

kindred, tongue, and people: **“Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.”** Revelation 14:7.

What does it mean to fear God? Is it to be afraid of Him? Fear is a term in the Bible meaning to respect Him. The wise Solomon wrote: **“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.”** Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14.

God calls us to a new religious concept today. The message is so important that it’s presented as brought by an angel. That message is the call to worship God as the Creator, Lawgiver, and Judge. He is judging our case with the law presented in this article; He doesn’t want anyone to be left unaware. We are free to do as we please, but if you love your father you will do as he asks. Even today, if you love God you will keep His commandments, not for personal gain but because you are His child.

CHRIST, OUR GREATEST PROOF

Have you ever wondered if there was another way to obtain salvation, without the cruel death of Christ? Why did He have to be spat on, slapped, and nailed on the cross? Precisely because an alternative was to change the law, that is, God’s right hand wouldn’t know what His left hand was doing. That attitude of God would set a precedent that would make anyone think that God is not faithful to His word and that He changes depending on the circumstances. Could you trust someone whose way of being is changeable? That is why Christ died, to show the whole universe that **“I am the Lord, I change not...”** (Malachi 3:6), therefore neither does His law. Will we despise that gift? Will we knowingly offend Him who loved us so much? No, not at all, right?

HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE PROMISES OF GOD!

- ◆ **He promises prosperity to those who keep His law.**

“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.

- ◆ **He promises abundant blessings.**

“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... All these blessings shall come on thee, and... The Lord shall establish thee an holy people unto himself... And the Lord shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath...” Deuteronomy 28:1, 2, 9, 13.

- ◆ **We will receive help, joy, and light from God.**

“The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.” Psalms 19:7, 8.

- ◆ **Our heart will be filled with peace.**

“Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.” Psalms 119:165.

Now it’s up to you! Decide to be a citizen of the Kingdom of God and Jesus will help you! Live on this earth obeying the law of God and you will see the difference! You will feel the joy of being part of the Kingdom of Christ!



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THE WORLDWIDE MAGNA CARTA: INTEGRATION OR SOVEREIGNTY?

When NASA launched Voyager I and II, space probes meant to reach the ends of our galaxy; beyond our solar system to which earth belongs, a scientist was asked about the fuel used in interplanetary space to reach the various planets. In response, he said that Isaac Newton was responsible. Why? The studies of this scientist concerning universal gravitation have made it possible to calculate a route by which space probes travel, attracted by the gravitational force of the body they are going to explore. When they reach the closest point, they ignite their engines and escape the orbit of that planet, only to be eventually caught in the gravitational pull of the next planet and so on until leaving our solar system.

Man has learned to handle gravitational, hydraulic, electrical, physical, chemical, genetic, biological, and other laws. He has achieved unimaginable feats in the last 50 years, but he has forgotten the Author and Creator of those laws. Even the smallest known particles in the universe, abide by His laws and are themselves a true microcosm; harmoniously inserted into the macrocosm (macro: large, cosmos: universe) Only man dares to question the supreme authority of the Creator. He not only doubts, but has blatantly attacked divine authority, denying its existence and limiting its power and influence.

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

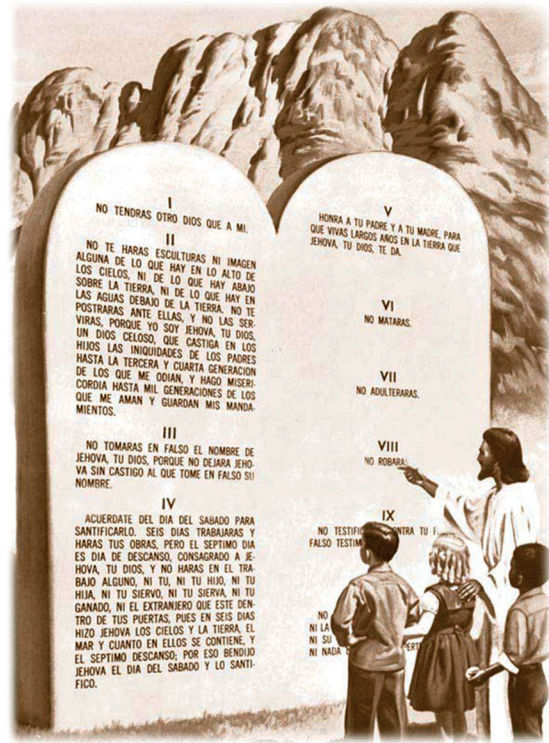
God established a system that governs the relationship between Him and men, as it is done between humans; and summed it up in ten short, simple, and profound commandments, as recorded in Exodus 20:1-17.

- ◆ It is the sovereign constitution of the Kingdom of God in the government of the universe.
 - ◆ It is the thought of God and the expression of His character.
 - ◆ It is the foundation to His throne and the rule of His righteousness.
 - ◆ It is immutable and eternal, for He does not change.
 - ◆ It is based on love; it shows us how to love God and how to love our neighbor.
- That law was given for our own good and our loyalty to it implies temporal and eternal benefits.

ATTACK ON DIVINE SOVEREIGNTY

1. The wisdom and righteousness of God in doubt.

- ◆ God says: **"Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image."** Do not represent Me in the idols you worship. Man mitigated His demand, erased that commandment from His law; churches are now filled with saints, virgins, relics, and objects that are worshiped, turning away their thoughts from the true God. Exodus 20:4.
- ◆ God says: **"Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain."** Man uses His name for any common and vulgar transaction, such is the extent that they say to incarnate God in religious ceremonies. Exodus 20:7.
- ◆ God says: **"Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy."** Man says: "Keep the feast days," some say: "Sunday," and others say: "Any day because they're all dedicated to God," thus setting aside God's explicit command, ignoring His authority and sovereignty. Exodus 20:8.
- ◆ God says: **"Thou shalt not kill."** Man argues that one can kill at war and even blesses his weapons. Millions of silent murders take place, such as abortions done legally as well as secretly via the help of the pseudo-religious. Exodus 20:13.
- ◆ God says: **"Thou shalt not commit adultery."** Man has trampled this command in the most brazen way. Reigning immorality is not condemned, instead it's promoted on TV, in theaters and other media as something normal; influencing the new generations to disintegrate the family, the base cell of society, instituted by God Himself in Eden. Exodus 20:14.



◆ Not only this, every law of God has been trampled upon and it's appalling to listen to sermons proclaiming the abolition of this law by Christ.

2. God is immutable, as is His law

The Ten Commandments were written on two tables of stone by God's own finger (Deuteronomy 9:10). This highlights the great importance of His law and His eternal character; stone "lasts forever." God said: **"My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips."** Psalm 89:34. **"For I am the Lord, I change not..."** Malachi 3:6

3. His law is eternal, just like Him

"The works of his hands are verity and judgment; all his commandments are sure. They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness." Psalm 111:7, 8.

4. His law is the expression of His character

God is love, just, and good. The same attributes complement His law.

"For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any

other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." Romans 13:9.

"Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good." Romans 7:12.

5. Jesus Christ Himself said He did not come to change His law

"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. 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.

"And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail." Luke 16:17.

6. Apostle Paul, the great preacher of justification by faith, explains:

"Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law." Romans 3:31.

7. The Apostle John calls liars those who claim to be Christians and disregard His commandments

"He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him." 1 John 2:4.

8. God will use His law as the norm in the Last Judgment

"For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law. So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty." James 2:11, 12.

We have clearly seen, through the Bible, that the Ten Commandments, the holy law of God, is closely related with His sovereignty. To undermine that law is to attack His sovereignty and His character.

CONSEQUENCES OF THE ATTACK

Why is humanity sinking into a tremendous crisis? Why are there so many wars, so much injustice and so much evil? Why is there so much violence and corruption? The Bible answers:

"A son honoureth his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, where is mine honour? and if I be a master, where is my fear? saith the Lord of hosts unto you, O priests, that despise my name. And ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name?" Malachi 1:6.

The basis of coexistence has been lost and its fruits have become known: misery, disease, poverty, war, attacks, etc.

How happy we could live if only we would respect God's Magna Carta as the worldwide Magna Carta!

"O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea..." Isaiah 48:18.

THE LAW OF THE NEW KINGDOM

A rich, young man once asked Jesus, **"... 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 commandments."** Matthew 19:16, 17.

He said that it was not enough to say, **"Lord, Lord..."** and that many will be disappointed at the judgment. **"Not every one that saith unto**

me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." Matthew 7:21-23.

This very law will continue to be the law of the Kingdom of God, because it is based on love; it must be our code of life.

GOD'S JUDGMENT

God has a message for our time. It is presented in the book of Revelation by three angels that fly in the midst of heaven taking the eternal gospel to every nation,

