

THE TENTH COMMANDMENT

SIN SHALL NOT HAVE DOMINION OVER YOU

Romans 6:14-16 (KJV)

¹⁴ ***For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.***

¹⁵ *What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.* ¹⁶ *Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?*

The Ten Commandments

Exodus 20:1-17 (KJV)

¹ *And God spake all these words, saying,* ² *I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.*

1- ³ *Thou shalt have no other gods before me.*

⁴ *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:*

2- ⁵ *Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;* ⁶ *And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.*

3- ⁷ *Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.*

4- ⁸ *Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.* ⁹ *Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:* ¹⁰ *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:* ¹¹ *For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.*

5- ¹² *Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.*

6- ¹³ *Thou shalt not kill.*

7- ¹⁴ *Thou shalt not commit adultery.*

8- ¹⁵ *Thou shalt not steal.*

9- *Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.*

10- ¹⁷ ***Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.***

First, the law of God was not a means of salvation

The first four commandments are related to God and the other six are related to man.

The first four were given on one tablet of stone and other six on the other tablet of stone.

All these commandments are external except the tenth commandment.

Man could possibly keep all the first nine commandments but could never keep the tenth because it was internal.

THE RICH YOUNG RULER

Mark 10:17-27 (KJV)

¹⁷ And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, **what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?** ¹⁸ And Jesus said unto him, **Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God.** ¹⁹ **Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother.** ²⁰ And he answered and said unto him, Master, **all these have I observed from my youth.**

Jesus left out the tenth commandment then brought it back.

²¹ Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, **One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me**

²² And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions. ²³ And Jesus looked round about, and saith unto his disciples, **How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!** ²⁴ And the disciples were astonished at his words. But Jesus answereth again, and saith unto them, **Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God!** ²⁵ **It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.** ²⁶ And they were astonished out of measure, saying among themselves, **Who then can be saved?** ²⁷ And Jesus looking upon them saith, **With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible.**

PAUL WAS AN HONEST MAN ABOUT THE DESIRES OF THE HEART CONTRARY TO THE RICH YOUNG RULER

Philippians 3:6 (KJV)

⁶ Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.

Here Paul is only talking about the first nine commandments and not the tenth.

CONCERNING THE TENTH, HERE IS WHAT PAUL SAID:

Romans 7:7-13 (KJV)

⁷ What shall we say then? **Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.** ⁸ But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. **For without the law sin was dead.** ⁹ **For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died.** ¹⁰ **And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death.** ¹¹ **For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me.** ¹² Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good. ¹³ Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful.

THE LAW LEADS US TO CHRIST

Galatians 3:24-25 (KJV)

²⁴ Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

The remedy for man's state under sin

Man's state under sin means that every human merit is considered as having no value in salvation. So the remedy of man's state under sin is not to stand on one's own merit, but to stand in the merit of Jesus Christ. When one stands in the merit of Christ, he switches state.

In other words, he moves out of the state of being under sin and moves into the new state of being under grace.

Man's state under sin

The meaning of living under sin

The act of sin of disobedience puts man in a state of sin which brought him into a unique relationship to Satan.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 (KJV)

³ *But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: ⁴ In whom **the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not**, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.*

Satan blinds the mind of the unbelievers who live in the state under sin.

From Ephesians 2:1-2, Satan works in the sons of disobedience

Ephesians 2:1-2 (KJV)

¹ *And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; ² Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, **the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:***

According to Colossians 1:13, being in the state under sin means “to live in Satan's kingdom of darkness”

Colossians 1:12-14 (KJV)

¹³ *Who (God The Father) hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and **hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:** ¹⁴ *In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:**

In 1John 5:19, because the world is in a state under sin, the whole world lies in the lap of the evil one.

1 John 5:19 (KJV)

¹⁹ *And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.*