

# Choose This Day...

A Bible study designed to bring understanding and decision.

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## The Ten Commandments

The Ten commandments are called by several names in the Bible; the law, the testament and ark of the covenant. There is much controversy about the same law in our country today. Some controversy takes place in the courts; can they be displayed in public settings/ government buildings. Other controversy exists in churches themselves: are they still valid and part of the new covenant? Many years ago the Catholic Church changed their wording, eliminating and adding to their words. This study will explore what God's intent was and if he still gives them value.

**Opening prayer:** Dear Heavenly Father, we value Your word and as we search today for answers regarding the law You gave us many years ago, please help us to see Your intent with clarity. Give us spiritual eye salve to see and hear You. In the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, we pray, amen.

1. *Psalms 119:43-44* "And take not the word of \_\_\_\_\_ utterly out of my mouth; for I have hoped in thy judgments. So shall I keep the law \_\_\_\_\_ for ever and ever."
2. *Ecclesiastes 12:13* "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and \_\_\_\_\_ his commandments: for this is the whole \_\_\_\_\_ of man."
3. *Isaiah 24:5* "The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, \_\_\_\_\_ the ordinance, broken the \_\_\_\_\_ covenant."
4. *Romans 16:26* "But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the \_\_\_\_\_ of faith:"
5. *Exodus 20:1-17* "And God \_\_\_\_\_ all these words, saying, I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me. 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 shewing \_\_\_\_\_ unto thousands of them that \_\_\_\_\_ me, and \_\_\_\_\_ my commandments. 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. 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 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. Honour thy father and mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. Thou shalt not kill. Thou shalt not commit adultery. Thou shalt not steal. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbour's."

6. *Deuteronomy 5:1-22* "And Moses called all Israel, and said unto them, Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your ears this day, that ye may \_\_\_\_\_ them, and \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ them. The Lord our God made a covenant with us in Horeb. The Lord made not this covenant with our fathers, but with us, even us, who are all of us here alive this day. The Lord talked with you \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ in the mount out of the midst of the fire," **The ten commandments are repeated as in Exodus.**

7. *Exodus 31:18* "And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the \_\_\_\_\_ of God."

8. *Exodus 32:16* "And the tables were the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, and the writing was the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, graven upon the tables."

9. *Exodus 40:20-21* "And he took and put the \_\_\_\_\_ into the ark, and set the staves on the ark, and put the mercy seat above upon the ark: And he brought the ark into the tabernacle, and set up the vail of the covering, and covered the ark of the testimony; as the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ Moses."

10. *Numbers 10:33* "And they departed from the mount of the Lord three days' journey: and the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord went before them in the three days' journey, to search out a resting place for them."

11. *Hebrews 9:3-4* "And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all; Which had the golden censer, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of the covenant;"

12. *Luke 16:17* "And it is \_\_\_\_\_ for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to \_\_\_\_\_."

13. *Revelation 11:19* "And the temple of God was opened in \_\_\_\_\_, and there was seen in his temple the \_\_\_\_\_ of his \_\_\_\_\_: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail."

14. *Revelation 15:5* "And after that I looked, and, behold, the temple of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ in heaven was opened."

**From God's word studied above, can you find the correct missing words in the list below to complete this fundamental principle?**

That God's moral \_\_\_\_\_ are the \_\_\_\_\_ upon all men in all dispensations; that these are summarily contained in the commandments spoken by Jehovah from Sinai, engraven on the \_\_\_\_\_ of stone, and \_\_\_\_\_ in the ark, which was in consequence called the "ark of the covenant," or testament (*Numbers 10:33, Hebrews 9:4*); that this law is immutable and perpetual, being a \_\_\_\_\_ of the tables deposited in the ark in the true sanctuary on \_\_\_\_\_, which is also, for the same reason, called the ark of God's testament; for under the sounding of the seventh trumpet we are told that "the temple of \_\_\_\_\_ was opened in \_\_\_\_\_, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament."

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**Closing prayer:** O Mighty God, Your words are as sure and unchanging as is Your law. Thank You for preserving the law of Your eternal kingdom. Knowing that, today, they are found in the heavenly sanctuary assures us that we are to follow that same law here on earth. Enable us, O God, to follow You in obedience, for Your glory and our benefit. In the precious name of Jesus Christ, we pray, amen.

Further study: *Hebrews 9:1-11*

Answers: 1. truth, continually 2. keep, duty 3. changed, everlasting 4. commandment, obedience 5. spake, mercy, love, keep 6. learn, keep, do, face, face 7. finger 8. work, writing 9. testimony, commanded 10. ark, covenant 11. ark, covenant, tables 12. easier, fail 13. heaven, ark, testament 14. tabernacle, testimony