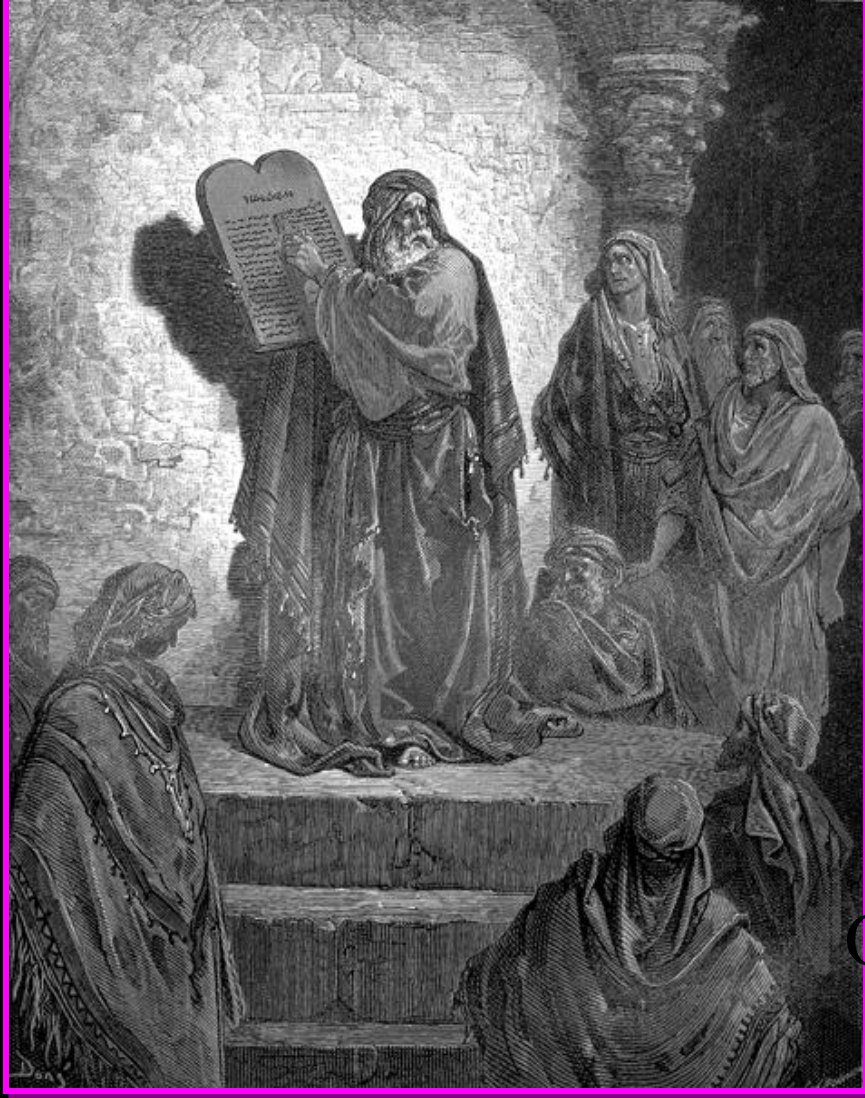


*The Ten
Commandments*



*God and Idols
Name in Vain
Remember Sabbath
Honor Parents
Killing
Adultery
Stealing
False Witness
Coveting*



Why should I follow the commandments? It's not like they're written in stone.

Commandments **Overview**

Commandment Theme I

– Psalm 119:11

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Opening Prayer

Creator God, be present now.

Give us insight,

depth and wisdom as to

how you would have us live.

In Jesus' name. Amen.”

Take two tablets and
call me in the
morning.



Overview

Images & Analogies

Commandments Theme I



Spot Check

- **To whom and under what circumstances were the Ten Commandments given?**
- **Grace is unmerited Love**
- **How were they a gift of grace?**



Executive Summary

- What does God *really* want from us?
- Commandments in one sentence:

Love God, Love your neighbor

Matthew 22:36-40



"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to me, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your Neighbor as yourself.' *On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.* "

Bible Time **Deuteronomy 10:12**

So now, O Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you? Only to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments of the LORD your God and his decrees that I am commanding you today, for your own well-being.

Bible Time **Isaiah 1:14-17**

Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood.

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow.

***Bible Time* Micah 6:6-8**

"With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and *what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?*****



The children of Israel were wandering in a foreign land.

There were all kinds of dangers in this land, including powerful enemies, strange religions, cults that required child sacrifice and temple prostitutes.



How would God's people stay strong and pure in the face of such temptations?

God gave the Ten Commandments as a gift, saying, "Do this and you will live."

Summary

If you want to survive and know God's good and gracious will for your life as you wander through this foreign land called the new millennium, God's gift of the Ten Commandments still apply. They are a gift for your life.

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