

*Written with
the finger of God...*



**THOU SHALT HONOR
THY MOTHER**

Pong ago, the Almighty, creator of all things, communicated to humans in a very few words the most important things that they would need to know in order to live the kind of life that would be the best in His sight. He limited himself to saying ten things... these are the ten essential things for people to do in order to have a good life.

So then, limited to those ten things, what did God communicate?

Well, most people, religious or not, have heard of the “Ten Commandments...” the ten directives from God... they were made famous by Hollywood in a multi-million dollar box office hit “The Ten Commandments.” And most people would agree with those ten points, considering them very important. Yet most people probably could not recite all ten of them.

Many would probably know “Thou shalt not murder,” and “Thou shalt not steal.” Those are good ones to start with because even the police department uses those two.

But then it begins to get more personal... He gets into our thought process... like “Thou shalt not covet your neighbor’s things.” Now coveting is a desire, an inner thought... it is subtle, not showing any outward signs.

Then there are also the ones about idol worship and graven images, which can seem a bit obscure in this day and age... yet, really what those commandments are getting down to is what kind of stuff a person actually holds so dear that their life focuses on it. Perhaps possessions could be in that place today.

But then in the middle of all those really big things comes one commandment that most people would say does not really seem that important. Why is it even mentioned... it is not such a really big deal. It is number FIVE, the one about honoring your parents.



Now why does that matter so much to have to be included in the ten biggest things there are for God to tell people? And it just happens that number FIVE is the only one of the ten that is accompanied with a promise to give you incentive to make sure to do it. Number five promises that it will go well with you and you may live long.... Now, how many has it really gone well with? But no matter how big the incentive, still most young people grow to a point where every fault and mistake of their parents is so magnified, and they turn off from the path of their childhood love for their parents on to the path of disrespect. In this day and age, how many would rise up in honor to their parents, defer to them, give them honor... (definition: great respect and admiration)?

Later, He made the outcome of disobedience to commandment number five even clearer when He announced: “*Cursed is the one who dishonors his **mother.***” (Deuteronomy 27:16)

The Creator must know that there is something very wrong with a child that does not give proper respect, especially to his mother. If you consider the birth pangs, the dirty diapers, the nights walking the floor with her sick child,

the untold sacrifices she made to nurture and care for her child, how could you not love and respect your mother?



TEN COMMANDMENTS

- FIRST:* Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.
- SECOND:* Thou shalt make no idols or graven image and bow down thyself unto them, nor worship them:
- THIRD:* Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain.
- FOURTH:* Keep the sabbath day, six days thou shalt labor, and do all thy work: the seventh day is the day of rest to the LORD thy God, thou shalt not do any work.
- FIVE:* **Honor thy mother and thy father, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee; thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.**
- SIXTH:* Thou shalt not murder.
- SEVENTH:* Neither shalt thou commit adultery.
- EIGHTH:* Neither shalt thou steal.
- NINTH:* Neither shalt thou bear false witness against thy neighbor.
- TENTH:* Neither shalt thou covet the things of thy neighbor. (Deuteronomy 5:10-21)

These words that God spoke to the people from the mountain out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness, with a great voice: and He added no more. And He wrote them on two tablets of stone written with the finger of God....

Deuteronomy 5:22, 9:10

For who is there of all flesh, that hath heard the voice of the living God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as we have, and lived?

Deuteronomy 5:26

Yet, the Almighty already knew that there would be something in the heart of mankind to resist His directives. From deep within the soul of God came forth these words of deep longing:

“O that there were such a heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever!

Deuteronomy 5:29



With the greatest respect,



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