

Anchor of Hope

Bible Study

In every command or injunction that God gives there is a promise, the most positive, underlying the command. God has made provision that we may become like unto Him, and He will accomplish this for all who do not interpose a perverse will and thus frustrate His grace.

The ten commandments, Thou shalt, and Thou shalt not, are ten promises, assured to us if we render obedience to the law governing the universe. "If ye love me, keep my commandments." Here is the sum and substance of the law of God. That law of ten precepts of the greatest love that can be presented to man is the voice of God from heaven speaking to the soul in promise, "This do, and you will not come under the dominion and control of Satan." There is not a negative in that law, although it may appear thus. It is Do and Live.—Taken from God's Amazing Grace, p. 134

Note: What God is saying is _____, (Put your name in) I promise you, that if you believe My promises (1 Peter 1:4), you will not steal, commit adultery, use My name in vain or covet, because I'm going to keep you from doing these things.

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God's Commandments

1. What was the attitude of the Old Testament writers concerning the law of God? Psalm 40:8; Psalm 119:165

2. What was their view of the law? Psalm 111:7-10

3. What law are we talking about? Deuteronomy 4:13

4. What purpose was there for observing the law? Deuteronomy 6:18; Deuteronomy 4:5-8

5. What did God do for Israel BEFORE He gave the law on Mt. Sinai? Exodus 20:2

Note: Salvation from Egypt signifies salvation from sin. Salvation comes from the Lord.

6. What was Jesus' view of the law? Matthew 5:17-19; Luke 16:17

7. What has Jesus promised to do with His law? Hebrews 8:10-12

8. In addition to putting His law in our hearts, what else does He use His power to do? Acts 3:26

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9. What is the effect of following God's commands? Isaiah 48:17-18

10. In the last days there will be a people who will stand out in a world full of violence and lawlessness. What are they doing? Revelation 14:12

Not Ten Commandments, but Ten Promises

11. Let's look at a promise in the Bible, and see what insight we can gain into God's Ten Commandments. Isaiah 43:2

12. Where else are the three words "thou shalt not" used? Exodus 20:3-17

Note: When God says, "Thou shall not," it means, "You will not." Though it looks like the Ten Commandments are negatives, they are actually ten promises that our behavior is now going to be radically different.

13. Take a minute and read through the Ten Commandments right now, and write down any ideas, questions or comments you may have. Exodus 20:3-17

MY HEART'S RESPONSE

"God, put in my heart a love for Your law." "Subdue my iniquities so I will be able to help those around me in this lawless world."

My Decision

Open my eyes that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.