

TORAH, GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS  
DEUTERONOMY – 25 – THE LEVITES WERE THE DEPARTMENT  
OF JUSTICE  
DEUTERONOMY – 26 – LAND OF THE LORD

Say – Welcome to Sabbath School class. Let's bow our head and ask God for understanding as we study of the book of Deuteronomy.

**Deuteronomy 25**

<sup>1</sup>If there be a controversy between men, and they come unto judgment, that the judges may judge them; then they shall justify the righteous, and condemn the wicked (The Levites were the department of justice.).

<sup>2</sup>And it shall be, if the wicked man be worthy to be beaten (40 lashes, see vs. 3), that the judge shall cause him to lie down, and to be beaten before his face, according to his fault, by a certain number.

<sup>3</sup>Forty stripes he may give him, and not exceed: lest, if he should exceed, and beat him above these with many stripes, then thy brother should seem vile unto thee (Preserve the dignity.).

<sup>4</sup>Thou shalt not muzzle the ox (would keep it from eating) when he treadeth out the corn (grain).

<sup>5</sup>If brethren dwell together, and one of them die, and have no child, the wife of the dead shall not marry without unto a stranger: her husband's brother shall go in unto her, and take her to him to wife, and perform the duty of an husband's brother unto her (keep it in the family).

<sup>6</sup>And it shall be, that the firstborn which she beareth shall succeed in the name of his brother which is dead, that his name be not put out of Israel.

<sup>7</sup>And if the man like not to take his brother's wife, then let his brother's wife go up to the gate unto the elders, and say, My husband's brother refuseth to raise up unto his brother a name in Israel, he will not perform the duty of my husband's brother.

<sup>8</sup>Then the elders of his city shall call him, and speak unto him: and if he stand to it, and say, I like not to take her;

<sup>9</sup>Then shall his brother's wife come unto him in the presence of the elders, and loose his shoe from off his foot, and spit in his face, and shall answer and say, So shall it be done unto that man that will not build up his brother's house.

<sup>10</sup>And his name shall be called in Israel, The house of him that hath his shoe loosed.

<sup>11</sup>When men strive together one with another, and the wife of the one draweth near for to deliver her husband out of the hand of him that smiteth him, and putteth forth her hand, and taketh him by the secrets:

<sup>12</sup>Then thou shalt cut off her hand, thine eye shall not pity her.

<sup>13</sup>Thou shalt not have in thy bag divers weights, a great and a small (Is cheating or deceiving. The Bible tells us “<sup>35</sup>Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment, in meteyard (length), in weight, or in measure. <sup>36</sup>Just balances, just weights, a just ephah (about 9 imperial gallons, rabbinical writings give sizes of one-half this amount, and a just hin (about five quarts), shall ye have: I am the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt. <sup>37</sup>Therefore shall ye observe all my statutes, and all my judgments, and do them: I am the LORD. Leviticus 19:35-37. A false balance is abomination to the LORD: but a just weight is his delight. Proverbs 11:1.)

<sup>14</sup>Thou shalt not have in thine house divers measures, a great and a small.

<sup>15</sup>But thou shalt have a perfect and just weight, a perfect and just measure shalt thou have: that thy days may be lengthened in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee (This is how it will be in the Kingdom of God.).

<sup>16</sup>For all that do such things, and all that do unrighteously, are an abomination unto the LORD thy God.

<sup>17</sup>Remember what Amalek did unto thee by the way, when ye were come forth out of Egypt; <sup>18</sup>How he met thee by the way, and smote the hindmost of thee, even all that were feeble behind thee, when thou wast faint and weary; and he feared not God (And still do not fear God.). <sup>19</sup>Therefore it shall be, when the LORD thy God hath given thee rest from all thine enemies round about (All the Canaanites.), in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance to possess it, that thou shalt blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven; thou shalt not forget it (From God’s point of view not worth being alive.). (The Bible tells us “<sup>8</sup>Then came Amalek, and fought with Israel in Rephidim (40 years earlier) <sup>9</sup>And Moses said unto Joshua, Choose us out men, and go out, fight with Amalek: to morrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in mine hand. <sup>10</sup>So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and fought with Amalek: and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. <sup>11</sup>And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. <sup>12</sup>But Moses hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. <sup>13</sup>And Joshua discomfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword. <sup>14</sup>And the LORD said unto Moses, Write this for a memorial in a book, and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua: for I will utterly put out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven. <sup>15</sup>And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it Jehovahnissi: <sup>16</sup>For he said, Because the LORD hath sworn that the

LORD will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.” Exodus 17:8-16)

## **Deuteronomy 26**

Say – The Land of the LORD.

<sup>1</sup>And it shall be, when thou art come in unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance, and possessest it, and dwellest therein; (Land of the LORD.)

<sup>2</sup>That thou shalt take of the first of all the fruit of the earth, which thou shalt bring of thy land that the LORD thy God giveth thee, and shalt put it in a basket, and shalt go unto the place which the LORD thy God shall choose to place his name there (The Bible tells us “<sup>29</sup>Thou shalt not delay to offer the first of thy ripe fruits, and of thy liquors: the firstborn of thy sons shalt thou give unto me.

<sup>30</sup>Likewise shalt thou do with thine oxen, and with thy sheep: seven days it shall be with his dam (mother, it would be cruel to take it); on the eighth day thou shalt give it me.” Exodus 22:29-30. “<sup>16</sup>And the feast of harvest, the firstfruits of thy labours, which thou hast sown in the field: and the feast of ingathering, which is in the end of the year, when thou hast gathered in thy labours out of the field.” <sup>19</sup>The first of the firstfruits of thy land thou shalt bring into the house of the LORD thy God. Exodus 23:16, 19).

<sup>3</sup>And thou shalt go unto the priest that shall be in those days, and say unto him, I profess this day unto the LORD thy God, that I am come unto the country which the LORD sware unto our fathers for to give us.

<sup>4</sup>And the priest shall take the basket out of thine hand, and set it down before the altar of the LORD thy God.

<sup>5</sup>And thou shalt speak and say before the LORD thy God, A Syrian ready to perish was my father, and he went down into Egypt, and sojourned there with a few, and became there a nation, great, mighty, and populous: (“<sup>1</sup>And the famine was sore in the land.” Genesis 43:1. “<sup>10</sup>The LORD your God hath multiplied you, and, behold, ye are this day as the stars of heaven for multitude.” Deuteronomy 1:10. “<sup>22</sup>Thy fathers went down into Egypt with threescore and ten persons; and now the LORD thy God hath made thee as the stars of heaven for multitude.” Deuteronomy 10:22.)

<sup>6</sup>And the Egyptians evil entreated us, and afflicted us, and laid upon us hard bondage (The Bible tells us “<sup>11</sup>Therefore they did set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh treasure cities, Pithom and Raamses. <sup>12</sup>But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were grieved because of the children of Israel.” Exodus 1:11-12):

7And when we cried unto the LORD God of our fathers, the LORD heard our voice, and looked on our affliction, and our labour, and our oppression:

8And the LORD brought us forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with great terribleness, and with signs, and with wonders (The Bible tells us “<sup>34</sup>Or hath God assayed to go and take him a nation from the midst of another nation, by temptations, by signs, and by wonders, and by war, and by a mighty hand, and by a stretched out arm, and by great terrors, according to all that the LORD your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes?” Deuteronomy 4:34):

<sup>9</sup>And he hath brought us into this place, and hath given us this land, even a land that floweth with milk and honey (The Bible tells us “<sup>8</sup>And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup>Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them. <sup>10</sup>Come now therefore, and I will send thee (Moses) unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt. <sup>11</sup>And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt (I am a shepherd.)? <sup>12</sup>And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain. <sup>13</sup>And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them? <sup>14</sup>And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you. <sup>15</sup>And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, the LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations (You will experience Me throughout your life.) Exodus 3:8-15) “<sup>2</sup>And it shall be on the day when ye shall pass over Jordan unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, that thou shalt set thee up great stones (not little stones), and plaister (white wash, make it white so you can write on it) them with plaister: <sup>3</sup>And thou shalt write upon them all the words of this law, when thou art passed over, that thou mayest go in unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, a land that floweth with milk and honey; as the LORD God of thy fathers hath promised thee. Deuteronomy 27:2-4).

<sup>10</sup>And now, behold, I have brought the firstfruits of the land, which thou, O LORD, hast given me. And thou shalt set it before the LORD thy God, and worship before the LORD thy God:

<sup>11</sup>And thou shalt rejoice in every good thing which the LORD thy God hath given unto thee, and unto thine house, thou, and the Levite, and the stranger that is among you (The Bible tells us “<sup>12</sup>And ye shall rejoice before the LORD your God, ye, and your sons, and your daughters, and your menservants, and your maidservants, and the Levite that is within your gates; forasmuch as he hath no part nor inheritance with you.” Deuteronomy 12:12. The Israelite had to take care of the Levite because they had no land; their way under Moses thrived on tithes.).

<sup>12</sup>When thou hast made an end of tithing all the tithes of thine increase the third year, which is the year of tithing, and hast given it unto the Levite (take his portion 1<sup>st</sup>), the stranger (the stranger had no land), the fatherless, and the widow, that they may eat within thy gates, and be filled;

<sup>13</sup>Then thou shalt say before the LORD thy God, I have brought away the hallowed (“hallowed” means holy) things out of mine house, and also have given them unto the Levite, and unto the stranger, to the fatherless, and to the widow, according to all thy commandments which thou hast commanded me: I have not transgressed thy commandments, neither have I forgotten them.

<sup>14</sup>I have not eaten thereof in my mourning, neither have I taken away ought thereof for any unclean use, nor given ought thereof for the dead: but I have hearkened to the voice of the LORD my God, and have done according to all that thou hast commanded me.

(A general blessing for all.) <sup>15</sup>Look down from thy holy habitation, from heaven, and bless thy people Israel, and the land which thou hast given us, as thou swarest unto our fathers, a land that floweth with milk and honey.

Say – Keeping God’s Law.

<sup>16</sup>This day the LORD thy God hath commanded thee to do these statutes (“And ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons forever.” Exodus 12:24) and judgments (“<sup>5</sup>Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the LORD my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it. <sup>6</sup>Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people. Deuteronomy 4:5-6): thou shalt therefore keep and do them with all thine heart, and with all thy soul (Forever; and it is the same today for God’s people!).

<sup>17</sup>Thou hast avouched the LORD this day to be thy God, and to walk in his ways (Not my way.), and to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and to hearken unto his voice: (It is the same for God’s people today.)

<sup>18</sup>And the LORD hath avouched thee this day to be his peculiar people (A treasure to God.), as he hath promised thee, and that thou shouldest keep all his commandments (The Bible tells us “<sup>6</sup>For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.” Deuteronomy 7:6);

<sup>19</sup>And to make thee high above all nations which he hath made, in praise, and in name, and in honour; and that thou mayest be an holy people unto the LORD thy God, as he hath spoken (Not Moses, not a leader but God.) (The Bible tells us “<sup>1</sup>And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: <sup>13</sup>And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them: (It is the same for us as God’s people today.) Deuteronomy 28:1, 13)

#### MEMORY VERSE

And the LORD hath avouched (speak) thee this day to be his peculiar (a treasure unto God) people as he has promised thee, and that thou shouldest keep all his commandments.

Deuteronomy 26:18

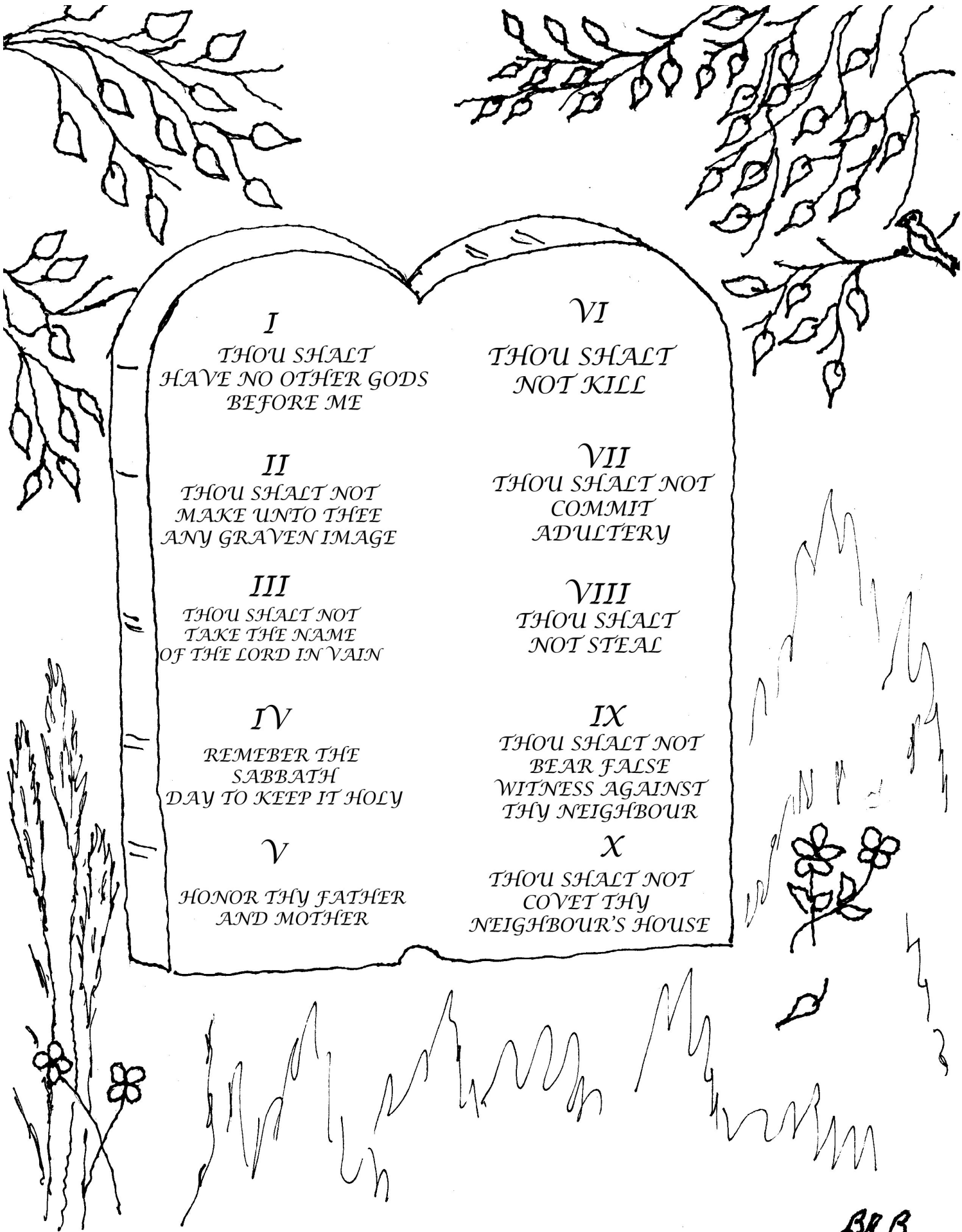
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## KEEP ALL GOD'S COMMANDMENTS

THE LORD HATH AVOUCHED (spoken) THE LORD THIS DAY TO BE HIS PECULIAR PEOPLE (A treasure to God.), AS HE HATH PROMISED THEE, AND THAT THOU SHOULDEST KEEP ALL HIS COMMANDMENTS ... AND TO HEARKEN (Listen) UNTO HIS VOICE: Deuteronomy 26:17

WHY? FOR THOU ART AN HOLY PEOPLE UNTO THE LORD THY GOD; THE LORD THY GOD HATH CHOSEN THEE TO BE A SPECIAL PEOPLE UNTO HIMSELF, ABOVE ALL PEOPLE THAT ARE UPON THE FACE OF THE EARTH. (And it is the same for God's people today.) Deuteronomy 7:6

AND IT SHALL COME TO PASS, IF THOU SHALT HEARKEN (Listen) DILIGENTLY UNTO THE VOICE OF THE LORD THY GOD, TO OBSERVE AND TO DO ALL HIS COMMANDMENTS WHICH I COMMAND THEE THIS DAY, THAT THE LORD THY GOD WILL SET THEE ON HIGH ABOVE ALL NATIONS OF THE EARTH: (And it is the same for God's people today.) Deuteronomy 28:1



I  
THOU SHALT  
HAVE NO OTHER GODS  
BEFORE ME

II  
THOU SHALT NOT  
MAKE UNTO THEE  
ANY GRAVEN IMAGE

III  
THOU SHALT NOT  
TAKE THE NAME  
OF THE LORD IN VAIN

IV  
REMEMBER THE  
SABBATH  
DAY TO KEEP IT HOLY

V  
HONOR THY FATHER  
AND MOTHER

VI  
THOU SHALT  
NOT KILL

VII  
THOU SHALT NOT  
COMMIT  
ADULTERY

VIII  
THOU SHALT  
NOT STEAL

IX  
THOU SHALT NOT  
BEAR FALSE  
WITNESS AGAINST  
THY NEIGHBOUR

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THOU SHALT NOT  
COVET THY  
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