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## SOME BIBLE PRINCIPLES\*

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## The 3 Ten Commandments

### Protestant

1. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, 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.

5. Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

6. Thou shalt not kill.

7. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

8. Thou shalt not steal.

9. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

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

("Exodus 20:2-17," 1611).

### Catholic

1. I am the Lord thy God. Thou shalt not have strange gods before *me*.

2. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.

3. Remember thou keep the Sabbath Day.

4. Honor thy Father and thy Mother.

5. Thou shalt not kill.

6. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

7. Thou shalt not steal.

8. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

9. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife.

10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's goods.

(Gasparri, 1932).

### Hebrew

1. I am the Lord thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

2. Thou shalt have no other gods before Me. Thou shalt not make unto thee a graven image, nor any manner of 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 unto 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 the thousandth generation of them that love Me and keep My commandments

3. 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.

4. 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 in honour of the Lord thy God; on it thou shalt not do any work, neither 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 the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

5. Honour thy father and thy mother; in order that thy days may be prolonged upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

6. Thou shalt not kill.

7. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

8. Thou shalt not steal.

9. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

10. 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.

(*Hebrew Bible*, 1922).

## The First Tables of Stone (Ex. 20) ("which Moses didst break")

1. 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.
2. You shall not make for yourself a graven image. You shall not bow down to them or serve them.
3. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
4. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.
5. Honor your father and your mother.
6. You shall not kill.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
10. You shall not covet.

(*Holy Bible*, 1982).

## The Second Tables of Stone (Ex. 34) ("the words that were on the first")

1. Thou shalt worship no other god (For the Lord is a jealous god).
2. Thou shalt make thee no molten gods.
3. The feast of unleavened bread shalt thou keep in the month when the ear is on the corn.
4. All the first-born are mine.
5. Six days shalt thou work, but on the seventh thou shalt rest.
6. Thou shalt observe the feast of weeks, even of the first fruits of the wheat harvest, and the feast of ingathering at the year's end.
7. Thou shalt not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leavened bread.
8. The fat of my feast shall not remain all night until the morning.
9. The first of the first fruits of thy ground thou shalt bring unto the house of the Lord thy God.
10. Thou shalt not seethe a kid in its mother's milk.

(Budde, 1906; *Holy Bible*, 1611).

## The Ten Punishments

1. Ex. 22:20: He that sacrificeth unto any god, save unto the Lord only, he shall be utterly destroyed.
2. Lev. 24:16: And he that blasphemeth the name of the Lord, he shall surely be put to death.
3. Ex. 31:15: Whosoever doeth any work in the Sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death.
4. Ex. 21:15: He that smiteth his father, or his mother, shall be surely put to death.
5. Ex. 21:17: He that curseth his father or his mother, shall surely be put to death.
6. Ex. 22:19: Whosoever lieth with a beast shall surely be put to death.
7. Lev. 20:13: If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death.
8. Lev. 20:10: And the man that committeth adultery with another man's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall be put to death.
9. Mark 16:16: He that believeth not, shall be damned.
10. Mal. 2:1-4: And now, O ye priests, this commandment is for you. If you will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart to give glory to my name, . . . behold, I will corrupt your seed, and spread dung upon your faces.

(*Holy Bible*, 1611; Shankar, 1994).

## Exodus 20:2-17

2. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery;
3. you shall have no other gods before me.
4. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.
5. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me,
- 6 but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.
7. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.
8. Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy.
9. For six days you shall labour and do all your work.
10. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns.
11. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it.
12. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.
13. You shall not murder.
14. You shall not commit adultery.
15. You shall not steal.
16. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.
17. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

(New Revised, 1989).

## Deuteronomy 5:6-21

6. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery;
7. you shall have no other gods before me.
8. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.
9. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and fourth generation of those who reject me,
10. but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.
11. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.
12. Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you.
13. For six days you shall labour and do all your work.
14. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you.
15. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.
16. Honour your father and your mother, as the Lord your God commanded you, so that your days may be long and that it may go well with you in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.
17. You shall not murder.
18. Neither shall you commit adultery.
19. Neither shall you steal.
20. Neither shall you bear false witness against your neighbour.
21. Neither shall you covet your neighbour's wife. Neither shall you desire your neighbour's house, or field, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

(New Revised, 1989).

## Epilogue To The Ten Commandments

The Ten Commandments or Decalogue is a list of religious and moral imperatives which according to Biblical tradition were written by God and given to Moses on Mount Sinai in the form of two stone tablets. They feature prominently in Judaism and Christianity. The phrase *Ten Commandments* generally refers to the very similar passages in two books of the Bible: Exodus 20:2-17 and Deuteronomy 5:6-21. It is also used by some to refer to the so-called *Ritual Decalogue* from Exodus 34. The Exodus and Deuteronomy passages are provided here in English using the New Revised Standard Version translation and formatting. Various religions and denominations group the commandments differently ("Ten Commandments," 2008).

### 7 Things God Hates

**I. God hates a proud [or arrogant] look.**

**II. God hates a lying tongue.**

**III. God hates hands that shed innocent blood.**

**IV. God hates a heart that devises wicked plans.**

**V. God hates feet that are swift in running to evil.**

**VI. God hates a false witness who speaks lies.**

**VII. God hates one who sows discord among brethren [brothers and sisters].**

(“Proverbs 6:16-19,” 1982).

## God's Principles For Human Relations

### Mercy And Compassion

#### CONSOLIDATION:

Understanding how important it is to God that we show people mercy helps us clearly distinguish right from wrong.

When God is in us, we have mercy on our neighbor. We overcome our harmful desires through actions such as these.

Those who accept Jesus find rest for their souls.

Be merciful to people and do not judge or condemn them; forgive them.

Have mercy on people around you who are poor and in unfortunate circumstances.

Have compassion for people and do what you can to help them, believing in the Lord for help; and He will help.

Then amazing things are possible.

Give, and a good overflowing measure will be poured back to you.

Our Teacher said serving is the greatest, he who humbles himself.

When you start serving others and have your relationships with others inline with the principles in spite of all the problems that come up, and this involves A LOT of forgiving and mercy, then you can ask what you wish from the Father, and it is yours.

Love, give and do good to, bless and pray for your enemies, those who hate you, curse you, and mistreat you.

Do to others as you would have them do to you. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High.

Don't make excuses in order to refuse God's invitation to you, or you will find yourself apart from God's goodness.

Woe to the hypocrite! You will be deceived by your unbelieving heart, as evidenced by what your life visibly produces.

#### PRINCIPAL BIBLE PASSAGES

I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now been with me three days, and have nothing to eat: And if I send them away fasting [hungry WU] to their own houses, they will faint by [on] the way: for divers [some] of them came from far. **Mk 8:2-3** (Click gold Scripture references for Principle Interrelations)

But when thou makest a feast [elaborate meal WU], call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just [righteous]. **Lk 14:13-14**

And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down, and taught them. And the scribes [experts in the law WU] and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken [caught WU] in adultery; and when they had set her in the [ir WU] midst, they say unto him, Master [Teacher], this woman was taken [caught WU] in adultery, in the very act. Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such [women WU] should be stoned: but what sayest thou? This they said, tempting [to trap WU] him, that they might have [reason WU] to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not. So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him [be the WU] first [to WU] cast a stone at her. And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground. And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out [away WU] one by one, beginning at [with WU] the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst [where she was].

When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee? She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more. **Jh 8:2-11** We are all sinners, we do harm. We need to leave our sin.

Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful. **Lk 6:36**

Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellow servant, even as I had pity on thee? **Mat 18:33** The king speaking to his servant, in a story analogous to God and us.

Woe unto you, scribes [experts in the law WU] and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of [a tenth of your WU] mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone. Ye blind guides, which strain at [out] a gnat, and swallow a camel. **Mat 23:23-24**

But if ye had known what this meaneth, I will have [desire] mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless. **Mat 12:1-14** Legalism and extremism work against mercy and compassion. (“Loving Your Neighbor,” 2001).

## Not Causing Others To Sin

### CONSOLIDATION:

Love your neighbor, being careful not to offend him. Show the childlike humility that leads one into true believing and greatness.

Forgive your brother when he repents.

Humble serving is our duty.

Perhaps one of the best ways to overcome our harmful desires is through serving others.

Jesus served us by coming to find us and save us when we had gone astray.

Don't cause others to sin; there is a heavy price to pay.

Unbelievers tend to cause believers to sin (do harmful things); they better take as strong a measure as possible to stop or they will be sorry.

Divorcing your spouse and then marrying someone else is adultery (unless the one you divorced was maritally unfaithful, see MT 19:9); don't be insensitive to (hard-hearted toward) what Jesus says.

### PRINCIPAL BIBLE PASSAGES

And whoso [whoever] shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me. Mt 18:5 But whoso [whoever] shall offend [cause to sin WU] one of these little ones which believe in me, it were [would be] better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea. **Mat 18:5-6** This sheds light on the great responsibility of parenting.

Then said he [Jesus WU] unto the disciples, It is impossible but that offences [that no things that cause people to sin WU] will come: but woe unto him, through whom they come! It were [would be] better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he [were] cast into the sea, than that he should offend [cause to sin WU] one of these little ones. **Lk 17:1-2**

(“Loving Your Neighbor,” 2001).

## Do Not Judge

### CONSOLIDATION

Doing what Jesus says will make you solid as a rock.

Do to others as you would have them do to you. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High.

Be merciful to people and do not judge or condemn them; forgive them.

Give, and a good overflowing measure will be poured back to you.

Only Jesus our Savior can distract us from our worldly pursuits; He provides.

Once you start judging, you're going to have relationship problems.

Disregard what Jesus says and at some point you will be quickly destroyed.

### PRINCIPAL BIBLE PASSAGES

Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge [others WU], ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete [measure], it shall be measured to you again. **Mat 7:1-2**

Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven: Give, and it shall be given unto you; [a WU] good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom [will be given to you]. For with the same measure that ye mete withal [use WU] it shall be measured to you again. **Lk 6:37-38**

[sic] (“Loving Your Neighbor,” 2001).

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