

10 COMMANDMENTS AND MORE

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Matt. 19:16 question -- what shall I do that I may have eternal life?
17 answer -- if you will enter into life, keep the commandments
18 question -- which commandments?
18-19 answer -- some of the 10 commandments
20 question -- since I have kept these things from my youth, what else should I do?
21 answer -- go sell what you have and give to the poor; and you shall have treasure in heaven -- come and follow Me
22 the young man was sorrowful -- for he had great possessions

- * At this time, I want to address a phrase and a concept that I believe can hurt a person's view of obedience
- * Have you ever heard of the phrase, "test commandment"?
- * It is a phrase (and a concept) that generally means that 1 of the 10 commandments is more important than the other 9
- * From where did the phrase ("test commandment") come?

Exod. 16:4 "that I might prove them"
4-30 quail withheld on the sabbath

- * Because of Exodus 16:4-30, some people conclude that the 4th commandment is "the only" test commandment or "the most important" test commandment
- * The 4th commandment is indeed one of the 10 commandments
- * And make no mistake about it, many people in society ignore the 4th commandment
- * However, I believe that it is a mistake to over-emphasize the 4th commandment above the other 9 commandments

Exod. 15:25 "proved them" -- with the waters of Marah
Exod. 20:20 "prove you" -- listing of 10 commandments
Deut. 8:2 "prove you" -- keep His instructions
Deut. 13:3-4 "prove you" -- keep His instructions
Isaiah 1:11-15 Isaiah quoted God's view about the way these people were observing the assemblies

- * Some people use Isaiah 1:11-15 in an attempt to eliminate the keeping of the assemblies
- * However, I believe these verses do NOT condemn the assemblies, but they do condemn the other disobedience in their lives
- * Keeping the assemblies did not override other disobedience
- * In fact, the other disobedience overrode their effort to keep the assemblies

James 2:10 whoever offends in one point of the law, is guilty of the whole law

firstfruits * Some famous examples who **may not** be

Gen. 3:4-6 Adam & Eve ignored God's instruction
Gen. 4:8 Cain murdered Abel
1 Sam. 13:8-9 Saul offered the burnt offering
1 Sam. 15:3-21 Saul spared the best sheep
1 Kings 11:1-3 Solomon loved many women -- his wives turned
away his heart
Ezek. 20:5-26 Israel -- idols, polluted sabbaths, etc.
Matt. 26:14-16 Judas betrayed Christ
Acts 5:1-11 Ananias & Sapphira lied
3 John 9-10 Diotrefes -- loved the preeminence

* Some famous examples who **may** be firstfruits

Exod. 32:1-6 Aaron made a golden calf for the people
21-24 Aaron justified his decision
Num. 12:1-2 Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses
Job 34:37 Job multiplied his words against God
Jonah 4:1-11 Jonah got angry at God
Matt. 16:22-23 Peter rebuked Christ
Matt. 26:56 all the disciples forsook Christ and fled
Matt. 26:69-75 Peter denied Christ 3 times
Acts 15:36-39 Paul & Barnabas had strong contention
Acts 23:3-5 Paul reviled the high priest
Gal. 2:11-12 Peter showed prejudice and partiality
13 Barnabas showed prejudice and partiality

* Famous people listed in Hebrews 11

Gen. 9:21 Noah got drunk
Gen. 12:11-20 Abram misled them about Sarai being his wife
Gen. 17:17 Abraham laughed at God's words
Gen. 20:1-16 Abraham misled them about Sarah being his wife
Gen. 18:12 Sarah laughed at God's words
15 Sarah denied laughing at God's words
Gen. 26:6-11 Isaac misled them about Rebekah being his wife
Gen. 27:1-35 Jacob stole Esau's blessing
Num. 20:7-11 Moses hit the rock
Judges 16:1-19 Samson's bad relationships with women
2 Sam. 11:2-4 David committed adultery
15-17 David covered up his adultery with murder

* Examine yourself

Rom. 3:23 we have all sinned
1 John 1:8-10 we all sin -- we need to confess our sins
2 Cor. 13:5 examine yourself