

THE WHOLE COUNSEL OF GOD

**A Journey Through the
Old Testament**

Romans 15:4 For everything that was written in the past was written for our instruction,
so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures, we might have hope.

The New (Old) Covenant

Exodus 20

The Giving of the Law

Hebrews 12

18 For you have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom, and storm; 19 to a trumpet blast or to a voice that made its hearers beg that no further word be spoken.

The Purpose for the Law is:

- 1. To reveal the glory of God**
- 2. To reveal sin**
- 3. To reveal our need for grace**



**Are the Ten Commandments
for the New Covenant believer?**

Hebrews 8

6 Now, however, Jesus has received a much more excellent ministry, just as the covenant He mediates is better and is founded on better promises.

7 For if that first covenant had been without fault, no place would have been sought for a second.

8 But God found fault with the people and said:

Hebrews 8

**“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord,
when I will make a new covenant
with the house of Israel
and with the house of Judah.**

**9 It will not be like the covenant
I made with their fathers
when I took them by the hand
to lead them out of the land of Egypt,
because they did not abide by My covenant,
and I disregarded them,
declares the Lord.**

Hebrews 8

**10 For this is the covenant I will make
with the house of Israel
after those days,
declares the Lord.**

**I will put My laws in their minds
and inscribe them on their hearts.
And I will be their God,
and they will be My people.**



**How does New Covenant teaching
advance or diminish the
Ten Commandments?**

Exodus 20

Fifth Commandment

**12 Honor your father and mother,
so that your days may be long in the land
that the LORD your God is giving you.**

Ephesians 6

**1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord,
for this is right.**

**2 “Honor your father and mother” (which is
the first commandment with a promise),**

**3 “that it may go well with you and that you
may have a long life on the earth.”**

What does the fifth commandment say to those in the New Covenant?

- **The NT teaches that this command is God's will for a New Covenant believer.**
- **We are to honor God as our heavenly Father. Parents are a “stand in” for godly authority.**
- **We are to honor the “brotherhood of believers” as our new spiritual family.**

1 Peter 2

17 Treat everyone with **high regard:**
Love the brotherhood of believers,
fear God, honor the king.

1 Timothy 5

1 Do not rebuke an older man, but appeal to him as to a father.

Treat younger men as brothers,
2 older women as mothers, and younger women as sisters, with absolute purity.

Philippians 2

3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or empty pride, but in humility consider others more important than yourselves.

4 Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Exodus 20

Sixth Commandment

13 You shall not murder.

Genesis 9

5 And surely I will require the life of any man or beast by whose hand your lifeblood is shed.

I will demand an accounting from anyone who takes the life of his fellow man:

**6 Whoever sheds the blood of man,
by man his blood will be shed;**

for in His own image God has made mankind.

**7 But as for you, be fruitful and multiply;
spread out across the earth and multiply upon
it.”**

Romans 13

3 For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad.

Do you want to be unafraid of the one in authority?

Then do what is right, and you will have his approval.

4 For he is God's servant for your good.

But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not carry the sword in vain.

He is God's servant, an agent of retribution to the wrongdoer.

Exodus 20

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Matthew 5

21 You have heard that it was said to the ancients, ‘Do not murder’ and ‘Anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’

22 But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment.

Again, anyone who says to his brother, ‘Raca,’ will be subject to the Sanhedrin.

But anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be subject to the fire of hell.

1 John 3

14 We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers.

The one who does not love remains in death.

15 Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that eternal life does not reside in a murderer.

16 By this we know what love is:

Jesus laid down His life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.

What does the sixth commandment say to those in the New Covenant?

- The NT expands it to an internal motive of love rather than prohibiting an external act.
- The NT expands it to “do no harm to your neighbor, but instead return good for evil”.

Romans 12

14 Bless those who persecute you.

Bless and do not curse.

**15 Rejoice with those who rejoice;
weep with those who weep.**

16 Live in harmony with one another.

**Do not be proud, but enjoy the company of the
lowly. Do not be conceited.**

**17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Carefully
consider what is right in the eyes of everybody.**

**18 If it is possible on your part, live at peace with
everyone.**

Romans 12

19 Do not avenge yourselves, beloved, but leave room for God's wrath. For it is written: "Vengeance is Mine; I will repay, says the Lord." [Deuteronomy 32:35]

**20 On the contrary,
"If your enemy is hungry, feed him;
if he is thirsty, give him a drink.
For in so doing,
you will heap burning coals on his head."
[Proverbs 25:21–22]**

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- The NT expands it to “do no harm to your neighbor, but instead return good for evil”.
- We “image” God by loving as He loves...
By forgiving as He forgives.

Ephesians 4

31 Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, outcry and slander, along with every form of malice.

32 Be kind and tenderhearted to one another, forgiving each other just as in Christ God forgave you.

1 Be imitators of God, therefore, as beloved children, 2 and walk in love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us as a fragrant sacrificial offering to God.

Exodus 20

Seventh Commandment

14 You shall not commit adultery.

Matthew 5

27 You have heard that it was said, ‘Do not commit adultery.’

28 But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman to lust after her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

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What does the seventh commandment say to those in the New Covenant?

- **The NT expands it to include complete sexual purity in body, heart and mind.**

Ephesians 5

3 But among you, as is proper among the saints, there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed.

4 Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk, or crude joking, which are out of character, but rather thanksgiving.

5 For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure, or greedy person (that is, an idolater), has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

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- **The NT expands it to include complete sexual purity in body, heart and mind.**
- **We are to selflessly love our spouse as Christ has loved the church.**
- **This command highlights God's faithfulness.**
- **Our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit.**

1 Corinthians 6

15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?

Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute?

Never!

16 Or don't you know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, "The two will become one flesh." [Genesis 2:24]

17 But he who unites himself with the Lord is one with Him in spirit.

1 Corinthians 6

18 Flee from sexual immorality.

Every other sin a man can commit is outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body.

19 Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have received from God?

You are not your own;

20 you were bought at a price.

Therefore glorify God with your body.

Exodus 20

Eighth Commandment

15 You shall not steal.

Ephesians 4

28 He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing good with his own hands, that he may have something to share with the one in need.

What does the eighth commandment say to those in the New Covenant?

- The NT teaches this command.
- The NT teaches us to work to provide for ourselves AND so that we can give to others.

Acts 20

33 I have not coveted anyone's silver or gold or clothing.

34 You yourselves know that these hands of mine have ministered to my own needs and those of my companions.

35 In everything, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus Himself:

‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

What does the eighth commandment say to those in the New Covenant?

- The NT teaches this command.
- The NT teaches us to work to provide for ourselves AND so that we can give to others.
- God is our Provider.
Everything we have comes from Him.
We glorify Him when we trust Him to provide.

Exodus 20

Nineth Commandment

16 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Ephesians 4

25 Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one another.

26 “Be angry, yet do not sin.” [Psalm 4:4]

Do not let the sun set upon your anger, 27 and do not give the devil a foothold.

29 Let no unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building up the one in need and bringing grace to those who listen.

What does the ninth commandment say to those in the New Covenant?

- The NT expands it to include only speaking words that will build others up.
- We are “on the side of truth”.
We are to “walk in the truth”.

2 John 1: 3 Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, will be with us in truth and love.

4 I was overjoyed to find some of your children **walking in the truth**, just as the Father has commanded us.

3 John 1: 2 Beloved, I pray that in every way you may prosper and enjoy good health, as your soul also prospers.

3 For I was overjoyed when the brothers came and testified about your **devotion to the truth**, in which you **continue to walk**.

4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are **walking in the truth**.

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We are to “walk in the truth”.
We are to “speak the truth in love”
- Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth, the Life.
[John 14:6]

Exodus 20

Tenth Commandment

17 You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, or his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

What does the tenth commandment say to those in the New Covenant?

- The NT shows coveting to be the 'evil desires' that cause every other sin.

James 1

13 When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.”

For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He tempt anyone.

14 But each one is tempted when by his own evil **desires** he is lured away and enticed.

15 Then after **desire** has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

What does the tenth commandment say to those in the New Covenant?

- The NT shows coveting to be the evil desires that cause every other sin.
- Coveting is a sin of the heart that is idolatry. It is desiring something else besides God.

Ephesians 5

5 For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

What does the tenth commandment say to those in the New Covenant?

- The NT shows coveting to be the evil desires that cause every other sin.
- Coveting is a sin of the heart that is idolatry. It is desiring something else besides God.
- Coveting is doubting that God is truly sufficient for all that we want or need.

1 John 2

15 Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that is in the world—the **desires** of the flesh, the **desires** of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not from the Father but from the world.

17 The world is passing away, along with its **desires**; but whoever does the will of God remains forever.

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