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Day 1: The First Commandment

A Comparison of the Old and New Testaments

"You shall have no other gods before me."

OLD TESTAMENT:

Exodus 20:1-6 ESV

"And God spoke all these words: 2 'I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. 3. You shall have no other gods before me.'"

NEW TESTAMENT:

Corinthians 8:6 ESV

"...yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist."

1 Timothy 2:5 ESV

"For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus."

Matthew 22:37 NIV

"Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'"

THOUGHTS:

Everything in the Old Testament reveals who our Heavenly Father is, His great love for His people, and His plan for all mankind. The New Testament reveals the same truths expressed through His only begotten Son, the person of Jesus Christ. Every teaching in the Old Testament has a complementary teaching in the New Testament; however, in many cases, the New Testament reveals greater depth and understanding.

The Ten Commandments give us a framework for the standard of living to which God has called us. This framework provides boundaries for our safety and protection against the enemy of our souls, Satan. It also provides a pathway to intimacy with our God. Because it is impossible for us to keep the law entirely through our own ability, we need someone to fulfill it on our behalf. Jesus Christ has accomplished that in our stead. It is through His Blood that we are able to stand before our Heavenly Father in righteousness to express our love and gratitude.

In the Old Testament, the first commandment states that we should have no other gods but the One True God. In the New Testament, Jesus tells us in the book of Matthew to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, and mind. The Old Testament commandment requires outward obedience to God simply because He is God. The New Testament takes us to a higher level of commitment to God, by way of an inward covenant and full surrender of the heart. When we discover how great the love of the Father is toward us, then we desire to know Him and dwell in His presence. We **want** to obey Him because we **love** Him! We do not want to do anything that will separate us from Him! We love Him and we know He loves us! Jesus fulfilled the first commandment for us so that by His Blood and the power of the Holy Spirit we **can** fulfill it too.

PRAYER:

Father, I know I have not loved you with all my heart, soul, and mind. I have had many other gods and idols in my life. I want to know You. I want to encounter Your great love for me. Father, please forgive me for not loving You and obeying You. I invite Jesus into my heart. Let the Blood of Jesus cleanse me from all sin. Lord, pour out Your love and goodness into my heart. I know I will never truly learn to love others fully until I love you first. I ask this in the name of Jesus, amen

DECREE:

I decree that I am a child of my Heavenly Father. I decree that the love of the Father flows in me and through me. I decree that I am completely His!

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Day 2: The Second Commandment

A Comparison of the Old and New Testaments

“Do not make idols.”

OLD TESTAMENT:

Exodus 20:4-6 NIV

“You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. 5 You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, 6 but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.”

NEW TESTAMENT:

John 5:21 ESV

“Little children, keep yourselves from idols.”

1 Corinthians 10:7 NIV

“Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: ‘The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.’”

1 Corinthians 10:14 NIV

“Therefore, my dear friends, flee from idolatry.”

Colossians 3:5 NIV

“Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires, and greed, which is idolatry.”

THOUGHTS:

Everything in the Old Testament reveals who our Heavenly Father is, His great love for His people, and His plan for all mankind. The New Testament reveals the same truths expressed through His only begotten Son, the person of Jesus Christ. Every teaching in the Old Testament has a complementary teaching in the New Testament; however, in many cases, the New Testament reveals a higher level of consecration to the Lord.

In the Old Testament, the Father instructed the children of Israel **not** to make idols. In the New Testament, the believers in Jesus are instructed to flee from idolatry, to keep themselves from idols, to put to death idolatry, and to not become idolaters. So, what is idolatry? Idolatry is making an idol, or an object of worship, out of anything or anyone other than the One True God.

Idolatry (*noun*): the worship of idols

Similar:

idol worship

idolatry

fetishism

iconolatry

icon worship

paganism

heathenism

heresy

sacrilege
ungodliness

extreme admiration, love, or reverence for
something or someone.

Our Heavenly Father created us to love and worship Him in Spirit and in Truth. When we allow idols into our lives, our love for the heavenly Father waxes cold. Idols can pull us away from the safety and protection of the Father. Idols can obscure our spiritual vision. Idols can taint the purity of our love for the Father. Idols can eventually lead us into bondage, darkness, and evil.

In the Old Testament, we are warned **not** to make or have idols. In the New Testament we are instructed to get rid of all idols and idolatry in order to keep our hearts pure toward the Lord. It is His great love and mercy toward us that our Father warns, protects, and draws us closer to Himself. How great is the love of the Father! It is by the power of the Blood of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit that we are able to break free from the bondage of idolatry and live a life devoted completely to our Heavenly Father.

PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, I know I have not loved you with all my heart, soul, and mind. I have had many other gods and idols in my life. I want to know You in a deeper more intimate way. Holy Spirit, help me to free myself from **all** idols and idolatry. I want to encounter Your great love for me. Father, please forgive me for not loving You and obeying You. I invite Jesus into my heart. Let the Blood of Jesus cleanse me from all sin. Lord, pour out Your love and goodness into my heart. I know I will never truly learn to love others fully until I love you first. I ask this in the name of Jesus, amen.

DECREE:

I decree that by the blood of Jesus I am free from all idolatry! I decree that I am free from all forms of idol worship! I am **free!** Whom the Son makes free is free indeed! I am free to worship God in Spirit and in Truth!

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Day 3: The Third Commandment

A Comparison of the Old and New Testaments

“Do not misuse the name of the LORD.”

OLD TESTAMENT:

Exodus 20:7 NIV

“You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.”

NEW TESTAMENT:

1 Timothy 6:1 ESV

“Let all who are under a yoke as bondservants regard their own masters as worthy of all honor, so that the name of God and the teaching may not be reviled.”

THOUGHTS:

Everything in the Old Testament reveals who our Heavenly Father is, His great love for His people, and His plan for all mankind. The New Testament reveals the same truths expressed through His only begotten Son, the person of Jesus Christ. Every teaching in the Old Testament has a complementary teaching in the New Testament; however, in many cases, the New Testament reveals a higher level of consecration to the Lord.

In the Old Testament, the Father instructed the children of Israel **not** to misuse or take the Lord’s name in vain. This pertains to speech, the words that come from our lips. In the New Testament, those who believe in Jesus are instructed to treat those in authority over them with honor so that the Lord’s name is not reviled or dishonored. This is an attitude of the heart. Having a heart that yields to those in authority, honors those in authority, and shows respect to those in authority brings glory and honor to the name of the Lord. When we dishonor those in authority over us, we are bringing dishonor to the name of the Lord.

Honor is an attitude of the heart. It requires humility. It does not mean you should blindly obey someone who is in sin, it simply means you give respect for the position they hold. Showing honor does not mean you must agree with them or condone their behavior. In the Old Testament, we are commanded to watch our words (an action not requiring a heart change). In the New Testament, as followers of Jesus, we are challenged to go to a deeper level of honoring those in authority (having a heart change).

Honor (*noun*): high respect; great esteem.

Similar:

distinction
privilege
glory
tribute
kudos
cachet
prestige
fame

renown
merit
credit
importance
illustriousness
notability
respect
esteem

approbation

Opposite:
disgrace

adherence to what is right

Showing honor to others, especially those in authority, comes from a heart that has been transformed by the Blood of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit. It is not mere lip service. It is a transformation of the heart! A heart that has been transformed is grateful, repentant, humble, and full of honor.

PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, I know I have not loved you with all my heart, soul, and mind. I have had many other gods and idols in my life. I have taken your name in vain, and I have dishonored You and others. Please forgive me. I want to know You in a deeper more intimate way. Holy Spirit transform my heart! I want to encounter Your great love for me. Father, please forgive me for not loving You and obeying You. I invite Jesus into my heart. Let the Blood of Jesus cleanse me from all sin. Lord, pour out Your love and goodness into my heart. I know I will never truly learn to love others fully until I love you first. I ask this in the name of Jesus, amen.

DECREE:

I decree that I am transformed by the Blood of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit. I decree that my heart is being transformed daily to express love, humbleness, and honor. I am honoring the name of the Lord with my words and the attitude of my heart.

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Day 4: The Fourth Commandment

A Comparison of the Old and New Testaments

“Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.”

OLD TESTAMENT:

Exodus 20:8-11 ESV

“Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. 11 For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore, the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.”

NEW TESTAMENT:

Colossians 2:16 ESV

“Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath”.

Matthew 12:8 ESV

“For the Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath.”

THOUGHTS:

Everything in the Old Testament reveals who our Heavenly Father is, His great love for His people, and His plan for all mankind. The New Testament reveals the same truths expressed through His only begotten Son, the person of Jesus Christ. Every teaching in the Old Testament has a complementary teaching in the New Testament; however, in many cases, the New Testament reveals a higher level of consecration to the Lord.

In the Old Testament, the children of Israel were commanded to cease from all work and rest on the Sabbath or seventh day of the week. This day was a day to honor the Lord in worship and prayer. In the New Testament, we as believers in Jesus are not bound by the Sabbath law; however, we are to **rest** in the Lord Jesus for he is the Lord of the Sabbath.

The key to understanding how Jesus is our Sabbath rest comes from the Hebrew word **sabat**, which means "to rest or stop or cease from work." The origin of the Sabbath goes back to Creation. After creating the heavens and the earth in six days, God *"rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made"* (Genesis 2:2). This doesn't mean that God was tired and needed a rest. We know that God is omnipotent, literally "all-powerful." He has all the power in the universe, He never tires, and an arduous expenditure of energy does not diminish His power one bit.

So, what does it mean that God rested on the seventh day? Simply that He stopped what He was doing. He ceased from His labors. This is important in understanding the establishment of the Sabbath day and the role of Christ as our Sabbath rest. We not only cease from work, but our Sabbath rest is to **rest** in Jesus. We worship Him and **wait** on Him. We rest in His presence. We cease to focus on the cares of this world, and we put our gaze and focus on Him. We abide in Him and He in us. Fellowship and communion with Jesus become our place

of rest. Rest is a person, and His name is Jesus. It is through the Blood of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit that we find our rest in Him.

PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, I know I have not loved you with all my heart, soul, and mind. I have had many other gods and idols in my life. I have taken your name in vain, and I have dishonored You and others. I have not found my rest in You. Please forgive me. I want to know You in a deeper more intimate way. Holy Spirit transform my heart! I want to encounter Your great love for me. Father, please forgive me for not loving You and obeying You. I invite Jesus into my heart. Let the Blood of Jesus cleanse me from all sin. Lord, pour out Your love and goodness into my heart. I know I will never truly learn to love others fully until I love you first. I ask this in the name of Jesus, amen.

DECREE:

I decree that I am transformed by the Blood of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit. I decree that my life is being transformed as I rest in Jesus. I decree that I abide in Jesus, and He abides in me. He is my place of rest!

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Day 5: The Fifth Commandment

A Comparison of the Old and New Testaments

“Honor your father and your mother.”

OLD TESTAMENT:

Exodus 20:12 ESV

“Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.”

NEW TESTAMENT:

Ephesians 6:1–2 ESV

“Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 ‘Honor your father and mother’ (this is the first commandment with a promise.)”

THOUGHTS:

Everything in the Old Testament reveals who our Heavenly Father is, His great love for His people, and His plan for all mankind. The New Testament reveals the same truths expressed through His only begotten Son, the person of Jesus Christ. Every teaching in the Old Testament has a complementary teaching in the New Testament; however, in many cases, the New Testament reveals a higher level of consecration to the Lord.

In the Old Testament, the children of Israel were commanded to **honor** their fathers and mothers so that they might live long in the land God was giving to them. In the New Testament, we as believers in Jesus are instructed to **obey** our parents in the Lord. Also, we are instructed to honor our fathers and mothers.

When we look more closely at these two scriptures, we notice there are two verbs or action words mentioned, the first is **honor** and the second is **obey**. To honor means the following:

Honor (*noun*): high respect; great esteem.

Ex. “His portrait hangs in the place of honor.”

Similar:

distinction
privilege
glory
tribute
kudos
cachet
prestige
fame
renown

merit
credit
importance
illustriousness
notability
respect
esteem
approbation

Opposite:

disgrace

adherence to what is right or to a conventional standard of conduct

To obey means the following:

Obey (*verb*): Comply with the command, direction, or request of (a person or a law); submit to the authority of.

Ex. "I always obey my father"

Similar:

do what someone says

take/accept orders from

carry out/follow the orders of

be dutiful to

heed

submit to

defer to

be ruled by

bow to

give way/in to

yield to

surrender to

truckle to

comply with

adhere to

observe

abide by

act in accordance with

conform to

respect

acquiesce in

consent to

agree to

follow

accept

keep to

stick to

play it by the book

toe the line

Opposite:

disobey

defy

contravene

carry out (a command or instruction)

The Old Testament requires us to **honor** and highly respect our parents. The New Testament requires us to **obey** our parents in the Lord and submit to their authority. Notice that the New Testament still uses the word **honor**. The New Testament qualifies obedience to parents "in the Lord" as those who are Christian parents living their lives in obedience to Christ.

Honor should be given to all parents because they have given us life. Honor is given to them due to their position as parents and authority figures, not for their performance. However, obedience should be given especially to those parents who have submitted to the Lord. As we honor and obey our parents, we honor and obey the Lord. (However, if any parent teaches or instructs their children to do something illegal, immoral, or dishonest, then children are not required to obey.)

In the Old Testament, this commandment was the only one given with a promise: a "long life" to those who honored their parents. The New Testament states that obedience to parents is "right" or righteous. A wise pastor once told me that the best way to honor your parents is to be respectful to them and to live for Jesus. In the same way, obeying godly Christian parents automatically brings honor to them. A life lived that honors parents, is a life lived long and well.

PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, I know I have not loved you with all my heart, soul, and mind. I have had many other gods and idols in my life. I have taken your name in vain, and I have dishonored You and others. I have not found my rest in You. I have not honored and obeyed my parents. Please forgive me. I want to know You in a deeper more intimate way. Holy Spirit transform my heart! I want to encounter Your great love for me. Father, please forgive me for not loving You and obeying You. I invite Jesus into my heart. Let the Blood of Jesus cleanse me from all sin. Lord, pour out Your love and goodness into my heart. I know I will never truly learn to love others fully until I love you first. I ask this in the name of Jesus, amen.

DECREE:

I decree that I am transformed by the Blood of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit. I decree that I am a man or woman of God who honors and obeys my parents. I decree I am a parent who models a lifestyle of honor, and who lives a life worthy of honor. I decree that I live to honor God in all I think, say, and do.

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Day 6: The Sixth Commandment

A Comparison of the Old and New Testaments

“Do not murder.”

OLD TESTAMENT:

Exodus 20:13 ESV

“You shall not murder.”

NEW TESTAMENT:

Romans 13:9 ESV

“For the commandments, ‘You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,’ and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”

1 Peter 4:15 ESV

“But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler.”

THOUGHTS:

Everything in the Old Testament reveals who our Heavenly Father is, His great love for His people, and His plan for all mankind. The New Testament reveals the same truths expressed through His only begotten Son, the person of Jesus Christ. Every teaching in the Old Testament has a complementary teaching in the New Testament; however, in many cases, the New Testament reveals a higher level of consecration to the Lord.

In the Old Testament, the children of Israel were commanded **not** to commit murder. In the New Testament, we as believers in Jesus are also instructed **not** to commit murder. In fact, the New Testament takes us to a much higher level of accountability. We are to love our neighbors as ourselves, even those who have sinned against us.

When Jesus came into this world as God in a human body, he was tempted to sin against His heavenly Father just as we are. However, Jesus sinned not. He conquered sin and death, giving us access to eternal life with the Father. Because He never succumbed to sin, He had great authority to teach, preach, heal, and deliver. He lived a holy life before His Father and before all mankind. Jesus taught and revealed the Kingdom of Heaven. He also set the standard of righteousness by which we should live.

In order to fulfill **His** standard of righteousness in our lives, the only thing that we must mortify is our flesh. Our carnal ways and fleshly desires should now be put to death so that we might live our lives consecrated to the Lord Jesus Christ. When we crucify our flesh through repentance, the Blood of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus will live **in us!** Christ in us the hope of glory! It is then that the Holy Spirit can fill us to overflowing with the powerful love of God so that we may love our neighbors as ourselves.

When we truly love our neighbors as ourselves, we will only desire God’s best for them. Our hearts will be to bless them, pray for them, encourage them, and love them. We will desire for them to know the lord intimately and follow hard after Him. We will speak life to them and about them. We will not desire to speak any words of death to them or over them. Then we will truly love our neighbors as ourselves!

PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, I know I have not loved you with all my heart, soul, and mind. I have had many other gods and idols in my life. I have taken your name in vain, and I have dishonored You and others. I have not found my rest in You. I have not honored and obeyed my parents. I have not lived my neighbor as myself. Please forgive me. I want to know You in a deeper more intimate way. Holy Spirit transform my heart! I want to encounter Your great love for me. Father, please forgive me for not loving You and obeying You. I invite Jesus into my heart. Let the Blood of Jesus cleanse me from all sin. Lord, pour out Your love and goodness into my heart. I know I will never truly learn to love others fully until I love you first. I ask this in the name of Jesus, amen.

DECREE:

I decree that I am transformed by the Blood of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit. I decree that I will love my neighbor as myself. I decree that I will speak words of life and not death. I decree that I will bless, pray for, encourage, and love! I will bring heaven to earth through my life and words!

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Day 7: The Seventh Commandment

A Comparison of the Old and New Testaments

“Do not commit adultery.”

OLD TESTAMENT:

Exodus 20:14 ESV

“You shall not commit adultery.”

NEW TESTAMENT:

Romans 13:9 ESV

“For the commandments, ‘You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,’ and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”

1 Corinthians 6:9–10 ESV

“Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, 10 nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will.”

Matthew 5:27-28 KJV

“Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: 28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.”

THOUGHTS:

Everything in the Old Testament reveals who our Heavenly Father is, His great love for His people, and His plan for all mankind. The New Testament reveals the same truths expressed through His only begotten Son, the person of Jesus Christ. Every teaching in the Old Testament has a complementary teaching in the New Testament; however, in many cases, the New Testament reveals a higher level of consecration to the Lord.

In the Old Testament, the children of Israel were commanded **not** to commit adultery. In the New Testament, we as believers in Jesus are also instructed **not** to commit adultery. In fact, the New Testament takes us to a much higher level of accountability. We are to abstain from all sexual sin and all immorality. The Bible clearly warns us not to be deceived and that those who do not turn from these sins will not inherit the Kingdom of God. The Bible also teaches us that if someone even looks at another person with lust in his/her heart, he/she has already committed adultery.

The New Testament again brings us to a higher level of accountability. Jesus clearly taught that we should turn away from **all** sin and live a holy life before God. He also taught that simply abstaining from the act of sin was not enough. If our hearts and minds were engaging in sinful and lustful thoughts, we were still in sin. The Bible states that our hearts are deceitfully wicked above all things, and that our own hearts can deceive us. We are also taught to guard our hearts with all diligence for out of it flows the issues of life.

Jesus raised the bar for living a holy life. He set a standard not only for outward purity, but inward purity as well. This New Testament standard of moral purity is impossible to live up to without God. We humans simply fall

short of the glory and holiness of the Lord. We cannot discipline ourselves enough, in our own ability and will, to meet God's standard for a holy pure life. **We need God!** It is by the life-giving power of the Blood of Jesus and the miracle working power of the Holy Spirit that we can be forgiven, saved, healed, and delivered from sin. Only with God are we able to be transformed into the image and likeness of Jesus. Only He can make us holy.

In addition, since Jesus is our Bridegroom King and we are His Bride, we are spiritually married to Him. As the Bride of Jesus, any sin of idolatry (entertaining other religious idols, demonic symbols or gods) is "spiritual adultery." Spiritual adultery is a serious matter and if not repented of could eventually cost us our salvation. Through repentance, the Blood of Jesus, and the power of the Holy Spirit we can be free from all spiritual adultery.

PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, I know I have not loved you with all my heart, soul, and mind. I have had many other gods and idols in my life. I have taken your name in vain, and I have dishonored You and others. I have not found my rest in You. I have not honored and obeyed my parents. I have not lived my neighbor as myself. I have in one way or another committed adultery. Please forgive me. I want to know You in a deeper more intimate way. Holy Spirit transform my heart! I want to encounter Your great love for me. Father, please forgive me for not loving You and obeying You. I invite Jesus into my heart. Let the Blood of Jesus cleanse me from all sin. Lord, pour out Your love and goodness into my heart. I know I will never truly learn to love others fully until I love you first. I ask this in the name of Jesus, amen.

DECREE:

I decree that I am transformed by the Blood of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit. I decree that my heart and mind are purified and made holy by the Blood of Jesus. I decree that I am **free** from **all** sin and adultery! I decree that I am a member of the corporate Bride of Jesus Christ!

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Day 8: The Eighth Commandment

A Comparison of the Old and New Testaments

"Do not steal."

OLD TESTAMENT:

Exodus 20:15 ESV

"Do not steal."

NEW TESTAMENT:

Ephesians 4:28 ESV

"Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need."

1 Corinthians 6:10 ESV

"...nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God."

Romans 13:9 ESV

"The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not covet,' and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

THOUGHTS:

Everything in the Old Testament reveals who our Heavenly Father is, His great love for His people, and His plan for all mankind. The New Testament reveals the same truths expressed through His only begotten Son, the person of Jesus Christ. Every teaching in the Old Testament has a complementary teaching in the New Testament; however, in many cases, the New Testament reveals a higher level of consecration to the Lord.

In the Old Testament, the children of Israel were commanded **not** to steal. In the New Testament, we as believers in Jesus are also instructed **not** to steal. In fact, the New Testament teaches us that those who steal will not inherit the kingdom of God. The New Testament also instructs us to love others as we love ourselves. If we love ourselves, we will not want others to steal from us, so in turn we should not want to steal from them. Instead of stealing, the Lord tells us to work hard at an **honest** job to provide for ourselves, our families, and to be able to give to those in need. Hard work and perseverance have always been the backbone of any healthy person, family, community, and nation.

So, what exactly is stealing?

Steal (verb): to take (another person's property) without permission or legal right and without intending to return it.

Ex. "thieves stole her bicycle"

Similar:

purloin
thieve
take
take for oneself
help oneself to
loot
pilfer
abscond with
run off with
appropriate
abstract
carry off
shoplift
embezzle
misappropriate
walk off/away with
run away/off with
rob
swipe
nab
rip off
lift
liberate
filch
snaffle
snitch
souvenir
nick
pinch
half-inch
whip

knock off
nobble
bone
scrump
blag
heist
glom
snavel
clifty
tief
crib
hook
peculate
defalcate
walk
go walkies
theft
thieving
thievery
robbery
larceny
burglary
shoplifting
pilfering
pilferage
looting
appropriation
misappropriation
embezzlement
peculation
defalcation

Stealing is illegal, immoral and a sin in the eyes of God. Simply put, it is taking something that does not belong to you. It is interesting that Satan, the enemy of our souls, comes to “**steal**, kill, and destroy” our lives. Stealing is a characteristic of Satan and is demonic at its root. If we are in need, we must not steal! Instead, we must do everything in our power to work and earn money to pay for what we want or need! And as we have excess and increase, we should help those in need, sharing the love of God.

Stealing can manifest in many forms. You can steal money, belongings, spouses, children, positions, works, time, and the reputation or rewards of others. Stealing is the opposite of honor. It is taking instead of giving. It is rooted in pride and selfishness instead of humility. It is exalting self over others. When we are tempted to steal in any form, we must humble ourselves, repent and ask God to forgive us. Then we must restore that which was stolen and bless those whom we misused and sinned against. Through the power of the Blood of Jesus and the Holy Spirit, we can be transformed into givers instead of takers.

Romans 13:7 ESV

“Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.”

Psalms 62:10 ESV

“Do not trust in extortion or put vain hope in stolen goods; though your riches increase, do not set your heart on them.”

1 Tim. 6:10 ESV

“For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.”

PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, I know I have not loved you with all my heart, soul, and mind. I have had many other gods and idols in my life. I have taken your name in vain, and I have dishonored You and others. I have not found my rest in You. I have not honored and obeyed my parents. I have not lived my neighbor as myself. I have in one way or another committed adultery. I have stolen that which did not belong to me. Please forgive me. I want to know You in a deeper more intimate way. Holy Spirit transform my heart! I want to encounter Your great love for me. Father, please forgive me for not loving You and obeying You. I invite Jesus into my heart. Let the Blood of Jesus cleanse me from all sin. Lord, pour out Your love and goodness into my heart. I know I will never truly learn to love others fully until I love you first. I ask this in the name of Jesus, amen.

DECREE:

I decree that I am transformed by the Blood of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit. I decree that my heart and mind are purified and made holy by the Blood of Jesus. I decree that I am **free** from **all** sin and free from stealing! I decree that I am a hard worker and a giver! I decree that I am a member of the corporate Bride of Jesus Christ!

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Day 9: The Ninth Commandment

A Comparison of the Old and New Testaments

“Do not give false testimony.”

OLD TESTAMENT:

Exodus 20:16 ESV

“Do not give false testimony.”

NEW TESTAMENT:

Revelation 21:8 ESV

“But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”

John 8:44 ESV

“You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.”

Acts 5:3 ESV

“Then Peter said, “Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land.”

Colossians 3:9 ESV

“Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices.”

THOUGHTS:

Everything in the Old Testament reveals who our Heavenly Father is, His great love for His people, and His plan for all mankind. The New Testament reveals the same truths expressed through His only begotten Son, the person of Jesus Christ. Every teaching in the New Testament has an Old Testament complementary teaching; however, in many cases, the New Testament reveals a higher level of consecration to the Lord.

In the Old Testament, the children of Israel were commanded **not** to bear false witness. In the New Testament, we as believers in Jesus are also instructed **not** to bear false witness. In fact, the New Testament teaches us that those who bear false witness or **lie** could find themselves in the same position as Ananias and Saphira, who dropped dead after lying to the Holy Spirit. The New Testament also reveals to us that liars (those who do not repent of their ways) will find their end to be in the lake of fire and sulfur, which is Hell! The Old Testament simply tells us **not** to lie, but the New Testament gives us serious warnings about the harsh consequences of lying.

Miriam Webster defines a liar as the following:

Liar (*noun*): a person who tells lies.

Wikipedia defines a lie as the following:

Lie (*noun*): A lie is an assertion that is believed to be false, typically used with the purpose of deceiving someone. The practice of communicating lies is called "lying". A person who communicates a lie may be termed a "liar". Lies may serve a variety of instrumental, interpersonal, or psychological functions for the individuals who use them. Generally, the term "lie" carries a negative connotation, and depending on the context a person who communicates a lie may be subject to social, legal, religious, or criminal sanctions.

Why is **not** lying so important to God? Why are the punishments for lying so extreme in the New Testament? The answers are quite simple. Our Heavenly Father is the **Truth**! He cannot lie, there is no crooked way, or any deception found in Him. He is **Truth**, holiness, and righteousness. If we are His children we will desire to walk in His ways, truth, holiness, and righteousness. Satan, the evil one, is the father of **lies**. He is a liar, a thief, unholy, evil, and all darkness. When we lie, we are agreeing with Satan, the father of lies. Every lie causes a compromise in our soul and opens the door for the evil one to control us.

Since our Heavenly Father is the **Truth**, He desires the best for us, His nature, His ways, His blessings, and His promises. He desires for us to walk in the light as He is the Light. When we accept a lie, we open the door for Satan to bring in darkness, evil, and destruction. His lies have one goal, to pull us away from our Heavenly Father and to condemn us to eternal torment in hell.

The penalty for lying is steep. The cost for deception is severe. But Jesus in His great love and mercy for us paid that extreme price on the cross. By His blood we can be cleansed from all lies and restored back to righteousness. When we truly ask Jesus to be our Savior and Lord, He transforms us into His image and likeness. We are no longer slaves to lying. We become children of **Truth**, children of God!

PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, I know I have not loved you with all my heart, soul, and mind. I have had many other gods and idols in my life. I have taken your name in vain, and I have dishonored You and others. I have not found my rest in You. I have not honored and obeyed my parents. I have not lived my neighbor as myself. I have in one way or another committed adultery. I have stolen that which did not belong to me. I have lied. Please forgive me. I want to know You in a deeper more intimate way. Holy Spirit transform my heart! I want to encounter Your great love for me. Father, please forgive me for not loving You and obeying You. I invite Jesus into my heart. Let the Blood of Jesus cleanse me from all sin. Lord, pour out Your love and goodness into my heart. I know I will never truly learn to love others fully until I love you first. I ask this in the name of Jesus, amen.

DECREE:

I decree that I am transformed by the Blood of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit. I decree that my heart and mind are purified and made holy by the Blood of Jesus. I decree that I am **free** from **all** sin and lying! I decree that I live in Truth and speak the Truth! I decree that I am a member of the corporate Bride of Jesus Christ!

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Day 10: The Tenth Commandment

A Comparison of the Old and New Testaments

“Do not covet.”

OLD TESTAMENT:

Exodus 20:17 ESV

“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

NEW TESTAMENT:

Colossians 3:5 ESV

“Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.”

1 Timothy 6:10-12 ESV

“For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.”

Ephesians 5:5 ESV

*“For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an **idolater**, **hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.**”*

THOUGHTS:

Everything in the Old Testament reveals who our Heavenly Father is, His great love for His people, and His plan for all mankind. The New Testament reveals the same truths expressed through His only begotten Son, the person of Jesus Christ. Every teaching in the New Testament has an Old Testament complementary teaching; however, in many cases, the New Testament reveals a higher level of consecration to the Lord.

In the Old Testament, the children of Israel were commanded **not** to covet. In the New Testament, we as believers in Jesus are also instructed **not** to covet. In fact, the New Testament teaches us that those who covet, or desire the things that belong to someone else, is a form of idolatry. The New Testament also teaches us that coveting the possessions of others can cause us to err in our faith, and that we will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

Miriam Webster defines covet as the following:

Covet (*verb*): yearn to possess or have (something

Similar:

desire

be consumed with desire for

crave

have one's heart set on

want

wish for

long for
yearn for
dream of
aspire to
hanker for
hanker after

hunger after/for
thirst for
ache for
fancy
burn for
pant after

Covetousness leads to idolatry. When we covet, we have an insatiable appetite for possessions that belong to others. In order to satisfy that appetite, we will either devise a plan to take what they have by trickery or by force. The desire for those possessions becomes the focus of our hearts and our attention. The objects of our covetousness then become idols. We know from the first two commandments that we should not commit idolatry or have any idols in our lives. So, coveting may easily lead to idolatry. On whatever we fix our gaze, our hearts and our money will become what we worship.

Covetousness often begins with an extreme love for money. Our love for money and possessions drives us to err in our faith. We no longer put our faith and trust in God. Our identity is no longer found in Him and His love for us. We stop trusting Him to meet our needs and He no longer satisfies us. If we continue on this path without repentance, then we may find ourselves so far away from God that we will not inherit His kingdom.

Mark 8:36 KJV

“For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul.”

Through repentance, the Blood of Jesus, the transforming power of the Holy Spirit and intimacy with God, we can be free from all sin and ungodliness. Through our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, we can be transformed into His image and likeness. He is our savior, healer, deliverer, restorer, and the lover of our souls.

PRAYER:

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A Word from the Author

Dear Reader,

I've deepened my personal relationship with the Lord by digging into His Word to find understanding. It is my hope that you will deepen and strengthen your own covenant relationship with Him through this study. May you discover His Love through His commandments.

In His Love,
Mary Greene

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