

Bethany Bible Study & Discussion



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Ten Commandments

... the 2nd time

¹ At that time the Lord said unto me, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first, and come up unto me into the mount, and make thee an ark of wood.

² And I will write on the tables the words that were in the first tables which thou brakest, and thou shalt put them in the ark.

³ And I made an ark of shittim wood, and hewed two tables of stone like unto the first, and went up into the mount, having the two tables in mine hand.

⁴ And he wrote on the tables, according to the first writing, the ten commandments, which the Lord spake unto you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly: and the Lord gave them unto me.

⁵ And I turned myself and came down from the mount, and put the tables in the ark which I had made; and there they be, as the Lord commanded me.

The Ten Commandments

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Two tables of stone like unto the first (3)

God wrote on the tables according to the first writing (4)

No Change in content

The Word of God endureth for ever (I Peter 1:25)

Let us not edit God's word to support our lifestyle and thinking

Obedience of Moses (1,3)

Lord said

Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first, and come up unto me into the mount, and make thee an ark of wood (1)

What did Moses do?

And I made an ark of shittim wood, and hewed two tables of stone like unto the first, and went up into the mount (3)

Lord did

And he wrote on the tables (4)

When we obey, God moves

The Ark of the Covenant

Exodus 37:1-7 And Bezaleel made the **ark of shittim wood**: two cubits and a half was the length of it, and a cubit and a half the breadth of it, and a cubit and a half the height of it: ² And he **overlaid it with pure gold** within and without, and made a crown of gold to it round about. ³ And he cast for it four rings of gold, to be set by the four corners of it; even two rings upon the one side of it, and two rings upon the other side of it. ⁴ And he made staves (~ poles) of shittim wood, and overlaid them with gold. ⁵ And he put the staves into the rings by the sides of the ark, to bear the ark. ⁶ And he made the **mercy seat of pure gold**: two cubits and a half was the length thereof, and one cubit and a half the breadth thereof. ⁷ And he made **two cherubims of gold**, beaten out of one piece made he them, on the two ends of the mercy seat;

Hebrews 9:3-4 And after the second veil, the **tabernacle** which is called the **Holiest of all**; ⁴ Which had the golden censer, and the **ark of the covenant** overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant;



The Ark

God's Presence

God's Provision

God's Prosperity

God's wisdom

God's mercy

God's Presence

- ²² And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel (**Exodus 25:22**)

God's Provision (Golden Pot with Manna, Aaron's rod)

God's Wisdom (Ten commandments)

God's Prosperity

- And the ark of the Lord continued in the house of Obededom the Gittite three months: and the Lord blessed Obededom, and all his household (**II Samuel 6:11**)

God's Mercy (lid of the ark = mercy seat)

- blood sprinkled to make atonement for sins (**Leviticus 16**) And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission (**Hebrews 9:22**)
- This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you (**Luke 22:20**)

#2. How did God deal with Aaron despite his failure? (6-8)

(6-9) in parenthesis in some Bible translations due to break in flow.

God's dealing with Aaron

6 And the children of Israel took their journey from Beeroth of the children of Jaakan to Mosera: **there Aaron died**, and there he was buried; and **Eleazar his son ministered** in the priest's office in his stead. ⁷ From thence they journeyed unto Gudgodah; and from Gudgodah to Jotbath, a land of rivers of waters.

God's dealing with Aaron

Aaron's sin: Broke commandment #2

2And Aaron said unto them, Break off the golden earrings, which *are* in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring *them* unto me. **3**And all the people brake off the golden earrings which *were* in their ears, and brought *them* unto Aaron. **4**And he received *them* at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after **he had made it a molten calf**: and they said, These *be* thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. **5**And when Aaron saw *it*, he built an altar before it. (Exodus 32:2-5)

Aaron's (and his children) deserved punishment

8Thou shalt not make thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the waters beneath the earth: **9**Thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them: **for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children** unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me, (Deuteronomy 5:8-9)

God's dealing with Aaron

God was merciful to Aaron (following intercession by Moses)

He was not destroyed or lose his office or leadership

His children were not impacted by his failure... Eleazar, his son, ministered after his death!

- ²⁵ Take Aaron and Eleazar his son, and bring them up unto mount Hor: ²⁶ And strip Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Eleazar his son: and Aaron shall be gathered unto his people, and shall die there (Numbers 20:25-26)
- ²⁸ And Moses stripped Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Eleazar his son; and Aaron died there in the top of the mount: and Moses and Eleazar came down from the mount. (Numbers 20:28)

Our prayers can reverse God's Judgement and bless the next generation! ... Do we pray for the sins of others with the same burden as Moses did?

**#3. What are the responsibilities
& inheritance of Levites?
(8-9)**

Responsibilities of Levites

At that time the Lord separated the tribe of Levi, to bear the ark of the covenant of the Lord, to stand before the Lord to minister unto him, and to bless in his name, unto this day (8)

- Bear the ark
- Stand and Minister to the Lord
- Bless his name

And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the **priests that bear the ark of the Lord**, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of Jordan, that the waters of Jordan shall be cut off from the waters that come down from above (**Joshua 3:13**)

Inheritance of Levites

Wherefore Levi hath no part nor inheritance with his brethren; the Lord is his inheritance, according as the Lord thy God promised him (9)

LORD IS THEIR INHERITANCE

And the Lord spake unto Aaron, Thou shalt have no inheritance in their land, neither shalt thou have any part among them: I am thy part and thine inheritance among the children of Israel. ²¹ And, behold, **I have given the children of Levi all the tenth in Israel** for an inheritance, for their service which they serve, even the service of the tabernacle of the congregation (Numbers 22:20-21) (Deuteronomy 18)

Fear not, Abram: I *am* thy shield, *and* thy exceeding great reward (Genesis 15:1)

What/who is our inheritance and reward?

Deuteronomy 18

18 The priests the Levites, and all the tribe of Levi, shall have no part nor inheritance with Israel: they shall eat the offerings of the Lord made by fire, and his inheritance.

² Therefore shall they have no inheritance among their brethren: the Lord is their inheritance, as he hath said unto them.

³ And this shall be the priest's due from the people, from them that offer a sacrifice, whether it be ox or sheep; and they shall give unto the priest the shoulder, and the two cheeks, and the maw.

⁴ **The firstfruit** also of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil, and the first of the fleece of thy sheep, **shalt thou give him.**

⁵ For the Lord thy God hath chosen him out of all thy tribes, to stand to minister in the name of the Lord, him and his sons for ever.

**#4. What was God's
response to intercessory
prayer by Moses? (10-11)**

God's response to Moses (10,11)

¹⁰ And I stayed in the mount, according to the first time, forty days and forty nights; and the Lord hearkened unto me at that time also, and the Lord would not destroy thee. ¹¹ And the Lord said unto me, Arise, take thy journey before the people, that they may go in and possess the land, which I swore unto their fathers to give unto them.

Intercessory Prayer of Moses (9:26-29), 40 days and 40 nights

God's response:

- God heard
- Israelites were not destroyed (O Lord God, destroy not, 9:26)
- Israelites continue their journey to promised land
 - **Israelites given one more chance by God**

Regular Corporate Intercessory Prayer opportunities at Bethany

- Weekly Tele Prayers (for brothers and sisters)
- Monthly Fasting & Prayer
- Monthly church prayer
- Sunday prayer at the Table

Other Opportunities to Intercede in prayer

- Our personal prayer time
- Our family prayer time
- Small group prayer
- 1:1 prayer time

**Do You want
to Intercede
in Prayer?**

**#5. What does God
expect of His
children? (12-21)**

What does the Lord expect from his covenant children? (12,13)

Fear the Lord (holy reverence)

O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always(5:29)

Walk in His ways

Ye shall walk in all the ways which the Lord your God hath commanded you (5:33)

Love Him

And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might (6:5)

Serve Him – willing, joyful service prompted by love

Keep the commandments of the Lord

Micah 6:8 (do justly, love mercy, walk humbly)

Ecclesiastes 12:13 (fear God and keep his commandments)

RESULT:

for our good (13)

it shall be our righteousness (6:25)

it will be well with our children (5:29)

Who is God?

Why does he deserve our worship and obedience?

- Everything belongs to God (heavens and earth, and all that is there in) (14)
- God of gods, Lord of lords, great God, mighty & terrible (17)
- No respecter of persons (17)
- Does not take bribe (17)
- Compassionate to fatherless, widow, and strangers (18)
- Done great things (21)
- From 70 to many! Multiplied you as stars of heaven (22)
 - And all the souls that came out of the loins of Jacob were seventy souls (Exodus 1:5)

²¹ He is thy praise, and he is thy God, that hath done for thee these great and terrible things, which thine eyes have seen.

Love ye therefore
the stranger:
for ye were
strangers in the land
of Egypt (19)

With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"



Circumcision of the heart

Circumcise therefore
the foreskin of your
heart, and be no more
stiffnecked (16)

Circumcise yourselves to the Lord, and take away the foreskins of your heart, ye men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem: lest my fury come forth like fire, and burn that none can quench it, because of the evil of your doings. (Jeremiah 4:4)

²⁸ For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: ²⁹ **But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly**; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God (Romans 2:28-29)

A Circumcised Heart

- Internal change done by the spirit of God
- A sanctified/separated/surrendered heart
- An obedient heart lead by the spirit

Lord looks at the heart ... is our heart circumcised?

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