

The Ten Commandments

Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

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1. Then God spoke all these words: “I am the Lord your God, who has brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.”
2. You shall have no other gods before Me.
3. You shall not make for yourself any idol, or any likeness (form, manifestation) of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth [as an object to worship]. You shall not worship them nor serve them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous (impassioned) God [demanding what is rightfully and uniquely mine], visiting (avenging) the iniquity (sin, guilt) of the fathers on the children [that is, calling the children to account for the sins of their fathers], to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing graciousness and steadfast loving kindness to thousands [of generations] of those who love Me and keep My commandments.
4. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain [that is, irreverently, in false affirmations or in ways that impugn the character of God]; for the Lord will not hold guiltless nor leave unpunished the one who takes His name in vain [disregarding its reverence and its power].
5. Remember the Sabbath (seventh) day to keep it holy (set apart, dedicated to God). Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath [a day of rest dedicated] to the Lord your God; on that day you shall not do any work, you or your son, or your daughter, or your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock or the temporary resident (foreigner) who stays within your [city] gates. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea and everything that is in them, and He rested (ceased) on the seventh day. That is why the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy [that is, set it apart for His purposes].

6. Honor (respect, obey, care for) your father and your mother, so that your days may be prolonged in the land the Lord your God gives you.
7. You shall not commit murder (unjustified, deliberate homicide).
8. You shall not commit adultery.
9. You shall not steal [secretly, openly, fraudulently, or through carelessness].
10. You shall not testify falsely [that is, lie, withhold, or manipulate the truth] against your neighbor (any person).
11. You shall not covet [that is, selfishly desire and attempt to acquire] your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.