

# The Ten Commandments



Simplified  
And  
Modernized

**AT THE AGE OF 76, HAVING BEEN A BIBLE TEACHER FOR OVER 25 YEARS AND HAVING DONE MY BEST TO LIVE MY LIFE FOR GOD AND FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE JESUS SET FOR US REGARDING THE MANNER IN WHICH WE SHOULD LIVE, THIS IS WHAT I BELIEVE THE INTENT FOR THE TEN COMMANDMENTS WAS FOR US IN OUR DAY AND AGE. JESUS SAID IN MATTHEW 5:17 ““DO NOT THINK THAT I HAVE COME TO ABOLISH THE LAW OR THE PROPHETS; I HAVE NOT COME TO ABOLISH THEM BUT TO FULFILL THEM.**

# **THE TEN COMMANDMENTS SIMPLIFIED**

**FREEDOM – THE STATE OF BEING ABLE TO EXERCISE YOUR GOD GIVEN ABILITIES AND RIGHTS AS GOD LEADS YOU WITHOUT OPPOSITION FROM ANOTHER PERSON OR SUBSTANCE THAT WOULD PREVENT YOU FROM DOING SO.**

**BONDAGE – THE STATE OF BEING UNABLE TO EXERCISE YOUR FREEDOM AS DESCRIBED ABOVE DUE TO THE RESTRICTION OF THAT FREEDOM BY ANOTHER PERSON OR SUBSTANCE THAT IS PREVENTING YOU FROM DOING SO.**

**THE 10 COMMANDMENTS SIMPLIFIED – THESE ARE 10 RULES GIVEN US BY GOD THAT IF OBEYED WILL RESULT IN US LIVING OUR LIVES WITH LOVE AND IN JOY AND PEACE TO THE HIGHEST LEVEL POSSIBLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOD’S WILL FOR US.**

# *The Ten Commandments* *(Exodus 20:2-17 NKJV)*

## **COMMANDMENT ONE**

*I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.*

*You shall have no other gods before Me.*

### **SIMPLIFIED**

**DON'T MAKE ANYTHING OR ANY PERSON MORE IMPORTANT TO YOU THAN ME SAYS THE LORD YOUR GOD.**

## **COMMANDMENT TWO**

*“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My Commandments*

### **SIMPLIFIED**

**DON'T PUT ANYTHING IN MY PLACE AND WORSHIP IT FOR I AM A JEALOUS GOD AND IF YOU DO, YOUR FUTURE GENERATIONS WILL SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES, BUT IF YOU DON'T, I WILL SHOW MERCY TO YOU FOR KEEPING MY COMMANDMENTS.**

## COMMANDMENT THREE

*“You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.”*

### SIMPLIFIED

**DO NOT SAY THE WORD  
GOD IN ANY MANNER OTHER  
THAN TO BRING GLORY TO  
MR OR IN REFERENCE TO ME  
WHEN ADDRESSING MY  
HOLINESS AND ABILITY TO  
HELP YOU IN YOUR TIME OF  
NEED.**

## COMMANDMENT FOUR

*“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God. In it you shall do no work; you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.*

### SIMPLIFIED

**SET ASIDE ONE DAY EACH WEEK  
TO REST AND TO BE DEDICATED  
TO THINKING ABOUT AND GIVING  
PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING TO  
GOD FOR HIS GOODNESS TO YOU.**

## COMMANDMENT FIVE

*“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you.”*

### SIMPLIFIED

**NEVER DO ANYTHING THAT  
WOULD DISGRACE YOUR  
PARENTS BUT SHOW RESPECT  
FOR THEM AND LIVE IN A  
WAY THAT WOULD MAKE  
THEM PROUD OF YOU SO THAT  
YOUR LIFE WILL BE LONG AND  
PROSPEROUS.**

## **COMMANDMENT SIX**

*“You shall not murder.*

### **SIMPLIFIED**

**DO NOT DO ANYTHING  
THAT WOULD TAKE  
ANOTHER PERSON’S  
LIFE UNLESS FAILING TO  
DO SO WOULD  
ENDANGER YOU TO  
LOSE YOUR OWN LIFE  
OR THAT OF ANOTHER.**

## COMMANDMENT SEVEN

*“You shall not commit adultery.”*

### SIMPLIFIED

**DO NOT HAVE ANY  
SEXUAL INVOLVEMENT  
WITH ONE OF THE  
OPPOSITE OR SAME SEX  
UNLESS THEY ARE YOUR  
SPOUSE WHOM YOU HAVE  
SWORN COMMITMENT TO.**

## COMMANDMENT EIGHT

*“You shall not steal.*

### SIMPLIFIED

NEVER TAKE ANYTHING  
THAT BELONGS TO  
ANOTHER PERSON OR  
ENTITY SUCH AS A  
COMPANY WITHOUT  
PAYING FOR IT OR  
RECEIVING THEIR  
PERMISSION.

## COMMANDMENT NINE

*“You shall not bear false witness  
against your neighbor.”*

### SIMPLIFIED

**NEVER TELL OTHERS  
ANYTHING ABOUT ANOTHER  
THAT MIGHT CAUSE THEM  
HARM UNLESS YOU HAVE A  
LEGAL OR MORAL  
RESPONSIBILITY TO DO SO.**

## COMMANDMENT TEN

*“You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's.”*

### SIMPLIFIED

**DO NOT UNASHAMEDLY DESIRE  
ANYTHING THAT BELONGS TO  
ANOTHER PERSON TO THE  
EXTENT THAT YOU WOULD  
JUST TAKE IT IF YOU HAD A  
CHANCE WHETHER IT WAS  
RIGHT OR WRONG TO DO SO.**

## **Matthew 22:37-40 (NIV)**

**37 Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”<sup>[a]</sup> 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’<sup>[b]</sup> 40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”**

### **JESUS REPLIED:**

**"ANYONE WHO LOVES ME WILL OBEY MY TEACHING. MY FATHER WILL LOVE THEM, AND WE WILL COME TO THEM AND MAKE OUR HOME WITH THEM.**