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Old Testament 2

Law/Gospel

The Ten Commandments define God's Law. **Jesus, through His incarnation and by His suffering and death for my sins, defines God's love and mercy toward me.**

Bible Words

The law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.
John 1:17

Fun Fact

Kept in the ark of the covenant, the tablets of the Law sat in the tabernacle and later in the temple. They apparently were lost when Nebuchadnezzar's Babylonian army destroyed the temple in 587 BC.

Just Joking

How did God help Moses with a headache on Mt. Sinai?
God gave Moses two tablets.
Exodus 31:18

The Ten Commandments

Exodus 19–20

During the first year in the wilderness, while camped at the base of Mount Sinai, Moses ascended the mountain and received two tablets of stone on which God personally wrote the Ten Commandments.

God did not give the Ten Commandments so we might earn His favor. The Lord knows we are sinful and cannot keep the Law as He desires.

The Commandments, and the whole Law, serve us as:

- (1) **a curb**, helping to control violent outbursts of sin and keeping order in the world;
- (2) **a mirror**, showing our sin and need for a Savior; and
- (3) **a guide**, showing us what God expects and guiding our lives as His children.

Jesus summarized the Commandments: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself" (Luke 10:27).

Fulfilling the Law

Born and raised as a faithful Jew, Jesus kept the Law. He was circumcised, attended religious festivals, and learned and loved God's Word. Even more, as the Son of God, Jesus fulfilled the Law.

Matthew 5:17: [Jesus said,] "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them."

In His sinless life, sacrificial suffering and death, and victorious resurrection from the dead, Jesus fulfilled the Law for us. Those who believe in Christ Jesus receive forgiveness of sins, new life, and salvation.

Prayer

Jesus, thank You for fulfilling the Law for us and paying for our sins on the cross. Nurture our faith through Your Word and keep us always in Your grace. In Your name we pray. Amen.