

## Exodus 20:1-17 • The First Ten Laws of Love

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1. (v.1-7) The “first tablet” are commandments involving man’s relationship to **God**.
  - a. Mankind violates the 1<sup>st</sup> commandment by practicing **pluralism**.
  - b. Mankind violates the 2<sup>nd</sup> commandment by making idols of **gods**, **people**, or **things**.
  - c. Mankind violates the 3<sup>rd</sup> commandment by making **God’s name** the most common form of swearing.
  - d. If God is not allowed to be God in a person’s life, they will inevitably make **their self** god.
  
2. (v.8-11) The 4<sup>th</sup> commandment was a kind of “**hinge**” between God and man.
  - a. Jesus states this commandment relates to **man**. (Mk. 2:27)
  - b. The purpose was to serve as Israel’s visible **testimony**.
  - c. It is binding on **Israel**, not the **Church**. (Rom. 6:14; Col. 2:16)
  
3. (v.12-17) The “second tablet” are commandments involving man’s relationship with **man**.
  - a. The WHOLE Law, however, is fulfilled by **love**. (Gal. 5:13-14)
  - b. Jesus’ definition of love: *“This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as **I have loved you**.”* (Jn. 15:12)
  - c. When it comes to the commandments it’s not an issue of **obedience**, but **love**.
  - d. We haven’t “thrown out” the Law, we’ve instead superimposed **love** on it to properly fulfill it.
  - e. The Law of Love covers every situation **NOT** specifically referenced in **Scripture**. (Gal. 3:19-29)