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## JESUS CHRIST

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What you MUST **DO** to be ready!!!

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#### Chapter 10

## <u> Wilderness</u>

"ALL the (10 Love) commandments which I command thee this day shall ye observe to DO, THAT YE MAY LIVE... and GO IN and POSSESS the LAND" (Deuteronomy 8:1)

Continue to bear in mind the big picture of what God is doing and saying through the Israelite's story (parable). Remember, they are God's volunteers playing out a skit for mankind to learn EVERYTHING involved (or EVERYTHING it will take) for a soul to be reunited with the source of all Life (God). Now as stated earlier, in the Israelite's story (parable) the physical land of Canaan was called the "Promised Land", but it represented the "Kingdom of God"—i.e. the place a soul must enter to "obtain eternal life". Thus, in the Israelite's skit God has done His part in helping the Israelites reach the land of Canaan (Promise Land) by doing for them what was impossible for them to do themselves—namely, He supernaturally delivered them out of bondage to Egypt. Likewise, God did His part in helping mankind's souls BE ABLE to enter the Kingdom of God (to obtain eternal life) by doing for us what we could NOT do for ourselves—namely, He supernaturally delivered us out of bondage to sin & death.

But you will soon learn in the story (parable) that God has now

tossed the reigns over to the Israelites! In other words, reaching the land of Canaan (Promise Land) is now in their hands, meaning it is THEIR responsibility for it is within their ability. And the WAY to the Promise Land (Canaan) required a <u>JOURNEY</u>. Likewise, Jesus' death placed the spiritual reigns into mankind's hands. In other words, reaching the Kingdom of God (obtaining eternal life) is now in our hands, meaning it is OUR responsibility for it is within our abilities. ALL it requires is a "unique" journey through a wilderness. Friend, the next 40 years of the Israelite's skit (parable) are the most important from mankind's (our) standpoint, because in them God <u>officially</u> makes known (or writes down) the <u>EXACT requirements</u> of what the Israelites HAD to <u>DO</u> to reach and enter Canaan (Promise Land)—which are the <u>EXACT same requirements</u> a soul must follow (<u>DO</u>) to enter into the Kingdom of God and receive eternal life!!!

But before we learn about what the Israelites had to DO to enter the Promise Land, allow me first to say a few pertinent words about why God chose the physical location of a "wilderness" to play out this part of the story (parable). Friend, it is quite simple; a "wilderness" perfectly characterized Earth's spiritual condition after Adam & Eve's (mankind's) sin. The original Hebrew word translated "wilderness" is "midbār" meaning: desert, wasteland, barren wilderness, desolate land that supports little life. See, after mankind's original sin, Lucifer became the "God of this world" and sin ran wild infesting everything. And remember SIN is a "spirit killer" which separates the souls it infects from God's Spirit of Life. Hence, Earth became a spiritual wilderness—a desolate, barren place supporting NO life!

The Bible contains a futuristic passage describing folk's disdain when they will one day behold Lucifer: "They that see thee (Satan) shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble...That made the world as a WILDERNESS...that opened not the house of his prisoners?" (Isaiah 14:16, 17). Do you see? The lie Lucifer told to persuade Adam & Eve into sinning against God turned planet Earth into a barren, desolate, spiritual wilderness. And it will stay that way until Christ's 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming and as Peter said: "the times of refreshing shall come...the times of restitution of all things" (Acts 3:19, 21). Thus, mankind was determined by God

(from the beginning) to live on an Earth that is a spiritual <u>wilderness</u>. IT was a crucial part of the setup of His Game of Life! Subsequently, a "physical wilderness" was the ideal symbolic place for God to convey His <u>requirements</u> for the Israelites (or mankind's souls) to reach the Promised Land (the Kingdom of God).

The story (parable) immediately reveals a flagrant truth... OBTAINING ETERNAL LIFE IS A JOURNEY! In other words, it is NOT a ONE time decision! You cannot saunter up the isle of a church to an altar and tearfully mumble some words that permanently guarantee your entrance into the Promise Land. Do you understand? "Obtaining eternal life" is a continual, daily, spiritual trek made everyday of your life! Paul understood this and wrote: "WORK OUT your own salvation with fear and trembling" (Philippians 2:12). See, it is something you MUST "work out"! Other times Paul likened it to "running a race" or "fighting a battle". The Bible asserts: "let us lay aside every weight, and the SIN which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the RACE that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:1). Jesus knew it as a "WAY": "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and **BROAD** is the WAY that leadeth to DESTRUCTION, and MANY there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and NARROW is the WAY, which leadeth unto LIFE, and FEW there be that find it" (Matthew 7:13, 14). Obviously, "entering the Promise Land" requires a spiritual expedition!

And although you might not want to hear it or believe it, you might as well receive Jesus' sobering words of TRUTH (in the verse above) into your spirit right now: MOST PEOPLE'S SOULS WILL NEVER ENTER THE PROMISE LAND (KINGDOM OF GOD): IN OTHER WORDS, THEY WILL NOT INHERIT ETERNAL LIFE BUT WILL PERISH IN THE WILDERNESS!!! Does that offend you? If so, then Christ's words of truth offend you! For Jesus declared "FEW" will obtain eternal life but "MANY" will perish in the lake of fire. Why is that? What is SO DIFFICULT for people to DO that they just will not do it to obtain eternal life? The answer to that question is unmistakably revealed in God's message He conveyed through the Israelite's story (parable), and I will share it with you shortly. But I must ask you...are YOU going to beat the odds? Are YOU going to be one

of the righteous <u>few</u> who "obtains eternal life" by entering into God's glorious Kingdom? If you do not make it, you will be BEGGING for another chance in hell, but it will be TOO LATE!!! Therefore, do NOT mock the truth contained in the rest of this chapter, and <u>DO</u> what God is asking you to <u>DO</u> to obtain eternal life.

Alright, since we know "obtaining eternal life" is a journey, a battle, a race, a way, or a path, it becomes readily noticeable we can "get off course"! And yes, the Bible clearly teaches someone can be on the "narrow path" leading to eternal life for awhile and then "lose their way" and be on the "broad path" leading to destruction! Peter wrote: "And when a person has escaped from the wicked ways of the world... and then gets tangled up with SIN and becomes its slave again, he is worse off than he was before... There is an old saying that "A dog comes back to what he has vomited, and a pig is washed only to come back and wallow in the mud again." THAT is the WAY it is with those who TURN AGAIN TO THEIR SIN" (II Peter 2:20-22, Living Bible). Ah, come on reader...this verse just gave it away! Did you notice what "way" a person must walk to obtain eternal life? It is the SIN-LESS way!!! What is that? It is a REPENTANT LIFESTYLE lived by willingly choosing to "forsake the WAY of evil (sin) and follow after the WAY of good (love)" daily. In other words, the spiritual reigns God placed into mankind's hands—and He did it for ALL mankind from the very beginning!—leading to eternal life in the Kingdom of God is to continually Obey His 10 Love Commandments!!! See, the "way" that leads to eternal life is inside your heart (spirit)!!! It is a daily decision you make hour by hour and minute by minute: You MUST make a conscious effort to refuse to sin and then never go back to a life of sin. THAT is the "NARROW WAY" you MUST trod to obtain eternal life!

But never forget who gave us that opportunity (or power to control our own eternal destiny): **God did!!!** See, He could have left us in bondage to sin & death (spiritually separated from Him forever) with no chance of returning to Him. Do you understand? But NO...<u>GOD freed us from the clutches of sin's spiritual DEATH grasp via Jesus' sinless spiritual death on the cross</u>. That simply means through Christ's death we can be "forgiven of sins". And what can THAT do for us? It means the spiritual death we should ALL pay (throughout all eternity)

for the sins we have committed—and we have ALL committed sin at one time or another!—can be paid for with Christ's <u>spiritual death</u>. And what does that ultimately mean for us? It means we can OBTAIN ETERNAL <u>SPIRITUAL</u> LIFE by being reunited with the source of all life (God the Father) in His Kingdom. But what MUST you <u>DO</u> to receive this "forgiveness for sins? **YOU MUST REPENT** (turn from your sins)—which means to show God RESPECT for the salvation He provided by continuously living a life of love (obey the 10 Love Commandments). So remember to <u>ALWAYS</u> give full credit and thanks to <u>GOD</u> for your salvation!

Well let us return to the Israelite's story (parable) in the wilderness and find out WHAT sin God wanted them to squelch to enter the Promise Land! In the third month after exiting Egypt, Moses and the Israelites arrived at Mount Sinai. Here, God gathered the Israelites at the base of the mountain, while He descended in a thick cloud of fire with thundering and lightning, and boomingly spoke the 10 Love Commandments to them: "The LORD talked with you (Israelites) face to face in the mount out of the midst of the fire" (Deuteronomy 5:4). God spoke ONLY the 10 Love Commandments: "THESE words the LORD spake unto all your assembly in the mount out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness, with a great voice: and he added no more" (Deuteronomy 5:22). Friend, the 10 Love Commandments are the COMPLETE heart of the Law of Love!

Soon thereafter, Moses ascended to the top of Mount Sinai for 40 days and received the 10 Love Commandments (written by God's own finger) on stone tables: "And the LORD delivered unto me two tables of stone written with the finger of God...And it came to pass at the end of forty days and forty nights, that the LORD gave me the two tables of stone, even the tables of the COVENANT" (Deuteronomy 9:10, 11). Notice, God called the stone tables containing the 10 Love Commandments the "Tables of the Covenant": "And he (God) declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, even TEN COMMANDMENTS; and he wrote them upon two tables of stone" (Deuteronomy 4:13). Friend, stone represents permanency! The 10 Love Commandments will never pass away because they are the very definition or deeds (works) of Love. And when someone disobeys

any of the 10 Love Commandments it is sin (which is rebellion against God, which is rebellion against LOVE)!

Now look, I have alluded to this fact over and over again in this book: God's 10 Love Commandments given to the Israelites at Mount Sinai were NOT something new to them AND NEITHER WAS THE COVENANT! Ever since Adam & Eve ate from the tree of the knowledge of good & evil, ALL mankind's hearts knew the 10 Love Commandments—for "obedience to them" or "disobedience to them" is the definition of good and evil, respectively. Remember, long before Moses was ever born Noah preached about them, Abraham obeyed them, and Enoch loved them. Long before Moses was born, Joseph accused Benjamin of stealing his silver cup, Abimelech accused Abraham of lying to him about his wife Sarah for he feared God's punishment if he would have committed adultery with her, Ham dishonored his father Noah by looking on his nakedness, and Cain coveted Abel's righteousness and murdered him. And there are many more examples in Genesis proving mankind has always known the 10 Love Commandments. Furthermore, there is now much historical evidence proving the same thing; long before Moses was ever born mankind (Sumerians, Babylonians, Egyptians, etc.) were worshiping idols, dishonoring the 7th day Sabbath, and no longer putting the Creator God first in their lives!

Friend, God had an oral COVENANT with mankind—spoken into their hearts (spirits)—about what was good and evil from the moment Adam & Eve sinned. The covenant declared IF a man/woman would follow the Way of Good (love) their soul would live eternally, but IF they followed the Way of Evil (sin) it would die one day after the Great Judgment! Long before Moses was born the inhabitants of Sodom & Gomorrah knew the covenant in their hearts and that they were living evilly and so did the people living in Noah's day! Subsequently, in the Israelite's story (parable), God was merely taking an already existing 2,638 year old (3972 BC till 1334 BC) oral agreement and officially writing it down, like drawing up a written contract with someone after having a verbal agreement with them for years. Do you see?

And WHY did God do this? Because the Israelite's story is a <u>PARABLE</u> (or a message) for ALL mankind!!! God was controlling,

directing, and writing the story (for His book the Bible) that would contain EVERYTHING involved with a soul's journey back to Him! Do you understand? Consequently, the story (parable) HAD to include a <u>written</u> copy of what mankind needed to <u>DO</u> (obey) to enter the Kingdom of God (Promise Land). Thus, God engraved the 10 Love Commandments on stone tables: "And <u>he (God) wrote them in two tables of stone</u>, and delivered them unto me (Moses)" (Deuteronomy 5:22). See, on one hand the Bible is the amazing story of how God freed the souls of mankind from sin's death curse through the Messiah's work—secretly and prophetically written in the Old Testament Scriptures to prove it happened!—and on the other hand it is God's written instruction book for <u>exactly</u> what <u>mankind</u> must <u>DO</u> to obtain eternal life! So, without a doubt my friend, the Israelite's story (parable) of bondage, deliverance, and journey to the Promise Land is God's lead (central) story in His book the Bible.

God then declared to the Israelites, point blank: "ALL the (10 **Love**) commandments which I command thee this day shall ye observe to DO, THAT YE MAY LIVE...and GO IN and POSSESS the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers" (Deuteronomy 8:1). Wow, it does not get any plainer than that! God was saying the Israelites (mankind) WILL possess the Promise Land (Kingdom of God) IF they obey the 10 Love Commandments!!! Listen to God's wish for the Israelites (mankind): "O that there were such an HEART in them, that they would FEAR me, and keep ALL my commandments ALWAYS, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever!" (Deuteronomy 5:29). Friend, this has always been the heartbeat of God towards ALL His spirit children since the dawn of time! Deep down inside they ALL knew right from wrong (good from evil), and IF they would have continually FEARED God and followed His way of love obeyed the 10 Love Commandments—they would ALL have obtained eternal life by entering His Kingdom one day. But (like MOST people will do!) they turned their back on God (love) by willingly choosing to disobey His 10 Holy Love Commandments!

So, when the Messiah (Jesus) arrived on Earth did he confirm the "WAY" leading to eternal life in the Kingdom of God was/is by "obeying the 10 Love Commandments", proving the "wilderness part" of the Israelite's story (parable) was to express this truth? Yes, yes, yes!!! The Gospels record: "And, behold, one came and said unto him (Jesus), Good Master, WHAT good thing SHALL I DO, that I may have eternal life? And he said unto him... IF thou wilt ENTER INTO LIFE, keep the (10 Love) commandments... Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother" (Matthew 19:16-19). See, Jesus was listing the 10 Love Commandments! Friend, it does not get any clearer or simpler than this; this is kindergartner material!!! If you want to receive eternal life, you MUST willfully choose to live your life in obedience to God's 10 Holy Love Commandments. But if you choose to live your life in willful disobedience to them, your soul will perish!

Back in the wilderness, in 1334 BC, God did something with the two tables containing the covenantal 10 Love Commandments that absolutely, positively proves "obeying them" IS the "WAY" to obtain eternal life in the Kingdom of God. Do you know what He did? He gave Moses detailed instructions for building an ARK to house them in!!! Listen: "And they shall make an ARK of shittim wood: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof" (Exodus 25:10). Are you kidding me? Now WHAT on Earth could God have wanted with another ARK? Friend, He needed ANOTHER physical ark built—to AGAIN symbolize the "Kingdom of God" (the place of eternal life) so this time He could place the 10 Love Commandments in it. In doing this, God was definitively affirming those souls who live their Earthly life by the Law of Love (obey the 10 Love Commandments) will one day reside IN the Kingdom of God and obtain eternal life!!! Do you remember what God called the 10 Love Commandments? He called them His COVENANT with mankind. So what was the Ark named? The Ark of the Covenant!

Friend, I am telling you God's placement of the 10 Love Commandments INSIDE the "Ark of the Covenant" <u>unquestionably</u> declares the souls who will obtain eternal life (by entering the Kingdom of God one day) will do so because of their decision at some point in their Earthly life to follow after and continue following after the WAY

of love—which is the EXACT definition of "repentance"; to turn from one's sin by obeying the 10 Love Commandments! The Bible's message on "what a soul MUST <u>DO</u> to obtain eternal life" is crystal clear once the "Ark concept" is understood in God's Israelite story (parable). And "obedience to the 10 Love Commandments" is simply how someone "shows love towards God and their fellow man" as you will soon see in the "love" chapter. In other words, those souls that choose "to love" on Earth—which is how you choose God's WAY, because He <u>IS</u> Love—are the ones God will accept into His Kingdom. And now you know WHY God had the Israelites build an Ark to <u>house</u> the 10 Love Commandments in.

Hear Moses' Biblical witness of WHERE the two stone tables (etched with the 10 Love Commandments by God's own finger) were placed: "Andhe(God)wrote on the tables... the TENCOMMANDMENTS, 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. 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" (Deuteronomy 10:1-5). Do you see? So WHO will get INTO the Kingdom of God? Indisputably, those individuals (souls) who willingly choose to obey God's 10 Love Commandments!

By the 10<sup>th</sup> century BC King Solomon was ruling over the nation of Israel, and he built the 1<sup>st</sup> Temple and moved the "Ark of the Covenant" within. And what was still INSIDE the Ark almost 400 years later? The Bible records: "*There was NOTHING in the ark save the TWO TABLES which Moses put therein at Horeb*, when the LORD made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of Egypt" (II Chronicles 5:10). Friend, wherever the "Ark of the Covenant" is today, it no doubt holds two stone tables engraved by God's own finger with the 10 Love Commandments! And one day the Kingdom of God will FOREVER hold ALL the spirit children who preferred to live a "life of love" over a "life of sin" on planet Earth.

Now Moses received many other secondary laws from God that <u>he (Moses)</u> wrote down in a book with his OWN hands: "And <u>Moses wrote</u> all the words of the LORD...and he took the <u>book of the covenant</u>, and read in the audience of the people: and they said,

All that the LORD hath said will we do, and be obedient" (Exodus 24:4, 7). It is crucial to understand that this "book of the law" was kept in a pouch on the outside of the Ark of the Covenant! The Bible records: "When Moses had finished writing down all the laws that are recorded in this BOOK, he instructed the Levites who carried the Ark containing the Ten Commandments to put this book of the law BESIDE the Ark, as a solemn warning to the people of Israel" (Deuteronomy 31:24-26, Living Bible). Therefore, the 613 laws contained in the Torah "book of the law"—e.g. dietary laws, agricultural laws, clothing laws, circumcision laws, prayer laws, holyday laws, business laws, property laws, judicial laws, criminal laws, tax laws, sacrificial laws, war laws, etc.—are NOT required of mankind to enter INTO the Kingdom of God and obtain eternal life because they were NOT placed inside the Ark. Do you understand? Out of love, God gave the "book of the law" to the nation of Israel to help them govern their nation—and of course the "sacrificial laws and holyday laws" were for a "prophetic shadow" of the coming Messiah, Jesus Christ!

In addition to the book of the Law, by the time Christ arrived on Earth various Jewish sects had arisen in Israel (like the Pharisees & Sadducees) who had <u>made up</u> hundreds of <u>additional</u> laws. And although they tried to act and preach like those laws came from God, THEY DID NOT! Those laws were man-made legalism, and Jesus rebuked the Jewish religious leaders for them. Take for instance God's 4th Love Commandment "*Keep the Sabbath Day Holy*"—which was intended by God to be a joyful, weekly day in which mankind could rest from his/her work (one of sin's consequences) in anticipation, celebration, and reverence of God's coming 7th millennial day of rest on Earth—the Pharisees had invented many burdensome, hairsplitting restrictions to be observed on THAT day, like if someone "spit on the ground" they had sinned for "irrigating (working) the soil"! Are you kidding me? That is how ridiculous it had become!!!

The Pharisees completely misunderstood the momentous symbolic importance of the 10 Love Commandments being placed INSIDE the "Ark of the Covenant". Consequently, to their own peril, they would (at times) <u>literally</u> disobey the vital 10 Love Commandments in order to keep their man-made traditions—e.g. they would hate their

neighbor (which is murder in the heart!) because they did not wash their hands before eating! Many Biblical altercations arose between Jesus and the "religious leaders" over these man-made laws. But in Scripture—now listen to me clearly—you will <u>always</u> find Jesus endorsing (preaching) "obedience to the 10 Love Commandments" is the WAY to eternal life and "obeying man-made laws (or church traditions)" as having NO importance with respect to one's eternal destiny!

One day, some scribes and Pharisees asked Jesus, "Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread. But he answered... Why do ye also transgress the COMMANDMENT of GOD by your tradition? For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother..." (Matthew 15:2-4). Do you see? Jesus is rightly defending "obedience to the 10 Love Commandments" while simultaneously reducing the importance of man-made traditions. THAT is because Jesus KNEW (beyond a shadow of a doubt) "obedience to the 10 Love Commandments" was/ is crucial to mankind obtaining eternal life! He then went on to baffle and anger the Pharisees legalistic minds by showing them the utter worthlessness of their man-made, religious traditions.

The Pharisees were also hung up on dietary laws. One day in frustration, Jesus blurted, "Don't you understand...Don't you see that anything you eat passes through the digestive tract and out again? But evil words come from an evil heart, and DEFILE the man who says them. For from the HEART (spirit) come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness and blasphemy. THESE ARE WHAT DEFILE; but there is NO SPIRITUAL (SOUL) defilement from eating" (Matthew 15:16-20, Living Bible). Do you recognize the things Jesus listed as "defilers of the soul" are "disobedience to the 10 Love Commandments" things? Thus, once again, Jesus is verifying "disobeying the 10 Love Commandments" DEFILES a soul and will ultimately send it to its destruction in hell! Friend, if you want to sustain your physical body by consuming tarantulas or eating pig, go ahead: That will NEVER be the reason your soul ends up in the lake of fire! But if your spirit (thoughts, desires, & emotions) willfully choose to disobey the 10 Love Commandments, you will be in a heap of trouble on Judgment Day.

Paul penned: "Know ye not that ye ARE the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man DEFILE the temple of God, him shall God destroy" (I Corinthians 3:16, 17). Do you see? This verse goes back to what I taught you in chapter 2 of this book: THE SPIRIT (SOUL) MATERIAL INSIDE YOUR PHYSICAL BODY CAME FROM GOD! In other words, God lives inside your body. See, God does not live in man-made church buildings: He lives in YOU!!! That structure (building) folks hold church services in is NOT the temple of God: YOU ARE!!! So Paul & Christ taught if you use your spirit (thoughts, desires, & emotions) to disobey the 10 Love Commandments (think thoughts of & do deeds of adultery, lying, murder, blasphemy, idolatry, thievery, covetousness, etc.) God will ultimately destroy your soul and body one day in the lake of fire.

Look, Paul dealt with the same religious ideology as Christ did, and you will find in his letters that he preached **IDENTICAL** to Jesus..."obeying religious (church) traditions" like circumcision, handwashing, holidays, certain food abstentions, etc. is useless with respect to obtaining eternal life but "obeying the 10 Love Commandments" is crucial. In fact, Paul was SO sure "obeying the 10 Love Commandments" was/is the actions (works) that prove a soul's faith (belief) in God (love)—thus being mankind's part in the salvation equation—that he wrote in his letters several times "ALL who willfully disobey them will NEVER enter the Kingdom of God"! And I will prove this forthrightly. Friend, "obeying the 10 Love Commandments" is so vital to our eternal destiny that it behooves us to study them in depth, even though technically they are ALREADY written in our heart! So, indubitably, the next 20 or so pages in this book are BY FAR the most important, for if you will willfully make the decision to obey (DO) God's 10 Love Commandments—notice they are COMMANDS not suggestions! your soul will obtain eternal life.

For your benefit I have created a two-sided (negative & positive) chart of the 10 Love Commandments—i.e. what "NOT TO DO" & what "TO DO" [See Figure #8]. After careful examination, you will find everything Jesus taught "not to do" and "to do" was/is based on the 10 Love Commandments. Consequently, the chart I made is the most important chart in the entire world, because it contains the

# Figure # 8 The 10 Love Commandments (The Golden Rule)

DO

#### LOVE GOD

**DON'T** 

1.	Have gods before Creator God love your life, save your life	Make creator God #1 in your life hate your life, lose your life	
	be selfish, be prideful, boast,	be humble, be unselfish,	
2.	Worship idols	Worship only Creator God	
	love money, be greedy,	love God, fear God,	
	love sinful pleasures	seek after righteousness	
3.	Blaspheme God's name	Glorify God's name	
	profane, curse,	control tongue, speak pure	
	damn, swear, talk filthy	sing hymns and praises	
4.	Forget To Keep Sabbath Holy	Keep Sabbath Holy	
	do business (work), talk idly,	delight in the Lord,	
	do your own pleasure	honor the Lord	
LOVE NEIGHBOR			
5.	Dishonor father & mother	Honor your father & mother	
٥.	disobey, be ungrateful,	obey, thank, respect,	
	be unthankful	be appreciative	
6.	Murder	Forgive	
	fight, hate, despise, judge	pray for enemies,	
	complain, be impatient	do good to those hurt you	
<i>7</i> .	Commit Adultery	Honor the marriage bed	
	fornicate, lust sexually,	be sexually pure, virtuous	
	be homosexual, be immoral	undefiled, innocent, clean	
8.	Steal	Give	
	thieve, rob, gamble	charity, alms, tithe	
	smuggle, take advantage of	feed hungry, clothe naked	
9.	Lie	Tell Truth	
	falsify, deceive, gossip,	be honest, share Gospel	
	trick, cheat, trap, mock	witness, preach, testify	
10.	Covet neighbor's things	Love neighbor as yourself	
	desire, long for, crave	pray for, help, serve,	
	envy, be jealous	be kind, be longsuffering	

information—if followed!—that will allow a soul to enter the Kingdom of God (Promise Land) and obtain eternal life. So please scrutinize the chart in depth. Copy it, enlarge it, miniaturize it, love it, memorize it, and imbed it in your heart. But most importantly...OBEY (DO) IT!!!

Now, as we analyze <u>each</u> of the 10 Love Commandments, I am going to first purposely point out in the Israelite's story (parable) how God declared "disobedience to <u>EACH</u> of them" was punishable by death! This "wilderness pronouncement" was enacted by God to again confirm and declare to ALL mankind: <u>Willful disobedience to the 10 Love Commandments will bring forth spiritual death—i.e. the 2<sup>nd</sup> <u>Death at the White Throne Judgment</u>. I will then back this TRUTH up with Scriptures from Paul's New Testament letters reaffirming the fact. Ultimately, I want YOU to realize the "*narrow way*" leading to eternal life exists in your mind, and you turn onto (or get onto) that path (way) the moment your heart (spirit)—thoughts, desires, & emotions—decide to live in accordance to God's 10 Holy Love Commandments!</u>

The 1st Love Commandment is "Thou shalt have NO other gods before me" (Exodus 20:3). God knew the Israelites had been exposed to many false Egyptian gods while in Egypt, and He hated His spirit children's (mankind's) worship of these false gods. So God told Moses the punishment for the sin of "disobeying the 1st Love Commandment" was to be death! An example of one of these false gods was the god "Molech". The Bible records: "And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Again, thou shalt say to the children of Israel, Whosoever he be of the children of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn in Israel, that giveth any of his seed (children) unto Molech: he shall surely be put to death: the people of the land shall stone him with stones" (Leviticus 20:1, 2). Obviously, God had NO tolerance for other gods coming before Him in His spirit children's lives!

Today people put anything and everything BEFORE God in their heart and lives—e.g. family, business, house, car, hobby, sports, movies, etc.—and this "forget-about-God" lifestyle will spell T.R.O.U.B.L.E. on Judgment Day! Today, most people's god is <u>themselves</u>: They are selfish, proud, boasters (usually overfed and oversexed) who love only themselves, and God declares their end will be certain destruction. Listen to Paul's alarming words about these type people: "*Being filled*"

with all unrighteousness...haters of God (love)...proud, boasters...who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them" (Romans 1:29-32). Again, Paul writes: "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves...boasters, proud...heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures MORE than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness...from such turn away...Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth" (II Timothy 3:1-7). Yes, friend, the Apostle Paul fully believed people possessing this type of spirit (soul)—thoughts, desires, & emotions—will perish having NOT inherited the Kingdom of God (eternal life)!

Jesus clearly informed us of exactly what place God is to hold in our life: "If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and HIS OWN LIFE also, he cannot be my disciple. And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:26, 27). This ambiguous statement by Christ meant anyone who wants to follow (serve) God MUST love Him MORE than their own parents, siblings, children, or even their own life; otherwise, they will NOT be accepted by Him on Judgment Day! See, Jesus continually taught a message of "self-sacrificial love towards God and your fellow man" is the way to eternal life. He would say things like we need to "lose our life" or "hate our life" to obtain eternal life! But, today, Satan is literally preaching from the pulpits a 180 degree opposite, selfish message of "how to love your life on this Earth", and it is an ear-tickling sermon in which internalized will lead a soul to HELL!!! Yes, certainly, the 1st Love Commandment "Have NO other gods before me" is still in affect today with the same resulting consequence of death for its disobedience. Surely the God who gave us breath deserves the #1 place in our heart because if it was not for Him we would not even exist!

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Love Commandment is "<u>Thou shalt NOT make unto</u> 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 water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God" (Exodus 20:4, 5). In a few

short months after leaving Egypt the Israelites had already disobeyed this Commandment by melting down their gold jewelry and shaping it into the form of a calf and worshipping it. God informed Moses the punishment for the sin of "disobeying the 2nd Love Commandment" was to be death! He told Moses to ask the Israelites: "Who is on the LORD'S side? Let him come unto me" (Exodus 32:26). Then He told them who stood by Moses to slaughter all those who wanted to continue worshiping the golden calf: "And he (Moses) said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Put every man his sword by his side, and go in and out from gate to gate throughout the camp, and slay every man his brother, and every man his companion, and every man his neighbor...and there fell of the people that day about three thousand men" (Exodus 32:27, 28). It was a tragic loss for the fledgling nation of Israel, but God made His point abundantly clear that day...He despises idol worship!

Today, sadly, most people's idol is money—which is what the "gold-en calf" incident represented! People worship materialistic (dirt) possessions. See, a heart—thoughts, desires, & emotions—that constantly longs to acquire (thinks about making) money is a heart that LOVES money because whatever "dominates one's thought process" is what that spirit worships (loves). Paul made this point crystal clear in his letters: "You can be sure of this: The Kingdom of Christ and of God will NEVER belong to anyone who is impure or greedy, for a greedy person is really an IDOL worshipper—he loves and worships the good things of this life more than God" (Ephesians 5:5, Living Bible). Do you see? The result on Judgment Day for "idolatry" will be the dreaded 2<sup>nd</sup> Death! Friend, folks that live to make money and acquire possessions have failed to grasp all they are striving to obtain is just dirt—in other words, it is useless in obtaining eternal life. But for their pleasure-seeking, greedy, dirt-idolatry they will forfeit their soul's chance at eternal life! Paul wrote: "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; **Idolatry**, witchcraft... of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which DO such things shall NOT inherit the kingdom of God" (Galatians 5:19-21). Can it be any clearer? Paul firmly believed an idolater will NOT inherit the Kingdom of God!

John the Revelator prophesied about what the desires of people's hearts will be like during the great tribulation, right before Jesus' 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming: "And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet REPENTED NOT of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk" (Revelation 9:20). Do you see? People's idols will continue to be money and materialistic (dirt) possessions made of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood—e.g. houses, cars, furniture, etc! But these "things" have NO value because they are not spirit; they cannot see, hear, walk, or talk. Only "spirit material" has value, and THAT is what YOU should love! Certainly, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Love Commandment "Thou shall NOT worship idols" is still in affect today with the same resulting consequence of death for its disobedience. Friend, worship ONLY God, think about Him, talk (pray) to Him, respect Him, fear him, love Him, and make Him your reason for getting up every morning.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Love Commandment is "Thou shalt NOT take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain" (Exodus 20:7). In the new Israeli camp, God told Moses the punishment for the sin of "disobeying the 3<sup>rd</sup> Love Commandment" was to be death. There was a young man who cursed the name of the Lord, and the Israelite people brought him before Moses: "And the Israelitish woman's son blasphemed the name of the LORD, and cursed...And they brought him unto Moses...And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Bring forth him that hath cursed without the camp; and let all that heard him lay their hands upon his head, and let all the congregation stone him" (Leviticus 24:11-14). Furthermore, God said: "Whosoever curseth his God shall bear his sin. And he that blasphemeth the name of the LORD, he shall surely be put to death, and all the congregation shall certainly stone him: as well the stranger, as he that is born in the land, when he blasphemeth the name of the LORD, shall be put to death" (Exodus 24:15, 16). That is straightforward, huh? God is not joking around with people who abuse His Holy name!

So how does God feel today about the sin of people using His name in vain? Has he changed? Not one bit!!! The apostle Paul spoke

about two men who cursed God: "Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck: Of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn NOT to BLASPHEME" (I Timothy 1:19, 20). Really people, you cannot possible think God is going to usher you into His Kingdom if your spirit goes around using His name as a curse word! If the Holy Spirit lived inside your heart, you would NEVER speak God's name in vain; the mere mention (breath) of "God" or "Jesus" would perk up your ears into a heightened sense of alertness, causing a Holy, righteous, reverent (fear)-of-God to flood your soul! But today I hear socalled "born-again" Christians use "Jesus" or "Geesh"—which is just (Jēs-us) shortened!—continually in conversations where God or Jesus is NOT the subject matter. In other words, they are using God's name in vain (or as a curse word). Friend, God will NOT hold a soul guiltless who curses the very "being" that gave it life! Their future will definitely be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Death unless they repent (change their ways)! Paul wrote: "For which things' sake the WRATH of God cometh on the children of DISOBEDIENCE...but now ye also put off ALL these...blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth" (Colossians 3:6, 8).

Instead, Paul described how our conversation should flow: "And be NOT drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for ALL the things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 5:18-20). Again, Paul wrote: "be thou an EXAMPLE of the believers, in WORD, in CONVERSATION, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity" (I Timothy 4:12). Certainly, the 3rd Love Commandment "Thou shall NOT take the Lord's name in vain" is still in affect today with the same resulting consequence of death for its disobedience. Rather, glorify, magnify, and honor the name of the only one, true, Almighty, Creator God!

The 4th Love Commandment is "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it HOLY. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD thy God...For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and RESTED the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the

Sabbath day, and hallowed it" (Exodus 20:8-11). God told Moses the punishment for the sin of "disobeying the 4th Love Commandment" was to be sure death: "Ye shall keep the sabbath therefore; for it is HOLY unto you: every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death" (Exodus 31:14). Friend, the Sabbath is a sign of God's covenant with mankind, culminating with His sanctifying (making Holy) the righteous at Christ's 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming: "Verily my Sabbaths ve shall keep: for it is a SIGN between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the LORD that doth sanctify you" (Exodus 31:13). During the 40 year wilderness journey the Bible recounts the story of a man who was found working on the Sabbath: "And while the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man that gathered sticks upon the Sabbath day. And they that found him gathering sticks brought him unto Moses and Aaron...And the LORD said unto Moses, The man shall be surely put to death...And all the congregation brought him with-out the camp, and stoned him with stones, and he died" (Numbers 15:32-36). See, God's feelings about the Sabbath day are candid and clear-cut!

In the Biblical record of Paul, there is NO doubt he observed the 7<sup>th</sup> day Sabbath: "And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three Sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures" (Acts 17:2). Realize, there were Jews AND gentiles present at these 7<sup>th</sup> day weekly Sabbath meetings. But in the centuries following Christ's ascension, Lucifer worked a truly amazing deception on mankind to ensure the majority of people (for the most part unknowingly) sin by not keeping God's 4th Love Commandment: He falsely switched the 7th day (sundown Friday to sundown Saturday) Sabbath to the 1st day of the week (sundown Saturday to sundown Sunday)! So today most of the religion of "Christianity" holds church services on Sunday, thinking THAT day is the Lord's Holy Sabbath! Now please understand it is OK to congregate with folks in a building and talk about the Bible & God ANYDAY of the week, but to believe Sunday is God's Sabbath day is a lie, FOR IT IS NOT!!! Imagine the man working "gathering sticks" in the story above saying to Moses, "Look Moses, I'm out here collecting wood on the weekly DAY God commanded us to rest because it suits my life and my schedule. You go and tell your God I'll "rest" on the 1st Day

of the week!" Are you kidding me? Good luck with that proposition! Friend, time scholars have verified the "7 day week" has **NEVER** gotten out of sync; thus, there is only <u>ONE</u> blessed & Holy day each week—the 7<sup>th</sup> day (Friday sundown till Saturday sundown) Sabbath—<u>because God makes the rules, not us!!!</u> Personally, I am extremely saddened by Lucifer's momentous con because he and I know what he has stolen from mankind, for I have <u>personal</u> proof of the great ANOINTING that rests on God's TRUE Sabbath day, and I will share that with you later in the "*Holy Spirit*" chapter.

I would love nothing more right now than to write a lengthy discourse on how (and through whom) Lucifer accomplished his "Sabbath day switcheroo" and to make convincing note of the prophetic Scripture in the Old Testament book of Daniel foretelling that he would do that one day, but this is not the purpose of this book! Furthermore, there is <u>much</u> good reading material out there on the subject, and I encourage you to read it. But what I do want to do is take you on a behind-the-scenes look (into the invisible spirit world) at an ongoing "occurrence"—which is VERY real, though the Bible only seldom mentions it!—and show you how it relates to Satan's "Sabbath day sham".

Here is the "occurrence": However the spirit world is constructed (or laid out), it allows for direct discussion to occur between God and Lucifer, even now after Lucifer's sin! The Bible first unveils this truth in the book and story of Job—possibly occurring around 2,000 BC where God and Satan discussed thoughts about Job that then influenced his future: "And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job ... " (Job 1:7). Later, during Christ's day on Earth, Jesus informed Peter: "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to HAVE you, that he may sift you as wheat" (Luke 22:31). Here is the point: You need to realize "what happens to mankind (you) on Earth" is an ongoing "Game" between God and Lucifer! And the stakes are DEADLY for us!!! But more importantly, you need to realize Satan's ONLY objective in this "Game" is to get you & me (and all mankind) to sin against God—which is COMPLETELY wrapped up in disobeying God's 10 Love Commandments. Please, please

understand <u>THAT</u> is ALL Satan now cares to accomplish on Earth, for he knows the end result of the souls who <u>DO</u> THAT (sin against God) will be banishment to the "lake of fire" with him, forever. And if you end up in the "lake of fire" one day, Lucifer and his demonic cohorts will laugh their heads of at YOU for being so foolish (stupid) as to listen to their lies while you lived on Earth, and thus missing out on your opportunity to obtain eternal life!

With that being said, you should <u>now</u> be able to clearly see the satanic force behind the "Sabbath day transfer". Friend, IT IS ALL A GAME! God wants us to obey Him and Lucifer wants us to disobey God. Therefore, Satan will do EVERYTHING within his power to get us to defy God's wishes, <u>even if it requires trickery!!!</u> I have NO doubt if you could hear Lucifer's cackling at God over his "Sabbath day sham" and listen to his prideful taunting of how he has deceived the whole world into sin because of it, you would IMMEDIATELY start respecting and observing God's true 7th day (sundown Friday to sundown Saturday) Sabbath. In fact, I believe you would be SO appalled at what Satan has done you would never again <u>want</u> to go to a church on a Sunday! You would frantically desire and demand your church hold service on God's true Sabbath day. But since people have not heard the exchange or know of the battle between God and Lucifer over the 4th Love Commandment, they do not care!

Allow me to enlighten you on some of the facts behind the "Sabbath Day battle" being waged between God and Satan, for it goes back to the beginning of time! After Lucifer coerced Adam & Eve into sinning against God, he immediately began his next deception into the hearts (spirits)—thoughts, desires, & emotions—of mankind. What was it? He persuaded mankind to turn their backs on God by getting them to worship God's CREATION instead of the Creator. Paul revealingly wrote: "Instead of believing what they knew was the truth about God, they deliberately chose to believe lies. So they prayed to the THINGS God made, but wouldn't obey the blessed God who made these things" (Romans 1:25). Now, friend, it did not take long for the SUN to become the most exalted and venerated object of all God's creation. All ancient pagan cultures, long before Jesus came to Earth, had their specific name(s) for the bogus sun god—e.g. the Canaanites sun god was Baal

(Beelzebub). And long before Jesus' day on Earth, the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week (sundown Saturday to sundown Sunday) was established for pagan sun worship—hence, the name <u>Sun</u>-day was attached to the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week.

God loathed the ancient heathen's practices of adoring, revering, and deifying His creation. And since the Egyptians were famous for their sun-god worship, God explicitly told Moses to warn the Israelites to NOT worship the sun: "Take ye therefore good heed unto yourselves...lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun, and the moon, and the stars...shouldest be driven to worship them, and serve them" (Deuteronomy 4:15, 19). See, God was NOT going to put up with this abomination, and He told Moses to kill anyone who worshipped the sun: "If there be found among you...man or woman, that hath wrought wickedness in the sight of the LORD thy God, in transgressing his covenant, And hath gone and served other gods, and worshipped them, either the sun, or moon, or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded... Then shalt thou bring forth that man or that woman...and shalt stone them with stones, till they <u>die</u>" (Deuteronomy 17:2-5). Friend, Lucifer knew/knows God's intense hatred of sun worship, and he connected it to the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week. Thus, I can almost see Satan's evil grin as he watches most of the world today "worship" God on the venerable day of the sun! Undoubtedly, Lucifer is gloating to God about his incredible deceptive achievement.

Inevitably though, Lucifer will be locked up for a thousand years and EVERYONE living in Christ's millennial Kingdom will worship God on the true 7th day Sabbath, for planet Earth will keep on spinning and every day will be accounted for right through the devastation of Jesus Christ's 2nd Coming. Isaiah prophetically wrote about ALL those living in Christ's eternal Kingdom: "And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, shall ALL flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD. And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcases of the men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, netiher shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh" (Isaiah 66:23, 24). Friend, their will be NO more false Sunday (1st day) worship in Christ's eternal Kingdom! And now that you have been confronted with

the truth, it is your choice if you want to obey God and keep His 7<sup>th</sup> day (sundown Friday to sundown Saturday) Sabbath Holy or continue lovingly stroking Satan's back by paying respect to his wicked Sabbath transference.

By the way, here are God's Biblical requirements for observing the Sabbath and His amazing blessing for doing so: "If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: THEN shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it" (Isaiah 58:13, 14). Notice, "keeping the Sabbath day Holy" is a MAJOR way in which one "delights thyself in the Lord". And do you know what God promises to those that "delight in the Lord"? The Bible states: "Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart" (Psalms 37:4). Do you know what this verse truly means? Friend, this passage of Scripture does not mean God will shower you with worthless, dirt possessions to satisfy your greedy, materialistic heart! This verse literally means: the desires (thoughts) in your head will COME from God!!! Wow, did you get that? Read it again. In other words, your spirit (thoughts, desires, & emotions) will be Godly because God (love) will be controlling them. What does that mean? It means your heart has been "born again" of God's Holy Spirit! Now THAT is a truly PRICELESS blessing because that means eternal life is residing inside you. And just think...ALL for simply honoring and keeping God's Sabbath day holy!!!

Friend, I am Biblically and personally convinced God will COMPLETELY change the lives of those people willing to "delight themselves in God's Sabbath day". Realize God can control your thoughts! See, God's Holy Spirit can MAKE you no longer crave money, possessions, pornography, cigarettes, alcohol, or whatever. It can COMPEL you to be patient, kind, longsuffering, gentle, self-controlled, etc. God's Holy Spirit can FURNISH you with a spirit (thoughts, desires, & emotions) that continually longs to feed the hungry, visit the imprisoned, and give drink to the thirsty. Again, the

battle for your eternal destiny is being waged in your mind (heart), and God <u>PROMISES</u> those who "delight in His Sabbath Day" a new heart with His desires! THAT is how important obeying the 4<sup>th</sup> Love Commandment is, and THAT is what Satan has stolen from mankind!

Gander at the Sabbath day from God's perspective: Imagine you are the father of two children. One of them can hardly wait for the weekend to arrive to get to spend a whole day with you; in fact, during the week they even drop little hints to you about how excited they are for Saturday to arrive. The other child could care less about spending a day with you; they are too busy with their own agenda to care about you. They smugly snort, "I'm not under any law. I don't have to spend a day with dad!" Now which child do you think the father is going to bless? Which child puts a smile on their dad's face when he thinks about them? Which child's actions <u>prove</u> they love their father? See, I cannot make you love your heavenly Father—the one who actually hung the moon and stars!—I can only tell you how you are breaking His heart when you do not want to spend time with Him.

Friend, God created the Sabbath day to be a blessing to mankind. It was never intended to be a day of drudgery. God loved us so much that He planned a day for us to rest from our struggle with work which was the result of sin! Thus, Sabbath-keeping symbolizes "rest" from our battle with sin, and it is a mini foretaste of God's coming 7th millennial Sabbath day, where rest and peace will blanket planet Earth. By observing the Sabbath, one pays homage to God's 7 day (7,000 year) master time plan for mankind on Earth. Really, what could be better than taking a day off from work to rest your body and reflect on God? Do not be legalistic about the day. It is a fun day to rest, help others, visit widows, read God's word, take a nature walk to enjoy God's creation, etc. Or get online and study God-related things—e.g. creation vs. evolution, history of the Bible, Israelite history, history of other religions, scientific evidence of Noah's flood, etc. Keep a list during the week of questions that pop into your head about God, and then use the Sabbath day to search out answers. That is how you seek God! There are literally thousands of things to do on the Sabbath day, but stay focused on discovering and loving your Creator. You will be immensely rewarded for this!

Always remember, God does not miss anything His spirit children are doing. He sees your every move and knows your every thought, desire, & emotion: "The LORD knoweth the thoughts of man" (Psalms 94:11). He will take notice when someone is serious about seeking Him, and He will visit them! He will also know if during the Sabbath you are really thinking, "When is this day going to be over so I can get back to my business of making money!" God prophesied angrily through Amos: "Listen, you merchants who rob the poor, trampling on the needy; you who long for the Sabbath to end and the religious holidays to be over, so you can get out and start cheating again" (Amos 8:4, 5, Living Bible). See, keeping the Sabbath is up to you, but you will not fool God. So search your own heart and ask God to help you love Him. Personally, I still get butterflies in my stomach when I see the sun setting in a Friday sky! Friend, God is anxiously watching to see who loves Him, and the Sabbath day is part of that test!

In the wilderness, God supplied the Israelites with manna for food, and He instructed them to gather enough manna for 2 days on the 6th day of the week in preparation for the 7th day Sabbath and to not go out looking for food on the Sabbath day. But some Israelites went out to gather manna on the 7th day: "And it came to pass, that there went out some of the people on the seventh day for to gather, and they found none. And the LORD said unto Moses, How long refuse ve to keep my commandments and my laws?" (Exodus 16:27, 28). See, their disobedience infuriated God! (Incidentally, this incident occurred BEFORE God spoke the 10 love Commandments to the Israelites at Mount Sinai, again proving mankind had/has always known God's 10 Love Commandments.) Furthermore, clay tablets unearthed in ancient Babylonia—from before Abraham's time!—tell of the 7th day as a "Holy Day" in which mankind should "cease from all business". Friend, God's 7th day Sabbath has ALWAYS been a test to ALL mankind to see if they will obey Him: "Then said the LORD unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I MAY PROVE THEM, whether they will walk in my law, or no" (Exodus 16:4). Will you obey God's Law? Will you prove you love Him?

Undeniably, the Sabbath was created for ALL mankind for Jesus

said: "The Sabbath was made for MAN, and not man for the Sabbath" (Mark 2:27). Do you see? If the Sabbath day was made for just Jews, Jesus would have said the Sabbath was made for "Israel" instead of "man". But you already know the Israelite story (parable) is really a skit being controlled by God to teach ALL mankind His message, so obviously the 10 Love Commandments are for everyone. And take note; God created the Sabbath day FOR US, not the other way around! We need the Sabbath day! We need a day a week to get to know our Creator God. We need a day of rest to rejuvenate our physical body every 7th day. Thus, we were NOT created for the Sabbath day; it was created for us: "The works of his (God's) hands are verity and judgment; ALL his commandments are sure. They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness" (Psalms 111:7, 8). Certainly, the 4th Love Commandment "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it Holy" is still in affect today.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Love Commandment is "<u>Honour thy father and thy</u> mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the <u>LORD</u> thy God giveth thee" (Exodus 20:12). God told Moses the punishment for sin of "disobeying the 5<sup>th</sup> Love Commandment" was certain death: "For every one that curseth his father or his mother shall be surely put to death: he hath cursed his father or his mother; his blood shall be upon him" (Leviticus 20:9). That is plain enough: God did not take lightly to this sin!

So what about today? Paul wrote: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth" (Ephesians 6:1-3). No doubt Paul believed the 5th Love Commandment was still in affect. He wrote about disobedient children: "Being filled with all unrighteousness... disobedient to parents...who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death" (Romans 1:29-32). Again Paul penned: "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves... disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy...from such turn away" (II Timothy 3:1-5). Yes, certainly, the 5th Love Commandment "Honor thy father and thy mother" is still in affect today with the same resulting consequence of

death for its disobedience. Rather, you should obey, thank, appreciate, respect, and take care of (if they need it) your biological parents on this Earth.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Love Commandment is "<u>Thou shalt not kill</u>" (Exodus 20:13). God told Moses the punishment for the sin of "disobeying the 6<sup>th</sup> Love Commandment" was to be death: "And he that killeth any man shall surely be put to death" (Leviticus 24:17). God was not talking about deaths that occur during war in self defense; He was talking about senseless killing out of anger or hatred: "if he thrust him of hatred, or hurl at him by laying of wait, that he die; Or in enmity smite him with his hand, that he die: he that smote him shall surely be put to death; for he is a murderer: the revenger of blood shall slay the murderer, when he meeteth him" (Numbers 35:20, 21). See, the 6<sup>th</sup> Love Commandment is about envious murder! And God was/is not playing around with the wicked sin of murder.

So how did Paul feel about murder? He wrote: "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these...hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife...murders...of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall NOT inherit the kingdom of God" (Galatians 5:19-21). Is that clear enough? Paul believed willful murderers will not enter the Kingdom of God. And Jesus' beloved disciple John felt the same way: "He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him" (I John 3:14, 15). Do you see? If you just hold hatred towards someone on Earth—which is un-forgiveness held towards someone that offended you—the Bible says you are a MURDERER and will NOT enter the Kingdom of God! See, a person "born again" of God's Holy Spirit of Love does not hate anyone!

Jesus confirmed the same thing: "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment" (Matthew 5:21,22). Look, no matter how horrible you feel someone—sibling, friend, business partner, or whomever—has wronged you...FORGIVE THEM because your eternal destiny depends on it!

Remember, God will have to forgive ALL your <u>many</u> transgressions (sins) you did against Him at the Judgment to allow you entrance into His Holy Kingdom. So if you cannot forgive someone of the "little" thing(s) they have done against you, WHY do you suppose God will forgive ALL your many wicked sins? Friend, the Bible is very clear: <u>you reap what you sow</u>—forgiveness for forgiveness, or un-forgiveness for un-forgiveness! Certainly, the 6<sup>th</sup> Love Commandment "<u>Thou shall</u> <u>not kill</u>" is still in affect today with the same resulting consequence of death for its disobedience.

Instead of murdering people through unrighteous anger, hatred, arguing, fighting, complaining, and impatience, Jesus taught we should "turn the other cheek" and always show mercy towards others: "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute **you**; That ye may be children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and the unjust" (Matthew 5:44, 45). Always remember, God is Spirit and we are ALL His spirit children—in other words, our spirit (soul) is made in the image of God!—and it is our "spirit material" that thinks, feels, remembers, loves, hates, etc. Consequently, we ALL come face to face with God everyday of our lives. He is everyone we meet!!! Do you love the people you meet? Then you love God. Do you hate someone for something they have done to you? Then you hate God! If you harbor bitterness towards someone, then you are bitter towards God. Are you impatient with people's driving? Then you are being impatient with God! Continually monitor the thoughts in your spirit (mind) towards other people, because one day you will answer directly to God for them.

The 7<sup>th</sup> Love Commandment is "<u>Thou shalt NOT commit</u> <u>adultery</u>" (Exodus 20:14). God told Moses the punishment for the sin of "disobeying the 7<sup>th</sup> Love Commandment" was to be sure death: "And the man that committeth adultery with another man's wife, even he that committeth adultery with his neighbour's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death" (Leviticus 20:10). That is uncomplicated, right? So how about lesbianism & homosexuality? God commanded Moses: "If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a

woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them" (Leviticus 20:13). You will discover Biblically that God forbids ALL sexual activity—even sexual fantasy in the mind!—except for that between "a man and a woman" that have entered into a marriage covenant. THAT is the only acceptable place for sex in God's eyes.

So how did Paul feel about adultery? He declared: "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness...of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall NOT inherit the kingdom of God" (Galatians 5:19-21). Therefore, Paul rightfully believed people living in willful sexual sin will NOT enter the Kingdom of God! John the Revelator wrote: "But... whoremongers...shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death" (Revelation 21:8). The English word "whoremonger" was translated from the original Biblical manuscript's Greek word "pornos"—where we derive the term "pornography"—and it means: one who is sexually immoral. Today, the world has embraced and (for the most part accepted) ever kind of sexual sin—from homosexuality & lesbianism to fornication (premarital sex) & adultery and from masturbation (solo sex) & pornography to threesomes and drunken orgies—but in NO WAY has God's view ever changed! Today non-married, scantly-clad actresses sit on late night TV shows and boast about their sexual escapades, flaunting the deadly message that premarital sex is OK. Yet, God has plainly declared ALL willful fornicators will perish! Peter wrote: "But these, as natural brute beasts...SHALL UTTERLY PERISH in their own corruption...Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin" (II Peter 2:12, 14).

Jesus said: "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt NOT commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart. And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell" (Matthew 5:27-29). Do you grasp how serious God is about

sin? This is not a joke, my friend! It is CRYSTAL clear from the above passage Jesus believed a willful sexually immoral person will end up in hell. According to Jesus, a <u>wise person</u> would take whatever drastic measures necessary to stop sexually sinning—gouging one's eyes out if necessary!—so they might enter the Kingdom of God. Friend, if you plan on obtaining eternal life, <u>YOU MUST CHOOSE TO STOP WILLFUL SIN—which is to repent!</u> See, Jesus would never have uttered the above Scripture's radical words if one was "born again" by simply muttering some words in a church. No, you must conquer sin!!! Thus, certainly, the 7<sup>th</sup> Love Commandment "Thou shall NOT commit adultery" is still in affect today with the same resulting consequence of death for its disobedience.

If you want to enjoy sex, get married! If you want to entertain sexual thoughts, get married and only have those thoughts about your wife or husband. You can hate me all you want for saying that, but I will NOT stand in front of God one day having to answer for writing a book with some lackadaisical message that contradicts the VERY words of Jesus Christ and sends people to hell. I will NOT have your blood on my hands! The Bible is unmistakably black & white about the eternal destiny of those committing willful sexual sin: They will perish!!! I only love you enough to tell you this truth: "Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers GOD WILL JUDGE" (Hebrews 13:4). Now, obviously, we can all make a mistake and commit a sexual sin, but here is the proper response: Hit your knees and beg God's forgiveness, then get up and reenter the "narrow way" leading to eternal life by absolutely PURPOSING in your spirit (thoughts, desires, & emotions) you will never again sin sexually! See, that is how a spiritually "born again" person reacts to sexual sin: They fight it and get victory over it. So DO whatever it takes! Stop watching and supporting filthy TV shows and sitcoms filled with sinful sexual innuendos—i.e. promoting premarital sex, pornography, homosexuality, etc. You will never get victory over sexual sin if you feed your soul (through your eyes) with Satan's vile vomit!

Listen, you MUST have God's Holy Spirit living inside your heart to enter the Kingdom of God. And God's Spirit is <u>HOLY</u>: It is clean, pure, and righteous. It will not live inside of a person's body

who commits willful sexual debauchery. It lives inside clean temples! Remember Paul's words: "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are" (I Corinthians 3:16, 17). See, asking God's Holy Spirit to live inside of a sexually impure body is like asking you to live inside of an old dilapidated house crawling from floor to ceiling with snakes, worms, and rats, while stinking like feces. Would you live there? No!!! Well, neither will the Holy Spirit live inside an unclean temple. So if you are willfully committing sexual sins, I am warning you to clean up your act before your time expires!

The 8th Love Commandment is "Thou shalt not steal" (Exodus 20:15). God told Moses the punishment for the sin of "disobeying the 8th Love Commandment" was to be death. For instance: "If a man be found stealing any of his brethren of the children of Israel, and maketh merchandise of him, or selleth him; then that thief shall die; and thou shalt put evil away from among you" (Deuteronomy 24:7). God instructed the Israelites to seek to return something they knew was lost and not to hide it from its owner: "If you see someone's ox or sheep wandering away, don't pretend you didn't see it; take it back to its owner. If you don't know who the owner is, take it to your farm and keep it there until the owner comes looking for it, and then give it to him. The same applies to donkeys, clothing, or anything else you find. Keep it for its owner" (Deuteronomy 22:1-3, Living Bible). Yes, God hates thievery!

So how did Paul feel about a willful thief's chance of entering the Kingdom of God? He stated: "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall NOT inherit the kingdom of God? BE NOT DECIEVED...Nor thieves...nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God" (I Corinthians 6: 9, 10). That is as lucid as a flashing neon sign! The Holy Spirit talking through Paul gave a willful thief NO chance at entering God's Kingdom (obtaining eternal life). Without repentance (change of ways) a thief's soul will perish. Certainly, the 8th Love Commandment "Thou shall NOT steal" is still in affect today with the same resulting consequence of death for its disobedience.

Instead of stealing, the Bible teaches we should GIVE! Give of

your time, money, and anything you have to help others, all the while desiring nothing in return. THAT is the mindset of a righteous, loving, godly person! THAT is how a follower of Christ lives. Jesus preached: "Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away" (Matthew 5:42). The Bible is replete from front to back with the message of "give to others". Friend, God is scrutinizing everything you do, and He will notice your selfless charity done out of a pure heart and repay you personally: "When you help the poor you are lending to the LORD—and he pays wonderful interest on your loan!" (Proverbs 19:17, Living Bible). How awesome! Paul wrote: "God loveth a cheerful giver" (II Corinthians 9:7).

The book of Acts contains an exhilarating story about a man named Cornelius (who was a non-Jew living in Caesarea) that gave generously to the poor: "A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave MUCH alms to the people, and prayed to God always" (Acts 10:2). I love what the Bible says about his "giving of alms": "Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God" (Acts 10:4). Is that not splendid! I say again; God does not overlook your charity. And what was Cornelius' reward for his giving? "...the Holy Ghost fell on all them" (Acts 10:44). He received the Holy Spirit!!! Yes, God always rewards a giver: "I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings" (Jeremiah 17:10). And the Holy Spirit is by FAR the best gift you can receive!

Yes, instead of doing evil by thieving the Bible teaches we should give "life" to others. Jesus suggested feeding the hungry, quenching the thirsty, clothing the naked, and visiting the sick, widowed, and imprisoned. All of these activities give "life" to people's spirits (souls). At the Judgment, Jesus revealed it will be like this for those who "gave NOT to others": "Then shall he (God) say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not" (Matthew 25:41-43). The people will cry "When did we see YOU in these conditions, Lord?" And God will say, "I was the

"spirit material" in everyone on planet Earth! But you were too busy with your own life, ambitions, and materialism to help me. Now get away from me, forever, ye cursed children!" Friend, I urge you to stop stealing, robbing, and ripping-off people, companies, and organizations and make your life about "giving to others": feed the hungry, quench the thirsty, clothe the naked, entertain strangers, and visit the sick, imprisoned, & widows! These are the deeds (works) that manifest out of the loving thoughts dancing around in the head of a people "born again" of God's Holy Spirit.

The 9<sup>th</sup> Love Commandment is "<u>Thou shalt NOT bear false</u> <u>witness against thy neighbor</u>" (Exodus 20:16). This means do NOT lie! God instructed Moses to punish those who sin by "disobeying the 9<sup>th</sup> Love Commandment" with death. For example: "If a <u>false</u> <u>witness rise up against any man to testify against him that which is wrong... Then shall ye do unto him, as he had thought to have done unto his brother: so shalt thou put the evil away from among you" (Deuteronomy 19:16, 19). In other words, if someone sought to have another man killed for something he falsely accused him of...then the liar was to be killed! Yes, God's fury rests on the head of a liar.</u>

How did Paul feel about the sin of lying? He maintained: "Being filled with all unrighteousness...debate, DECEIT...whisperers, backbiters...who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death" (Romans 1:29-32). In other words, Paul believed a willful, continual liar will not inherit the Kingdom of God! God proclaimed the same through John the revelator: "ALL liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death" (Revelation 21:8). No, the eternal future does not look bright for a person who is a deceiving, scheming, and conniving liar! Certainly, the 9th Love Commandment "Thou shall NOT bear false witness" is still in affect today with the same resulting consequence of death for its disobedience.

Instead of lying, the Bible teaches we are to ALWAYS tell the truth. Paul wrote: "Provide things honest in the sight of men" (Romans 12:17). Again he instructed: "that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty" (I Timothy 2:2). Friend, continually seek to tell the truth and be honest in every situation with everyone!

And of course, share the Gospel every chance you get because it is TRUTH! Testify (witness) the Truth to others in how God has changed your life.

The 10th Love Commandment is "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's" (Exodus 20:17). I call this the "dirt law" because I have told you over and over again in this book that everything you "see" in this world is just dirt. And it is plain old FOOLISHNESS to lust for dirt! Even a human being's physical body is just dirt. Therefore, it is folly to lust after that, too! When drooling out your mouth feasting on the beauty of someone's physical body, allow your mind to switch over and picture every atom making up their physique coming from the food they ate, which grew out of brown dirt that lay on planet Earth for thousands of years. Silly, is it not? Yet, people continue to willfully lust (covet) over dirt with their eyes and heart. Friend, the 10th Love Commandment is actually the "desire that breeds in one's spirit", which then leads them to disobey all of the other 10 Love Commandments! Do you understand? In other words, "coveting dirt" leads people to love money (idolatry), steal, kill, commit adultery, etc. And we already know God declared the punishment of death for those sins; therefore, the consequence for covetousness (if acted upon) was death also.

So how did Paul feel about covetousness? He said: "Know ye not that the UNRIGHTEOUS shall NOT inherit the kingdom of God? BE NOT DECEIVED...nor covetous, nor drunkards...shall inherit the kingdom of God" (I Corinthians 6:9, 10). That is blunt and direct enough, right? Paul fully believed covetous people will end up in hell. Again, he wrote: "For this ye know, that NO...covetous man, who is an idolater, hath ANY inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God" (Ephesians 5:5). Thus, certainly the 10th Love Commandment "Thou shall NOT covet" is still in affect today with the same resulting consequence of death for its disobedience.

See, instead of coveting dirt, we should love, help, and pray for our brothers and sisters all across the world. Do you understand the difference? This means we remove our love and affection from what we see (atoms) and <u>onto</u> what we do not see (spiritual things)—people's

hearts (souls)! It is essential that you grasp this point. Stop loving dirt and love God, who is the invisible "spirit material" inside people! Paul wrote: "we look NOT at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal" (II Corinthians 4:18). Amen.

Well there they are my friend: the 10 Love Commandments God placed INSIDE the Ark of the Covenant!!! If we choose to live our daily lives in obedience to these 10 Love Commandments we will obtain eternal life (not experience the 2<sup>nd</sup> spiritual death), for they have power to transform a soul: "The LAW of the LORD is perfect, CONVERTING the soul" (Psalms 19:7). This word "converting" was translated from the original Hebrew word "šûb" meaning: to turn back, return; restoration of relationship, as when one returns in repentance to God. In other words, our willful choice to obey God's Law (10 Love Commandments) will restore our soul's relationship with God! Do you understand? That is how the "Law of the Lord" converts a soul!!! Remember, Peter preached: "REPENT ve therefore, and be CONVERTED, THAT your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; And he shall <u>send Jesus Christ</u>" (Acts 3:19, 20). See, your repentance (conversion) is what will prompt God to blot out your sins at Christ's 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming. Jesus confirmed this also by saying: "Except ye be converted... ye shall *NOT enter into the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 18:3).* 

Yes, God's story (parable) of the Israelites was flawlessly accurate, and the "wilderness part" perfectly represented the condition ALL mankind's souls had/have been in since Adam & Eve's sin. Look, God's "salvation (from bondage to sin) part" for mankind through the Messiah, Jesus Christ, was a done deal before Earth was even created! Thus, ALL mankind's souls on Earth had been and still are in the "wilderness" and reaching the Promise Land (Kingdom of God) was ALWAYS possible. All mankind ever HAD TO DO—no matter where or when they lived on Earth or under what Country—was choose to follow the WAY of love (Good) over the WAY of sin (evil) as outlined by obedience to the 10 Love Commandments, and God would allow their souls to receive eternal life by entering the Kingdom of God. Subsequently, God proclaimed to the Israelites in the wilderness: "That

which is altogether JUST shalt thou follow, THAT thou mayest LIVE, and INHERIT the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee" (Deuteronomy 16:20). Likewise, if you follow after the WAY of justice by obeying the 10 Love Commandments, you will live forever by INHERITING the Kingdom of God!

When I was a child it was obvious to me the 10 Love Commandments were meant to be obeyed by ALL mankind, but I was always puzzled as to why God prefaced them with these words: "I am the LORD thy God, which have BROUGHT THEE OUT of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage..." (Exodus 20:2). Then, after saying that, God began speaking His 10 Love Commandments to the Israelites: "Thou shalt have no other gods before me...etc., etc." (Exodus 20:3). Confused, I often wondered, "What is the big deal, God? How does your freeing the Israelites out of Egyptian bondage have <u>ANYTHING</u> to do with <u>ME</u> keeping your 10 Love Commandments?" See, I could not make the connection. Well, thankfully, God personally answered my lifelong question that blessed Sabbath morning of December 8, 2007! For now I know—and you know, too!—Israel's bondage in Egypt and subsequent deliverance by God through Moses was meant to be a prophetic story (parable), directed towards ALL mankind, explaining how He would deliver ALL mankind's souls out of bondage to sin.

Thus, God's introductory words kicking off the 10 Love Commandments were/are actually saying to <u>ALL</u> mankind, "I am the Lord thy Father God. Out of love, I sent my only Son, Jesus, to die for you. He laid down his sinless soul, enduring horrific torture and spiritual separation from me on the cross to pay your soul's death penalty, for sin had you in bondage, permanently cut off from me. Yes, your souls were spiritually dead—separated from my life giving force. But I wanted you back with me: I wanted you to live with me forever! Thus, I did my part and freed your souls from your spiritual bondage to sin & death through Christ. So, since I did THAT for you (making forgiveness for your sins available) here is what you <u>MUST **DO**</u> for me to receive it: I want you to live your Earthly journey in obedience to my 10 Love Commandments!!! If you will do this for me, I will take care of you and lead you into the Promise Land (Kingdom of God),

where you will receive eternal life and experience pleasures you cannot possible dream of right now. But if you refuse to live your Earthly life in obedience to my 10 Love Commandments, then you will make void the very salvation I provided you through Christ! Your disobedience (sin) will make a mockery of the love I showed you!!! And for this wicked evil, I will curse you into the pit forever! You will certainly taste the full fury of my wrath, experiencing the 2<sup>nd</sup> spiritual Death (outer darkness), where your soul will be permanently cut off from mine and there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth!"

Wow, thank you Father God for opening up my spiritual eyes to the Truth of your Word. Friend, do you see the connection between God's deliverance through Christ and our need to obey the 10 Love Commandments (repent of sin) to obtain eternal life? Listen, if God has NOT delivered us from sin's bondage, then we are still spiritually dead!!! If that is the case, then there is absolutely NO benefit in us obeying God's 10 Love Commandments, because we are all going to perish anyway. Do you understand? This is why Paul wrote: "And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; YE ARE YET IN YOUR SINS. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished" (I Corinthians 15: 17, 18). See, God's deliverance through Jesus Christ and our obedience to the 10 Love Commandments go hand-inhand; either way you slice it, one is worthless without the other. Read that last sentence again, for truer words could not be written!!! See, if we continue to live in sin (DO EVIL by disobeying the 10 Love Commandments) then Jesus Christ died in vain, because we will perish anyway. And vice versa, if we forsake sin (DO GOOD by obeying the 10 Love Commandments) but Jesus never died for us, then we will perish also because we ALL sinned at one time or another and just one sin separates a soul from God forever: "For ALL have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). Consequently, only both (God's supernatural deliverance through Jesus and our obedience to the 10 Love Commandments) will yield a soul eternal life. Therefore, Paul sternly wrote: "Get some sense and quit your sinning" (I Corinthians 15:34, Living Bible).

Another way the Bible explains all of this is through use of the "Law concept". If you remember, I broached this subject in chapter

3: God, <u>THE</u> sovereign authority, has the absolute right to make the Law(s) and enforce it; disobeying God's (10 Love Commandment) Law is the very definition of sin: "for sin is the transgression of the <u>law</u>" (I John 3:4); and there is ALWAYS a "consequence to be paid" for disobeying a Law. Well, remember God's initial Law to mankind was to "NOT eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good & Evil" or the consequence would be spiritual death (spiritual separation from God). And remember, Adam & Eve disobeyed God's Law (sinned), which immediately placed ALL (future) mankind's souls <u>UNDER</u> the death <u>penalty of God's Law!</u> In other words, the Bible reported all mankind was now "<u>under the Law</u>", which simply meant mankind's souls were in bondage to the Law of sin & death.

Then, I clarified this "Law concept" via an analogy which I will now further develop to include this chapter's message. Here was the analogy: A certain country with a law stating "someone convicted of 1st degree murder will receive the death penalty" had a man who disobeyed that law and was sentenced to death. And I explained...while the man is sitting on death row he is considered "under the law". In other words, he is UNDER the consequence of disobeying the Law—namely, the death penalty! Simply put, the man is in bondage to the law, sitting in a jail cell awaiting his day of execution! He has no hope and no way out. Once again, THAT is truly, completely, and utterly the definition of being "under the law", and the souls of ALL mankind were in that exact condition after Adam & Eve's sin.

Oh, but then something wonderful and amazing happened: While sitting on death row (under the Law), one day several guards came to the man, unlocked his cell door, and said, "You are FREE to go!" The man was stunned and asked, "How could that be?" They said, "Someone came and chose to die in your place, and they have already been executed for you!" Wow, do you see? Someone freed the man from the curse of the law. Someone freed him from his bondage! He was now no longer under the death sentence for disobeying the law. In other words, he was no longer "under the law". HE WAS FREE!!! Friend, this is precisely what God did for us through Jesus' sinless death on the cross! God paid our death sentence, opened our cell door, and freed us from our bondage to the Law of sin. In other words, we are NO

longer under the consequence of "spiritual death" for disobeying the Law. Simply and Biblically put; we are "free from the Law". So Paul wrote: "For the... Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me FREE from the law of sin and death" (Romans 8:2). Do you understand? This amazing act of love by God (on behalf of His spirit children) is Biblically termed "God's grace" or "God's mercy". In other words, THAT was how God showed his great love, grace, and mercy towards the souls of ALL mankind!

But now lets return to the man in the parable...does his freedom (from the law) mean he can now go out on a full-fledged murdering spree without any consequence to the law? Absolutely NOT!!! For the country's law still remains! If the man goes out and continues to murder, he will be caught again and now face the death penalty himself. Do you see? Likewise, God's salvation (from the Law) through Jesus Christ is NOT a free gift card to sin, for the Law of sin & death still remains!!! Jesus said, "Think NOT that I am come to destroy the law... For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in NO wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled" (Matthew 5:17, 18). See, God did NOT destroy the law, it still exists and states: "For the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23). And since "sin" is "disobeying the 10 Love Commandments", if we willfully continue to live our lives in disobedience to THAT Law, we will ultimately pay the death penalty ourselves, killing our own soul!

Now, you should be able to clearly and perfectly understand Paul's incredibly wise words: "For sin shall NOT have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. What then? Shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? GOD FORBID. Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?" (Romans 6:14-16). Do you see? If we continue to sin (disobey the 10 Love Commandments) we are servants to sin, and our soul will perish! Jesus said: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin" (John 8:34). But if we willfully choose to stop sinning (obey the 10 Love Commandments) we are servants to obedience, and our soul will be made righteous at Christ's glorious return, whereby we will obtain eternal life by God's

grace through Jesus' atonement (forgiveness of our sins).

My friend, it is like this; if you keep right on willfully sinning, you are behaving like you are still a slave to sin! In other words, you are behaving like God has <u>not</u> set you free from the death penalty of the Law of sin. Do you understand? Relating this back to the Israelite story (parable), here is a graphic picture of how preposterous "continual, willful sin" in a spirit child's life appears from God's perspective: It is like an Israelite, in the wilderness, wanting and begging Moses to get a group of guys together to force him/her to carry heavy bricks daily until he is so tired he can barely stand, while whipping his/her back until it is bloody raw. (Remember, that was the work the Israelites had to do because of their bondage in Egypt!) Can you comprehend the absurdness of this Israelite's desire? What kind of a fool would still want to DO the work of a slave after being set free? Yet, that is exactly what you DO when you continue to do the works of sin (disobey the 10 Love Commandments) after having been set free from sin's bondage through Jesus Christ! It is TRULY like you are laughing at the very freedom God provided. You might as well stand beside Jesus, while he was being bound to the cross on the ground, and spit on him yourself! For THAT is what you DO every time you willfully sin (disobey the 10 love Commandments)! What a dangerous thing to DO in front of the eyes of a Living God.

Yes, friend, our lives are a spiritual journey through a "wilderness", where God is testing each and every one of us. You should now recognize why "the wilderness" was a common place for many Biblical stories to occur—i.e. because it represented what planet Earth had become after sin entered the world. The word "wilderness" is in the Bible 305 times. Jesus was tempted 40 days and 40 nights in "a wilderness" because God wanted a physical (seeable) scenario to occur in his life making known to mankind he had undergone the same temptations we ALL face on Earth, yet he never sinned once: "For we have not an high priest (Jesus) which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in ALL points tempted like as we are, yet without sin" (Hebrews 4:15). See, a "wilderness" location was the perfect symbolic place for Jesus to be tempted—yet, never sin—to mirror the meaning behind God's ancient Israelite parable's "wilderness"

part"—where the Israelites were <u>tempted</u> to see if they would enter the Promise Land: "Then was Jesus led up of the spirit <u>into the wilderness</u> to be tempted of the devil" (Matthew 4:1).

John the Baptist dwelled in "a wilderness" while he prepared the world for the Savior. John was mankind's forerunner of Jesus, and he was crying out for mankind to repent of their sins: "He said, <u>I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness</u>, Make straight the way of the Lord" (John 1:23). Mark records: "John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance FOR the remission of sins" (Mark 1:4). Yes, we will all have to repent in the "wilderness"—during this present age on planet Earth—if we intend to be forgiven of our sins! Therefore, again, do you see what a perfect location it was for John the Baptist to carry out his Godly assignment in "a wilderness"?

Furthermore, we know the Bible likens mankind's souls to "sheep that have gone astray": "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way" (Isaiah 53:6). This just means, again, ALL mankind has sinned. But Jesus uttered a parable demonstrating how he is like a Shepard searching to rescue his lost sheep. And where do you think was the "location of the sheep" in the parable? That is right...they were in the "wilderness"!!! Jesus said: "What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it?" (Luke 15:4). Do you see? A "wilderness" location Biblically always represents "this sinful age on planet Earth".

The Apostle Paul understood perfectly that God had <u>created</u> the Israelite's 40 year "wilderness journey" as an <u>example</u> (parable) to <u>teach</u> ALL mankind how they should live on Earth to obtain eternal life—i.e. reach and enter the Promised Land (Kingdom of God). He wrote: "But with many of them (Israelites) God was NOT well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness. Now these THINGS were <u>our EXAMPLES</u>, to the intent we should not lust after evil things (sins), as they also lusted" (I Corinthians 10:5, 6). Paul went on to talk about their specific "evil lusts (sins)" of idolatry, fornication, etc.—ALL 10 Love Commandments things—and said: "All these things happened to them as examples—as object lessons to us—to warn us against DOING the same things; they were WRITTEN DOWN so that WE could read

about them and learn from them in these last days as the world nears its end" (I Corinthians 10:11, Living Bible). Wow! See, friend, the Bible confirms the Israelite story was exactly what God had revealed to me on December 8, 2007: A prophetic story (parable) God caused to happen in real life, with real people, that was then written down so mankind could read about it and learn EVERYTHING involved in a "soul's journey back to God"!

In the following chapters I will clear up many Biblical terms and concepts that have caused much confusion today concerning what a soul MUST <u>DO</u> to obtain eternal life. When you see the picture clearly you are going to be amazed, because the concepts and terms <u>all</u> point to the same conclusion: Repentance (obeying God's 10 Love Commandments) yields eternal life! The concepts are all so completely synergistic that you will be stunned how simple and concise the Bible's message is! The concepts are: Love, Truth, Holy Spirit, Bearing Fruit, Faith, Love of Money, Will of God, Word of God, and the Fear of God.