



# THE X COMMANDMENTS: FULL-BODIED FAITH, FREE TO SERVE

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- 1 The heavens (A) declare (B) the glory of God (C);  
the skies (A') proclaim (B') the work of his hands (C').
  - 2 Day after day (A) they pour forth speech (C);  
night after night (A') they reveal (B') knowledge (C').
- (Ps 19:1-2, NIV)



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I (A) **cling** (B) to you (C);

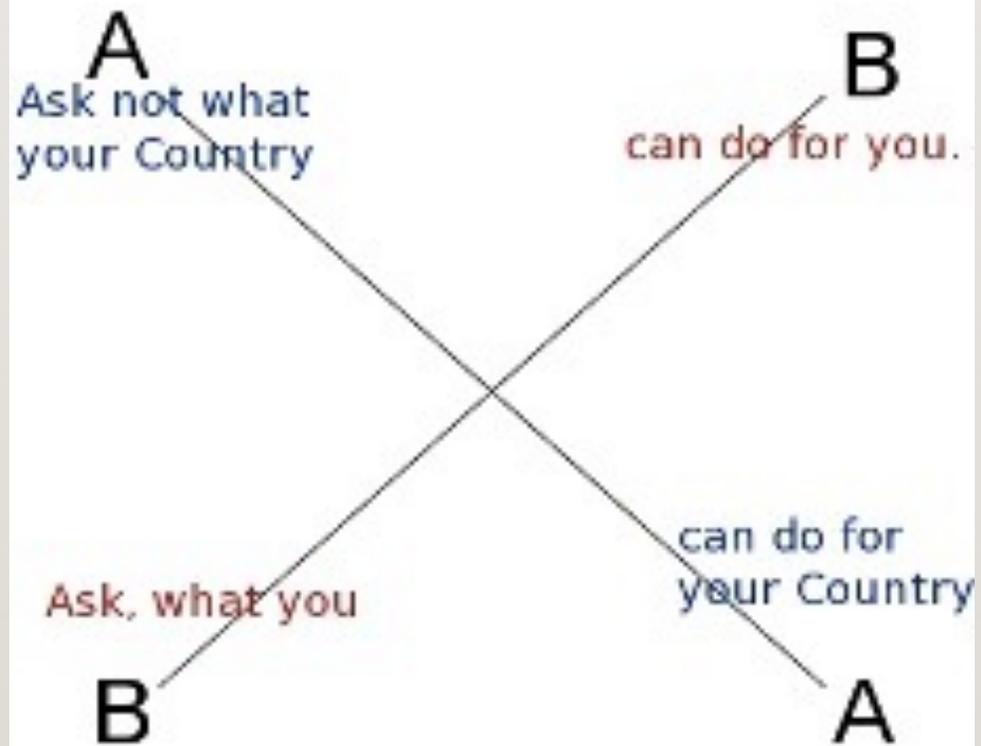
your right hand (C') **upholds** (B') **me** (A').

(Ps 63:8, NIV)





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- **A: Thoughts (Commandments 1-2)**
  - **B: Words (Commandment 3)**
    - **C: Deeds (Commandments 4-8)**
  - **B': Words (Commandment 9)**
- **A': Thoughts (Commandment 10)**





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- **A: Thoughts (Commandments 1-2)**
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    - **C: Deeds (Commandment 4)**
      - *Family Obligation (Commandment 5)*
    - **C': Deeds (Commandments 6-8)**
  - **B': Words (Commandment 9)**
- **A': Thoughts (Commandment 10)**





# COMPREHENSIVE COMMANDS



- 22 These are the commandments the LORD proclaimed in a loud voice to your whole assembly there on the mountain from out of the fire, the cloud and the deep darkness; **and he added nothing more.** Then he wrote them on two stone tablets and gave them to me. (Dt 5:22, NIV)





# COMPREHENSIVE COMMANDS



- 18 “If people quarrel and one person **hits another with a stone** or with their **fist** and the victim does not die but is confined to bed, 19 the one who struck the blow will not be held liable if the other can get up and walk around outside with a staff; however, the guilty party must pay the injured person for any loss of time and see that the victim is completely healed. (Ex 21:18-19, NIV)





## LETTER OF THE LAW, SPIRIT OF THE LAW



- 26 I will give you a **new heart** and put a **new spirit** in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put **my Spirit in you** and move you to **follow my decrees** and **be careful to keep my laws.** (Eze 36:26-27, NIV)





# LETTER OF THE LAW, SPIRIT OF THE LAW



31 “The days are coming,” declares the **LORD**,

“when I will make a **new covenant**  
with the people of Israel  
and with the people of Judah.

32 It will not be like the covenant

I made with their ancestors  
when I took them by the hand  
to lead them out of Egypt,  
because they broke my covenant,  
though I was a husband to them,”  
declares the **LORD**.





# LETTER OF THE LAW, SPIRIT OF THE LAW



33 “This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” **declares the LORD.**

“I will **put my law in their minds** and **write it on their hearts.**

I will be their God,  
and they will be my people.

34 No longer will they teach their neighbor,  
or say to one another, ‘Know the LORD,’  
because they will all know me,  
from the least of them to the greatest,”  
**declares the LORD.**

“For I will forgive their wickedness  
and will remember their sins no more.” (Jer 31:31-34, NIV)





## LETTER OF THE LAW, SPIRIT OF THE LAW



He has made us competent as ministers of a **new covenant**—not of the **letter** but of the **Spirit**; for the **letter kills**, but the **Spirit gives life**. (2 Cor 3:6, NIV)





## COMPREHENSIVE COMMANDS



37 Jesus replied: “ ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ [Dt 6:5] 38 This is the **first and greatest commandment**. 39 And the **second** is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ [Lev 19:18] 40 **All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.**” (Mt 22:37-40, NIV; cf. Mk 12:29-31)



# DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE



“And for the support of this Declaration, with a **firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence**, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.”





# DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE



“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are **created equal**, that they are endowed by their **Creator** with certain unalienable **Rights**, that among these are **Life, Liberty** and the pursuit of **Happiness**.”



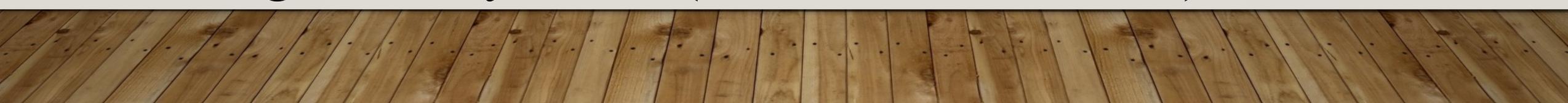


# CONTEXT

## THE HOUSE OF SLAVERY



- His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. “We are your **slaves**,” they said. (Gen 50:18, NIV)
- 19 But Joseph said to them, “Don’t be afraid. Am I in the place of God? 20 You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. (Gen 50:19-20, NIV)





# CONTEXT

## THE HOUSE OF SLAVERY



- 8 Then a new king, to whom Joseph meant nothing, came to power in Egypt. 9 “Look,” he said to his people, “the Israelites have become far too numerous for us. 10 Come, we must deal shrewdly with them or they will become even more numerous and, if war breaks out, will join our enemies, fight against us and leave the country.” 11 So they put **slave masters over them to oppress them with forced labor**, and they built Pithom and Rameses as store cities for Pharaoh. (Ex 1:8-11, NIV)





# CONTEXT FREE TO SERVE



- Then say to him, ‘The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, has sent me to say to you: Let my people go, **so that they may worship me** in the wilderness’ (Ex 7:16, NIV).
- Then the LORD said to Moses, “Go to Pharaoh and say to him, ‘This is what the LORD says: Let my people go, **so that they may worship me**’” (Ex 8:1. NIV)
- Then the LORD said to Moses, “Get up early in the morning and confront Pharaoh as he goes to the river and say to him, ‘This is what the LORD says: Let my people go, **so that they may worship me**” (Ex 8:20, NIV)



# CONTEXT FREE TO SERVE



- Then the LORD said to Moses, “Go to Pharaoh and say to him, ‘This is what the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, says: “Let my people go, **so that they may worship me**” (Ex 9:1, NIV)
- Then the LORD said to Moses, “Get up early in the morning, confront Pharaoh and say to him, ‘This is what the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, says: Let my people go, **so that they may worship me**” (Ex 9:13)
- So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said to him, “This is what the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, says: ‘**How long** will you refuse to humble yourself before me? Let my people go, **so that they may worship me**” (Ex 10:3, NIV)





# GODLY RELATIONSHIP GODLY RESIDENCE



- 44 “So I will consecrate the **tent of meeting** and the altar and will consecrate Aaron and his sons to serve me as priests.  
45 Then I will  **dwell among the Israelites** and be their God.  
46 They will know that I am the LORD their God, who brought them out of Egypt **so that I might dwell among them**. I am the LORD their God. (Ex 29:44-46, NIV)





## CHANGING MASTERS



- 6 “Therefore, say to the Israelites: ‘I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will **free you** from being **slaves to them**, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. 7 I will **take you as my own people, and I will be your God**. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians.’” (Ex 6:6-7, NIV)



## FREE TO SERVE



- 3 Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain and said, “This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: 4 ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and **brought you to myself**. 5 Now if you **obey me fully and keep my covenant**, then out of all nations **you will be my treasured possession**. Although the whole earth is mine, 6 you will be for me a **kingdom of priests and a holy nation.**’ These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites.” (Ex 19:3-6, NIV)



## CONTEXT AT MOUNT SINAI



- 16 On the morning of **the third day** there was **thunder** and **lightning**, with a **thick cloud over the mountain**, and a very loud trumpet blast. Everyone in the camp trembled. 17 Then Moses led the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. 18 **Mount Sinai was covered with smoke**, because the LORD descended on it in **fire**. The **smoke** billowed up from it like smoke from a furnace, and the **whole mountain trembled violently**. 19 As the **sound of the trumpet** grew louder and louder, Moses spoke and the voice of God answered him. (Ex 19:16-19, NIV)





# THE X COMMANDMENTS



- 1 Then God spoke all these words, saying: 2 “I am the LORD [YHWH] your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.” (Ex 20:1-2, AT)





## CONTEXT AT MOUNT SINAI



- 18 When the people saw the **thunder** and **lightning** and heard the **trumpet** and saw the **mountain in smoke**, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance 19 and said to Moses, “Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But **do not have God speak to us** or we will die.” (Ex 20:18-19, NIV)



# TEN WORDS



- Moses was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights without eating bread or drinking water. And he wrote on the tablets the **words** [ דָּבָר | *dābār*] of the covenant—the **Ten Commandments** [ דָּבָר | *dābār*]. (Ex 34:28, NIV; cf. Ex 24:3)
- And he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the **words** [ דָּבָר | *dābār*] of the covenant, the ten **words** [ דָּבָר | *dābār*]. (Ex 34:28, *Tanakh* JPS 1917; cf. Ex 24:3)



## TEN WORDS



- He declared to you his covenant, which he charged you to observe, that is, the **ten commandments** [ דָּבָר | *dābār*]; and he wrote them on two stone tablets. (Dt 4:13, NIV; cf. Dt 10:4)
- And He declared unto you His covenant, which He commanded you to perform, even the **ten words**; and He wrote them upon two tables of stone. (Dt 4:13, *Tanakh*, JPS 1917; cf. Dt 10:4)



## TEN WORDS



- 1 Then God spoke all these **words**, saying: 2 “I am the LORD [YHWH] your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.” (Ex 20:1-2, AT)



# THE LORD: YHWH



- 7 The LORD said, “I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and **I am concerned about their suffering.** 8 So **I have come down to rescue them** from the hand of the Egyptians **and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land**, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. 9 And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. (Ex 3:7-9, NIV)



# THE LORD: YHWH



10 So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.”

11 But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”

12 And God said, “I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will **worship God on this mountain.**”

13 Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what shall I tell them?” (Ex 3:10-13, NIV)





# THE LORD: YHWH



14 God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’ ”

15 God also said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites, ‘**The LORD [YHWH]**, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.’ ”

“This is my **name** forever,

the name you shall call me

from generation to generation. (Ex 3:14-15, NIV; cf. Ex 6:2-3)





# AMAZING GRACE



“Who has ever given to God,  
that God should **repay** them?” (Rom 11:35, NIV)





# KINGDOM OF PRIESTS



- 9 But you are a **chosen people**, a **royal priesthood**, a **holy nation**, God's **special possession**, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. (1 Pet 2:9-10, NIV)





# LOVELY LAW OF LIBERTY



Oh, how I **love** your law!

I meditate on it all day long.

(Ps 119:97, NIV)

I will walk about in **freedom**,

for I have sought out your **precepts**

(Ps 119:45, NIV)

