

THE BIBLE WORD SERIES

A Brief Study of those Important Words found in the Bible that we need to understand, not just skip over.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

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| 1. You shall have no other gods before Me. | Put God first. |
| 2. You shall not make idols. | Worship only God. |
| 3. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain. | Honor God's name. |
| 4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. | Keep His day holy. |
| 5. Honor your father and your mother. | Honor your family. |
| 6. You shall not murder. | Value human life. |
| 7. You shall not commit adultery. | Protect marriage. |
| 8. You shall not steal. | Focus on giving. |
| 9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. | Maintain honesty. |
| 10. You shall not covet. | Practice contentment. |

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| A. Commandment #1 describes a relationship with: | ___ God ___ Man |
| B. Commandment #2 describes a relationship with: | ___ God ___ Man |
| C. Commandment #3 describes a relationship with: | ___ God ___ Man |
| D. Commandment #4 describes a relationship with: | ___ God ___ Man |
| E. Commandment #5 describes a relationship with: | ___ God ___ Man |
| F. Commandment #6 describes a relationship with: | ___ God ___ Man |
| G. Commandment #7 describes a relationship with: | ___ God ___ Man |
| H. Commandment #8 describes a relationship with: | ___ God ___ Man |
| I. Commandment #9 describes a relationship with: | ___ God ___ Man |
| J. Commandment #10 describes a relationship with: | ___ God ___ Man |

1. Let's get personal. Which commandments have you disobeyed? Check the ones.
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| a. ___ Commandment #1 | f. ___ Commandment #6 |
| b. ___ Commandment #2 | g. ___ Commandment #7 |
| c. ___ Commandment #3 | h. ___ Commandment #8 |
| d. ___ Commandment #4 | i. ___ Commandment #9 |
| e. ___ Commandment #5 | j. ___ Commandment #10 |

If you have broken most of them, join the club (the human race).

2. Why did God give the 10 Commandments to the Jews of the Old Testament? (Match)
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| a. Genesis 6:3 | ___ The population of the earth was corrupt. |
| b. Genesis 6:5 | ___ Man is indeed flesh. |
| c. Genesis 6:12 | ___ The sin of Sodom & everywhere was gross. |
| d. Genesis 18:20 | ___ All man's thoughts of the heart were evil. |

The 10 Commandments were not even given to men yet during the book of Genesis, but look at man's behavior: (This part is just for reading; it is disgusting reading.)

SINS THAT WOULD HAVE BROKEN COMMANDMENTS 1-4

Disobey Genesis 3:6 Adam & Eve ignored God.
 Genesis 18:12 Sarah laughed at God.
 Genesis 19:18 Lot ignores God.
 Genesis 19:26 Lot's wife ignored God.

SINS THAT WOULD HAVE BROKEN COMMANDMENT 8

Cheated Genesis 29:15 Laban cheats Jacob out of a wife.
 Deceit Genesis 25:31 Jacob deceived Esau/birthright.
 Genesis 30:15 Jacob fooled - Rachel sex scheme.

SINS THAT WOULD HAVE BROKEN COMMANDMENT 5

Dishonor Genesis 9:22 Ham dishonored his father's nakedness.
 Genesis 27:35 Jacob stole Esau's birthright.
 Genesis 31:1-2 Hostility in the Jacob-Laban families
 Genesis 37:3 Jacob's unbalanced love of Joseph.

SINS THAT WOULD HAVE BROKEN COMMANDMENT 9

False Genesis 12:13 Abraham lies about his wife's ID.
 Genesis 18:15 Sarah denies laughing at God.
 Genesis 20:2 Abraham lies about wife's ID again.
 Genesis 26:6 Isaac lies about his wife's ID.
 Genesis 37:33 Joseph's brothers lie about "death"
 Genesis 39:19 Potiphar's wife lies about Joseph.

SINS THAT WOULD HAVE BROKEN COMMANDMENT 6

Hatred Genesis 16:4 Sarah hated Hagar for pregnancy scheme.
 Genesis 27:41 Esau hated Jacob & planned to kill him.
 Murder Genesis 4:8 Cain killed Abel.
 Genesis 6:11 The earth was filled with violence.
 Genesis 14:8 Ancient kings of the east were killing in war.
 Genesis 34:25 Jacob's sons killed sister Dinah's rapist.
 Genesis 37:20 Joseph's brothers plan to kill him.
 Genesis 37:24 Joseph's brothers left him to die.

SINS THAT WOULD HAVE BROKEN COMMANDMENT 10

Envy Genesis 13:10 Lot wants Abraham's better land.
 Genesis 26:14 Philistines jealous of Isaac success.
 Genesis 30:1 Rachel jealous of Leah pregnancy.
 Genesis 9:21 Noah carelessly gets drunk.
 Genesis 11:4 Men plan to build tower to God.
 Genesis 13:11 Lot chooses/takes better land.
 Genesis 19:14 Lot knew more than God did.

SINS THAT WOULD HAVE BROKEN COMMANDMENT 7

Sexual Genesis 4:19 Lamech had two wives.
 Genesis 6:2 Men took multiple wives.
 Genesis 16:2 Abraham had sex with handmaiden.
 Genesis 19:5 There were homosexual plans in Sodom.
 Genesis 19:34 Lot had sex with his own daughters.
 Genesis 28:9 Esau had multiple wives.
 Genesis 30:15 Rachel planned sex between husband & Leah.
 Genesis 34:5 Jacob had sex with disguised daughter.
 Genesis 38:14 Judah had sex with his daughter-in-law.
 Genesis 39:7 Potiphar's wife tried to have sex with Joseph.

The 10 Commandments

- This is not a list of sins to discourage us.
- This is a promise of a Savior to encourage us.

3. What do you think is the purpose for giving the 10 Commandments?

4. Is it possible for a human being to keep the 10 Commandments? __Yes __No

5. If keeping them is impossible, why would God give a bunch of rules that the people keep breaking, resulting in guilt & failure? (Your opinion)

Is God harsh, angry, evil, and unfair giving these "10 Rules". Read this from author Ray Comfort.

"When I was a child, my father beat me, left my mom, and once killed a defenseless animal with his bare hands. With that information, you would be justified in saying that my father was an evil beast. But, you don't have all the facts: he physically corrected me when I lied & stole; he left my mom each day to work long hours at work to provide for us; he found a dying animal on the side of the road & with great grief, put it out of its misery. The missing information shows my dad to be a very loving man." God may seem to be a God of judgment and very intolerant of sin. He is HOLY; His character is HOLY. He loves mankind. God does know what He is doing.

As you can see from the history of sin in Genesis, sinning against a Holy God has consequences.

6. What are those consequences?

- Isaiah 59:1-2 God is certainly capable & willing to save you & to hear you, BUT your sins have SEPARATED you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear you.
- Psalms 66:18-20 If I regard (consider) sin in my heart, the LORD WILL NOT HEAR me. But, certainly God has heard me; He has paid attention to my prayer. Blessed be God, Who has not turned away my prayer, nor His mercy from me.
- 2 Cor. 5:18 Now all things are from God, Who has RECONCILED (brought back together) us to Himself through Jesus Christ

- a. Is. 59:2 _____
Ps. 66:18 _____
2 Cor. 5:18 _____

Genesis 3:17-19 ...Cursed is the ground because of your actions; in hard work you will harvest from it all the days of your life. The ground will also grow thorns & weeds in your crops. You will need to eat the plants of the ground to stay alive. You will have to work for your food (stay alive) the rest of your life.

- b. _____

Genesis 3:19 ...Till you return to the ground (die), for out of it you were taken (Adam formed): for dust you are, and to dust you will return.

Romans 5:12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death too because of that sin; as a result, death spread to all men, because all have sinned ...

- c. _____

Revelation 21:8 But all unbelieving, abominable, murders, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars will go to the lake of fire (HELL); this is the second (final) death.

Revelation 20:14 Then, death & hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. Anyone not found written in the Book of Life was also cast into the lake of fire.

Hebrews 9:27 And as it was appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of mankind.

2 Thess. 2:8-9 The people who do not know God & who do not obey the gospel of Christ WILL BE punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power

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

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His one-and-only Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting life.

Matt. 25:41 Then Jesus said to the unbelievers, "Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels (demons);

Matt. 25:46 These same unbelievers will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous (believers) will go into eternal life.

Matt. 10:28 Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him Who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

d. List the underlined words in the verses.

- Rev. 21:8 _____
Rev. 20:4 _____
Heb. 9:27 _____
2 Th. 2:8-9 _____
Rom. 6:23 _____
John 3:16 _____
Matt. 25:41 _____
Matt. 25:46 _____
Matt. 10:28 _____

This is definitely not a place that I want to go.

Hell = "Everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord."

7. Let's review. Pick of the four consequences for sin. **Only pick four.**
- ___ You may choose where you will spend eternity.
 - ___ A big scare all through your life.
 - ___ Man's living environment was cursed.
 - ___ A life of unsuccessful projects & repeated unemployment.
 - ___ Separation from God
 - ___ The constant uncertainty of which heaven you are going to.
 - ___ Spiritual death which is eternal death or the second death
 - ___ Fear that your family will not be rescue you from perdition.
 - ___ Physical death = the body returning to the dust
 - ___ The relief that God allows you to live as you wish.
 - ___ To finally find out that there is no hell nor any punishment.

"Thank you, Lord, for giving the 10 Commandments. We are in a hopeless, sinful mess; we cannot see the problem and we cannot solve the problem." The Jews of the Old Testament were blind; we are blind.

2 Cor. 4:4 *If the message of the gospel cannot be seen, then it is the minds of the unbelievers heading for hell who are blind; the "god of this world" (Satan) has blinded these minds. (Why does Satan do this?) - SO THAT THE LIGHT OF THE GOSPEL OF THE GLORY OF CHRIST (WHO IS GOD) WILL NOT SHINE ON THESE PEOPLE.*

THIS IS SICK; THIS IS EVIL; THIS IS HOPELESS; THIS IS DEATH; THIS IS HELL. The devil is keeping mankind from finding life, truth, & salvation through God.

THE PURPOSE OF THE 10 COMMANDMENTS

A. It is an **agreement** of love between a Holy God and the sinful nation of Israel.

Nehemiah 9:32 *Now therefore, our God, the great, the mighty, and awesome God, Who keeps covenant (agreement) and mercy: all of our troubles are not a minor thing, O Lord ...*

Nehemiah 9:33 *Lord, You are just in all that troubles we have experienced; You have been faithful; we have been wicked.*

Nehemiah 9:34 *None of our leaders have kept Your law, nor obeyed Your commandments ...*

8. How did Nehemiah feel about how God kept His agreement?

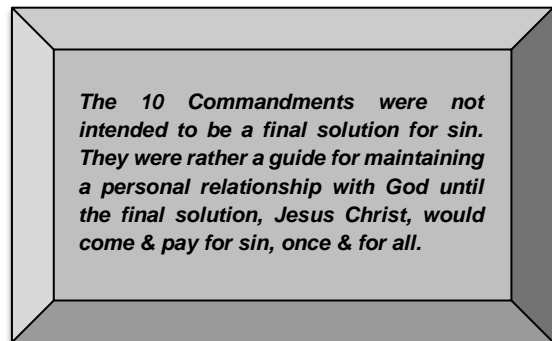
9. How did Nehemiah feel about how Israel kept its agreement?

B. It is a **guideline** for restoring a **relationship** between God & Israel (man).

C. It is a **foundation** for maintaining **relationships** with other nations (one another).

D. It is a **standard** which **sets apart** Israel from the evil nations.

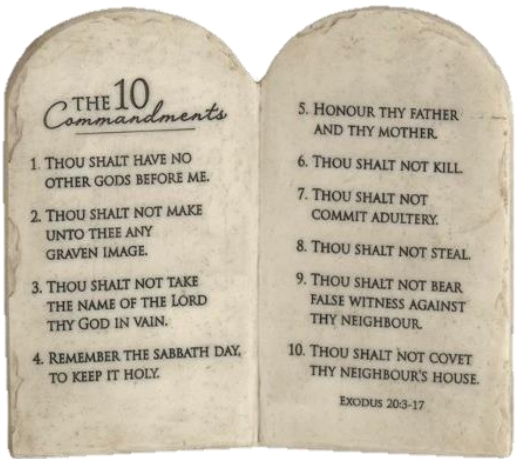
E. It is a **plumbline** showing the **guidelines, foundation, & standard** for moral living.



10. After reading all this, have you learned new things about the 10 Commandments? Explain.

The Commandments Listed: Fill in the verses.

Exodus 20:1-17		Deuteronomy 5:7-22	
Verse	Command	Verse	Command
	You shall no other gods before me.		You shall no other gods before me.
	You shall not make nor worship idols.		You shall not make nor worship idols.
	You shall not take God's name in vain.		You shall not take God's name in vain.
	Remember to keep the Sabbath holy.		Remember to keep the Sabbath holy.
	Honor your father and your mother.		Honor your father and your mother.
	You shall not murder.		You shall not murder.
	You shall not commit adultery.		You shall not commit adultery.
	You shall not steal.		You shall not steal.
	You shall not bear false witness.		You shall not bear false witness.
	You shall not covet.		You shall not covet.



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OUR
RELATIONSHIP
WITH GOD
HIMSELF

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OUR
RELATIONSHIP
WITH OTHER
PEOPLE

11. Have you ever wondered why the 10 Commandments are listed twice? ___Yes ___No

- BRIEF ANSWER: 1) The 10 Commandments were given to the Jews who came out of Egypt by Moses.
 2) The parents of that generation were not faithful to pass them along to the kids.
 3) That former generation died off except Moses, Joshua, & Caleb.
 4) The current generation in the wilderness had not heard them first-hand from Moses.
 5) Moses listed them again in the book of Deuteronomy. (Deuteronomy means "Second Law".)

Some teach that man is created good since God said that at creation. They teach that there is NO SIN and that a man will eventually become a god. There can be no hell or punishment because we have a God of love.

These teachers (false teachers) further believe that the 10 Commandments are an unnecessary "fairy tale" of some angry god from the heavens.

12. Proverbs 6:16-19 lists the seven sins that God hates. List them.

	a. _____	_____
	b. _____	_____
	c. _____	_____
	d. _____	_____
The Seven Sins	e. _____	_____
	f. _____	_____
	g. _____	_____
		 The Opposites

13. Do you think that the 10 Commandments mention these sins in general categories and not word for word? ___Yes ___No

14. Below are the **opposites** of the seven sins God hates. Match them on the small lines.
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| a. Run toward activities of goodness (Feet) | e. Instigate unity and peace (Whole body) |
| b. Use your mouth for words of integrity (Mouth) | f. Work toward promoting virtue & purity (heart) |
| c. Use your hands to defend people. (Hands) | g. Be a truthful & honest witness (Mouth) |
| d. Use your eyes with humility (Eyes) | |

ARE THE 10 COMMANDMENTS MENTIONED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT?

A. When the "Rich Young Man" talked to Jesus

Matt. 19:16-22
Luke 18:18-23

Mark 10:17 As Jesus was walking down the road, a man came running; he knelt before Jesus, and asked Him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?"

Mark 10:18 Jesus answered, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God. You know the commandments: Do not commit adultery; do not murder; do not steal; do not bear false witness, do not defraud, honor your father and your mother."

15. Did you notice that Jesus did not mention the first 4 commandments? ___Yes ___No

16. Did you notice that Jesus mentioned only 5 of the remaining 6? ___Yes ___No

17. Did you notice that Jesus added a new commandment ("defraud")? ___Yes ___No

BRIEF EXPLANATION: (These are just suggestions; I don't think we can be sure.

- Jesus could have mentioned certain commandments because he knew the heart of the man.
- Jesus could have skipped the first 4 because he already mentioned God at the beginning ("no one is good but God").
- Jesus did not mention "coveting" (#10) but he did add a new word "defraud" which could be the same thing.

18. Look in the next verses (Mark 10:20). How did the man answer?

19. Notice that Jesus looked at him & loved him. He was probably sad for the guy. ___Yes ___No

20. What did Jesus tell him to do? (Mark 10:21)

21. How did the young man respond? (Mark 10:22) _____

Brief explanation: Jesus was not telling the guy to go broke & start living on the streets. Jesus was testing the heart of the man to see where his priorities were.

B. When the "lawyer" talked to Jesus

Mark 12:29-31
Luke 10:25-28

Matt. 22:36 Then one of the pharisees, a lawyer, asked, "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the law?"

Matt. 22:37-38 Jesus answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment."

Matt. 22:39 And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Matt. 22:40 "On these two commandments hang all the Law & the Prophets."

BRIEF EXPLANATION: The lawyer did not want an answer. He was simply trying to test & trick Jesus.

22. Is it safe to assume that the lawyer was expecting the answer from Jesus to be one of the 10 commandments? ___Yes ___No

23. Jesus summarized the 10 commandments into two commandments. List them.

a. First Commandment _____

b. Second Commandment _____

The first commandment by Jesus covers the original commandments 1-4.

The second commandment by Jesus covers the original commandments 5-10.

24. The phrase "the Law & the Prophets" refers to the entire Old Testament. That means that the content of these two commandments about loving God & loving others is taught throughout all the books of the Old Testament (all 39 of them). ___Yes ___No

25. Do you think that Christians living now do not have to obey the 10 commandments of the Old Testament because Jesus replaced them with two new ones? ___Yes ___No

26. Do you agree? "Nobody can keep or obey the 10 Commandments (The Law) partially or completely, so why bother trying? ___Yes ___No

27. What did Paul say about **the Law** to the Roman believers?

- Romans 13:8 *Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has FULFILLED THE LAW.*
- Romans 13:9 *For the "10 Commandments": you shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not bear false witness, you shall not covet - all these commandments & the rest are all summed up in this saying, "you shall love your neighbor as yourself."*
- Romans 13:10 *Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore, LOVE IS THE FULFILLMENT OF THE LAW.*

a. How is the Law fulfilled? In other words, how are the 10 Commandments obeyed?

28. What did Paul say about **the Law** to Timothy at the Ephesian church?

- 1 Timothy 1:8 *But we know that the Law is good if one uses it lawfully,*
- 1 Timothy 1:9 *..knowing this: that the Law is not made for the righteous person, but for the lawless, the insubordinate, the ungodly, the sinners, the unholy & profane, murderers of fathers, murderers of mothers, manslayers, fornicators, sodomites, kidnappers, liars, perjurers, and anything else which stands against sound teaching.*

- a. Some say that Jesus came to get rid of those old, strict, and judgmental 10 commandments (the Law). Would He replace something "good"? Yes No
- b. Was the Law given to people living a righteous (holy life)? Yes No
- c. Was the Law given to the evil, disobedient people? Yes No

Did you notice that all the sins listed in the 1 Timothy 1:9 verse are covered in the Law?

WE ARE STILL TALKING ABOUT HOW THE LAW (10 COMMANDMENTS) IS MENTIONED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT.

29. Match the New Testament verse with the Commandment from the Law.

- a. 1 Cor. 8:6 Commandment #3 (Honor God's name)
- b. 1 John 5:21 Commandment #7 (Do not commit adultery)
- c. 1 Timothy 6:1 Commandment #1 (You will have no other god)
- d. Hebrews 4:4-5 Commandment #9 (Do not be a liar)
- e. Ephesians 6:1-2 Commandment #2 (Keep away from idols)
- f. 1 Peter 4:15 Commandment #6 (Do not murder)
- g. 1 Cor. 6:9 Commandment #10 (Do not covet)
- h. Ephesians 4:28 Commandment #8 (Do not steal)
- i. Revelation 21:8 Commandment #4 (Honor the Sabbath)
- j. Colossians 3:5 Commandment #5 (Honor father & mother)

DID JESUS COME TO REPLACE THE 10 COMMANDMENTS? (The answer is NO.)

- The 10 Commandments teach about "love" - to God - to man.
- "Love" is not a new teaching in the New Testament.
 - Leviticus 19:8 *"You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Hint: a "neighbor" is not a stranger.)*
 - Deuteronomy 6:5 *You will love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.*
- Jesus did not a new concept on love; He demonstrated "love" to all of us.
 - John 13:34 *A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, do the same and love one another. Because of this, all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love one for another.*
 - John 15:10 *If you keep My commandments, you will live in My love - JUST AS I HAVE KEPT MY FATHER'S COMMANDMENTS AND LIVE IN HIS LOVE..*

WHAT DO THE 10 COMMANDMENTS MEAN?

30. Match the "Commandment" with the Christian Life explanation.

- ___ God is truth; everything He says and does is true & pure. People should likewise always speak truth and be honest.
- ___ God understands we need an entire day to focus on Him & on rest.
- ___ God is so powerful and beyond human comprehension that He doesn't want us to limit Him through physical or mental substitutes.
- ___ God is characterized by giving. Human beings should show love and giving- that is, not take from others.
- ___ There is only one true God, and we worship Him alone.
- ___ God is pure and perfect in His thoughts and acts. People should also think according to the principle of "giving".
- ___ God is totally faithful in all His relationships; married couples are likewise to be totally faithful.
- ___ God is love and expects humans to love others as He does by valuing human life, not destroying it. Only God can decide to take a life.
- ___ God's many names reveal His power and character. He demands His names to be treated with respect and worship.
- ___ God is a family and puts a high value on the strength of physical families.

Commandment:

- A. #1
- B. #2
- C. #3
- D. #4
- E. #5
- F. #6
- G. #7
- H. #8
- I. #9
- J. #10

Love in the 10 Commandments

1. ***Instead of looking for other gods, love God with all of your being.***
2. ***Instead of leaning on idols, love God for His faithfulness & availability to you.***
3. ***Instead of mistreating God's name, love God for the power & holiness He provides.***
4. ***Instead of ignoring the Sabbath, love God that He cares about your strength & rest.***
5. ***Instead of dishonoring your parents, love them & honor their lives given to you.***
6. ***Instead of murdering someone, love that person, their families, and future.***
7. ***Instead of committing adultery, love their spouses, families, & kids.***
8. ***Instead of stealing, love the person by protecting their belongings.***
9. ***Instead of lying, love the person enough to give them the absolute truth.***
10. ***Instead of coveting, love the person & be content for that person's achievements.***

31. Do you have any thoughts about the 10 Commandments? Explain.

32. How is your "love" report card?

- a. Can you love someone who has abused you? Yes No
- b. Can you love someone who has more possessions than you do? Yes No
- c. Can you love someone who thinks they are better than you? Yes No
- d. Can you love someone who has lied to you or about you? Yes No
- e. Can you love God even though your life has taken a bad turn? Yes No
- f. Do you feel love in your heart for hurting people around you? Yes No

Remember - the 10 Commandments were God's promise of a Savior.