

THE LAW OF GOD

God has a government and every government has a constitution or set of laws that govern the whole territory. Without laws, the whole nation will be in chaos. Without law a government cannot continue to exist. The laws of the land are built for the benefits of the whole citizen of that nation. It is designed to protect the people so that if obeyed everyone can secure a peaceful life. Each particular law if violated has a corresponding penalty. Same thing applies in the government of God. He wrote His laws with His own finger and engraved them in tables of stones so that no man can change them. He designed His laws to adapt mankind for their instructions and government for all. If obeyed, man will live in harmony with God and fellowmen but if violated, a penalty of death was pronounced. Romans 6:23.

Back in the days of ancient Israelites, death penalty was executed instantly against the transgressor yet Jesus came to change the covenant and provided mercy unto the sinner thereby giving him a chance to repent and if he fails to repent during the probationary period provided, he will then face execution when Jesus is ready to burn all wickedness in this world through fire and brimstone. Only then will sinners pay the penalty for violating the laws of the government of God.

If we want to be a part of His kingdom, we need to be obedient to the laws the govern His kingdom. All creation with the power of choice is subject to every requirement God has laid down to follow.

The kingdom of God has ten precepts, brief yet comprehensive, authoritative yet with mercy allows everyone to have a probationary time to perfect obedience through the power of the blood of the Son of Man. This is the whole duty of man to God and to fellow man that we love God above all and our neighbors as ourselves; hence, the two great commandments broken down into 10 precepts in which the first 4 instructs us how to love God and the rest of the 6 helps us understand how to love each other. These 10 commandments are based on the great fundamental principle of LOVE for the lawgiver which is God, is Himself LOVE. 1 John 4:8

What are the two greatest commandments?

Matthew 22:36-39 Master, which [is] the great commandment in the law? 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. And the second [is] like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

How do we love God and how do we love our neighbor?

Exodus 20 – The ten commandment is divided into two parts

First Part (1-4) – teaches us how to love God

Second Part (6-10) – teaches us how to love our neighbor

1	<p>Exodus 20:3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.</p> <p>What are other gods aside from God? Anything that we worship, adore, love or chose above God is another god. It may include earthly treasures and riches like homes, cars, gadgets, clothes and such. If you love these things more than God then they become your god. It can also be people claiming to be God like Quiboloy or any other priest or pastors that you love more than God by following their false preaching and sympathizing their open sins or loved ones like parents, children, relatives and friends. If you love and obey your parents, children, spouse, relatives and friends over God then they become your god. If you cannot choose God because you are afraid of any person then that person is your god. If you cannot choose God because you owe gratitude to this person then that means that person is above God and is your god.</p> <p>Other gods can also be graven images or statues of Mary, or Jesus or any saint or any objects that people venerate, adore and worship. Any physical object associated with worship is another god. It can also be a person who claimed himself to be God. If you worship, believe and obey that particular human being then he becomes your god. It can also be yourself. If you love yourself more than God then you openly declare that you are higher than God and is now become another god.</p> <p>Another god can also be a faith healer whom you think possessed a power to heal your diseases above the True Physician who has the real power to restore health.</p> <p>It can also be people that you idolized like actors, politician and sports icon whom you adore and follow and devote</p>
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	<p>time to. Your affection to these kinds of people are supposed to be placed towards God. We should try our best to reach out to these souls to share the truth and not adore and devote time idolizing their skills and positions.</p> <p>Other gods can be the trinitarian god of the Catholics, Protestants and the SDA churches today. It can also be the twoness doctrine which denies the self-existence of the Holy Spirit. It can also be the false god of the apostate religion who believes in the Father and that Jesus and Holy Spirit do not exist. There is only one True Godhead and it is the family of the Three Highest Powers in Heaven (Father, His Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit)</p> <p>1 John 5:21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen. Deuteronomy 6:5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.</p> <p>Conclusion: I understand and agree that we cannot worship, adore or love any other entity in this world over the true Godhead in heaven.</p>
2	<p>Exodus 20:4-5 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: for I the LORD thy God [am] a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth [generation] of them that hate me; And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.</p> <p>Any graven image or object like rosary, images, crucifix, relics of dead people, animals, trees, rocks and such things that people venerate, adore, bow down to or worship is an idol and is against the law of God. Any object that you believe to have contained supernatural divine power is considered graven image. If we have any of these in our homes or even in vehicles, we need to get rid of them immediately.</p> <p>Psalms 115:4-8 Their idols [are] silver and gold, the work of men's hands. They have mouths, but they speak not: eyes have they, but they see not: They have ears, but they hear not: noses have they, but they smell not: They have hands, but they handle not: feet have they, but they walk not: neither speak they through their throat. They that make them are like unto them; [so is] every one that trusteth in them.</p> <p>Conclusion: I understand and agree that a child of God will not possess any graven image that is used for worship, adoration or prayer.</p>
3	<p>Exodus 20:7 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.</p> <p>Psalms 145:21 “and let all flesh bless his <u>holy name</u> for ever and ever.” Psalms 99:3 Let them praise thy great and terrible name; <u>[for] it [is] holy.</u></p> <p>The name of the Lord is holy for He is holy. Trifling His holy name is sin against Him.</p> <p>How can one take the name of the Lord in vain?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Carelessly using the name of the Lord like in cursing, jesting and joking 2. Claiming the name of Christ (Christian) while failing to produce corresponding fruits is taking His name in vain. <p>Conclusion: I understand and agree that a child of God should not carelessly use the name of the Godhead in any manner or purpose apart from what is permitted by God. And that if I claim the name Christian, that it is required that I do my part in cooperation with Heavenly agencies to produce fruits of Christ in my everyday life.</p>
4	<p>Exodus 20:8-11 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.</p> <p>Two things to remember:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What day we are to remember as the Sabbath day and which day of the week is it? Exodus 20:9-10 – Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work. But the <u>seventh day</u> [is] the sabbath of the LORD thy God:

	<p>Which day is the 7th day? Answer: Saturday.</p> <p>When does Sabbath day start? Leviticus 23:32 from <u>even unto even</u>, shall ye celebrate your sabbath.</p> <p>1 day = from the setting of the sun till the setting of the sun or from sunset to sunset (one evening and one morning)</p> <p>When does “even” start? Mark 1:32 And at <u>even</u>, when the <u>sun did set</u>, they brought unto him all that were diseased, and them that were possessed with devils.</p> <p>Genesis 1:5 And the <u>evening</u> and the <u>morning</u> were the <u>first day</u>.</p> <p>2. How do we keep the seventh day (Sabbath day) holy? Exodus 20:10 thou <u>shalt not do any work</u>.</p> <p>Isaiah 58:13 If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, [from] <u>doing thy pleasure</u> on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honourable; and shalt honour him, <u>not doing thine own ways</u>, nor <u>finding thine own pleasure</u>, nor <u>speaking [thine own] words</u>:</p> <p>a. Who shall not do any work? Exodus 20:10 <u>thou</u>, nor <u>thy son</u>, nor <u>thy daughter</u>, <u>thy manservant</u>, <u>nor thy maidservant</u>, nor <u>thy cattle</u>, nor <u>thy stranger that [is] within thy gates</u>:</p> <p>Conclusion: I understand and agree that the Sabbath of the Lord is the 7th day of the week, as known as Saturday in the Gregorian Calendar and the holy day starts from the setting of the sun in Friday and ends at the setting of the sun in Saturday and that this day is to be solely devoted to worship God in both public and private and acts of kindness such as saving lives of people or any of God's creation. All matters of indifference between brethren or families must be settled before the Sabbath starts. All preparation must be done on Friday which includes cooking the food that you want to eat on the Sabbath, preparing your rides which includes paying for your public rides or buying your gasoline for your vehicle before Sabbath starts, buying loads for your mobile phones, preparing clothes, shoes and such. Exemption that God allows is for emergency reasons such as relieving the suffering of the sick or saving lives (people or any of God's creation). All secular matters must be set aside before Sabbath starts. The Sabbath day is also a good time to reach out the lost and not just confine oneself inside the house. It is important that you spend time in nature as this day is a memory of what God did in the creation week.</p>
5	<p>Exodus 20:12 Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.</p> <p>Ephesians 6:1 Children, obey your parents <u>in the Lord</u>: for this is right.</p> <p>Matthew 10:34-37 Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man's foes [shall be] they of his own household. He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.</p> <p>Micah 7:6 For the son dishonoureth the father, the daughter riseth up against her mother, the daughter in law against her mother in law; a man's enemies [are] the men of his own house.</p> <p>If our parents tell us something outside the will of the Lord then we are not to obey them but to obey God first above our parents.</p> <p>Conclusion: I understand and agree that our duty to honor parents is from God and that it should be within the boundary of the will of God. No parents can compel obedience from their children if it is against the will of God. A christian's duty is to obey God above all earthly ties.</p>
6	<p>Exodus 20:13 Thou shalt not kill.</p> <p>Aside from physically killing someone without a cause, what is another way that we can commit murder against our neighbor?</p> <p>1 John 3:15 Whosoever <u>hateth</u> his brother is a <u>murderer</u>: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.</p>

	<p>Hate: misero – to detest, to persecute, to love less</p> <p>Conclusion: I understand and agree that God forbid us to kill anyone without a cause whether taking the life of a person or hating them in any way shape or form. Everyone has the right to protect and defend himself but to kill someone in revenge is not a christian's duty nor to hate them or love them less for what they have done or for who they are is not Christlike either.</p>
7	<p>Exodus 20:14 Thou shalt not commit adultery.</p> <p>Physical adultery: Matthew 5:28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman <u>to lust after her</u> hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adultery – illicit/unlawful/sexual relationship between married man/woman 2. Fornication – illicit/unlawful/sexual relationship between unmarried man/woman <p>1 Corinthians 6:18 Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.</p> <p>Spiritual Adultery: James 4:4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the <u>friendship of the world</u> is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.</p> <p>Spiritual adultery:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. attending gatherings of religious apostates including the SDA church and those who have separated from her but are still clinging to false doctrines and errors 2. allowing apostates to partake in the worship gathering of God's people (allowing them to preach, read, pray, sing) 3. Social Media – sharing posts or liking posts of other religious apostate churches even if it sounds truthful to yourselves. By doing so you become an agent that their church and teachings will spread to others 4. reading or listening to the preaching of apostate churches whether personal or in a worship service 5. using corrupt Bibles other than the KJV as reference for Bible studies and doctrinal teaching <p>Friendship with the world:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. worldly unbelieving relatives – the less association with them the better for our spirituality 2. worldly unbelieving friendship – share the truth to them and do not associate with them in their worldly pleasures and events, nor attend their celebrations and partake with their gaiety 3. politics (voting or getting elected, joining campaigns) 4. business partnership with unbelievers and investing money into corporations to gain profit 5. following the fashions of the world that are against the will of God (dress and attire) 6. signing up for membership in worldly organizations like investment corporations, brotherhood, secret societies and labor unions 7. Social media – sharing and liking posts of worldliness <p>Conclusion: I understand and agree that God forbids His people to commit physical and spiritual adultery.</p>
8	<p>Exodus 20:15 Thou shalt not steal.</p> <p>1 Corinthians 6:10 Nor <u>thieves</u>, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, <u>shall inherit the kingdom of God.</u></p> <p>Proverbs 11:1 A <u>false balance</u> [is] abomination to the LORD: but a just weight [is] his delight.</p> <p>Romans 12:17 Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide <u>things honest</u> in the sight of all men.</p> <p>2 Corinthians 8:21 Providing for <u>honest things</u>, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.</p> <p>Psalms 31:18 Let the <u>lying lips</u> be put to silence; which speak grievous things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous.</p> <p>Proverbs 12:22 <u>Lying lips</u> [are] abomination to the LORD: but they that deal truly [are] his delight.</p> <p>Anything can be stolen. It can be tangible things or intangible things. Visible things can be stolen by secretly taking them away. It can be money or any thing that belongs to someone. As christians, we cannot take away what belongs to somebody else. Christian courtesy teaches us to ask permission if we want to borrow or own something.</p> <p>Things that cannot be seen can also be stolen such as affection. A man who secretly wins the affection of a woman he</p>

	<p>likes and secretly communicates with her without asking the permission or without the knowledge of the parents is one way of stealing affection.</p> <p>In today's advancing technology, people steal software that are intended to be purchased. They find a way to crack the serial number or copy it from someone and use it as like those who purchased them. This is stealing for the user who uses free codes did not pay but took the code for free without the consent of the author.</p> <p>Also hacking is another form of stealing. Sensitive information that belongs to others must remain theirs unless shared by the owner. Some common forms are reading other people's phone or email messages when they do not have the permission to do so. Most common today is stealing credit card information, username and password information.</p> <p>Another thing that can be stolen is time. A second wasted by doing nothing or by doing something that God has not called you to do is stealing God's time. Working on the Sabbath instead of devoting this time for holy purposes is stealing God's holy Sabbath day. Any dishonesty in one's working hours is also counted as stealing. A christian will be honest in his working hours should he be required to report to work at a specific time and work for a specific duration in a day.</p> <p>Conclusion: I understand and agree that Christians who want to inherit the kingdom of God must practice honesty in his daily life at home, church, work or in the society.</p>
9	<p>Exodus 20:16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.</p> <p>Revelation 21:27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither [whatsoever] worketh abomination, or <u>[maketh] a lie</u>: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.</p> <p>James 5:12 But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and [your] nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation.</p> <p>Ephesians 4:29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.</p> <p>1 Peter 2:12 Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by [your] good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.</p> <p>Conclusion: I understand and agree that those who will enter heaven are only those who have to guile found in their mouth. It means they have cleansed themselves against all forms of lying and misrepresentation whether oral or verbal.</p>
10	<p>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.</p> <p>Ephesians 5:5 For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor <u>covetous man</u>, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.</p> <p>1 Corinthians 6:10 Nor thieves, nor <u>covetous</u>, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.</p> <p>1 Timothy 6:7-8 For we brought nothing into [this] world, [and it is] certain we can carry nothing out. And having <u>food and raiment let us be therewith content.</u></p> <p>Hebrews 13:5 [Let your] conversation [be] without covetousness; <u>[and be] content with such things as ye have:</u> for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.</p> <p>1 Thessalonians 4:11 And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and <u>to work with your own hands, as we commanded you:</u></p> <p>Conclusion: I understand and agree that If I do my christian duty to work, God will provide all my daily needs and so there is no reason to covet things that God does not allow me to possess. Let the eyes be fixed in Jesus and worldly possessions will look as rags in my eyes that I may not desire them but let my treasures be stored in heaven. No worldly possession can interfere our walk with God.</p>

Obedience to these commandments is a manifestation that one has been saved by the grace of God through faith in him. One can claim that he has been saved yet if he fails to show fruits of obedience, his faith and profession is dead. James 2:18, 20