

# The Ten Commandments

From Deuteronomy Chapter 5, verses 7 through

1. **Thou shalt have none other gods before me.**
2. **Thou shalt not make 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 waters beneath the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself 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 shewing 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. **Keep the sabbath day to sanctify it**, as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee. Six days thou shalt labour, 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, nor thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thine ox, nor thine ass, nor any of thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates; that thy manservant and thy maidservant may rest as well as thou. And remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and that the Lord thy God brought thee out thence through a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm: therefore the Lord thy God commanded thee to keep the sabbath day.
5. **Honour thy father and thy mother**, as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee; that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.
6. **Thou shalt not kill.**
7. **Neither shalt thou commit adultery.**
8. **Neither shalt thou steal.**
9. **Neither shalt thou bear false witness against thy neighbour.**
10. **Neither shalt thou desire thy neighbour's wife, neither shalt thou covet** thy neighbour's house, his field, or his manservant, or his maidservant, his ox, or his ass, or any thing that is thy neighbour's.

## WHAT IT MEANS TO OUR FAMILY

The 10 commandments tell us how to behave with God, with our families and with other people. These commandments were not given to restrict what people could do, but to protect all people. God established himself as supreme over all other false gods, and false ideologies. The Sabbath day was intended to be a day of rest for the people. By making it part of the 10 commandments, God established this rule to be part of the very government that would oversee the Israelites. No law can be higher than God's law and God gave man a day of rest. The other laws similarly protect all people. Obedience to these laws is not optional and breaking them will have consequences. Honoring mother and father confirms the importance of family values and even comes with a promise from the Almighty God. The remaining commandments establish the value of human life, the significance and importance of marriage, protect personal property, confirm the need for personal integrity and confirm a need for contentment. If these laws are followed, all people will experience peace. This is what God desires for his people. Do we follow these commandments?

## Relevant Passages

### **Matthew 22:36-40**

Master, which is the great commandment in the law? 37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

### **Romans 5:20-21**

Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: 21 That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.