

# Hebrews

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The Ten Commandments were the core of God's rules, were the Covenant contract, and were to serve as a constant reminder of the moral standards of behavior that God commanded of Israel.

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Exodus 24:3-8

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Deuteronomy 10:1-5

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The Covenant agreement was in the Ark of the Covenant, which was at the center of religious life for the Jews.

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Why did the High Priest place blood on top of the Covenant?

Because the people had broken the Covenant agreement. They had sinned and deserved to die.

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Deuteronomy 4:9-14

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Deuteronomy 5:1-33

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Should we make images of Jesus Christ to pray to, bow to, or meditate upon?

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Exodus 31:12-18

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Ezekiel 20:12-13

Moreover, I gave them my Sabbaths, as a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the LORD who sanctifies them. But the house of Israel rebelled against me in the wilderness. They did not walk in my statutes but rejected my rules, by which, if a person does them, he shall live; and my Sabbaths they greatly profaned.

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Why is the prohibition to work not carried over into the New Covenant?

Because the Sabbath Day rest was a sign of the Old Covenant between God and Israel that was fulfilled by Christ.

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This physical provision and rest that God provided on the Sabbaths pointed ultimately to the spiritual rest and provision that was fulfilled by the work of Jesus Christ for our salvation.

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Hebrews 4:10

for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

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Colossians 2:16-17

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. These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.

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Why are they not supposed to judge Sabbath breakers as sinful anymore?

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If you were going to create 10 rules for people to live by, would you have thought to choose this one?

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Respect for authority begins in the home.

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Colossians 3:20

Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

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Children do you want to know how you can please the Lord?

Obey your parents, and in so doing you honor them, and please the Lord.

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Sexual ethics are not to be determined by individuals, or by society, but by God.

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Have you ever disobeyed God?

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James 2:10-11

For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.

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How can you as a sinner be made right before a Holy God?

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Colossians 1:21-22

And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him,

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Matthew 5:17

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“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

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Today, may your hope of salvation not be found in yourself, but in Jesus The Covenant Keeper who brings us perfectly into the Sabbath rest that only God can provide.

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1. Read Matthew 22:34-40. Jesus is asked by a law expert about the greatest commandment given by God. Does his answer surprise you, why or why not?
2. Read Romans 1:28-30. In this passage, Paul lists out many ways that people exhibit their and disobedience to God. In the same sentence as “God haters” are those who “disobey their parents,” a 5<sup>th</sup> commandment violation.
  - A. Do you find that our society is approving of and commonly engaging in breaking the 5<sup>th</sup> Commandment? If so, how. Explain.
  - B. Is this commandment often overlooked, undertaught, or underemphasized?
  - C. A parent gives a command to a child, and the child asks the parent “Why do I have to do that?” To which the parent replies, “Because I told you to.” Has the parent replied properly?
3. Read the 2<sup>nd</sup> Commandment.
  - A. What was prohibited?
  - B. This is controversial even among great theologians, but carefully consider the wisdom of having images of Jesus Christ. Is it possible that at least some depictions of Christ could be a violation of this command? You may think of examples to discuss.
  - C. Some would use passages like Colossians 1:15 or John 1:14 to emphasize that portraying Jesus as a human being is perfectly acceptable.
4. What would you say to someone who saw you picking up sticks on Sunday and accused you of being a Sabbath breaker, an antinomian (one who is against the law of God) and even cited Numbers 15:32-36?
5. Should the contents of the Tablets of Stone still be used to teach Godly morals?