

Jewish Ten Commandments

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Jewish Ten Commandments Bible Verses:

Moses said, "Now, Israel, listen to the statutes and to the ordinances, which I teach you, to do them; that you may live, and go in and possess the land which the Lord, the God of your fathers, gives you. You shall not add to the word which I command you, neither shall you diminish from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you" (Deuteronomy 4:1-2)...

"But you who were faithful to the Lord your God are all alive this day. Behold, I have taught you statutes and ordinances, even as the Lord my God commanded me, that you should do so in the midst of the land where you go in to possess it. Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples" (Deuteronomy 4:4-6 NHEB).

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Preliminary Bible Study Questions:

- 1) How do Jews please God?
- 2) Why do the Jewish 10 Commandments exist?
- 3) How do Jews obey the Ten Commandments?

The God of Israel is the Creator of all people, from Adam and Eve to the most recent baby born as we speak (Psalm 127:3-4; Isaiah 66:2).

Abraham is the Father of all people of faith, meaning those who trust in God for salvation, of which Moses later became an involved member.

Moses is the Father of the Hebrew nation. The one called to lead them out of the land of captivity, into the Promised Land of Abraham's Covenant (Genesis 13:13-17).

God gave Moses a strict set of laws to govern the chosen nation of Israel. Laws governed their morality, temple sacrifices, and civil life. We'll pick it up from this point today, and focus our Bible study lesson on the essentials of the Jewish Ten Commandments.

The Hebrew Nation

Father Abraham was chosen and called by God to begin the family of God's chosen people (Genesis 12:1-3). He listened and obeyed God by trusting in Him (Genesis 12:4). Abraham believed God and therefore his sins were forgiven and he was accepted for eternal life by God. Abraham is living forever with God, even today as we speak, because he placed his faith in God and his true, eternal plan of redemption (Genesis 15:6).

All Hebrews who truly love God and his plan of salvation, like Father Abraham, will spend

eternity with God, and never die. Are you Jewish? Are you grasping YHWH? Would you like to live forever with Father Abraham and his God?

All Hebrews who follow something other than God and his eternal plan of redemption will die, be judged, and suffer separation from God in Sheol for all eternity. You're a special part of God's plan if you're Jewish, but there is critical knowledge God wants to reveal to you. Listen to what your Hebrew Scriptures have to say.

Centuries passed after Abraham, and the Hebrew nation grew larger even while in slavery to the Egyptians. God was always with them, even though they were in exile. The time finally came and a man named Moses was called out by God for a very specific task. God anointed Moses as his prophet (Exodus 3:10,14-15) with the call to lead his chosen nation (Exodus 3:16-17).

Moses' faith wasn't perfect (Exodus 4:13), not even Abraham's faith was perfect (Genesis 17:17). No one's faith in God is perfect, because all people, even God's prophets are imperfect, sinful people (Isaiah 53:6; Jeremiah 17:9). **All of us, even today, are sinful people.** This isn't an excuse, but an important factor in understanding your relationship with God. Isaiah says, "It's your sins that have cut you off from God." (Isaiah 59:2; 64:6).

However, by admitting that you're a sinner, like King David (Psalm 51:1-7), and like Isaiah (Isaiah 6:5), you can be washed clean (Isaiah 1:18). By humbly loving God with your entire heart, mind, soul, and strength, you too, can know the LORD of your Fathers, because He is alive and involved (Psalm 121:7-8; 138:8).

Place your hope, ALL of your hope, in God and He will answer your prayer and grant you eternal life (Psalm 130:1-5; 147:10-11). You can meet this God of Moses because He is alive today (Exodus 3:4-6; Isaiah 57:15-16) and he enjoys responding to people who seek after him. Let's now turn to the Laws handed to Moses on stone tablets.

What Are The Jewish Ten Commandments?

God led his Hebrew nation out of Egypt through a series of incredible miracles. Moses and Aaron were the conduits by which He acted. The two had no supernatural power other than what YHWH did through them, and the Hebrew people knew this (Exodus 14:31). I hope you believe in God like your forefathers did.

Soon after the exodus was complete, the Israelites found national freedom in the Sinai desert (Exodus 19:1).

One day, the Lord spoke to Moses from a mountain and said, *“Give these instructions to the family of Jacob; announce it to the descendants of Israel: ‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians. You know how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. Now if you will obey me and keep my covenant, you will be my own special treasure from among all the peoples on earth; for all the earth belongs to me. And you will be my kingdom of priests, my holy nation.’ This is the message you must give to the people of Israel”* (Exodus 19:3-6).

Moses' Covenant, given to him by the Lord, included what is known as the Jewish Ten Commandments. These commandments were written by the very hand of God (Exodus 31:18), and given to the Hebrews, who he considered resistant to his care (Exodus 32:7-8). These laws were essential in order for a rebellious nation to glorify their God.

The Jewish Ten Commandments, and the accompanying civil and ceremonial laws (613 commandments in total), weren't *intended* by God to save anyone's soul. **Forgiveness would never come to a Jew by perfectly living by the Law of God.** Did God ever say that a Jewish individual could be saved by living perfectly by the Law? No, he did not.

Here is what God did say in Exodus 19:6 (see above): He said that if you obey him the Hebrew nation would be "*my own special treasure.*" He wasn't talking about an individual's eternal life here, but about the earthly nation of Israel. God desired to bring glory to himself, *on earth*, through the nation of Israel.

A Jew **MUST** understand this critical teaching directly from Moses and the Hebrew Scriptures. To think otherwise, *i.e.* to think a person can earn God's love and eternal life, is not God's plan of redemption, nor has it ever been. **God's plan of redemption demands that you place complete trust and faith in Him alone, just like Abraham and Moses did.**

Faith in God alone brings salvation to your soul. A Jew must differentiate between their personal soul and their nation. **A person has a soul that can be saved; but, a nation doesn't have a soul.** With that crucial information clarified let's visit the specific Jewish Ten Commandments and learn more about a Jew's relationship with God.

List of the Jewish Ten Commandments

Here is a **list of the Jewish Ten Commandments** and their location in the Hebrew Scriptures:

- 1st Commandment: "You shall have no other gods before Me." Exodus 20:3
- 2nd Commandment: "You shall make no graven image." Exodus 20:4
- 3rd Commandment: "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain." Ex 20:7
- 4th Commandment: "Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy." Exodus 20:8-11
- 5th Commandment: "Honor your father and your mother." Exodus 20:12
- 6th Commandment: "You shall not murder." Exodus 20:13
- 7th Commandment: "You shall not commit adultery." Exodus 20:14
- 8th Commandment: "You shall not steal." Exodus 20:15
- 9th Commandment: "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor." Ex 20:16
- 10th Commandment: "You shall not covet." Exodus 20:17

Many Jews found God's Law too harsh, but true spiritual Jews did not. King David is a fine example of a man who loved the Jewish Ten Commandments and all of God's laws. King David says, "Truly, I love your commandments more than gold, yes, more than pure gold. Therefore I consider all of your laws to be right. I hate every false way" (Psalm 119:127-128).

In fact, those Jews who love God find true joy, "Blessed are those whose ways are blameless,

who walk according to the LORD's Law. Blessed are those who keep his commandments, who seek him with their whole heart" (Psalm 119:1-2).

True spiritual Jews love the Hebrew Scriptures, *i.e.* God's Law, and they love their LORD with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength; and they love their neighbors as themselves (Deuteronomy 6:5; Leviticus 19:18).

Note that real God-fearing Jews trust in God, love his law, and know that God and his words are right. They understand that they will fail at times, but God's grace and mercy will allow them to repent for forgiveness.

True spiritual Jews rely on God's grace to save them, and not on their own "perfection" or "sincerity" in obeying the Jewish Ten Commandments.

Those who are Jews by birth & blood only, unfortunately lack saving faith in God. Many of them admittedly don't believe in God at all. Others who currently practice Judaism, whether orthodox, conservative, reform, or reconstructionist, fail to understand God's story of grace. They practice their religion based on obedience to God's law.

Unfortunately, obedience to the Jewish Ten Commandments, or any and all other laws was never meant by God to save them.

Obedience to God and his Law, by way of the Torah and Talmud, doesn't save your eternal soul. **Lack of faith in God and the coming Messiah saves you from judgment and eternal condemnation.** Know the difference.

Wait a minute... what?! **What's a Messiah?**

God's Coming Messiah

A Messiah is a Savior, *i.e.* One denoted to offer himself as a sacrifice for the salvation of others. The Hebrew Scriptures talk often about the Messiah. **Unfortunately, many Jewish religious leaders are too blind to see him, which is why you cannot trust mere men,** "There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death" (Psalm 14:12 NIV).

God works through certain Jewish leaders, though, like **Rabbi Yitzhak Kaduri**, just a couple years ago. Watch this amazing video revealing that God is alive and reveals himself to those who love him.

God mostly speaks through the Bible, though, where he tells us that the Messiah will be like the prophet Moses (Deuteronomy 18:15-19). Click Acts 3:22-26 which announces how God fulfilled this Jewish prophecy.

God tells us that the Messiah will be born to the virgin. "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call his name Immanuel" (Isaiah 7:14). Immanuel means "God with us," and its fulfillment is found in (click) Mat 1:18-25.

God tells us through King David that the Messiah will be God's Son (Psalm 2:7). This fulfilled prophecy is recorded in Luke 1:35.

Psalm 22:27 states, "All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord. All the relatives of the nations shall worship before you." Christ's great act of perfect love to the world elicits responses from both the Jews and Gentile nations - families from all around the globe accept his sacrifice and praise God's name. Click Acts 13:46-48 to discover this fulfilled Jewish Bible prophecy.

Jewish friends, your Messiah has arrived on earth. God's Son came to live a perfect life. Recognize that certain Hebrew Scriptures have been altered by some of your Jewish leaders. **The real Isaiah 53 chapter, which has been removed from most copies, reveals what God told YOU about your coming Messiah** (please read here: Isaiah 53:1-12). **Your Jewish Brother, Yeshua, is your Messiah. He has already come and died for YOU!**

How to Obey the Jewish Ten Commandments

You can only perfectly obey the Jewish Ten Commandments, and the entire Law, by loving God and his Messiah with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength; and, by loving your neighbors as yourself. Trusting in God alone, through his Messiah Yeshua whom he sent, will bring you forgiveness and eternal life (Romans 3:25-26). God will then lead you to loving the Scriptures, which is how he has chosen to talk to you.

God also wrote a love letter to you called the Book of Hebrews. This very special book explains real Jewish faith, and how to apply it to your life and to your God. It's amazing and a highly recommended read for you.

The Book of Hebrews tells us that the faith of Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses' parents, Moses, the Hebrews, Rahab the harlot, Samson, *etc.*, brought all of these people God's salvation. ALL of them, and many other Jews like them, are with God as we speak. You can join them, but only by exercising faith in God through Yeshua, aka Jesus.

Here are a couple of excerpts from the Book of Hebrews for you. "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run the race of endurance that God has set before us" Hebrews 12:1. Hebrews 12:2 tells the Jews, "We do this by keeping our eyes on Yeshua, the Champion who initiates and perfects our faith."

You see, my friend, **you "keep" the Jewish Ten Commandments because you're thankful for the work that Yeshua did for you by dying on the cross. He sacrificed his life for YOU** (Hebrews 9:15). Abraham didn't sacrifice his life for you, and neither did Moses (Hebrews 3:3-6). Those men only represented the coming Messiah, but they weren't the Messiah themselves.

Yeshua came from God's heaven, born to a beautiful Jewish maiden named Mary, and lived a perfect life. He was qualified to die for people because he was an unblemished Lamb, totally without sin.

Like your true Jewish ancestors, you can receive forgiveness by trusting in God, through his Son, your Messiah. That is how you perfectly obey the Jewish Ten Commandments (Romans 3:27-28).

Fruit of the Spirit Response to the Jewish Ten Commandments:

King David prayed to God, "Open my eyes to see the wonderful truths in your instructions" (Psalm 119:18). You should start there, as well. Tell God to enlighten you to the great mystery of the Messiah. God spoke through your prophet Jeremiah, which revealed a great promise, "*I will give them hearts that recognize me as the Lord. They will be my people, and I will be their God, for they will return to me wholeheartedly*" (Jeremiah 24:7).

King David also begged God to forgive him, "When I refused to confess my sin, my body wasted away, and I groaned all day long. Day and night your hand of discipline was heavy on me. My strength evaporated like water in the summer heat. Finally, I confessed all my sins to you and stopped trying to hide my guilt. I said to myself, 'I will confess my rebellion to the LORD.' And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone" (Psalm 32:3-5).

King David finished, "Therefore, let all the godly pray to you while there is still time, that they may not drown in the floodwaters of judgment. For you are my hiding place; you protect me from trouble. You surround me with songs of victory" (Psalm 32:6-7).

True Jews follow their Fathers and Prophets by believing in God and his Son, the promised Messiah. Real Jews of old looked forward to the coming Messiah. Real Jews today look back over the shoulder at their loving Brother who died for them, *i.e.* Jesus Christ.

True Jews recognize the FACT that Yeshua's sacrifice is perfectly described in Psalm 22 and Isaiah 53:1-6. True Jews trust in God's Suffering Servant (Isaiah 52:13-15), who is the Lamb of God, King Yeshua, who takes away the sins of the world! (John 1:29-31).

Jewish 10 Commandments - Grasp This!

The Jewish Ten Commandments were perfectly obeyed by one man, Jesus Christ. He is God's Son, who came to earth to die for the sins for all those people who truly love God. Faith... simple, trusting, child-like faith in God alone saves your soul from eternal death. Once salvation comes upon you, death is no longer anything in which to fret (Hebrews 2:15).

The Book of Hebrews also defines faith for the true Jew, "*Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see. Through their faith, the people in days of old earned a good reputation. By faith we understand that the entire universe was formed at God's command, that what we now see did not come from anything that can be seen*" (Hebrews 11:1-3).

It's time for you to express your faith in God. As Joshua said, "As for me and my house we will serve the LORD!" Joshua and his house are living with God and his Son eternally, and you can

meet them after your last breath, IF you give your life over to the Lord.

You can be set free from the burden of striving to please God by obeying the Jewish Ten Commandments today - simply repent and give your life to God. He wants your heart, not your sacrifices (1 Samuel 15:22). Join our [Sinners Prayer](#).

Next Bible Study Lesson: 613 Commandments #5.13.

Jewish Ten Commandments Bible Study Questions:

- 1) How have Jewish individuals always been saved by God? (see Deuteronomy 18:15-19)
- 2) Why have Isaiah 53 and other messianic chapters and verses of the original Hebrew Scriptures been removed from modern versions?
- 3) How does a true spiritual Jew repent and receive forgiveness from the LORD? (see Isaiah 57:18-21).

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Blessed are those whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the LORD's Law. Blessed are those who keep his statutes, who seek him with their whole heart. Yes, they do nothing wrong. They walk in his ways. You have commanded your precepts, that we should fully obey them. Oh that my ways were steadfast to obey your statutes! Then I wouldn't be disappointed, when I consider all of your commandments. I will give thanks to you with uprightness of heart, when I learn your righteous judgments. I will observe your statutes. Do not utterly forsake me. Psalm 119:1-8 NHEB.

Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter into the Kingdom of Heaven; but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will tell me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, in your name cast out demons, and in your name do many mighty works?' And then I will tell them, 'I never knew you. Depart from me, you who break God's laws.' Matthew 7:21-23 NHEB.

For before John came, all the prophets and the law of Moses looked forward to this present time... Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand." Matthew 11:13,15.

Jewish Ten Commandments Prayer:

O YHWH, God of my spiritual fathers. I now understand that I can't meet you by my good deeds and sincere thoughts. You had this plan of redemption all along, and me, like so many other fellow Jews, misunderstood your clear teachings. O LORD God, your Son came and suffered a terrible and unjust death at the hands of people who hated him. He did that for me. He did that for everyone who loves him. Praise be to God, all glory in the highest! Thank you, God. Thank you, Yeshua, my blessed Messiah. Please send your Spirit to save my soul. Amen.

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