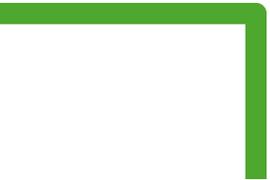


Understanding and Applying the Ten “Commandments”



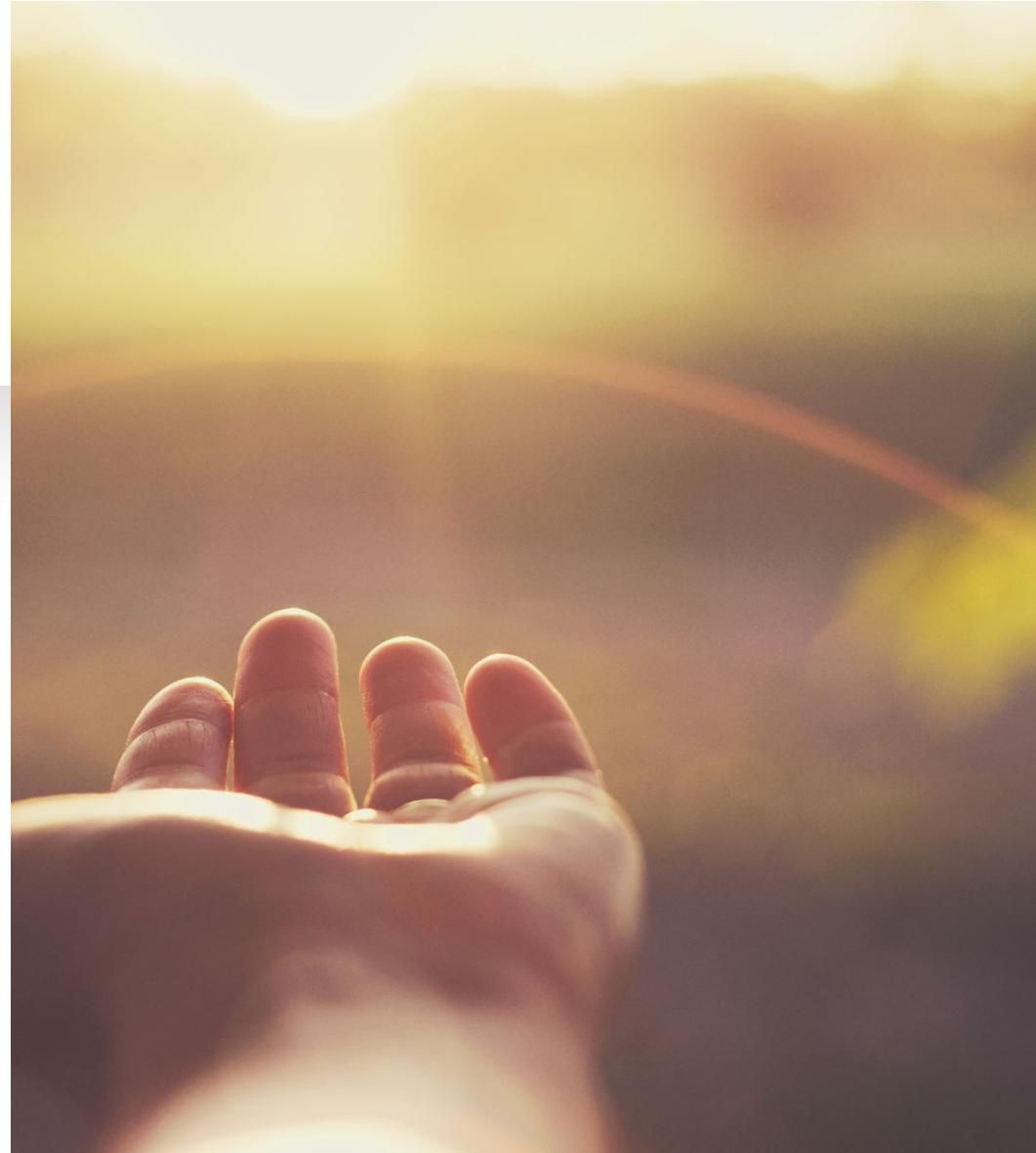
Review on the Function of the Law

- The Law reflects the character of God
- The Law reflects God's creation design
- The Law is intended to distinguish Israel as a geopolitical ethnicity and function as their constitution
- The Law was given to increase sin



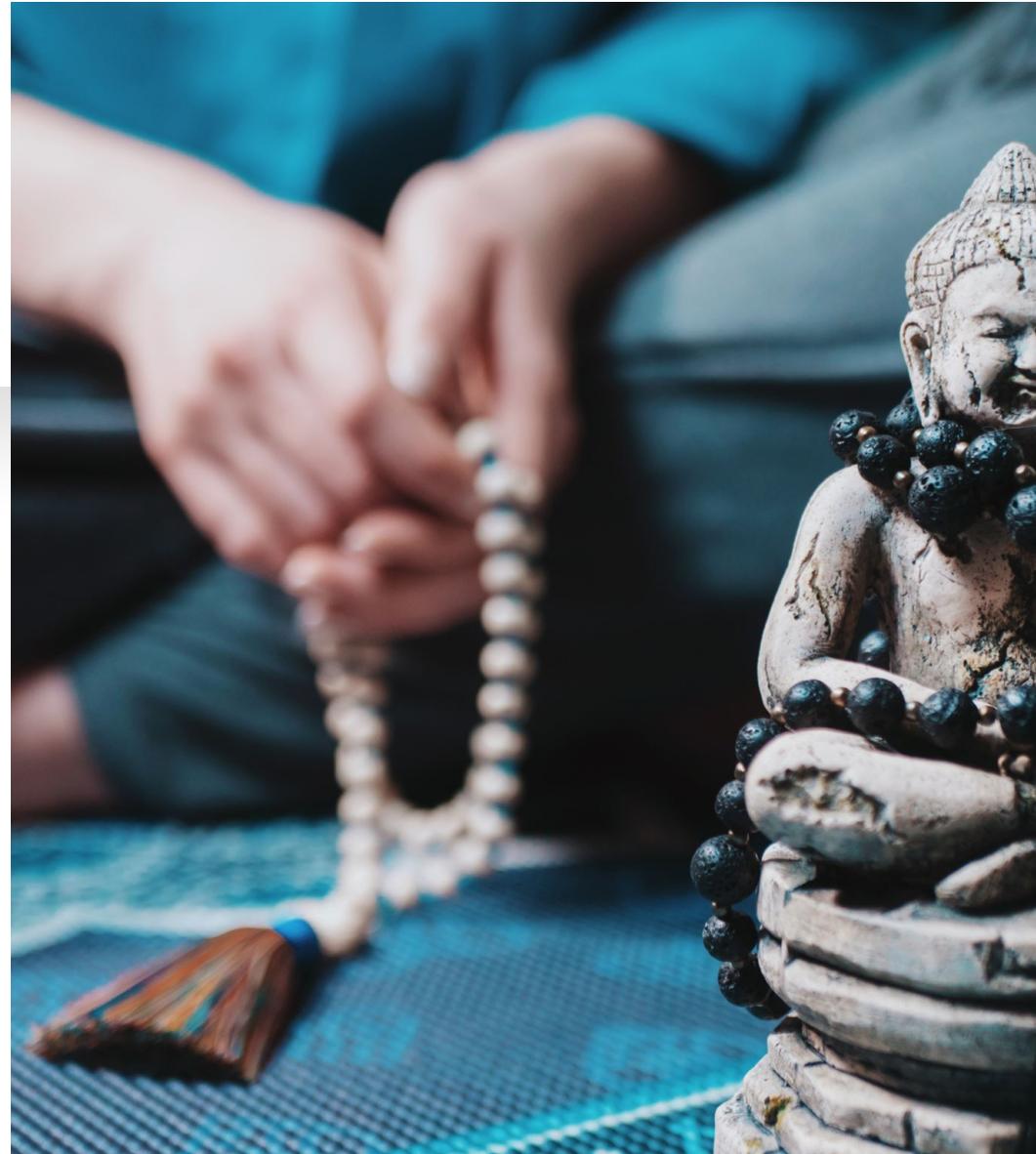
Commandment 1: No Other Gods Before Me

- **Essence:** God is the only Creator and Sovereign of the universe, therefore He is the only one to be worshipped.



Commandment 2: No Images or Likeness

- **Essence:** - Essence:
1st = Worship only
Yahweh; 2nd = Worship
Yahweh as He wants to
be worshiped.



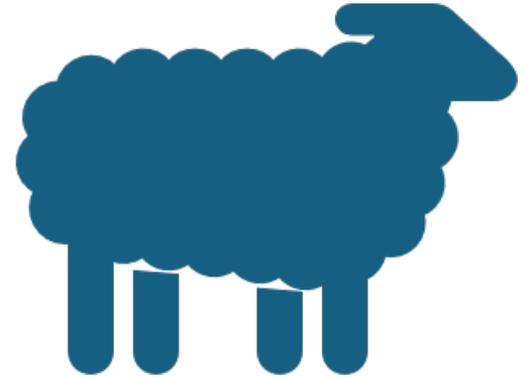


Commandment 3: Don't Take Name of Yahweh in Vain

- **Essence:** The character of God must not be dishonored by our speech, thoughts, or actions.
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Commandment 4: Remember the Sabbath

- **Essence:** Because of who God is, He has Lordship over everything that we own.
- #1-2 He is above all; #3 we must understand his character; #4 – We must understand His Lordship over all things. Israel shows that God controls time and creation.



Commandment 5: Honor Father and Mother

- **Essence:** God has the right to implement authority structure in our life.
- Familial context of Ancient Israel extends this beyond familial relations.





Commandment 6: No Murder

- **Essence:** One must recognize the sanctity and value of human life.

Commandment 7: No Adultery

- **Essence:** Purity and devotion to God.
- Essence of marriage: Purity and devotion, a commitment to one another.
- Israel was to exemplify purity and devotion to God before the watching nations (cf. Eph 5:22-30)





Commandment 8: No Stealing

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- **Essence:** You must respect what rightfully belongs to others; or what is not rightfully yours.

Commandment 9: No False Witness

- **Essence:** You must exemplify true justice. (Reliable witness, hold up justice)
- Justice versus Speech – Courtroom setting.



Commandment 10: No Coveting

- **Essence:** You must be content with the circumstances and provision God has given.
- Stealing focuses on the stuff, do you respect them, their possessions, etc.
- Coveting is focused on self, being content focuses on God.

Summary