

# "The Ten Commandments"



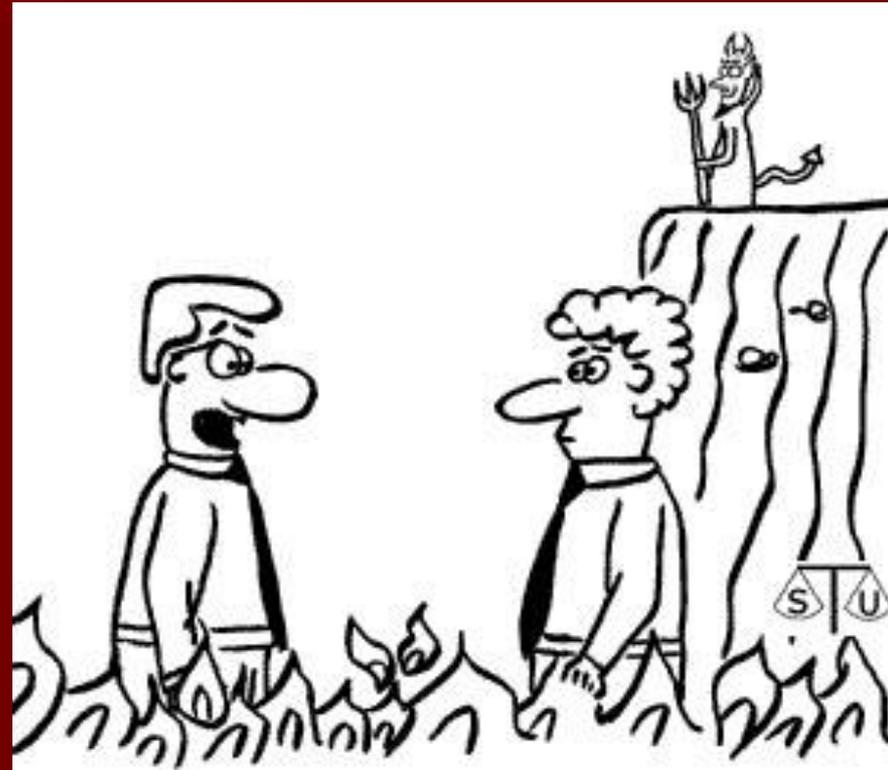
*"If you love Me, keep My commandments."*

*(John 14:16)*

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# Definitions!

- What is a commandment?
  - An authoritative direction or instruction to do something

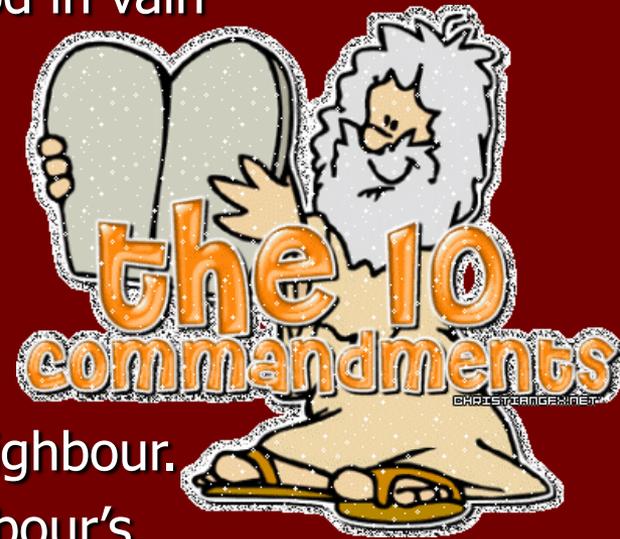


"I still say those 10 Commandments are deceptively open to interpretation."

# The Ten Commandments

*what are they?*

1. I am the Lord Your God You shall have no other gods before Me
2. You shall not make for yourself a carved image
3. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain
4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
5. Honour your father and your mother
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.
10. You shall not covet\* anything that is your neighbour's.

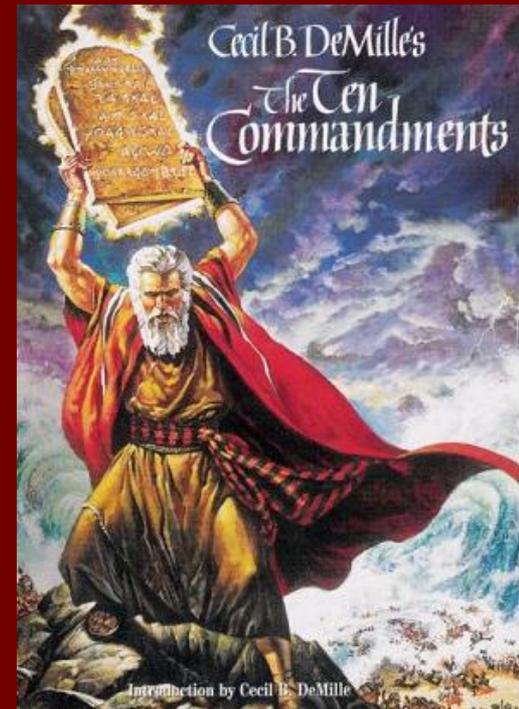


\* **Covet**: Wish, long, or crave for (something, especially the property of another person)

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*are they important?*

- Where are they in the Holy Bible?
  - Exodus 20
- They were spoken by...
  - GOD!
- Written by...
  - GOD!
- Written on...
  - 2 Tablets of Stone
- How many times did God write them?
  - Twice! - the first time on the 2 stone tablets that Moses broke and the second time on 2 tablets like the former ones (Deut 10:41 & Ex 34:1)
- Why 10?
  - The number 10 is a symbol of perfection.
    - The Parable of the Ten Virgins (Matt. 25:1) – 10 refers to the whole world
    - The Parable of the Lost Coin (Luke 15:8) – the 10 coins symbolise all that she had



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*how many on each tablet?*

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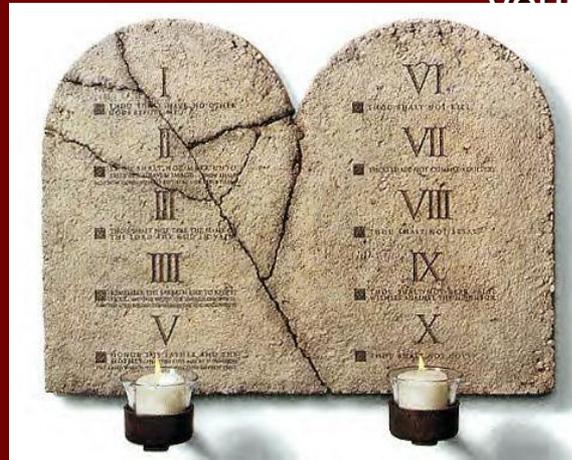
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*how would you summarise each tablet?*

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Man's relationship with God

Men's relationship with each other

# the Greatest Commandment...

- What did Jesus say when he was asked what was the greatest of all the Commandments?
  - “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?” Jesus said to him, “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 great commandment. And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.” (Matt 22:36-40)
- Jesus' answer summarised the 2 tablets precisely:

## TABLET 1

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.”

GOD	MAN
1: Do not worship any other gods	5: Honour your father & mother
2: Do not make any idols	6: Do not murder
3: Do not misuse the name of God	7: Do not commit adultery
4: Keep the Sabbath holy	8: Do not steal
	9: Do not lie
	10: Do not covet

## TABLET 2

“You shall love your neighbour as yourself.”

# The Commandments are all about ... ?

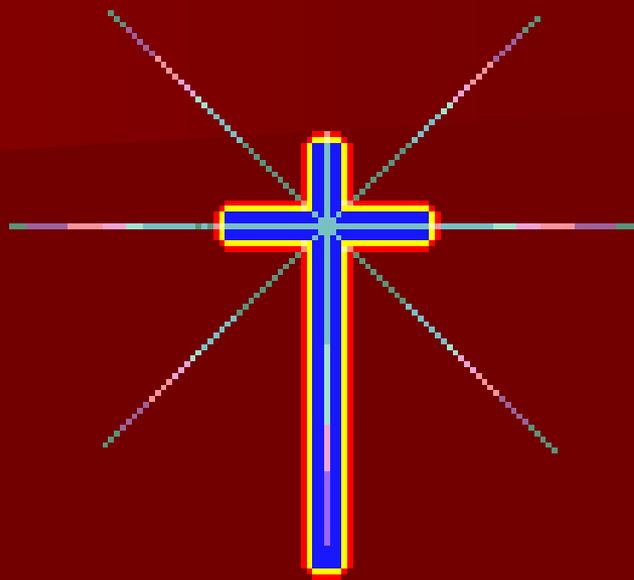
A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another. (John 13:34-35)

**Love!**



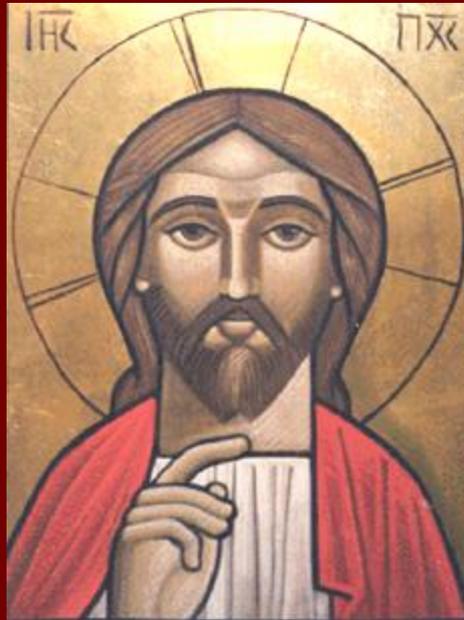
**Love!**

If someone says, I love God, and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also. (1 John 4:20-21)



GLORY BE TO GOD  
FOR EVER. AMEN.

# BACKUP



# the Greatest Commandment...

