

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS REVISED?

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God has not revised the Ten Commandments, but modern man for all practical purposes has done so. Politicians, religious leaders and pliable people have joined together to try to change the Word of God. Of course we know that the Ten Commandments has never saved the soul of anyone. The Old Testament saints were not saved by the commandments, much less the New Testament saints. These Ten Commandments are a part of God's moral law, representing His holy will for His people. Everyone of the Ten Commandments is repeated in the New Testament, with the exception of the tenth. Even this Commandment is set forth to some extent, in as much as God still wants us to rest and worship Him.

Let us look at the Commandments as they are being revised today by sinful man.

Sinful Man's Revised Version

1. "Thou shalt have no other gods before me."

(Except it be the god of pleasure, lust, or some other thing that may come between God and me.)

2. "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image."

(Except my car, my boat, and the money that I worship, or the crucifix I adore.)

3. "Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain."

(Except when I am hurt, angry, or had a bad day.)

4. "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy."

(Except when I want to go golfing, fishing, or some other necessary activity.)

5. "Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee."

(Except when they are wrong, and do not understand that we are living in a different time.)

6. "Thou shalt not kill."

(Except when it is an unwanted pregnancy, or for some other good reason.)

7. "Thou shalt not commit adultery."

(Except when it is for love, or my desire just overwhelms me.)

8. "Thou shalt not steal."

(Unless it is something that I really want, or it is owned by someone that is rich.)

9. "Thou shalt not bear false witness."

(Unless it will help me, or will punish someone that I don't like.)

10. "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife...nor any thing that is thy neighbour's."

(Unless I need what he possesses, or I find his wife attractive, or available.)

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While the above revisions may seem to be ridiculous, this is what many people, some of them Christian (?), seem to be practicing today. Remember the President saying, "I did not have sex with that woman." Of course everybody knows he lied about it. He simply redefined what it means to "have sex." If you accept that definition, homosexuals do not engage in sexual relations. What news that must be to many of them. We are living in an age of "situation ethics," although it may not be called that today. The world says, "do it if it feels good." You can justify anything if you take that position. One woman said it felt good when she took an ax and repeatedly struck another person until they died. Yes, she said she had a sexual experience while she was doing it.

God is a Holy God and he will never change, and He will never change His commandments for anyone. *"As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy."* (1 Peter 1:14-16). *"For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed."* (Malachi 3:6).

Man may try to change the laws of God, but it will not work for God is unchangeable. *"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever."* (Hebrews 13:8). God will judge every man according to His Word, and not according to the changing whims of man.

It fortifies my soul to know,
That, though I perish, truth is so:

That howsoever I stray and range,
What'er I do, Thou dost not change.

I steadier steps when I recall,
That if I slip, Thou dost not fall.