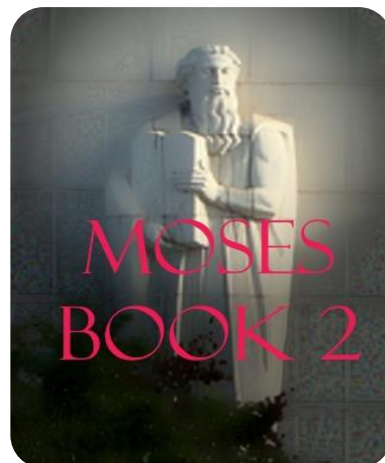


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All things being prepared for the solemn promulgation of the divine law, we have, in this chapter: **1.** The Ten Commandments, as God Himself spoke them upon Mount Sinai (1-17); as remarkable a portion of scripture as any in the Old Testament; **2.** The impressions made upon the people thereby (18-21); **3.** Some particular instructions which God gave privately to Moses, to be by him communicated to the people, related to His worship (22) – Matthew Henry



**<sup>1</sup> And God spoke all these words, saying,**

**<sup>2</sup> I am the LORD your God, who brought you from the land of Egypt, from the house of slavery / so, these 10 Words given by God should help His people stay clear of slavery and live.**

Commandment 1

**<sup>3</sup> Do not have other gods over Me.**

Commandment 2

**<sup>4</sup> Do not make for yourself an engraved 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.**

**<sup>5</sup> Do not bow down to them, do not serve them:**

**for I am the LORD your God, a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation of those hateful to Me;**

**<sup>6</sup> but showing mercy to thousands who love Me, and keep My commandments / in Hebrew: *shamar*, meaning, guard to protect, used first with Adam; repeatedly used with His disciples... the night Jesus was betrayed. Rome eliminated this command. God is not impressed with those who say they love Him, but won't do what He asks; these are not burdensome.**

Commandment 3

**<sup>7</sup> Do not lift up the name of the LORD your God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who lifts up His name in vain / e.g. giving God lip service, when our heart is far from Him is not a good thing to do.**

Commandment 4

**<sup>8</sup> Remember the Sabbath day, consecrate it / recall it joyfully and with gladness of heart, they were in slavery, they forgot the Sabbath; it will be a mark on your hand, and on your heart; consecrate and revere the day of rest given by the Creator.**

**<sup>9</sup> Six days you labor, and do all your work / the first days of the week, mark with your hand:**

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**10 but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God: do **not** do any work: you, or your son, or your daughter, or your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the stranger who is within your gates:**

**11 for six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh: therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath, consecrating it.**

The early church kept the Sabbath -- Friday sundown to Saturday sundown; established by God Himself in the Garden of Eden. It was not until 336 A.D. when the Roman Church Council at Laodicea (a congregation not known in the NT as the brightest; actually, [they are the folks who make the Lord want to vomit](#); why? For many reasons -- [Revelation 4](#)) they changed Sabbath worship to Sun worship... on Sunday -- in defiance to the commandment of our very kind, very longsuffering Father God in heaven. Isn't it fascinating that on [the Day of First Fruits](#), [one of the 7 work Days of the Lord](#) -- when He was raised from the dead, did not interfere with honoring the Sabbath. He arose Saturday evening.

It is interesting that recent Roman religious documents concede the oft ridiculed Seventh Day Adventist church is more a protestant church, than most of the historic protestants who have abandoned the reformation for ecumenism -- who more and more resemble the tired, old, manmade hocus pocus in Rome.

Commandment 5

**12 Honor your father and mother: that long are your days on the earth, which the LORD your God gives you** / isn't it so curious how modern, compulsory education in the UK starts at age 3; and their public education in the EU is 6 days a week... so the state can now indoctrinate the children... away from honoring their father and mother? What birdbrain plans do they have for the US?

Commandment 6

**13 Do **not** murder** / Jesus said, [if we hate in our heart we are a murderer](#).

Commandment 7

**14 Do **not** adulterate** / in Hebrew: *na'ap*; do not corrupt, spoil, pollute, infect, contaminate the powerful, life-giving union between a man and a woman.

Commandment 8

**15 Do **not** steal.**

Commandment 9

**16 Do **not** respond against your neighbor falsely.**

Commandment 10

**17 Do **not** covet the house of your neighbor, do **not** covet the wife of your neighbor, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his ass,**

**or anything that is your neighbor's** / coveting is the entrance to feed our insatiable greed with things.

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Did you notice how the word: *perfectly*... is not mentioned once in the 10 commandments given by our Father in heaven? These are moral commands of sanctification; not of salvation. And He knew His Son was on the way. To know these 10 instructions is a perfect good thing to do, in this very imperfect world. There is nothing wrong with loving God our Father above all; and then loving our neighbor as our selves.

One last comment about the 10 commandments: compare these verses with the current catechism of Rome; and research the affirmations made in our genius 21<sup>st</sup> century regarding land ownership; what belongs to the state; and who really claims to own what. Other countries are experiencing legal land and property grabs... as government globally steals from the rich and redistributes to the poor. No wonder, some catechisms read differently now days; since Herodian rebels and thieves have no fear of God.

**18 And all the people saw the thundering, and the lightning, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: / Mount Sinai in NW Arabia, Jebel al-Lawz. and when the people saw it, they trembled and stood far off.**



**19 And they said to Moses, you speak to us, and we will listen: but do not let God speak with us, lest we die / whatever they heard and saw was both memorable and terrifying.**

**20 And Moses said to the people, Fear not: for God has come to examine you, that the fear of Him is before you; and you do not sin.**

**21 So the people stood far off, and Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was.**

**22 And the LORD said to Moses, Say this to the children of Israel, You saw that I talked with you from heaven.**

**23 Do not make gods of silver to be with Me, do not make for yourselves gods of gold.**

**24 Make an altar of earth for Me, and sacrifice on it your burnt offerings, and your peace offerings, your sheep, and your oxen. In every place where I cause My name to be remembered, I will come to you, and will bless you.**

**25 When you make Me an altar of stone, you will **not** build it of hewn stone: for if you use your tool upon it, you polluted it.**

**26 Do not go up by steps to My altar, that your nakedness is not exposed on it / Jesus said to the Samaritan woman, God who is spirit... must be worshiped in spirit and in truth .... Although He is unbodily presence, He created life and flesh; but He is not indecent. He is not like mankind, fascinated with boobs and / or biceps... He says, when we come to worship Him; be decent and in order. Cover up! We are grateful to God that the Saudi govt has preserved the Mountain of Moses.**