# Tri-County Bible Prophecy Revival Revelation of Jesus Series

## Study #4: Ten Commandments & End Time Prophecy

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### **Review Questions**

What is a "living soul"?

What is the breath of life?

What happens when a person dies?

What do the dead know?

What does Jesus compare death to for those in Christ?

Does a person go straight to heaven or hell after death?

When will the righteous faithful receive immortality (everlasting life) with new bodies?

Who does God promise everlasting life to?

How and when will God get rid of sin?

Will the wicked burn up or burn throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity?

Today's Lesson: Ten Commandments and <a href="https://example.com/how/end/4">how END TIME PROPHECY in the book of Revelation relates to the Ten Commandments of God?</a>

What is the purpose of laws in general? Laws are suppose to promote orderly conduct that does not violate or harm the rights of others. Laws are suppose promote peace, harmony, and protection among its citizens.

All government structures have laws. There would be total chaos without them. Would you want to live in a society where there where NO LAWS or standards of how we should treat each other?

## God has a government, in which He is King!

#### Jeremiah 10:10

10 But the LORD is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting king...

#### Psalms 145:13

13 Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.

God rules over all. He is the Creator of His everlasting kingdom. It has always existed and will continue to exist throughout eternity.

God's eternal kingdom has an eternal law that secures peace, harmony, and protection know as the Ten Commandments.

**Psalm 111:7, 8** says, "...all his commandments are sure. They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness."

In a world, planet earth, that rebelled against God and His law, God clearly reveals His Ten Commandments to us so we are without excuse.

#### What does Moses say?

#### **Deuteronomy 4:13**

13 And he (God) declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, even **ten commandments**; and he wrote them upon two tables of stone.

The Ten Commandments is the only official document directly from God to us in which He wrote with His finger on two tables of stone! God makes it clear that our part of the covenant or contract with Him is to obey His Ten Commandments. This is a sacred contract between God and His people written in stone by His own finger.

### **Deuteronomy 9:10**

10 And the LORD delivered unto me two tables of stone written with the finger of God; and on them was written according to all the words, which the LORD spake with you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly.

#### Why did God write His ten commandments on two tables of stone?

God etched his ten commandments in stone so we can understand that His Law cannot be changed or erased. The ten commandments etched in stone reveals the permanent and eternal nature of God's Law!

## Where are the Ten Commandments found in the Bible?

Exodus 20:1 – 17 and again in Deuteronomy 5:6 - 21

Exodus 20:1, 2

1 "And God spake all these words, saying,

2 I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage."

#### Exodus 20:3 – 17: **TEN COMMANDMENTS**

- 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 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.
- 5. Honour 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 neighbour.
- 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."

## God wants to write His law of the fleshy tables of our hearts! **Hebrews 10:16**

16 This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them.

## What does David say about God's law?

Psalms 119:97-98

- 97 O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day.
- 98 Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me.

# We should teach our children and family about God's Law

## Deuteronomy 6:2, 7

- 2 That thou mightest fear the LORD thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged.
- 7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

## What are the main purposes of God's law?

## 1) Defines sin:

#### Romans 3:20

20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the **law is the knowledge of sin**.

#### 1 John 3:4

4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

#### Romans 7:7

7 What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.

## Like a Mirror

A mirror is used to examine yourself, whether you have food or dirt on your face. It cannot clean your face, it only reveals the dirt. You need a wash cloth to clean your face. The Ten Commandments reveal your condition, whether you have the dirt of sin in your life, but it cannot clean it.

How would you know if you are sinner in need of a grace and a saviour if you did not have the Ten Commandments to show you.

## 2) Standard of Righteousness in which we are judged:

## Psalm 119:172

172 My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments are righteousness.

#### Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14

13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.

14 For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

### James 2:11, 12

11 For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law.

12 So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty.

#### Bible Definition: Righteous (Hebrew) = just, lawful

## **Speed Limit Sign**

A speed limit sign reveals the law in order to keep you safe, but the sign cannot make you obey the law. The sign only displays the law. Without the sign you would be unaware of the law or that you have broken the law.

Similarly, the Ten Commandments cannot make you righteous or lawful. The commandments are only the standard of righteousness that reveal the law.

#### 3) Conversion Tool that points us to Jesus

#### Psalms 19:7

7 The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.

#### Galatians 3:24

24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

## **Bible Definition: Convert = Turn to, to return, to turn back**

## **Points You to Jesus**

Even though God's law cannot cleanse you from sin, it points you to Jesus Christ who can clean you and save you from sin. When Christ dwells within you He will work in you to do His good pleasure (Philippians 2:13). He will forgive you and cleanse you from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9) and cover you with His righteousness (Philippians 3:9).

Law > Sinner > Grace > Saviour Jesus Christ's

# Is obeying God and His Ten Commandments "legalism"?

## John 14:21

21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

Obedience to the truth motivated by God's love is NEVER legalism. Would it make sense to mock God's obedient children by calling them "legalists"? Of course not. Are you a child of God?

# <u>Is it enough to know about the commandments of God without obeying ALL of them?</u> James 1:23-25

23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

#### If you truly Love Jesus, what does He personally command us to do?

# John 14:15, 21

15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

## What is the penalty of breaking God's law?

### Romans 6:23

23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### **James 1:15**

15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

## Can we keep the Law of God by our own power? No!

## Romans 7:14, 22-25

- 14 For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin.
- 22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:
- 23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.
- 24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?
- 25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

## Philippians 2:13

13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

The reason why many people do not keep the law of God is because they want to stay in sin.

## Did Jesus come to do away His Law? Did Jesus destroy the Law?

#### Romans 3:31

31 Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law.

## Matthew 5:17-18

- 17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.
- 18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

Fulfil (Greek) = to make complete

## What is the fulfilling of God's Law?

#### Romans 13:9-10

- 9 For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
- 10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

# Love is the fulfilling of Law of God. Love is the foundation of the Ten Commandments. God's love makes the Law of God complete!

Jesus sums of the Ten Commandments based on LOVE...

#### Matthew 22:37-40

- 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.

The Ten Commandments teach us about practical love. Matthew 22:40 reveals that the Ten Commandments hang on loving God and others. Loving God and others is not a substitute of the Ten Commandments, but a summary. The Ten Commandments teach us the details how to love God and others. The first four commandments teach how to love God and the last six commandments teach us how to love others.

# We MUST Keep ALL the commandments of the Lord, ALL TEN. James 2:10-11

11 For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law.

## What does Jesus say about others who teach others not to keep ALL the commandments of God?

#### Matthew 5:19

19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

The Ten Commandments perfectly reflect and match the character of God. Those who attack the law of God are directly attacking the character of God!

Characteristics	God is	God's Law is
Love	<b>1 John 4:8</b> "God is love."	Romans 13:10 "love is the fulfilling of the law."
Holy	Psalm 99:9 "the LORD our God is holy."	Romans 7:12 "the law is holy and the commandment holy."
Perfect	Psalm 18:30 "As for God, his way is perfect."	Psalm 19:7 "The law of the Lord is perfect"
True	John 3:33 "God is true."	Psalm 119:142 "thy law is the truth."
Righteous	Psalm 145:17 "The LORD is righteous is all his ways"	Psalm 119:172 "for all thy commandments are righteousness."

## How does END TIME PROPHECY in the book of Revelation relate to the Ten Commandments of God?

# Saved are overcomers of sin. No longer break the commandments of God Revelation 2:7

7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh (sin) will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

## **Revelation 2:11**

11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.

#### **Revelation 3:5**

5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

# The faithful saints saved in the kingdom of God keep ALL the Ten Commandments of God

# Revelation 14:12

12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that **keep the commandments of God**, and the faith of Jesus.

## Revelation 22:14

14 Blessed are they that **do his commandments**, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

## Who does Satan intensely war against in the last days?

#### Revelation 12:17

17 And the dragon (Devil) was wroth with the woman (church), and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which **keep the commandments of God**, and have the **testimony of Jesus Christ**.

The Devil is the dragon of Revelation

#### Revelation 12:9

9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Who are the remnant?

Remnant (Greek) = "remaining ones" - Strong's Greek dictionary

Remnant is opposite of apostasy.

Apostasy is the majority of the world loving professed Christians. Apostasy means to leave the truth of God's word and embrace worldliness, but still claim to be "christians."

The remnant cleave on to God truth like Jacob cleaved on to God when his name was changed from Jacob to Israel. His name was changed because character changed through the power of God.

Jacob = supplanter, liar and thief

Israel (Hebrew) = God prevails

The Remnant character's are changed. They keep ALL the commandments of God and the testimonies of Jesus Christ.

The DEVIL has all out war against the remnant people of God in the last days! But in the end God will deliver his faithful people.

Do you want to be apart of this prophecy? Yes you will get attacked attacked and attacked more and more, BUT God has lifted up a standard, His WORD to have victory over the enemy!

In the sister book of Revelation, the prophetic book of Daniel reveal an apostate church system that thinks to change God's Law!

#### Daniel 7:25

25 And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and **think to change times and laws**: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

But what did Jesus say!

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Appeal – Stay faithful – Who wants to be a part of God's remnant?

Next Study : The Forgotten Commandment