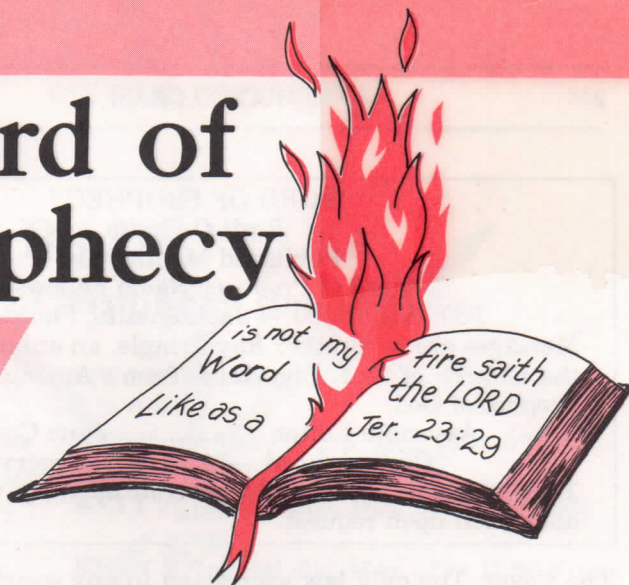


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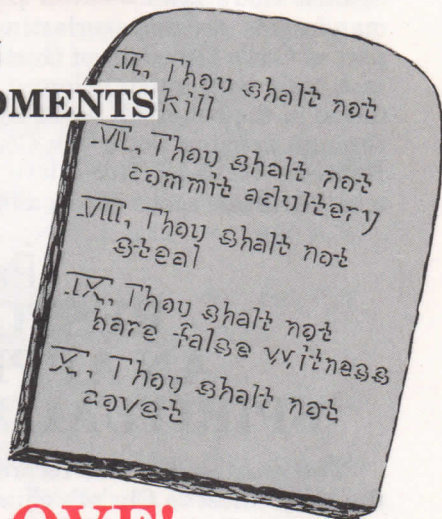
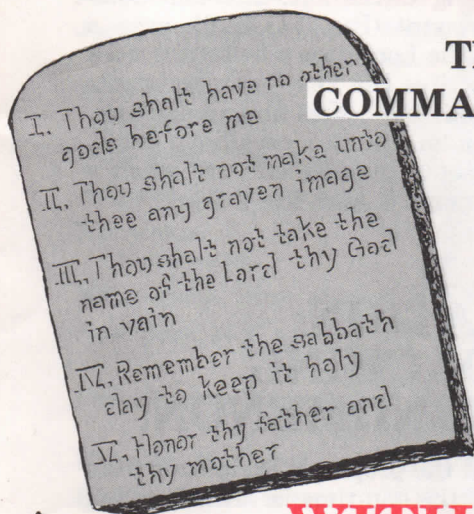


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The Cover: The only law ever given to any society that could provide liberty and justice for all is God's Ten Commandments! God will not long tolerate lawlessness in His universe. He gave men His Ten Commandments in love so a disciplined society would result, free from fear and violence. Men and nations have rebelled against God's laws — even professing Christians. The Ten Commandments are an everlasting covenant (Psa. 111:7-10), even a part of God's Covenant of Grace. So the Lord does a beautiful work in a truly born again believer: He writes His Ten Commandments (laws) in the believer's heart and mind, and makes him an example, through keeping God's Ten Commandments, to a rebellious world. Hebrews 10:15-17. God's love is openly manifested only when a true Christian keeps His Commandments. I John 5:3; 2:3-5.

## (Part 1)

## RESTORATION: AN APPROACHING SPIRITUAL PHENOMENON!

The greatest promise recorded in the prophetic Scriptures from the Holy Ghost to Christ's church of the end-time is: "And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive **until** the times of restitution (**i.e., restoration**) of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began." Acts 3:20-21. Divine restoration was promised to the church of the endtime by God through the Old Testament prophets — and, this promise was confirmed by the Holy Ghost through Jesus Christ and the New Testament apostles!

The Old Testament prophet has cried out well in advance of this approaching spiritual phenomenon of Restoration: "And I will re-



store to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, **my great army** which I sent among you." Joel 2:25. The church of our Lord Jesus Christ is now being overrun with God's great army of spiritual parasites!

### RESTORATION — OF WHAT?

**"Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word (of God), That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."** Eph. 5:25-27.

Bible and church history is repeating itself in our generation as in all other historically recorded eras. When Christ's church becomes popular and respected, then they substitute a creed for Christ, a doctrine for Deity, formality for faith, politics for power, and man-made organization for divine unity. This ill-fated policy always leads the church into God's chastening and judgments. Roly-poly preachers with fat and sassy church members may cry "Jesus is coming — we're getting out of this judgment-bound world by way of the rapture any moment now" — but, they are not going off anywhere until God **restores** the church of Jesus Christ back to its first love, to real Holy Ghost power, to His holiness, to real faith, to divine unity, and the fear of God — thru fasting and prayer!

God will not send Jesus Christ back to this old troubled world to take the church out of the world **until** the world is purged out of the church. The church of the latter rain will be restored to divine unity, holiness, and love like Christ's first church of the early rain of Pentecostal power as recorded in Acts, chapters 1-15. The Lord wouldn't have the church of today, no way — **until** there is a restoration of divine love and holiness!

Where does this mighty Holy Ghost restoration begin? **With repentance!** The church must repent of its idolatry, its love for pleasure more than for God (II Tim. 3:5); its lukewarmness. Rev. 3:14-19. The intensity of God's judgments upon America and the so-called Christian nations will soon verify this warning and message of the Holy Ghost to the church of this end-time generation as God has forewarned: "If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among **my people; If my people**, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, **and turn from their wicked ways;** then will I hear from heaven, **and will forgive their sin,** and will heal their land." II Chron. 7:13-14.

These judgments have already begun to fall upon the church in America — and, the blind, Laodicean, lukewarm church members will soon realize that they are indeed going out into the darkness and deafening fury of the swiftly-arising Gathering Storm of God's judgments. As God's true prophet, within 4 years, I will be vindicated of false allegations of heresy and error in these prophetic forecasts. Amos 3:7.

### RESTORATION: SPIRIT OF ELIJAH

"And his disciples asked (Jesus), saying, Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come? And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias (i.e., Elijah) truly shall first come, and **restore all things.** But I say unto you, **That Elias (or Elijah) is come already,** and they knew him not . . . then the disciples understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist." Matt. 17:10-13.

John the Baptist was as Elijah the prophet to his rebellious generation — rebellious against God's Word. God has promised to send Elijah again to this rebellious generation of the end-time, a generation epitomized by this New Testament prophecy: "And they (i.e., professing Christians) shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables . . . Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth." II Tim. 4:4; 3:7. Christ has forewarned his worldly end-time church (today's): "So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, **I will spue thee out of my mouth** . . . (You) knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked . . . As many as I love, **I rebuke and chasten:** be zealous therefore, **and repent.**" Rev. 3:16-19. What a mess — today's church has made Christ sick to His stomach, and He has vomited it out — and, **the only way back into divine favor for the church is through true repentance!**

"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse." Mal. 4:5-6. This prophecy will be literally fulfilled in the two great anointed ones (prophets) whose coming and ministry of mighty reconciliation is foretold in Revelation 11:3-12.

However, John the Baptist's coming was a partial prophetic fulfillment of the future coming of Elijah to restore all things: "For he (i.e., John the Baptist) shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb. And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God. **And he**



**shall go before him (i.e., Jesus) in the spirit and power of Elias (Elijah), to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.” Luke 1:15-17.**

John was sent in the power and spirit of Elijah with the ministry and message of reconciliation — that is, restoration to divine favor! To heal the breach between parents and children, between God and His people — to prepare God’s people for Christ’s first advent. Jesus also gave this fuller revelation of Elijah’s restoration ministry: “And if ye will receive (i.e., accept) it, this (i.e., John) is Elias (Elijah) which was for to come.” Matt. 11:14.

John the Baptist’s coming as Elijah foreshadows a greater prophetic fulfillment of the coming of Elijah at the end-time in a greater crisis hour for God’s people with a vital ministry of reconciliation: “To turn the hearts of the fathers to the children; and the disobedient (Christians) to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for (the second advent of) the Lord.” Luke 1:17. The conclusion and awful truth is this: The church of our Lord is not ready for Jesus Christ’s return — and, they would not go if He came today! The Holy Ghost’s promise and warning is, remember: God will not send Jesus Christ back for the church until there’s a restoration of God’s real love, the real gifts of the Spirit, the real fruit of the Spirit, real Holiness, real faith, divine unity, and the return of the fear of God — until the church repents, and is purged from world-conformity through God’s divine judgments and severe persecution (upon His people). Acts 3:20-21; II Tim. 3:12.

Now the truth about the coming of Elijah to “restore all things” to God’s people is revealed to certain end-time prophets who will be sent by the Lord to prophesy “in the spirit and power of Elijah.” Luke 1:17. Thus John the Baptist was Elijah, and thus other true prophets will be Elijah to this generation, to prophesy, and to bring about the restoration of all things to a spiritually impoverished and blind, end-time church! Neither Elijah nor Enoch, two translated prophets, will return to prophesy in person — they are in heaven in their glorified bodies and cannot die. God’s true prophets will be killed who prophesy to this lukewarm, Laodicean church of the end-time. Rev. 11:7; 16:6; 17:6.

### A COMPARISON

What resemblance does Christ’s lukewarm church in today’s Sick Society have to the early church of our Lord as recorded in the Book of Acts? Answer: Almost none! Today’s church has rebelled against the Word of God, the holiness of God, and the fear of God. The early church “walked in the fear of the Lord, and in the com-

fort of the Holy Ghost." Acts 9:31. The spiritual profile of today's church is: "There is no fear of God before their eyes (Rom.3:18) . . . they sit down to eat and drink, and rise up to play (I Cor. 10:7)."

The early church accepted the vital ministry of prophets: "And in those days came prophets from Jerusalem unto Antioch," (Acts 11:27); "And Judas and Silas, being prophets also themselves, exhorted the brethren with many words, and confirmed them" (Acts 15:32). These were not just preachers as the Perverted Bibles of today declare them to be. The Christian church of today rejects and hates true prophets of God — but the gospel truth is: "God hath set some in the church, first apostles, **secondarily prophets**, thirdly teachers." I Cor, 12:28; Eph. 4:11. All three of these ministries are almost non-existent in today's worldly and rebellious Church except **soothsaying teachers** which are everywhere! No wonder the church is so weak and divided — so blind and spiritually bankrupt.

The early church had divine unity and love as never have been manifested by the church of our generation that is filled with self-will, selfishness, and a love for pleasure. "And the multitude of them that believed were **of one heart and of one soul**: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all. Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of land or houses sold them (i.e., their surplus property, not their homes), and brought the prices of the things that were sold, and laid them down at the apostles' feet." Acts 4:32-34.

The early saints obeyed the commands of their Lord and master implicitly — today's professing disciples don't even obey the simple gospel of Jesus Christ. Let's see! "Jesus said: Sell what ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Luke 12:33-34; Matt. 6:19-21. The early church's disciples did this, literally, with love unaffected by the false teaching of soothsayers like today's church is full of.

Jesus said: "Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life (for my sake) shall preserve it." Luke 17:33. The early church saints believed this — today's church? Horrors! "God wants us to prosper (i.e., be rich and full)," yell the soothsaying teachers to the lukewarm church that Christ has spewed out of His mouth.

The church of old, like the Laodicean Church (Rev. 3:14) lost favor with God because of affluence: "Behold, this was the iniquity



of thy sister Sodom, (1) Pride, (2) fulness of bread, and (3) abundance of idleness was in her." Ezekiel 16:49. So goes the church today because of this idolatry into God's great judgments for purging.

Jesus taught His early disciples to fast and pray for Holy Ghost power to do His works and to live holy. Matt. 6:16-18; 9:14-15; 17:21. **Instead of fasting and praying**, the latter day church of our Lord is **feasting and playing**.

### WHERE IS REAL FAITH?

Jesus and the apostles taught the early disciples to trust the Lord for healing: "There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits; **and they were healed everyone.**" Acts 5:16. This trust in Christ and holy lifestyle of the early church's disciples are in deep contrast to the modern Christian's world-conformity, and bears no resemblance. Read Luke 10:3-9.

The scriptural order to God's saints was and still is: "Is there any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord . . . And the Lord shall raise him up." James 5:14-15. The church of today calls the doctor, the druggist, the ambulance, and the psychiatrist — and, lives out of pill and tranquilizer bottles. Well, it would do little or no good to call the elders or pastor to pray the prayer of faith — because most of them are feasting instead of fasting — playing instead of praying.

Persecution was another vital element in the early church that is absent in today's pleasure-loving church? Why? "Yea, and **all** that will live godly in Christ Jesus **shall suffer persecution.**" II Tim. 3:12. There is not enough godliness and holiness in the church and in the lives of Christ's professed disciples today to invite persecution from the world. The worldly crowd has filled the church — worldliness, the lives of the believers. There is little or no difference between the church and the world. God wouldn't have this end-time church as a Bride for His Son on a Christmas tree!

Persecution and suffering for Christ in the early church drove the disciples of Christ and His ministers **to fasting and prayer**. This element of persecution (suffering for Christ's sake) like a hot purifying fire, kept selfishness, division, and world-conformity to a minimum in their lifestyle; their love for Christ and each other to a maximum.

**The early church disciples were filled with real joy and the real Holy Ghost. Acts 13:52. They rejoiced while suffering**

barbaric persecution. "When they had called the apostles and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name, And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ." Acts 5:40-41. Praise God! The church of today lives like the world, dresses like the world, and rejects cross-bearing to avoid persecution. Gal. 6:12; John 7:7.

Saints and preachers of the early church had divine direction through **visions** from the Holy Ghost. Today's saints and preachers have **TELEVISIONS** which steal their time to pray and study the Word of God while perverting their minds with worldliness. "Where there is no vision the people perish." Prov. 29:18; Acts 10:3; 26:19; 16:9. The Apostle writes: "I was not disobedient into the heavenly vision."

The early disciples had divine love that is sadly missing in the Church today. That love was so well expressed by the Apostle Peter to Jesus: "Lo, we have forsaken all, and have followed thee." Mark 10:28. They literally obeyed the command of Jesus Christ because they believed Him and loved Him better than their own selves, when He warned them about true discipleship: (1) "If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, **he cannot be my disciple.** (2) And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, **cannot be my disciple . . .** (3) So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, **he cannot be my disciple.**" Luke 14:26-27, 33.

## REVELATION AND PROPHECY

Beloved, the church of Jesus Christ in this end-time generation is going to be purged and made white by fiery persecution before Jesus Christ returns! Restoration **must** precede our Lord's return for His church. Jews and Gentiles will be reconciled to God through Christ into one body (Church) **before** Christ's coming. Eph. 2:16; I Cor. 12:13. Every vestige of world-conformity will be cleansed away by purifying fires of persecution and God's judgments that are even now arising. Why doesn't the Church believe the whole truth in God's Word as: "For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake?" Phil. 1:29.

The Real Jesus and His Holy lifestyle must be formed in His disciples before His return as expressed by the apostle: "My little children, of whom I travail in birth again **until Christ be formed**



**in you**, I desire to be present with you now, and to change my voice; for I stand in doubt of you." Gal. 4:19-20. This will be literally fulfilled where the prophetic scripture reveals the church in tribulation: "And she (the church) being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered . . . and she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne." Rev. 12:1, 5. The Real Jesus is finally formed in His latter day disciples as they pass through the fiery crucible of tribulation. (The woman with child is not Israel, but the church).

Jesus rebuked His hostile brethren, saying: "The world cannot hate you: but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil." John 7:7. So it is with a worldly church today that is hostile to a holy man of God (or a saint) that rebukes their pagan lifestyle. The brother of our Lord, the Apostle James, scathingly rebukes Christ's worldly disciples: "Ye adulterers and adulteresses (i.e., spiritually), know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world (i.e., system and lifestyle) **is the enemy of God.**" James 4:4. God sure has thousands of enemies even in His church as the prophet foretold: "Thine enemies roar in the midst of thy congregations; they set up their ensigns for signs . . . We see not our signs (i.e., true Holy Ghost signs): **there is no more any prophet**: neither is there any among us **that knoweth how long.**" Psa. 74:4, 9. My, how the church hates and persecutes a true prophet that cries out against their sins, and knows how long! Isaiah 58:1; Amos 5:10.

### CONFLICT!

A gigantic world-wide conflict having religious overtones is arising — Ecumenicism (a unification of world religions) versus the true saints of God (the true church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth). I Tim. 3:15. The antichrist and false prophet (Rev. 13) will unite all false religions into the World Church system (identified in Rev. 17) — the two great prophets who come in the spirit and power of Elijah will help bring about divine unity and a restoration of holiness to the true Church of Our Lord (Rev. 11:3-12). Conflict and confrontation will then follow. The result: "Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried" (Daniel 12:10); also, "And he said to me, These (a great multitude) are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb (Rev. 7:14)." Here the Real Jesus and His Holiness, His divine love, His Holy Ghost power, and Fear is restored to His Body, the True Church — A sanctified church, without spot or wrinkle. Eph. 5:25-26.

Jesus foretold nineteen centuries ago in His great prophetic Olivet message of warning to our end-time church about a severe repression and persecution arising against His saints in which there would be many martyrs: "Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. (Now here's why the church doesn't believe this). **And many false prophets shall arise, and shall deceive many.**" Matt. 24:9-11. (And, I'm not mixed up about the church and Israel in prophecy). "And it was given unto him (i.e., the antichrist) **to make war with the saints** (i.e., the church) and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations." Rev. 13:7. Saints of the church will be given into the antichrist's hand to be persecuted for 3½ years — **before Jesus comes for His saints!** Daniel 7:25; 11:7; Rev. 12:6; 13:5.

You see beloved, jewels can abide the fire — paste pearls can't! Jesus is coming for His jewels who have been purified in the fires of severe trial and persecution. Mal. 3:16-18. God says to His saints: "I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction." Isaiah 48:10.

### SEPARATION

The Holy Ghost has ordered true disciples of Christ, "**Come out from among them** (i.e., the worldly crowd), **and be ye separate**, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing: and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty . . . Let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, **perfecting holiness** in the fear of God." II Cor. 6:17-18; 7:1. But the church has not obeyed the Holy Ghost, but has rebelled against God's Word.

Like the church of old (Acts 7:38), the church of today has conformed to the way of the heathen — and God reprimands: "Why trimmest thou thy way to seek love (i.e., the worldly crowd's favor)? **therefore hast thou (i.e., the church) also taught the wicked ones thy ways.**" Jer. 2:33. Did you hear that? The church teaching the world their ungodly ways!

Jesus chided with the religious leaders of His generation: "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte (i.e., church member), and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves." Matt. 23:15. Counterfeit Bibles, false prophets, and phony Christians have filled the churches of our generation — God will **separate** the chaff from the wheat, the real from the counterfeit in



the fiery trials swiftly arising against the true church! The phonies will believe the lie of the false prophet and antichrist — true saints will follow the two True Prophets of Revelation 11, and believe their True Message from the True Word of God. **Separation!**

A prophetic preview of a compromising church of Jesus Christ in tribulation is graphically portrayed in scripture: "And when thou art spoiled, what wilt thou do? Though thou clothest thyself with crimson, **though thou deckest thee with ornaments of gold, though thou rentest thy face with painting** (these are pagan practices in the church), in vain shalt thou make thyself fair; thy lovers (i.e., the worldly crowd in the church) will despise thee, they will seek thy life. For I have heard a voice as of a woman in travail, and the anguish as of her that bringeth forth her first child (this is the church and Israel having Christ formed in them)." Jer. 4:30-31. "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free." I Cor. 12:13. "Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved." Rom. 9:27. Truly born-again Israelites and Gentiles comprise the church of our Lord Jesus Christ. All will be restored to God's holiness and divine unity through persecution.

"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, **and to keep himself unspotted from the world.**" James 1:27. Jesus said: "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you." John 15:3. **Obedience produces Holiness!** I Pet. 1:2, 22. Preachers tell Christians to confess their sins — but Jesus said, Repent — (i.e., forsake your sins or perish!) Matt. 4:17; Luke 13:3; John 5:14. His command, "Go, and sin no more." John 8:11. The church must abide in Christ; that is, live a holy, sanctified, and repented life, for: "Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him." I John 3:6. This is the royal road to Perfection in Christ. Heb. 6:1-2; Eph. 4:11-14.

On this same message of Restoration the Apostle Peter prophetically declared (I repeat in part): "**Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; And he shall send Jesus Christ**, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive **until** the times of restitution (restoration) of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began." Acts 3:19-21. The heavens will retain Jesus until God's mighty work of restoration is performed upon His end-time church.

## THEIR FINEST HOUR

God's people have always had their finest hour for the Lord when enduring persecution of lions' dens, fiery furnaces, galling chains, banishment, and hardship. Read Heb. 11:35-40. Our finest hour is yet to come but it is swiftly approaching, so get ready saints of God! His holy prophet spoke of this in glorious fulfillment: "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee." Isaiah 60:1-2. The lukewarm, worldly church of Jesus Christ will arise in the midst of great tribulation and spiritual darkness, a glorious church, without blemish, having neither spot nor wrinkle. Not one vestige of rebellion against the true Word of God will remain. Restoration! Then the Bride of Christ, like a jewel, will be ready for the Bridegroom to appear — assures the Bride: "Thou art (as He) all fair, my love; there is no spot in thee." Songs of Sol. 4:7. Jesus has advised his disciples: Just be ready, because I'll return when you don't expect me. Matt. 24:44.

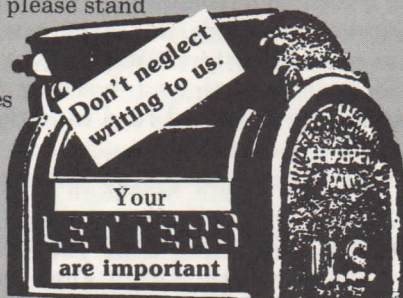
Jesus Christ's last warning to His church of the end-time is: "Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth (i.e., his lifestyle), and keepeth his garments (i.e., without spot or blemish), lest he walk naked, and they see his shame." Rev. 16:15.

(To be continued next month)

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## TEN COMMANDMENTS

God's New Covenant or New Testament reveals unequivocally: "Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, **but the keeping of the commandments of God.**" I Cor. 7:19. Are Christians under grace constrained to keep the law of God given first to God's people under the Old Covenant or Old Testament? Answer: Yes! A thousand times Yes! And nothing in the Holy Scriptures is set forth with more clarity and forceful pronouncement by Jesus Christ, the Holy Prophets and Holy Apostles of our Lord. Every true Christian's experience of salvation must be "built upon the foundation of the apostles (New Testament teachings) and prophets (Old Testament teachings), Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone." Eph. 2:20. The New Testament scriptures speak out authoritatively: "Do we make void the law (i.e., God's law) through faith? God forbid: Yea, we establish the law." Rom. 3:31.

### Legalism?

The keeping of God's Ten Commandments is not legalism — it is just plain old simple obedience to God. Legalism is not a scriptural term anyway — it is just a term coined by smart aleck theologians and parroted by blind preachers to misguide God's people.

The following scripture gives an honest-hearted disciple of Christ a revelation that separates the Laws of God (Ten Commandments) from the law of Moses: "These are the words of the covenant, which the Lord commanded Moses to make with the children of Israel in the land of Moab, **beside** the covenant which he made with them in Horeb (where he received the Ten Commandments)." Deut. 29:1; read also Exodus 19:20. Mt. Sinai and Mt. Horeb are the same. The Ten Commandments are God's law for ever — these are not the ceremonial laws of Moses that ignorant and dishonest teachers equate with God's great moral laws. Read Lev. 26:46.

"The works of his hands (God's) are verity and judgment; all his commandments are sure. **They stand fast for ever and ever**, and are done in truth and uprightness . . . He hath commanded his covenant (i.e., everlasting covenant) for ever . . . a good understanding have all they that do his commandments." Psalms 111:7-10. God has warned rebellious men and women, boys and girls: "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: **Fear God, and keep His commandments**: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret

thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." Eccles. 12:13-14. This is a moral universe, ruled by God's moral law — and, every individual that has ever lived upon this planet will be judged by that law, The Ten Commandments! Rom. 2:12-16. John 12:48. This is God's perfect law of liberty. Jas. 1:8-12; Gal. 5:1, 13.

### Why Did Jesus Come?

Jesus was God's messenger with God's message — the everlasting gospel of reconciliation to God's rebellious church of old. Mal. 3:1-6. Christ's first message of reconciliation was: "Repent!" Matt. 4:17. Part Two of His messianic message of reconciliation was: **"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill.** For verily I say unto you, Til heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, til all be fulfilled. 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.**" Matt. 5:17-19. Praise God! Ponder that carefully and soberly! Every Christian must fulfill the righteousness of the law of God by keeping every commandment. How? "For what the law (i.e. of God) could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh (i.e., our flesh): **That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us** (i.e., just like it was in Jesus), **who walk not after the flesh, but after the spirit.**" Rom. 8:3-4.

Only true repentance brings a sinner or erring Christian into a divine relationship with God. God hath committed to true men of God "the ministry of reconciliation to Himself" thru Jesus Christ. II Cor. 5:18. "God hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation." II Cor. 5:19. Then continuing, the Apostle Paul pleads: "We pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God." II Cor. 5:20. The whole message of God's grace that brings an individual into His righteousness thru Christ is expressed thusly by the apostle: "Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, **repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.**" Acts 20:21. Only a born-again believer in Jesus Christ who lives a repented and sanctified life can keep the laws of God — this is not possible even for a carnal-minded Christian! "Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be." Rom. 8:7; I Cor. 3:1.

"The law (of God or the Ten Commandments) is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly



and for sinners, for unholy and profane . . . ” I Tim. 1:9. Striving to keep the Ten Commandments without being born again will not give eternal life to a morally good person. “Therefore by the deeds of the law (of God) there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law (Ten Commandments) is the knowledge of sin.” Rom. 3:20.

### The Covenant of Grace

The free grace of God came through the new covenant or testament. Rom. 3:24. The prophetic promise of the new covenant of grace that would replace and surpass the old covenant, established upon better promises (first revealed in Jeremiah 31:31-34) is vividly detailed in the New Testament: “He (i.e. Jesus) is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises. For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second. For finding fault with them, He (i.e., God) saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest. For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.” Also: “Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before, 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; And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.” Heb. 8:6-12, 10:15-17.

God’s covenant of Grace was given to Israel. Jer. 31:31-34. Heb. 8:8-12; Rom. 9:4. We as Gentiles have no covenant from God. We can only be adopted into God’s family as foreigners and strangers through the blood of Christ. Eph. 2:11-19. We Gentiles who are saved came from a “wild olive tree” and are grafted into a “good olive tree” (Israel). Rom. 11:17-24. The law of God that Israel rejected is written in our minds and hearts to make us God’s children — disciples or disciplined ones!

What a wonder of wonders—a many faceted miracle is the work of grace in the new birth! The Ten Commandments written in our

minds and hearts!: "Written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; **not in tables of stone, but in the fleshly tables of the heart**" (II Cor. 3:2) — replicas of the original law of God: "Written with the finger of God." Exodus 31:18. Praise God! Now I can keep God's commandments because they are always consciously present in my mind and heart, and "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live, yet not I, **but Christ liveth in me**: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live **by the faith** of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." Gal. 2:20! Wonderful! Jesus in me can keep the commandments of God fully — thru me! And I am imputed thereby with His righteousness! Rom. 4:8.

### Liberty or Bondage?

The scripture exhorts Christians: "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." Gal. 5:1-4. The apostle here is speaking of "circumcision" and the "whole law" as being a yoke which Christ has delivered true Christians from — that is, the ceremonial law and Moses' law. But, here is a warning from the Holy Ghost: **Christ did not give a Christian liberty to be a libertine!** "For brethren, ye have been called to liberty; **only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love** serve one another . . . This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh." Gal. 5:13, 16.

### From God — With Love!

**"For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments:** and his commandments are not grievous." I John 5:3. They are not hard to keep if we really love God — not just say we do!

The keeping of God's Commandments is vital to a truly born again believer in Christ — a matter of life and death, of heaven or hell! God's Word warns: "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law (i.e., Ten Commandments): **for sin is the transgression of the law** . . . Whosoever abideth in him (Christ) sinneth not (i.e., don't violate God's laws): whosoever sinneth (i.e., breaks God's laws) hath not seen him, neither known him." I John 3:4,6. Jesus also soberly warned: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin (i.e., breaks God's laws) is the servant of sin (i.e., not a true disciple of His)." John 8:34. The Ten Commandments were given by our Great Creator in love, and only by our obedience to those laws can we genuinely reflect God's real love in us — to the right objects of that true love — God and our neighbor! Matt. 22:35-40.



Jesus gave the conditions of eternal life to a young man thusly: **"If thou wilt enter into life (eternal), keep the commandments.** He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Honor thy father and thy mother: and thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself . . . and come follow me." Matthew 19:17-21.

The Holy Ghost reveals that the true love of God is manifested thru obedience to God's law: "Owe no man anything, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law (i.e., the righteousness of). For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness (i.e., lie), Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. Love worketh no ill to his neighbor: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law." Romans 13:8-10. Praise God! "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself" is from Leviticus 19:18!

About all you hear among professing Christians today is the cry of Libertines: "Don't tell me how I ought to live—I'm not under the law and the Ten Commandments!" Well, if you're a rebel, or lawless against God's commandments, He will judge you by that law, so be wise and hear the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth about this grave matter. Quit listening to soothsaying preachers and teachers who love "to teach people having itching ears, who turn their ears away from the truth, and are turned to fables." II Timothy 4:3-4. This is a matter of life and death: "I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed (children) may live: That thou mayest love the Lord thy God, and that thou mayest obey his voice." Deut. 30:19-20.

### FIRST COMMANDMENT

**"Thou shalt have no other gods before me."** Exodus 20:3. (Also recorded in Deut. 5:1-21). The Ten Commandments are a part of the Covenant of Grace (declared in Hebrews 8 and 10), and they are recorded in the New Testament with the interpretation of Christ and His Holy Apostles. This commandment and all of God's commandments are positive — they are not negative, even though some are shalls and some shall nots! God's laws are always positive! In this commandment He forbids idolatry.

Jesus said, "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and

despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and **mammon** (i.e., money and materialism)." Matt. 6:24. The sin of idolatry is epidemic in our Sick Society and Laodicean church age. The sin of idolatry overcame the Laodicean church of old that epitomizes today's lukewarm church: "So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, **I will spue thee out of my mouth**. Because thou sayest, I am rich and increased with goods (i.e., material things and money), and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked." Rev. 3:16-17. What a mess — spued out of Christ — a church that makes Him sick to His stomach! Blink your eyes and look around you at the idolatry in churches right at this very moment. The Holy Ghost has cried out: "Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry. I speak as to wise men; judge ye what I say." I Cor. 10:14-15.

What is this idolatry whose icon and idol possess neither jewelled eyes, nor sculptured form? This idolatry God forbids in the First Commandment includes any of our loves or affections that come before our love for God or our neighbor. Jesus said of the Ten Commandments: "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Mark 12:30-31.

Rebellion and stubbornness against God's Word are idolatry! "For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, **and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry**. Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, he hath also rejected thee from being king. And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: **for I have transgressed the commandment of the Lord**, and thy words: because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice." I Samuel 15:23-24. Idolatry carries a severe penalty from the Lord: "But the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the Lord troubled him." I Samuel 16:14. This is happening on a vast scale among rebellious Christians **NOW!**

The desecration of the human body is an appalling abominable idolatry among church members and professing Christians! Ungodly dress by women especially — pants suits, bathing suits, immodest dresses that are revealing and sexy are pagan idolatries that God hates. These immoral and heathen practices will increase into more ungodliness II Timonty 2:16. "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" I Cor. 3:16. Then comes this Holy Ghost warning: "If you defile your body (God's temple), God will destroy it." Our body and our spirit



are God's! I Cor. 6:20. Why should you please yourself — please God. "For even Christ pleased not himself." Rom. 15:3.

Professing Christians make idols out of their bodies in dressing them after the manner of the heathen — idol worshippers. Painted eyes, jewelry, and short hair on women are hateful to God — idolatrous, and scornful to God's Holy Commandment. God hates these customs: (1) Women dressing nearly like men — Deut. 22:5; I Cor. 11:3-16; I Tim. 2:8-10. (2) Painting up like Jezebel — II Kings 9:30; Ezekiel 23:30, 40; I Tim. 2:9. (3) Decking their bodies with jewelry — Exod. 33:4-6; Hos. 2:13; I Peter 3:1-7. **THESE ARE IDOLATROUS!**

The most subtle form of idolatry is revealed here: "Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play." I Cor. 10:7. This characterized God's church in the wilderness. Eating, Drinking and Playing intemperately are hateful idolatries to God! Some Christians picnic, travel, vacation, Disneyworld, and seek entertainment until they are spiritually impoverished or dead, and God doesn't answer their prayers! These pleasures are gods to America's Sick Society and worldly Church! Are you one of these? If so, shame on you!

The love of money is still the root of all evil (I Tim. 6:10), and idolatry that ever leads to spiritual prostration with many heartaches and sorrows.

## SECOND COMMANDMENT

**"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 (i.e., rebellion against God's laws) 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."** Exodus 20:4-6.

This commandment expresses God's abhorrence of idolatry by the penalty expressed for the violation: "I will visit punishment for idolatry upon even four generations of parents who knowingly rebel against my commandments." Does the New Covenant confirm this law and penalty? Yes! Jesus warned a man whom he had healed: "Behold, thou art made whole: **sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.**" John 5:14. Also: "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Gal. 6:7. Jesus warned the rebellious, idolatrous church of

old that destruction, famine, and heartache would come to them because they blindly rejected His message of reconciliation. Luke 19:41-44.

The Roman world of Jesus' and the Apostles' days was filled with sculptured and molten images, pictures, figurines, and monuments to pagan gods which men worshipped. God is a spirit (John 4:24) and will not accept any likeness of Himself to be reproduced from man's imaginations. A Sick Society of the Apostle Paul's day "changed the glory of the incorruptible God **into an image** made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves: **Who changed the truth of God into a lie**, and worshipped and served the creature (human body) more than the Creator . . . For this cause gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature (i.e., lesbians): And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men (homosexuals) working that which is unseemly (i.e., ugly) and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet (or they were worthy of), . . . who knowing the judgments of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death (i.e., hell), not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them." Rom. 1:21-32! Homosexuality is exposed here and condemned and judged by God as the most abominable form of idolatry — the total desecration of the human body! God's judgement upon them is hell fire!

How can idolatry be taught, preached, pushed upon us, accepted, and practiced so widely in the home, school, church — everywhere? **Because preachers "change the truth of God into a lie!"** Rom. 1:25. Beloved, beware of pictures, figurines, and images in your home that are idolatrous. Beware of the hero worship of movie stars, singers, athletes — and even preachers! "My beloved, flee from idolatry" — for even our children will be cursed by our rebellion against God's commandments. Pornography is perverted idolatry!

### THIRD COMMANDMENT

"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." Exodus 20:7. Profanity is on the lips of most Americans and English-speaking people — even cursing kids abound! The prophet David said: "**Thine enemies take thy name in vain.**" Psalms 139:20. Swearing, cursing, filthy talk, and profanity pour out of the



mouths of men, women, and youth everywhere like a sewer sends forth sewage. Jesus commanded: "Swear not at all . . . But let your communication be, Yea, Yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil." Matt. 5:34-37. The Holy Ghost warns: "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace to the hearers." Eph. 4:29.

Only those who have God's laws written in their hearts and minds, and who fear God, can fully obey the Third Commandment. "The poison of asps is under their lips: **Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness . . . There is no fear of God before their eyes.**" Rom. 3:13-18. God delivered just Lot out of the midst of Sodom, "Whose righteous soul was daily vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked." II Peter 2:7. Sodom is all about us!

A sanctified Christian cannot curse and take God's name in vain. I John 3:9. It takes the Holy Ghost to tame the tongue. "But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter . . . so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh." James 3:8-12. Remember this warning dear friend: "God will not hold him guiltless who taketh his name in vain."

#### FOURTH COMMANDMENT

**"Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy:** (this is the everlasting commandment — then the statute to Israel follows). 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." Exodus 20:8-11.

When God gave the two original tablets of stone with His Ten Commandments, they contained His word of testimony to Israel also. Exodus 31:18. Here is the testimony to Israel that accompanied the Ten Commandments that are God's moral laws, established forever: "And the Lord spake unto Moses saying, Speak thou also unto the children of Israel saying, Verily my sabbath ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations . . . ye shall keep the sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you: every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death (please keep this in mind): for whosoever doeth any work therein,

that soul shall be cut off from among his people . . . whosoever doeth any work in the sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. **It is a sign between me and the children of Israel forever.**" Exodus 31:12-17.

### A LIBERTY IN GRACE

For our present age of grace, Christ and His apostles taught that God's saints in this dispensation were given two liberties not permitted to Israel under the Old Covenant. Eph. 3:2-6. The Apostle Paul proclaimed those two liberties in grace: (1) Every Christian can choose the day he esteems to be most pleasing to God for observance as a day of rest and worship; (2) Every Christian can eat and drink (for food and nourishment) as he chooses. These liberties do not abrogate God's laws as Christ and the Apostles have demonstrated, and also written.

"One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind. He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it." Rom. 14:5-6. Also, the following scripture is an apostolic commandment: **"Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect to an holy day, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:** Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ." Col. 2:16-17. The sabbath in Israel foreshadowed the death of Christ . . . now He is here, alive forevermore.

The keeping of Holy Days under the New Covenant is a matter of conscience! Don't be judging others in this matter — I don't want anyone censuring me for enjoying this liberty in Christ. Jesus Christ teaches the Fourth Commandment thusly — "Keep every day holy!"

"The Jews sought the more to kill him (i.e., Jesus), because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his father, making himself equal with God." John 5:18; Read also Matt. 12:1-12; Numbers 15:32-36; Ezekiel 20:12-16.

The early church under apostolic leadership commemorated Christ's resurrection — they assembled upon the first day of each week. "Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you." John 20:19; also verse 26. Also: "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came



together to break bread, Paul preached unto them." Acts 20:7. Also I Cor. 16:2.

Concerning the liberty under grace of eating meats and drinks, the scripture reveals: "Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, but not to doubtful disputations (i.e., arguments about this matter). For one believeth that he may eat all things: another who is weak, eateth herbs. Let not him that eateth despise him that eateth not; and let not him which eateth not (i.e., meat) judge him that eateth: for God hath received him. Who art thou that judgeth another man's servant (i.e., in this matter?) to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand . . . He that eateth, eateth to the Lord, for he giveth God thanks; and he that eateth not, to the Lord he eateth not, and giveth God thanks." Rom. 14:1-6.

What shall we then say to these things: Keep every day holy! "My brethren, ye also are become dead to the law (i.e., the penalties of breaking it) by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God." Rom. 7:4. We should walk with the Lord daily, and if we really love Him, we will keep these commandments.

### FIFTH COMMANDMENT

**"Honor thy father and thy mother:** that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." Exodus 20:12. Have you ever stopped to think how wonderful it would be to live in an America or any nation where every mother and father taught their children to obey God's Ten Commandments (and they obeyed them also); where every public school teacher was demanded by law to teach God's Ten Commandments to each pupil, and where every preacher would teach God's Ten Commandments from every pulpit! Praise God! There would be righteousness manifested everywhere — even if only the preachers would preach them! The fear of God would prevail!

**God commanded parents to teach their children His Commandments:** "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart . . . And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: **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." Deut. 6:5-7. God is positively speaking here of His Ten Commandments as recorded in Deut. 5.

"Give ear, O my people, to my law: incline your ears to the words of my mouth . . . we have heard and known, and our fathers

have told us. We will not hide them from their children . . . (God) appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children: That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born; who should arise and declare them to their children: That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, **but keep his commandments:** And might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation." Psalms 78:1-8. Even in our degenerate and Sick Society God must now raise up young people to teach their parents who have failed God and their families miserably. Parents have not taught their children God's laws and lived it before them. Right? Amen!

**"Children obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.** Honor thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise. That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. And ye fathers (i.e., parents), provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture (i.e., teaching) and admonition (i.e., Bible discipline) of the Lord." Eph. 6:1-4; Prov. 13:24; Prov. 23:13-18.

Parents of old brought their children (infants) to Jesus to be blessed or dedicated. Mark 10:13-16. But, Jesus in the Holy Scriptures teaches vividly: Children are the responsibility of their parents. Don't think you can leave their teaching and disciplining to God. While being led to His crucifixion, Jesus grimacing in great pain warned the mothers who bewailed His passion: **"Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children.** For, behold, the days are coming, in which they shall say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bear, and the paps which never gave suck. Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills cover us." Luke 23:27-30. We are near this junction in prophetic fulfillment. Matt. 24:19.

Jesus honored His parents and was in subjection to them: "And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them." Luke 2:51. Children, obey your (godly) parents until you're an adult, and honor them all your life. God says, "A fool despiseth his father's (i.e. parents) instruction: but he that regardeth reproof is prudent." Prov. 15:5.

## SIXTH COMMANDMENT

**"Thou shalt not kill."** Exodus 20:13. Jesus also gave this commandment in other terminology (Matthew 19:18): "Thou shalt do no murder." Justifiable homicide is explained in the Old Testament: "He that smiteth a man, so that he die, shall be surely



put to death. And if a man lie not in wait, but God deliver him into his hand; then I will appoint thee a place whither he shall flee." Exodus 21:12-13; Read also Numbers 35:6.

This commandment relates to a Christian's conduct in this New Covenant light: "**Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer:** and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him." I John 3:15. Hatred is as murder with God!

Christ's interpretation of this commandment gives it dynamic credibility and force under grace also: "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca (i.e., you're a vain fellow), shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire." Matt. 5:21-22.

Jesus removes the violation of the commandments of God from the overt act of disobedience to the motive — i.e., to the thoughts and intents of the heart. A Christian doesn't have to commit murder to break God's Sixth Commandment — just hate his brother and he is a murderer without pulling the trigger on a gun pointed at him.

"Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you. We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren." I John 3:13-14. Who is our brethren? Jesus answered this: "My mother and my brethren are **these which hear the word of God, and do it.**" Luke 8:21.

## SEVENTH COMMANDMENT

"**Thou shalt not commit adultery.**" Exodus 20:14. This commandment condemns any form of immorality or lewdness or wanderlust that leads to sexual deviation from God's law. Here again as in the Sixth Commandment, Christ removes the sin from the actual overt act (of adultery) to the impure thoughts and intents of the heart. Jesus' interpretation of the Seventh Commandment under grace in contrast to the Old Covenant was: "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery **with her** already in his heart." Matt. 5:27-28. Jesus was very **positive** and forceful about these commandments of God. Just look on a woman and desire to be with her immorally and you are already an adulterer in your heart, Jesus warns. Also, the woman that dresses sexy to

show her body's slithering silhouette in pants, or to show her flesh lewdly in a swim suit, shorts, or mini-clothes, is an adulteress in God's book! Can you say Amen, or Oh me? James 4:4.

God's Word declares: "But every man (or woman) is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived (i.e., in his heart), it bringeth forth sin: and sin when it is finished, bringeth forth death." James 1:14-15. Adultery is not the unpardonable sin, but this terrible sin against God and one's own body, leaves its indelible marks of shame.

The Bible exhorts: "Keep thyself pure" to young Timothy. I Tim. 5:22. Joseph, a virtuous young man, ran away from the lustful advances of Potiphar's wife to remain pure and holy, and was shamefully imprisoned for years because of her false accusations. Gen. 39:11-20. He respected God's laws and feared God! "But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul. **A wound and dishonor shall he get; and his reproach shall not be wiped away.**" Prov. 6:32-33.

**God has sanctified sex through marriage and holy matrimony only.** "Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge." Heb. 13:4. God warns soberly: "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither **fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate (homosexuals), nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners shall inherit the kingdom of God.**" I Cor. 5:9-10.

However, God will save even those who commit those terrible sins if they will repent (give them up) and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. And the scripture continues: "And such **were** some of you: but ye are washed, **but ye are sanctified**, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God." I Cor. 5:11. If you have committed any of these sins, turn to the Lord in true repentance — NOW! God has promised: "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: **but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.**" Prov. 28:13. "God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." II Peter 3:9.

### EIGHTH COMMANDMENT

"**Thou shalt not steal.**" Exodus 20:15. Jesus emphasized the validity of this commandment under grace as well as the other nine when He exhorted the rich young ruler to "Keep the Commandments!" Matt. 19:17. The New Testament teaches emphatically against the sin of stealing which includes dishonesty



in any form. "Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth." Eph. 4:28. Praise God!

People usually steal or cheat to avoid honest labor. This is a cause and effect that's epidemic in our Sick Society, making it incurably ill. Sloth or laziness is sinful — God hates it. God said to labor with our hands so we won't have to steal. The Apostle Paul wrote to those "who work not at all" this Holy Ghost order: "Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread . . . And if any man (i.e., a lazybone) obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed." Hallelulah! II Thess. 3:11-15. Also: "Study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you; **That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without**, and that ye may have lack of nothing." I Thess. 4:11-12.

What is stealing? God hates this terrible sin, so we had better know what it is! Stealing is not just armed robbery or the results of being a sneak thief. Embezzlement, another form of theft, is not an **ugly crime**, for it is fashionable and epidemic in our Sick Society. **Cheating in any form is stealing** — i.e., misrepresenting merchandise for sale or loafing on the job is stealing! Receiving welfare from the government when a person is not really eligible or if they are able to work is Stealing! God will punish this sin!

We hear this rationalization or alibi used to justify cheating in welfare, or stealing from employers, or loafing on the job, or cheating on income tax: "Well, they have more than I do — and they waste too much, or I don't get paid what I'm worth." Baloney! Most of us could not live if we were only paid by our employer what we're worth! God's Word commands us: "Recompense to no man evil for evil. **Provide things honest in the sight of all men.**" Rom. 14:17.

What is the honorable and morally right relationship between a boss and employee, a servant and master, the government and its citizens? The Bible gives us this answer — and, it is beautiful! (1) "Exhort servants to be obedient unto their own masters, and to please them well in all things; not answering again: Not purloining (i.e., cheating or embezzling), but shewing all good fidelity (i.e., faithfulness and honesty); that they may **adorn** the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things (i.e., to make Christian lifestyle beautiful)." Titus 2:9-10.

(2) "Servants (i.e., hired or bond), obey in all things your masters (i.e., employers) according to the flesh; not with

eye-service as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God: And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men." Col. 3:22-23. Then to the boss or employer God warns: "Masters, give unto your servants (hired or bond) that which is just and equal (i.e., right); knowing that ye also have a master in heaven." Col. 4:1. Also: "Masters, forbearing threatening." Eph. 6:9.

(3) Then again to the servants or employees God commands: "Servants, be subject to your masters (bosses) with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the forward (i.e., a grouchy or wicked boss)." I Peter 2:18. There is no excuse that you or I can offer to God to justify stealing, cheating, beating your debts, embezzling, loafing on a job you're paid to do, or receiving welfare when you are able to work. These cheaters shall not inherit the kingdom of God. Gal. 5:21.

If you are guilty, confess and **forsake** this hateful sin quickly — seek God's forgiveness! Then — make your paths straight! Stealing is one sin you must straighten up with your fellow man. You must pay that old unpaid debt or return that which was taken away by theft! The Bible says, "Make your paths straight." Matt.3:3-8. Zaccheus, the crooked tax collector after he was saved, said to Jesus: "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods, I give to the poor; and if I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold." Luke 19:8. This man really got saved! — Not about "half-saved" like so many thousands today do. "If a man shall steal an ox, or a sheep, and kill it, or sell it; he shall restore five oxen for an ox, and four sheep for a sheep." Exodus 22:1. Restitution is required of God to be forgiven the malicious sin of stealing, if this is at all possible.

## NINTH COMMANDMENT

"**Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.**" Exodus 20:16. My, oh my, how God hates a lying tongue. God has warned so solemnly: "Murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, **and all liars**, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." Rev. 21:8. The grace of God doesn't cover lying, **but grace permits repentance and forgiveness** through the blood of Jesus under the New Covenant.

Lying is the most universal and natural sin. The prophet David writes: "I said in my haste, All men are liars." Psalms 116:11. Also: "The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies." Psalms 58:3.



**Flattery is the same as lying!** "They (Israel) did flatter him with their mouth, and they lied unto him with their tongues. For their heart was not right with him." Psalms 78:36-37. Today's church is destitute of truthful men and women — even preachers! **Exaggeration is lying** — and most preachers are guilty of this terrible sin! As God's prophet laments: "Help Lord; for the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men. They speak vanity every one with his neighbor: with flattering lips and a double heart do they speak. The Lord shall cut off all flattering lips, and the tongue that speaketh proud things." Psalms 12:1-3.

There was a time, a few decades ago, when a man's word was his bond. In today's degenerate society and sickly church it is difficult to find even a Christian who will keep his word. Breaking your word or failing to keep your promise is sin — the terrible sin of lying! Read Deut. 23:23. God's New Testament warns: "Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man (i.e., old nature) with his deeds; And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him (i.e., Jesus) that created him." Col. 3:9-10. And may I add: The new man won't lie!

### GOD'S TERRIBLE JUDGMENT FOR LYING REVEALED

Two early church members, Ananias and Sapphira, made a pledge to give the price from the sale of a parcel of land to the church. After the sale of the land, together they conspired to give only a part of the price: "And (they) brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostle's feet. But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land . . . thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God. And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost (died). . . . it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife (Sapphira), not knowing what was done, came in. And Peter answered unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much? And she said, Yea, for so much (but she lied and fell dead at the Apostle's feet)." Acts 5:1-11. And, the foolish preachers of our generation by the tens of thousands yell, "We're not under bondage of the Ten Commandments." These are never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. II Tim. 3:7.

The Apostle Paul declared: "I'm not without law to God, but under the law to Christ that I might gain them that are without law (i.e., those who do not obey God's Ten Commandments)." I Cor. 9:21. To be kept from the sin of lying, we must fear God and the penalty He exacts for breaking His Laws! "Their **throat** is an open sepulchre; **with their tongues they have used deceit**; the poison

of asps is under their **lips** . . . There is no fear of God before their eyes." Rom. 3:13-18.

"These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a **lying tongue**, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, **A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.**" Proverbs 6:16-19. Check this list carefully — God mentions the sin of lying 3 times as hateful. To remain pure, our prayer should be as David's: "Deliver my soul, O Lord, from lying lips, and from a deceitful tongue. What shall be given unto thee? or what shall be done unto thee, THOU FALSE TONGUE? Sharp arrows of the mighty, with coals of juniper." Psalms 120:1-3. His victory over disobedience and rebellion against God's laws was: "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." Psalms 119:11. So shall ours be!

### TENTH COMMANDMENT

"**Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbor's.**" Exodus 20:17. In God's New Covenant of Grace the scriptures also enforce this commandment, saying: "Thou shalt not covet." Rom. 13:9. The Apostle Paul by the Holy Ghost clearly reveals this verification of God's law in His New Covenant: "What shall we say then? is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet . . . Wherefore the law (i.e., the Ten Commandments) is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good." Rom. 7:7, 12. Amen and Amen! Our nation and the church of our Lord would not be full of the world, paganism, and rebellion if preachers were not like dumb dogs (Isa. 56:10), and would preach God's Commandments against sin, putting the label on the poison (sin)!

Speaking on the subject of the Tenth Commandment, Jesus warned: "Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." Luke 12:15. In continuing, Jesus relates the parable of the rich fool whose storehouses were full of material wealth, who ate, drank and was merry, but did not lay up a treasure in heaven, dying a fool's death. Also Ecclesiastes 2:10-16.

Covetousness is a big word and has a big definition. It means greed, avarice, egotism, selfishness, stinginess with God, and lust. In the parable of the rich fool, Jesus set forth the tragic



predicament of men and women who possess more material things in their hand than love for God in their hearts — the heartbreaking result of covetousness!

God's Tenth Commandment points the finger to the root of sin — the source of the sins of adultery, theft, lying, idolatry, profanity, and all rebellion against God's laws! The lust and evil in the hearts of men! Jesus said: "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, **covetousness**, wickedness, deceit, **lasciviousness**, an **evil eye**, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man." Mark 7:20-23.

Selfishness and lustfulness most clearly define covetousness — and God hates this sin which is a wretched spiritual disease of the heart. Covetousness is idolatry — a lust-filled appetite for money, pleasure, sexual gratification — a desire for too much food, too many clothes, too much travel, and too much that's material, but, not a hunger for the holiness of God. "For the wicked boasteth of his heart's desire, and blesseth the covetous, whom the Lord abhorreth." Psalms 10:3. In the New Covenant, the Holy Ghost declares that a covetous or selfish man is an idolater, and "has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God." Eph. 5:5. And again: "Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, **inordinate affection** (other forms of covetousness), **evil concupiscence**, and **covetousness, which is idolatry**: For which things sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience." Col. 3:5-6.

To avoid this ruinous and despicable sin, Jesus exhorts: "But seek ye **first** the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things (i.e., food, clothing, shelter) shall be added unto you." Matt. 6:33. Also: "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth . . . But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven." Matt. 6:19-20.

Covetousness is a vicious sin — it enslaves! Inordinate affections! Evil concupiscence! An evil eye! Lasciviousness! These terms describe the lust-filled appetites of the flesh and their fruit which are evil! Covetousness! That is, Drinking! Drunkenness! Smoking! Gambling! Gluttony! Dope Addiction! Cheating! Lewd behaviour and immodest dress! In testifying of his warfare to overcome these evil fleshly lusts, the Apostle Paul wrote: "For I know that in me (**that is, in my flesh,**) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not . . . O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? **I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord** . . . There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, **who walk not after the flesh**, but after the

Spirit." Rom. 7:18, 24-25; 8:1. Praise God! We can live in the Spirit and keep God's laws every day in holiness! II Peter 1:3-10!

### OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO GOD

Jesus taught that Christians have a responsibility to keep God's commandments. "As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love." John 15:9-10. The commandments of Christ are synonymous with the Father's. Matt. 15:1-8; John 14:24.

**The proof of our love and experience of salvation is obedience to God's Commandments.** "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 . . . Jesus answered and said unto him, **If a man love me, he will keep my words.**" John 14:21-23. Christ's disciples today don't even obey the gospel He taught in the Sermon on the Mount, including God's Commandments which he stressed, in Matt. 5, 6, 7 — Because preachers explain this responsibility away.

The beloved Apostle wrote: "And hereby we do know that we know him, **if we keep his Commandments.** He that saith, I know him, and keep not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him." I John 2:3-4. Also: "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous." I John 5:3.

About all we hear preached today is God's responsibility to sinners and Christians. I know that we are not saved (or justified) i.e., born again by God's laws. "Therefore by the deeds of the law (i.e., by keeping the Ten Commandments) there shall no flesh be justified in his sight." Rom. 3:20. We are justified by faith in Christ's blood when we first come to God in repentance for salvation — but while there at the Cross, God writes His laws in our hearts and minds, and, immediately we become responsible to God — **to keep His Commandments!** Now, we've repented! We've quit sinning! But what is Sin? "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law (of God); for sin is the transgression of the law." I John 3:4. In Christ we are not delivered from our responsibility to God to keep His laws — we are delivered from the curses of the law (See Deut. 28:15-68) thru obedience to God's laws. "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree; that the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Jesus Christ." Gal. 3:13-14.



In His teaching on our responsibility to God, to keep his ways and his laws, Jesus said to the religious leaders who despised him: "Thus have ye made the **commandment of God** of none effect by your tradition. Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias (Isaiah) prophesy of you saying, This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoreth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. **But in vain do they worship me**, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." Matt. 15:6-9. And so it is today! Thousands worship God in vain!

The only way that a Christian can stay in the grace of God is to keep God's Commandments — all of them! Any other experience or life-style is lawlessness — and, this is where the law of God steps in and condemns and convicts. I Tim. 1:9. The law of God judges the lawless and disobedient — not a righteous man! A Lawless Christian is no longer righteous in God's sight. "Ye know that every one that **doeth** righteousness is born of him." I John 2:29. Also: "And he that **keepeth** his commandments dwelleth in him, and He in him." I John 3:24.

If we keep God's Commandments as true children of God (that is, we have kept our responsibility to Him by obeying His Word), we are given this assurance of His reciprocal responsibility to take care of us: "Beloved, if our heart condemn us not (and it will if we disobey God), then have we confidence (i.e., faith) toward God. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, **because we keep His Commandments**, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight." I John 3:21-22.

Jesus Christ, My Lord and Master said: "Whosoever shall do and teach them (i.e., God's Commandments), the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven." Matt. 5:19. Praise God! So I'll keep God's Ten Commandments by His grace, and teach them in every possible way.

## THE EVERLASTING COVENANT

God has (1) An Everlasting Covenant; (2) Everlasting Laws; and (3) An Everlasting Gospel, of which His Ten Commandments are an integral, forceful, and vital part. "They shall be my people, and I will be their God: And I will give them one heart, and one way, that they may fear me for ever, for the good of them, and of their children: **And I will make an everlasting covenant with them**, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me." Jer. 32:38-40. This is also expounded in our New Testament covenant of grace.

Our generation of the end-time is headed into a Gathering Storm of God's judgments: Why? "The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; **because they have transgressed the laws** (i.e., God's), changed the ordinance, **broken the everlasting covenant** (i.e., God's laws that are written in our hearts which we are responsible to obey)." Isaiah 24:5.

"All his (God's) Commandments are sure. **They stand fast for ever and ever . . . he hath commanded his covenant for ever.**" Psalms 111:7-9.

In the Coming Gathering Storm, during the outpouring of God's great judgments, God's Ten Commandments will be preached. "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, **having the everlasting gospel to preach** unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come . . . Here is the patience of the saints: **here are they that keep the commandments of God**, and the faith of Jesus." Rev. 14:6-7, 12. Also: "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 (i.e. heaven)." Rev. 22:14.

Utopia (i.e., a society without violence) is not possible without God's laws being taught and kept — neither is a home or church! The lawless one, antichrist, will soon appear (II Thess. 2:3-9) having no regard for God nor His Holy Commandments. The spirit of Antichrist is now hard at work leading parents, children, and even preachers into rebellion and rejection of God's True Word and Holy Commandments which are an everlasting responsibility.

Beloved, heed this message and warning from the Holy Ghost sent in God's love for you and your loved ones. This is God's truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you **free**" said our Lord. John 8:32. Beloved of the Lord, God's covenant of grace and truth (His law) is written in your hearts and minds — don't profane it — live it by the help of the Spirit of grace which is in you, or God will reject you! Hebrews 10:26-29.

Remember this word from the Lord daily: "Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me." Psalms 119:98. Thank You Lord! Amen.

The End.