "First question—which tire was flat?"

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Somebody Told It

First, somebody told it,
Then the room couldn't hold it,
So the busy tongues rolled it
Till they got it outside.

Then the crowd came across it,
And never once lost it,
But tossed it and tossed it,
Till it grew long and wide.

This lie brought forth others,
Dark sisters and brothers,
And fathers and mothers—
A terrible crew.

And while headlong they hurried,
The people they flurried,
And troubled and worried,
As lies always do.

And so evil-bodied,
This monster lay goaded,
Till at last it exploded
In smoke and in shame.

Then from mud and from mire
The pieces flew higher,
And hit the sad victim
And killed a good name.

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10th Commandment

10. Thou shalt not covet, v17

Exodus 20:17

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

Luke 12:15

And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

What does it mean to covet?

Webster's dictionary says it like this:

"to desire enviously (what belongs to another)"

Online Bible's Strong's reference to the Hebrew language:

"to desire, covet, take pleasure in, delight in"

What then does covetousness mean?

Online Bible's Strong's reference to the Greek language:

"greedy desire to have more, covetousness, avarice"

Where **avarice** means excessive desires for wealth.

Introduction:

A situation in Joshua:

The setting is Joshua has just been put in charge of the Israelites. Moses their leader, a man of God has now died and Joshua is put into place.

The Children of Israel were doing great; everything was going well they just reach the Jordan River. God said he would magnify Joshua in the eyes of the people.

The people needed to cross the Jordan River. It was harvest time and the Jordan River always floods during the harvest time. So the waters were especially deep this time of year.

This was no barrier for them. We might remember God parting the red sea, but what about this flooded river? Can God get them over it or threw it?

When the priest leading the way carrying the Ark of the Covenant put their feet in the Jordan River the water parted and they stood on dry ground. Praise the almighty Lord for his great power.

Then the first city they were to conquer was Jericho. This was a city with high walls surrounding it. Oh how can they defeat this city? It's like a fortress. They are sure to be defeated. Every have any obstacles that seem too big?

God sets them on a march for seven days. God told Joshua to have the people march around the city one time each day for 6 days. And 7 priests with trumpets made out of rams horns, they were to each blow their horn.

On the seventh day they marched around it seven times, this time on the seventh trip when the priest blew the trumpets, Joshua commanded all the people to shout. And the walls came tumbling down.

They could see the wondrous miracles of God taking place around them. Surely everyone was going to be faithful. No one would even consider disobeying a holy faith God that had just worked so many miracles in there sight, would they????

Would you join me by Turn with me to Joshua 6:17

The walls of Jericho are now fallen. The army of the Lord is ready to take the city.

Lets read the warnings and instructions God gave them about taking the city.

Joshua 6

17 ¶ And the city shall be accursed, even it, and all that are therein, to the LORD: only Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all that are with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent.

18 And ye, in any wise **keep yourselves from the accursed thing, lest ye make yourselves accursed, when ye take of the accursed thing, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it.**

19 But all the silver, and gold, and vessels of brass and iron, are consecrated unto the LORD: they shall come into the treasury of the LORD.

And so they were instructed.

After such help and support from God surely all would be faithful right?

Joshua 7:

1 ¶ **But the children of Israel committed a trespass in the accursed thing:** for Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took of the accursed thing: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against the children of Israel.

2 And Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is beside Bethaven, on the east side of Bethel, and spake unto them, saying, Go up and view the country. And the men went up and viewed Ai.

3 And they returned to Joshua, and said unto him, Let not all the people go up; but let about two or three thousand men go up and smite Ai; and make not all the people to labour thither; for they are but few.

4 So there went up thither of the people about three thousand men: and they fled before the men of Ai.

5 And the men of Ai smote of them about thirty and six men: for they chased them from before the gate even unto Shebarim, and smote them in the going down: wherefore the hearts of the people melted, and became as water.

But what was it that would cause one of the Israelites to do such a great sin. I know there must have been some big bad devil that made him do it. Yeah that's it, it was the devil that made him do it!

No the devil didn't make Achan do it.

But then how did this sin begin? What Achan's first sin, that of taking the accursed thing from Jericho?

Let's read on...

Joshua 7:19

19 And Joshua said unto Achan, My son, give, I pray thee, glory to the LORD God of Israel, and make confession unto him; and tell me now what thou hast done; hide it not from me.

20 And Achan answered Joshua, and said, Indeed I have sinned against the LORD God of Israel, and thus and thus have I done:

21 When I saw among the spoils a goodly Babylonish garment, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, **then I coveted them, and took them;** and, behold, they are hid in the earth in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it.

The first sin of Achan was to covet.

The Lord said in Exodus 20:17: Thou shalt not covet.

Achan started by coveting what he saw. He knew that it was against their instructions to even want this.

So after sinning by his covetousness he went deeper into sin by doing the dirty deed.

He stole:

A garment
Silver
And Gold

This was the end result of his coveting, was stealing from the Lord. Back in Ch 6:19 we learned it read "But all the silver, and gold, and vessels of brass and iron, are consecrated unto the LORD: they shall come into the treasury of the LORD." So Achan had not stolen from Jericho but from God. Do we steal from God.

O'no surely I would not steal from God. Read Malachi 3 some time and then tell me if you steal from God.

Achan coveted first then ended up not only disobeying God, but stealing from the Lord.

Coveting is usually just the beginning of sin for someone. Once covetousness enters the heart, it begins to separate us from God's grace and then we go on to deeper sins.

Coveting has a seemingly harmless beginning but its end is death

Achan's end was death.

If you go on to read the rest of chapter 7 you will see that they stoned and burned Achan for his sins against a Holy God. Why? Because whenever sin enters the camp it turns God from them.

Is there sin in this camp today? Right here?

Do you covet, desire that which you cannot have?

Lets look at one more thing today:

Turn with me to Luke 12:15

Luke 12:

15 And he said unto them, **Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.**

16 And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully:

17 And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?

18 And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.

19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.

20 But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

21 So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

Jesus said found in John 14:

23 Jesus answered and said unto him, **If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.**

24 He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

Do you love God? Do you keep his words?

If not, you do not love God and God will not love you a his Child.

To covet is sin and the wages of sin is still death!

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; **but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

On judgment day which will you hear:

Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee

Or

Well done, thou good and faithful servant: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

Until we have been born again into the family of God and you still have glorious victory in your soul. You cannot enter heaven!

Jesus said found in John 3:3

Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Are you truly born of God?

Jesus Died so you can be born into the family of God!

God loves you enough to make a way to Him and to give you victory over your sins!

Do We Really Obey the Ten Commandments Today?

Do We Really Obey the Ten Commandments Today?

For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. James 2:10

Exodus 20

1. Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Exodus 20:3
Is God first in your life before any other person?

2. Thou shalt not make, bow down to, or serve any Idols, Exodus 20:4-5

Is God first above every THING in your life. We worship whatever we spend our time with.

3. Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD in vain; Exodus 20:7

Even things like "O' my God", Gosh, O' Gee, Holy Cow, "Holy ____" (slang things for God and Jesus are vain uses of God's names.) Also to use the Lord's name in any irreverent way including words like Holy.

4. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Exodus 20:8-11

The Christian Sabbath is Sunday, no buying, selling working, pleasure seeking. Worship and rest is God's commandment for the Sabbath, is it your plan too?

5. Honour Father and Mother, Exodus 20:12

Until death do you part, obey unless it is against God

6. Thou shalt not kill. Exodus 20:13

To hate someone is also murder. 1 John 3:15

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

To lust after someone who is married or after being married yourself is adultery, so is divorce and remarriage while original spouse is still alive: Matthew 5:28-32, Romans 7:1-3 (God does not make exception. Sin is Sin, there are no special cases.)

8. Thou shalt not steal. Exodus 20:15

This includes in income taxes, software, tapes, CDs, sales tax, small things from place your job or school. Keeping things you barrowed and now do not intend to return. Repentance also means making restitution of the stolen items where ever possible.

9. Thou shalt not Lie, Exodus 20:16

Even white lies, partial truths, things said that are truth with the intent to deceive and cause the person to have a false idea of what is the truth. It is better to say "I don't want to talk about it," than to try to trick someone or make a false excuse which is a form of a lie.

10. Thou shalt not covet, Exodus 20:17

To desire that which you know you cannot have. Greed.