

## PRAYER

Thank You, my dear Heavenly Father, for loving me and giving Your Son to die for me, so that I may also love You. By Your Holy Spirit, plant Your Word and Promises deeply in my heart, so that I gladly do what You command. Amen.

### Memory

1. “Listen to the LORD your God, do what He orders and prescribes” (Deuteronomy 27:10).
2. ““Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and most important commandment. The next is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself’” (Matthew 22:37-39).

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### Introduction to the Law *God Gives His Law*



God says to you,

*“Listen to the LORD your God, do what He orders and prescribes” (Deuteronomy 27:10).*

**THIS MEANS** you must love both God and your neighbor wholeheartedly by not doing anything against God’s commandments, but by gladly doing what they require.

## **Bible Reading: Exodus 19:1-9, 20:1-17, 31:18**

### **Questions and Answers** For Understanding This Bible Story

#### **1. What did God give to Moses while they were together on the mountain?**

While Moses was on the mountain with God, God gave Moses His Ten Commandments, which were “two stone tablets inscribed with God’s finger.”

#### **2. Jesus says that all God’s commandments can be divided into two groups: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and most important commandment. The next is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself’” (Matthew 22:37-39).**

##### **a. Listen again to the Ten Commandments God spoke to Moses on the mountain. Which commandments speak about how we must treat God?**

The first three commandments speak about how we must treat God: “Do not have any other gods besides Me.” “Do not misuse the name of the LORD your God.” “Remember to keep the Sabbath day [rest day] holy.” God also says in His Bible, “Loving God means we keep His commandments” (1 John 5:3).

##### **b. Which commandments speak about how we must treat other people (our neighbor)?**

The first three commandments speak about how we must act toward God. The other seven commandments speak about how we must treat other people. We call these other people our neighbors.

#### **3. According to the Bible story from Exodus 19 and 20, how important is it for you to keep God’s Ten Commandments? What warning does God speak about breaking His commandments?**

God gave you these commandments because He loves and cares for you. God uses these commandments to keep you safe in body and soul. For this reason, it is very important for you and for all God’s

Christians to treat these commandments seriously and to do nothing against them. This is because God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Yet He also promises, “I am kind to thousands of those who love Me and do what I order.”

#### **4. The Ten Commandments require us to love God and our neighbor. However, God also tells us in His Bible, “We love because He first loved us” (1 John 4:19).**

##### **a. What does this verse above tell us about our ability to love God and do what He commands us?**

1 John 4:19 shows that, by ourselves, we have no ability to love God. God must give us the ability to love Him. God gives us the ability to love Him by first loving us. “We love because He first loved us.”

God loves us so much that He sent His only Son Jesus to die for us. Because of Jesus, God forgives us for breaking His commandments. This is what God says in His Bible: “This is love, not that we loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the payment for our sins” (1 John 4:10).

##### **b. Have you kept God’s Ten Commandments perfectly? If God threatens to punish you for breaking these commandments, how will it be possible for you to escape this punishment?**

No one has kept God’s Ten Commandments perfectly except for Jesus Christ, God’s Son. All people—including you and all other Christians—“have sinned and come short of God’s glory” (Romans 3:23). Because we have all sinned, we all deserve to receive the punishment that God threatened when He gave us His Ten Commandments.

However, God does NOT punish us in the way our sins deserve. He does not punish us for our sins because He chose instead to punish His Son Jesus. By His death on the cross for us, Jesus became “the payment for our sins, and not for ours only but for the whole world” (1 John 2:2). Because Jesus suffered punishment for you, YOU WILL NEVER BE PUNISHED FOR YOUR SINS!