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This is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and the one you have sent -- Jesus Christ. Jn. 17:3

## The Tenth Commandment

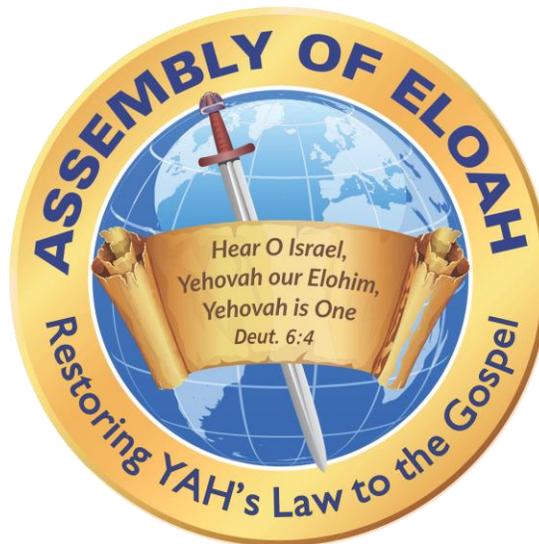
Exodus 20:17 & Deuteronomy 5:21 'You shall not covet'

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As we will see below, the use and context of the English word covet carries the meaning of a wrongful and harmful desire. God's covenant keeping people must have proper thoughtful desires. They all must work to earn what they desire for themselves and harm no one in their acquisitions.



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## You shall not Covet improperly

You may not plan to take others possessions for yourselves, usually gratis. You must plan to work and earn similar items for yourselves. This activity must be done according to the will of God Almighty, Y<sup>e</sup>hovah, whom we all must know and learn to know better.

Exodus 20:17 "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's." (NASV used throughout except where noted).

Deuteronomy 5:21 'And you shall not covet your neighbor's wife. And you shall not desire your neighbor's house, his field, or his male servant, or his female servant, his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.'

Covet is from Strong's Hebrew Dictionary (SHD) 2530 chamad  
Meaning: v 1) to desire, covet, take pleasure in, delight in

### Dictionary definition

cov·et verb (used with object)

1. to desire wrongfully, inordinately, or without due regard for the rights of others: to covet another's property.

2. to wish for, especially eagerly: He won the prize they all coveted.

verb (used without object)

3. to have an inordinate or wrongful desire.

Origin:

1175–1225; Middle English coveiten, Anglo-French coveiter, Old French coveit

Improper coveting is involved in breaking the first and second great Commandments and all of the nine we have now covered.

Coveting is done by individuals and by power loving Governments through their

idolatrous self-loving leadership. We must all love Y<sup>e</sup>hovah first and our neighbors second and our enemies as well, or especially.

This willingness to serve others instead of controlling them is rarely in evidence in most individuals who love power.

Ephesians 5:1-7 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. <sup>2</sup> And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. <sup>3</sup> But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness (SGD 4124) must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. <sup>4</sup> Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. <sup>5</sup> For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (SGD 4123) that is, an idolater, has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. <sup>6</sup> Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. <sup>7</sup> Therefore do not associate with them;

Strong's Greek Dictionary (SGD) 4124 pleonexia {pleh-on-ex-ee'-ah}

Meaning: 1) greedy desire to have more, covetousness, avarice

SGD 4123 pleonektes {pleh-on-ek'-tace}

Meaning: 1) one eager to have more, esp. what belongs to others 2) greedy of gain, covetous

Covetousness is idolatry because people place themselves above even over God and decide to take from the Almighty what is His and give it to themselves.

The idolatry and covetousness of individuals and nations have now received 40 Jubilees or 2000 years grace and the opportunity for repentance. The present world order must discard their corrupt legal system. It is a fraudulent

contractual system of government. It has been instituted by people who elect their own gods to make what they call laws but they are not Law. They all must immediately keep all of the terms of the covenant with their God and Father. His wrath with the destruction of his creation and humanities idolatry from their covetousness is not too far off.

Deuteronomy 7:25 The carved images of their gods you shall burn with fire. You shall not covet the silver or the gold that is on them or take it for yourselves, lest you be ensnared by it, for it is an abomination to Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God.

We are all learning from Sabbath to Sabbath, New Moon to New Moon, and from Feast to Feast all year to more correctly follow His wonderful way of life.

### You shall covet properly

Genesis 2:9 And out of the ground Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) God made to spring up every tree that is coveted (pleasant SHD 2530) to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Psalms 68:16 Why do you look with hatred, O many-peaked mountain, at the mount that God coveted (desired SHD 2530) for his abode, yes, where Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) will dwell forever?

Proverbs 21:20 Coveted (Precious SHD 2530) treasure and oil are in a wise man's dwelling, but a foolish man devours it.

This Way of Life provides blessings and not curses, and a life of liberty and privilege. All idolatry and covetousness must be removed from our thinking to

achieve this way which requires us to know the One True God, Y<sup>e</sup>hovah.

Deuteronomy 6:4 "Hear, O Israel: Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) our God, Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) is one.

1Corinthians 8:4 Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "an idol has no real existence," and that "there is no God but one."

### Whom we can know.

Jeremiah 24:7 'Then I will give them a heart to know Me, that I *am* Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD); and they shall be My people, and I will be their God, for they shall return to Me with their whole heart.

Hebrews 8:11 "None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them.

### We are required to know both Him,

Galatians 4:8-9 Formerly, when you did not know God, you were enslaved to those that by nature are not gods. <sup>9</sup> But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary principles of the world, whose slaves you want to be once more?

### and His will.

Acts 22:14 And he said, 'The God of our fathers appointed you to know his will, to see the Righteous One and to hear a voice from his mouth;

### We are told to distinguish between The God and His Christ.

John 17:3 And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

It is to our eternal shame, if we don't or can't.

1Corinthians 15:34 Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

Jeremiah 31:31-34 "Behold, the days are coming, declares Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD), when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, <sup>32</sup> not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD). <sup>33</sup> But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD): I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup> And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD),' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD). For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

Do not neglect this knowledge.

Hosea 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.

Individuals who possess the Spirit of God must keep the Covenant completely, with its spiritual application and not simply in the letter of the law. To defeat covetousness you must practice taking your thoughts captive. Control your mind or others will and you will let them.

2Corinthians 10:3-5 For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup> For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments <sup>5</sup> and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ,

We are blessed if we control our thinking in the manner Jesus Christ did. When we are successful, we will receive the same inheritance he did.

The gift of the inheritance is life inherent.

John 5:26 For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself.

Acts 20:32-33 And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. <sup>33</sup> I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel.

You do not have to have the Holy Spirit to keep the letter of the law as it is NOT too difficult for us to do. Many persist in stating that it is, incorrectly. What does God Almighty say?

Deuteronomy 30:10-20 when you obey the voice of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God, to keep his commandments and his statutes that are written in this Book of the Law, when you turn to Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God with all your heart and with all your soul. <sup>11</sup> "For this commandment that I command you today is **not too hard for you**, neither is it far off. <sup>12</sup> It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will ascend to heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' <sup>13</sup> Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' <sup>14</sup> But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you

can do it. <sup>15</sup> "See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. <sup>16</sup> If you obey the commandments of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God that I command you today, by loving Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. <sup>17</sup> But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup> I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup> I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse.....

Heaven, with the beings of the spirit world and earth and how we relate to them are called as witnesses (*Deut 17:6; 19:15*) against us. We will receive life or death and blessing or cursing by the choices we all make.

..... Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, <sup>20</sup> loving Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

The letter of the Law is not too hard for us, verse 11 above. The Almighty did not give us a law that is too difficult to do and then punish us because we could not do it. No fathers or mothers would ever treat their children in that manner. Because we *would* not keep His law does not mean we *could* not.

We must stop our improper ways of thinking.

Colossians 3:5-9 Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup> On account of these the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup> In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. <sup>8</sup> But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices.

And all conduct unbecoming.

Romans 1:25-32 because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen. <sup>26</sup> For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; <sup>27</sup> and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error. <sup>28</sup> And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. <sup>29</sup> They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, <sup>30</sup> slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, <sup>31</sup> foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. <sup>32</sup> Though they know God's decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

Our covetousness can cause a curse to fall on others as well as ourselves.

Joshua 7:1-21 But the people of Israel broke faith in regard to the devoted things, for Achan the son of Carmi, son of Zabdi, son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took some of the devoted things. And the anger of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) burned against the people of

Israel..... <sup>10</sup> Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (The LORD) said to Joshua, "Get up! Why have you fallen on your face? <sup>11</sup> Israel has sinned; they have transgressed my covenant that I commanded them; they have taken some of the devoted things; they have stolen and lied and put them among their own belongings. <sup>12</sup> Therefore the people of Israel cannot stand before their enemies. They turn their backs before their enemies, because they have become devoted for destruction. I will be with you no more, unless you destroy the devoted things from among you. <sup>13</sup> Get up! Consecrate the people and say, 'Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow; for thus says Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD), God of Israel, "There are devoted things in your midst, O Israel. You cannot stand before your enemies until you take away the devoted things from among you." <sup>14</sup> In the morning therefore you shall be brought near by your tribes. And the tribe that Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) takes by lot shall come near by clans. And the clan that Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (The LORD) takes shall come near by households. And the household that Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) takes shall come near man by man. <sup>15</sup> And he who is taken with the devoted things shall be burned with fire, he and all that he has, because he has transgressed the covenant of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD), and because he has done an outrageous thing in Israel." <sup>16</sup> So Joshua rose early in the morning and brought Israel near tribe by tribe, and the tribe of Judah was taken. <sup>17</sup> And he brought near the clans of Judah, and the clan of the Zerahites was taken. And he brought near the clan of the Zerahites man by man, and Zabdi was taken. <sup>18</sup> And he brought near his household man by man, and Achan the son of Carmi, son of Zabdi, son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was taken. <sup>19</sup> Then Joshua said to Achan, "My son, give glory to Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) God of Israel and give praise to him. And tell me now what you have done; do not hide it from me." <sup>20</sup> And Achan answered Joshua, "Truly I have sinned against Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) God of Israel, and this is what I did: <sup>21</sup> when I saw among the spoil a beautiful cloak from Shinar, and 200 shekels of silver, and a bar of gold weighing 50 shekels, then I coveted them and took them. And see, they are

hidden in the earth inside my tent, with the silver underneath."

The Spiritual application of the Law is considerably more work as our thoughts and the intent are being judged. This is not simply what we say and actually do but what we think. The law is magnified and more fully in effect today to those who possess the Holy Spirit.

1Corinthians 2:12-16 Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. <sup>13</sup> And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. <sup>14</sup> The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. <sup>15</sup> The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. <sup>16</sup> "For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

We are doers, not judges of the Law.

Romans 2:11-14 For God shows no partiality. <sup>12</sup> For all who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. <sup>13</sup> For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. <sup>14</sup> For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law.

Matthew 7:1-3 "Judge not, that you be not judged. <sup>2</sup> For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. <sup>3</sup> Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?"

Luke 6:36-38 Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. <sup>37</sup> "Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup> give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

Romans 3:4 By no means! Let God be true though every one were a liar, as it is written, "That you may be justified in your words, and prevail when you are judged." (*Ps 51:4*)

We are judged by God's written word.

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. <sup>14</sup> For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.

1Corinthians 6:1-3 When one of you has a grievance against another, does he dare go to law before the unrighteous instead of the saints? <sup>2</sup> Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is to be judged by you, are you incompetent to try trivial cases? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that we are to judge angels? How much more, then, matters pertaining to this life!

Our activities after receipt of the Holy Spirit will judge the fallen spirit beings. We won't sit in the seat of Moses and issue our curse or blessing in the future, we put them under judgment now.

1Corinthians 11:32-33 But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. <sup>33</sup> But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

Ours is a corrective judgment that we will receive if we do not put ourselves to en-route to the Lord's Supper annually.

James 2:12-26 So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. <sup>13</sup> For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment. <sup>14</sup> What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? <sup>15</sup> If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, <sup>16</sup> and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? <sup>17</sup> So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. <sup>18</sup> But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. <sup>19</sup> You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe- and shudder! <sup>20</sup> Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? <sup>21</sup> Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? <sup>22</sup> You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; <sup>23</sup> and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness" and he was called a friend of God. (*2Chron 20:7*) <sup>24</sup> You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. <sup>25</sup> And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? <sup>26</sup> For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.

We all have to work and actually do something with the talents we have and develop. What we have done after baptism is all recorded in the Book of Life of the lamb.

Perhaps this relates to the Book of Remembrance. Everything we say is recorded, so think before you speak.

Malachi 3:17 Then those who feared Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) spoke with one another. Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (The LORD) paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) and esteemed his name.

Our activities or works will be judged by the Spiritual application of the law.

Revelation 20:11-15 Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. <sup>12</sup> And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. <sup>13</sup> And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. <sup>14</sup> Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. <sup>15</sup> And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

This lake of purification or cleansing is a place that all sin will be placed along with our last enemy, death (*1Cor 15:26*) with the grave.

All those who will be in the second resurrection will have a record of their activities written in the Book of Life. Their activities will be judged by the letter of the Law.

James 3:1-18 Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater

strictness. <sup>2</sup> For we all stumble in many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. <sup>3</sup> If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. <sup>4</sup> Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup> So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! <sup>6</sup> And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup> For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, <sup>8</sup> but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup> With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup> From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup> Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? <sup>12</sup> Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water. <sup>13</sup> Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. <sup>14</sup> But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. <sup>15</sup> This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. <sup>16</sup> For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.....

Jealously and selfish ambition always produce disharmony and this is all from covetousness.

..... <sup>17</sup> But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. <sup>18</sup> And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

James 4:1-3 What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? <sup>2</sup> You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup> You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

Luke 12:11-15 And when they bring you before the synagogues and the rulers and the authorities, do not be anxious about how you should defend yourself or what you should say, <sup>12</sup> for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say." <sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup> But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

People and whole families may temporarily lose their physical inheritance because of others covetousness which causes false witness.

Micah 2:1-2 Woe to those who devise wickedness and work evil on their beds! When the morning dawns, they perform it, because it is in the power of their hand. <sup>2</sup> They covet fields and seize them, and houses, and take them away; they oppress a man and his house, a man and his inheritance.

Others will break the Sixth Commandment and murder with false witnesses, to satisfy their coveting.

1Kings 21:1-19 Now Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard in Jezreel, beside the palace of Ahab king of Samaria. <sup>2</sup> And after this Ahab said to Naboth, "Give me your vineyard, that I may have it for a vegetable garden, because it is near my house, and I will give

you a better vineyard for it; or, if it seems good to you, I will give you its value in money." <sup>3</sup> But Naboth said to Ahab, "Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (The LORD) forbid that I should give you the inheritance of my fathers." <sup>4</sup> And Ahab went into his house vexed and sullen because of what Naboth the Jezreelite had said to him, for he had said, "I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers." And he lay down on his bed and turned away his face and would eat no food. <sup>5</sup> But Jezebel his wife came to him and said to him, "Why is your spirit so vexed that you eat no food?" <sup>6</sup> And he said to her, "Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite and said to him, 'Give me your vineyard for money, or else, if it please you, I will give you another vineyard for it.' And he answered, 'I will not give you my vineyard.'" <sup>7</sup> And Jezebel his wife said to him, "Do you now govern Israel? Arise and eat bread and let your heart be cheerful; I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite." <sup>8</sup> So she wrote letters in Ahab's name and sealed them with his seal, and she sent the letters to the elders and the leaders who lived with Naboth in his city. <sup>9</sup> And she wrote in the letters, "Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth at the head of the people. <sup>10</sup> And set two worthless men opposite him, and let them bring a charge against him, saying, 'You have cursed God and the king.'" <sup>11</sup> Then take him out and stone him to death." <sup>12</sup> And the men of his city, the elders and the leaders who lived in his city, did as Jezebel had sent word to them. As it was written in the letters that she had sent to them, <sup>13</sup> they proclaimed a fast and set Naboth at the head of the people. <sup>14</sup> And the two worthless men came in and sat opposite him. And the worthless men brought a charge against Naboth in the presence of the people, saying, "Naboth cursed God and the king." So they took him outside the city and stoned him to death with stones. <sup>15</sup> Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, "Naboth has been stoned; he is dead." <sup>16</sup> As soon as Jezebel heard that Naboth had been stoned and was dead, Jezebel said to Ahab, "Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give you for money, for Naboth is not alive, but dead." <sup>17</sup> And as soon as Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, Ahab arose to go down to the vineyard of Naboth

the Jezreelite, to take possession of it. <sup>17</sup> Then the word of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, <sup>18</sup> "Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, who is in Samaria; behold, he is in the vineyard of Naboth, where he has gone to take possession. <sup>19</sup> And you shall say to him, 'Thus says Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD), "Have you killed and also taken possession?"' And you shall say to him, 'Thus says Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD): "In the place where dogs licked up the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick your own blood."

Naboth was required by the Covenant to give title to his offspring or closest relative. The use of the land is given to his family in trust by his and our Landlord, Y<sup>e</sup>hovah.

Exodus 19:5 Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine;

Naboth fulfilled the law and was murdered for his righteousness by those in authority. David also murdered Uriah in order to steal his wife. Read 2Samuel 11:1-12:9.

Even God's faithful can fall into improper covetousness if they don't control their mind. All of the commas and apostrophes of the Law are still in place today.

Most of us repented, stopped sinning, were baptized and received God's Holy Spirit as promised. We believed our lives would improve from this point on. It seems very strange that often our family and friends may think differently about us. We seem to be harassed endlessly simply for keeping the terms of the Covenant.

We cause no harm to others but often people even begin to detest us. Be aware it is not you they are mad about. It is their unrealized hatred of their creator and we may be the only target they have.

Our covetous desire to properly serve our God and Father leads us to believe that our health, wealth and wisdom should improve.

Therefore we will keep the three Feasts of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah and learn of the Almighty's plan of reconciliation and redemption for His Adamic beings. No one will covet our property while in attendance away from home.

Exodus 34:24 For I will cast out nations before you and enlarge your borders; no one shall covet your land, when you go up to appear before Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God three times in the year.

## Blessing and Cursing

Matthew 5:17-28 "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. <sup>18</sup> For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup> Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup> For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>21</sup> "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' <sup>22</sup> But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother (*without cause KJV*) will be liable to

judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup> So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup> leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup> Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. <sup>26</sup> Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. <sup>27</sup> "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' <sup>28</sup> But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

Above we see adultery is committed from our thoughts and this is a breach of the seventh Commandment. This is from coveting which can cause a breach in all commandments.

Our thinking that is sinful judges us where only the physical activities condemn us in the letter of the law. It is the intent of our thoughts and actions that may condemn those possessing God's Spirit.

The Book of the Law was read from the time of Moses.

Joshua 8:31-35 just as Moses the servant of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) had commanded the people of Israel, as it is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, "an altar of uncut stones, upon which no man has wielded an iron tool." And they offered on it burnt offerings to Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) and sacrificed peace offerings. <sup>32</sup> And there, in the presence of the people of Israel, he wrote on the stones a copy of the law of Moses, which he had written. <sup>33</sup> And all Israel, sojourner as well as native born, with their elders and officers and

their judges, stood on opposite sides of the ark before the Levitical priests who carried the ark of the covenant of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD), half of them in front of Mount Gerizim and half of them in front of Mount Ebal, just as Moses the servant of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) had commanded at the first, to bless the people of Israel. <sup>34</sup> And afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessing and the curse, according to all that is written in the Book of the Law. <sup>35</sup> There was not a word of all that Moses commanded that Joshua did not read before all the assembly of Israel, and the women, and the little ones, and the sojourners who lived among them.

Above we see that Joshua read all that is written in the Book of the Law, meaning the Torah or first five books of Moses. This reading can take over seventy hours.

Matthew 5:1-12 Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: <sup>3</sup> "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup> "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. <sup>5</sup> "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup> "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. <sup>7</sup> "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. <sup>8</sup> "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. <sup>9</sup> "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. <sup>10</sup> "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup> "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Above, Christ explains with a Spiritual application, how to keep the Law. This we are reading and explaining to all

people every seventh year or septenate as instructed.

Deuteronomy 31:7-13 Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel, "Be strong and courageous, for you shall go with this people into the land that Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (The LORD) has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you shall put them in possession of it. <sup>8</sup> It is Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed." <sup>9</sup> Then Moses wrote this law and gave it to the priests, the sons of Levi, who carried the ark of the covenant of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD), and to all the elders of Israel. <sup>10</sup> And Moses commanded them, "At the end of every seven years, at the set time in the year of release, at the Feast of Booths, <sup>11</sup> when all Israel comes to appear before Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God at the place that he will choose, you shall read this law before all Israel in their hearing. <sup>12</sup> Assemble the people, men, women, and little ones, and the sojourner within your towns, that they may hear and learn to fear Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God, and be careful to do all the words of this law, <sup>13</sup> and that their children, who have not known it, may hear and learn to fear Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God, as long as you live in the land that you are going over the Jordan to possess."

Reading the Law of God in order to learn to correctly apply them all provides numerous blessings.

Psalm 21:1-7 A Psalm of David. O Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (LORD), in your strength the king rejoices, and in your salvation how greatly he exults! <sup>2</sup> You have given him his heart's desire and have not withheld the request of his lips. Selah <sup>3</sup> For you meet him with rich blessings; you set a crown of fine gold upon his head. <sup>4</sup> He asked life of you; you gave it to him, length of days forever and ever. <sup>5</sup> His glory is great through your salvation; splendor and majesty you bestow on him. <sup>6</sup> For you make him most blessed forever; you make him glad with the joy of your presence. <sup>7</sup> For the king

trusts in Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD), and through the steadfast love of the Most High he shall not be moved.

Proverbs 10:22 The blessing of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) makes rich, and he adds no sorrow with it.

Malachi 2:1-2 "And now, O priests, this command is for you. <sup>2</sup> If you will not listen, if you will not take it to heart to give honor to my name, says Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) of hosts, then I will send the curse upon you and I will curse your blessings. Indeed, I have already cursed them, because you do not lay it to heart.

Ephesians 1:1-3 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus: <sup>2</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,

Romans 7:6-14 But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit. <sup>7</sup> What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, "You shall not covet." <sup>8</sup> But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. Apart from the law, sin lies dead. <sup>9</sup> I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. <sup>10</sup> The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. <sup>11</sup> For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. <sup>12</sup> So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good. <sup>13</sup> Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin,

and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure. <sup>14</sup> For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin.

As we see above, this use and context of the English word covet is meaning a wrongful desire not a proper thoughtful desire. Both covet and desire are used in translation and the context clarifies the destructive desires that harm others for benefit. What the 10<sup>th</sup> commandment prohibits and condemns is our desiring of what is forbidden. You may and should covet for what may help and benefit yourself and others and is permitted.

God's word is very clear. When we do what and how He says it, blessings will ensue, and when you do not do what He says curses become predominant.

## Blessing and Cursing and Coveting

Deuteronomy 27:10-26 You shall therefore obey the voice of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God, keeping his commandments and his statutes, which I command you today." <sup>11</sup> That day Moses charged the people, saying, <sup>12</sup> "When you have crossed over the Jordan, these shall stand on Mount Gerizim to bless the people: Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Joseph, and Benjamin. <sup>13</sup> And these shall stand on Mount Ebal for the curse: Reuben, Gad, Asher, Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali. <sup>14</sup> And the Levites shall declare to all the men of Israel in a loud voice: <sup>15</sup> "'Cursed be the man who makes a carved or cast metal image, an abomination to Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD), a thing made by the hands of a craftsman, and sets it up in secret.' (Acts 26:26) And all the people shall answer and say, 'Amen.' <sup>16</sup> "'Cursed be anyone who dishonors his father or his mother.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.' <sup>17</sup> "'Cursed be anyone who moves his neighbor's landmark.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.' <sup>18</sup> "'Cursed be anyone who

misleads a blind man on the road.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.' <sup>19</sup> "'Cursed be anyone who perverts the justice due to the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.' <sup>20</sup> "'Cursed be anyone who lies with his father's wife, because he has uncovered his father's nakedness.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.' <sup>21</sup> "'Cursed be anyone who lies with any kind of animal.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.' <sup>22</sup> "'Cursed be anyone who lies with his sister, whether the daughter of his father or the daughter of his mother.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.' <sup>23</sup> "'Cursed be anyone who lies with his mother-in-law.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.' <sup>24</sup> "'Cursed be anyone who strikes down his neighbor in secret.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.' <sup>25</sup> "'Cursed be anyone who takes a bribe to shed innocent blood.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.' <sup>26</sup> "'Cursed be anyone who does not confirm the words of this law by doing them.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

Do not fall for the idea that the Hebrew word amen is a reference to the Egyptian sun god, amen-ra and therefore should not be used. No one knows the ancient pronunciation of the sun-god from deciphering hieroglyphics.

"All the people shall say Amen", when they believe the request is made to our Father in Heaven. It is a Hebrew word that remains in the Greek and all translations.

Deuteronomy 28:1-68 "And if you faithfully obey the voice of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God, being careful to do all his commandments that I command you today, Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. <sup>2</sup> And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the voice of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God. <sup>3</sup> Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field. <sup>4</sup> Blessed shall be the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground and the

fruit of your cattle, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock. <sup>5</sup> Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. <sup>6</sup> Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out. <sup>7</sup> "Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (The LORD) will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before you. They shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways. <sup>8</sup> Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (The LORD) will command the blessing on you in your barns and in all that you undertake. And he will bless you in the land that Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God is giving you. <sup>9</sup> Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (The LORD) will establish you as a people holy to himself, as he has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God and walk in his ways. <sup>10</sup> And all the peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD), and they shall be afraid of you. <sup>11</sup> And Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) will make you abound in prosperity, in the fruit of your womb and in the fruit of your livestock and in the fruit of your ground, within the land that Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) swore to your fathers to give you. <sup>12</sup> Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (The LORD) will open to you his good treasury, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season and to bless all the work of your hands. And you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow. <sup>13</sup> And Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) will make you the head and not the tail, and you shall only go up and not down, if you obey the commandments of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God, which I command you today, being careful to do them, <sup>14</sup> and if you do not turn aside from any of the words that I command you today, to the right hand or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them. <sup>15</sup> "But if you will not obey the voice of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God or be careful to do all his commandments and his statutes that I command you today, then all these curses shall come upon you and overtake you. <sup>16</sup> Cursed shall you be in the city, and cursed shall you be in the field. <sup>17</sup> Cursed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. <sup>18</sup> Cursed shall be the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock. <sup>19</sup> Cursed shall you be when you come in, and cursed

shall you be when you go out. <sup>20</sup> "Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (The LORD) will send on you curses, confusion, and frustration in all that you undertake to do, until you are destroyed and perish quickly on account of the evil of your deeds, because you have forsaken me. <sup>21</sup> Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (The LORD) will make the pestilence stick to you until he has consumed you off the land that you are entering to take possession of it. <sup>22</sup> Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (The LORD) will strike you with wasting disease and with fever, inflammation and fiery heat, and with drought and with blight and with mildew. They shall pursue you until you perish. <sup>23</sup> And the heavens over your head shall be bronze, and the earth under you shall be iron. <sup>24</sup> Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (The LORD) will make the rain of your land powder. From heaven dust shall come down on you until you are destroyed. <sup>25</sup> "Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (The LORD) will cause you to be defeated before your enemies. You shall go out one way against them and flee seven ways before them. And you shall be a horror to all the kingdoms of the earth. <sup>26</sup> And your dead body shall be food for all birds of the air and for the beasts of the earth, and there shall be no one to frighten them away. <sup>27</sup> Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (The LORD) will strike you with the boils of Egypt, and with tumors and scabs and itch, of which you cannot be healed. <sup>28</sup> Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (The LORD) will strike you with madness and blindness and confusion of mind, <sup>29</sup> and you shall grope at noonday, as the blind grope in darkness, and you shall not prosper in your ways. And you shall be only oppressed and robbed continually, and there shall be no one to help you. <sup>30</sup> You shall betroth a wife, but another man shall ravish her. You shall build a house, but you shall not dwell in it. You shall plant a vineyard, but you shall not enjoy its fruit. <sup>31</sup> Your ox shall be slaughtered before your eyes, but you shall not eat any of it. Your donkey shall be seized before your face, but shall not be restored to you. Your sheep shall be given to your enemies, but there shall be no one to help you. <sup>32</sup> Your sons and your daughters shall be given to another people, while your eyes look on and fail with longing for them all day long, but you shall be helpless. <sup>33</sup> A nation that you have not known shall eat up the fruit of your ground and of all your labors, and you shall

be only oppressed and crushed continually, <sup>34</sup> so that you are driven mad by the sights that your eyes see. <sup>35</sup> Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (The LORD) will strike you on the knees and on the legs with grievous boils of which you cannot be healed, from the sole of your foot to the crown of your head. <sup>36</sup> Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (The LORD) will bring you and your king whom you set over you to a nation that neither you nor your fathers have known. And there you shall serve other gods of wood and stone. <sup>37</sup> And you shall become a horror, a proverb, and a byword among all the peoples where Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) will lead you away. <sup>38</sup> You shall carry much seed into the field and shall gather in little, for the locust shall consume it. <sup>39</sup> You shall plant vineyards and dress them, but you shall neither drink of the wine nor gather the grapes, for the worm shall eat them. <sup>40</sup> You shall have olive trees throughout all your territory, but you shall not anoint yourself with the oil, for your olives shall drop off. <sup>41</sup> You shall father sons and daughters, but they shall not be yours, for they shall go into captivity. <sup>42</sup> The cricket shall possess all your trees and the fruit of your ground. <sup>43</sup> The sojourner who is among you shall rise higher and higher above you, and you shall come down lower and lower. <sup>44</sup> He shall lend to you, and you shall not lend to him. He shall be the head, and you shall be the tail. <sup>45</sup> "All these curses shall come upon you and pursue you and overtake you till you are destroyed, because you did not obey the voice of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God, to keep his commandments and his statutes that he commanded you. <sup>46</sup> They shall be a sign and a wonder against you and your offspring forever. <sup>47</sup> Because you did not serve Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God with joyfulness and gladness of heart, because of the abundance of all things, <sup>48</sup> therefore you shall serve your enemies whom Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) will send against you, in hunger and thirst, in nakedness, and lacking everything. And he will put a yoke of iron on your neck until he has destroyed you. <sup>49</sup> Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (The LORD) will bring a nation against you from far away, from the end of the earth, swooping down like the eagle, a nation whose language you do not understand, <sup>50</sup> a hard-faced nation who shall not respect the old or show mercy to the

young. <sup>51</sup> It shall eat the offspring of your cattle and the fruit of your ground, until you are destroyed; it also shall not leave you grain, wine, or oil, the increase of your herds or the young of your flock, until they have caused you to perish. <sup>52</sup> "They shall besiege you in all your towns, until your high and fortified walls, in which you trusted, come down throughout all your land. And they shall besiege you in all your towns throughout all your land, which Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God has given you. <sup>53</sup> And you shall eat the fruit of your womb, the flesh of your sons and daughters, whom Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God has given you, in the siege and in the distress with which your enemies shall distress you. <sup>54</sup> The man who is the most tender and refined among you will begrudge food to his brother, to the wife he embraces, and to the last of the children whom he has left, <sup>55</sup> so that he will not give to any of them any of the flesh of his children whom he is eating, because he has nothing else left, in the siege and in the distress with which your enemy shall distress you in all your towns. <sup>56</sup> The most tender and refined woman among you, who would not venture to set the sole of her foot on the ground because she is so delicate and tender, will begrudge to the husband she embraces, to her son and to her daughter, <sup>57</sup> her afterbirth that comes out from between her feet and her children whom she bears, because lacking everything she will eat them secretly, in the siege and in the distress with which your enemy shall distress you in your towns. <sup>58</sup> "If you are not careful to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that you may fear this glorious and awesome name, Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God, <sup>59</sup> then Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) will bring on you and your offspring extraordinary afflictions, afflictions severe and lasting, and sicknesses grievous and lasting. <sup>60</sup> And he will bring upon you again all the diseases of Egypt, of which you were afraid, and they shall cling to you. <sup>61</sup> Every sickness also and every affliction that is not recorded in the book of this law, Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) will bring upon you, until you are destroyed. <sup>62</sup> Whereas you were as numerous as the stars of heaven, you shall be left few in number, because you did not obey the voice of

Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God. <sup>63</sup> And as Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) took delight in doing you good and multiplying you, so Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) will take delight in bringing ruin upon you and destroying you. And you shall be plucked off the land that you are entering to take possession of it. <sup>64</sup> "And Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) will scatter you among all peoples, from one end of the earth to the other, and there you shall serve other gods of wood and stone, which neither you nor your fathers have known. <sup>65</sup> And among these nations you shall find no respite, and there shall be no resting place for the sole of your foot, but Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) will give you there a trembling heart and failing eyes and a languishing soul. <sup>66</sup> Your life shall hang in doubt before you. Night and day you shall be in dread and have no assurance of your life. <sup>67</sup> In the morning you shall say, 'If only it were evening!' and at evening you shall say, 'If only it were morning!' because of the dread that your heart shall feel, and the sights that your eyes shall see. <sup>68</sup> And Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) will bring you back in ships to Egypt, a journey that I promised that you should never make again; and there you shall offer yourselves for sale to your enemies as male and female slaves, but there will be no buyer."

Deuteronomy 11:1-32 "You shall therefore love Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God and keep his charge, his statutes, his rules, and his commandments always. <sup>2</sup> And consider today (since I am not speaking to your children who have not known or seen it), consider the discipline of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God, his greatness, his mighty hand and his outstretched arm, <sup>3</sup> his signs and his deeds that he did in Egypt to Pharaoh the king of Egypt and to all his land, <sup>4</sup> and what he did to the army of Egypt, to their horses and to their chariots, how he made the water of the Red Sea flow over them as they pursued after you, and how Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) has destroyed them to this day, <sup>5</sup> and what he did to you in the wilderness, until you came to this place, <sup>6</sup> and what he did to Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab, son of Reuben, how the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, with their households, their tents,

and every living thing that followed them, in the midst of all Israel. <sup>7</sup> For your eyes have seen all the great work of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) that he did. <sup>8</sup> "You shall therefore keep the whole commandment that I command you today, that you may be strong, and go in and take possession of the land that you are going over to possess, <sup>9</sup> and that you may live long in the land that Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) swore to your fathers to give to them and to their offspring, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup> For the land that you are entering to take possession of it is not like the land of Egypt, from which you have come, where you sowed your seed and irrigated it, like a garden of vegetables. <sup>11</sup> But the land that you are going over to possess is a land of hills and valleys, which drinks water by the rain from heaven, <sup>12</sup> a land that Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God cares for. The eyes of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year to the end of the year. <sup>13</sup> "And if you will indeed obey my commandments that I command you today, to love Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul, <sup>14</sup> he will give the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the later rain, that you may gather in your grain and your wine and your oil. <sup>15</sup> And he will give grass in your fields for your livestock, and you shall eat and be full. <sup>16</sup> Take care lest your heart be deceived, and you turn aside and serve other gods and worship them; <sup>17</sup> then the anger of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) will be kindled against you, and he will shut up the heavens, so that there will be no rain, and the land will yield no fruit, and you will perish quickly off the good land that Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) is giving you. <sup>18</sup> "You shall therefore lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. <sup>19</sup> You shall teach them to your children, talking of them when you are sitting in your house, and when you are walking by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. <sup>20</sup> You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, <sup>21</sup> that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land that Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) swore to your

fathers to give them, as long as the heavens are above the earth. <sup>22</sup> For if you will be careful to do all this commandment that I command you to do, loving Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God, walking in all his ways, and holding fast to him, <sup>23</sup> then Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) will drive out all these nations before you, and you will dispossess nations greater and mightier than yourselves. <sup>24</sup> Every place on which the sole of your foot treads shall be yours. Your territory shall be from the wilderness to the Lebanon and from the River, the river Euphrates, to the western sea. <sup>25</sup> No one shall be able to stand against you. Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God will lay the fear of you and the dread of you on all the land that you shall tread, as he promised you. <sup>26</sup> "See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse: <sup>27</sup> the blessing, if you obey the commandments of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God, which I command you today, <sup>28</sup> and the curse, if you do not obey the commandments of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God, but turn aside from the way that I am commanding you today, to go after other gods that you have not known. <sup>29</sup> And when Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God brings you into the land that you are entering to take possession of it, you shall set the blessing on Mount Gerizim and the curse on Mount Ebal. <sup>30</sup> Are they not beyond the Jordan, west of the road, toward the going down of the sun, in the land of the Canaanites who live in the Arabah, opposite Gilgal, beside the oak of Moreh? <sup>31</sup> For you are to cross over the Jordan to go in to take possession of the land that Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God is giving you. And when you possess it and live in it, <sup>32</sup> you shall be careful to do all the statutes and the rules that I am setting before you today.

## The Song of Moses and the Lamb

Revelation 14:6-20 Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. <sup>7</sup> And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and

the springs of water." <sup>8</sup> Another angel, a second, followed, saying, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, she who made all nations drink the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality." <sup>9</sup> And another angel, a third, followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, <sup>10</sup> he also will drink the wine of God's wrath, poured full strength into the cup of his anger, and he will be tormented with fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. <sup>11</sup> And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever, and they have no rest, day or night, these worshipers of the beast and its image, and whoever receives the mark of its name." <sup>12</sup> Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus. <sup>13</sup> And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!" <sup>14</sup> Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and seated on the cloud one like a son of man, with a golden crown on his head, and a sharp sickle in his hand. <sup>15</sup> And another angel came out of the temple, calling with a loud voice to him who sat on the cloud, "Put in your sickle, and reap, for the hour to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is fully ripe." <sup>16</sup> So he who sat on the cloud swung his sickle across the earth, and the earth was reaped. <sup>17</sup> Then another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. <sup>18</sup> And another angel came out from the altar, the angel who has authority over the fire, and he called with a loud voice to the one who had the sharp sickle, "Put in your sickle and gather the clusters from the vine of the earth, for its grapes are ripe." <sup>19</sup> So the angel swung his sickle across the earth and gathered the grape harvest of the earth and threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. <sup>20</sup> And the winepress was trodden outside the city, and blood flowed from the winepress, as high as a horse's bridle, for 1,600 stadia.

Revelation 15:1-8 Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and amazing, seven angels

with seven plagues, which are the last, for with them the wrath of God is finished. <sup>2</sup> And I saw what appeared to be a sea of glass mingled with fire and also those who had conquered the beast and its image and the number of its name, standing beside the sea of glass with harps of God in their hands. <sup>3</sup> And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, "Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations! <sup>4</sup> Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you, for your righteous acts have been revealed." <sup>5</sup> After this I looked, and the sanctuary of the tent of witness in heaven was opened, <sup>6</sup> and out of the sanctuary came the seven angels with the seven plagues, clothed in pure, bright linen, with golden sashes around their chests. <sup>7</sup> And one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God who lives forever and ever, <sup>8</sup> and the sanctuary was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from his power, and no one could enter the sanctuary until the seven plagues of the seven angels were finished.

The Song of Moses was sung or recited by us and Cantillated in Hebrew with the reading of the First Great Commandment.

## The Song of the Lamb

Exodus 15:1-27 Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD), saying, "I will sing to Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (The LORD), for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea. <sup>2</sup> Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (The LORD) is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. <sup>3</sup> Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (The LORD) is a man of war; Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) is his name. <sup>4</sup> "Pharaoh's chariots and his host he cast into the sea, and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea. <sup>5</sup> The floods covered them; they went down into the

depths like a stone. <sup>6</sup> Your right hand, O Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (LORD), glorious in power, your right hand, O Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (LORD), shatters the enemy. <sup>7</sup> In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your adversaries; you send out your fury; it consumes them like stubble. <sup>8</sup> At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up; the floods stood up in a heap; the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea. <sup>9</sup> The enemy said, 'I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them. I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.' <sup>10</sup> You blew with your wind; the sea covered them; they sank like lead in the mighty waters. <sup>11</sup> "Who is like you, O Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (LORD), among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders? <sup>12</sup> You stretched out your right hand; the earth swallowed them. <sup>13</sup> "You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed; you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode. <sup>14</sup> The peoples have heard; they tremble; pangs have seized the inhabitants of Philistia. <sup>15</sup> Now are the chiefs of Edom dismayed; trembling seizes the leaders of Moab; all the inhabitants of Canaan have melted away. <sup>16</sup> Terror and dread fall upon them; because of the greatness of your arm, they are still as a stone, till your people, O Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (LORD), pass by, till the people pass by whom you have purchased. <sup>17</sup> You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain, the place, O Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (LORD), which you have made for your abode, the sanctuary, O Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (LORD), which your hands have established. <sup>18</sup> Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (The LORD) will reign forever and ever." <sup>19</sup> For when the horses of Pharaoh with his chariots and his horsemen went into the sea, Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) brought back the waters of the sea upon them, but the people of Israel walked on dry ground in the midst of the sea. <sup>20</sup> Then Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a tambourine in her hand, and all the women went out after her with tambourines and dancing. <sup>21</sup> And Miriam sang to them: "Sing to Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD), for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea." <sup>22</sup> Then Moses made Israel set out from the Red Sea, and they went into the wilderness of

Shur. They went three days in the wilderness and found no water. <sup>23</sup> When they came to Marah, they could not drink the water of Marah because it was bitter; therefore it was named Marah. <sup>24</sup> And the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?" <sup>25</sup> And he cried to Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD), and Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) showed him a log, and he threw it into the water, and the water became sweet. There Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) made for them a statute and a rule, and there he tested them, <sup>26</sup> saying, "If you will diligently listen to the voice of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God, and do that which is right in his eyes, and give ear to his commandments and keep all his statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you that I put on the Egyptians, for I am Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD), your healer." <sup>27</sup> Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs of water and seventy palm trees, and they encamped there by the water.

Deuteronomy 6:5 "And you shall love Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

Romans 13:9 The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

We now have concluded reading the Law of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (God) during Tabernacles in 2012 as required. This is the 21<sup>st</sup> day of the 7<sup>th</sup> month of the 35<sup>th</sup> year of the 40<sup>th</sup> Jubilee from Christ's baptism.

This fulfills a second period of 21 days of sanctification in the Plan of God. The first 21 days was from the first day of the new year to the last day of Unleavened Bread. This period of sanctification, or being set apart for a specific purpose, opened the means of reconciliation and redemption for a fallen creation. This

21 days is from the first day of the seventh month to the end of Tabernacles.

This period indicates the return of Christ, the removal of our adversary, and the Millennium.

It culminates with the Last Great Day pointing to the new heavens and new earth.

The second great commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." was addressed in the readings of the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup> commandments.

Psalm 19:7-10 The law of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) is sure, making wise the simple; <sup>8</sup> the precepts of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) is pure, enlightening the eyes; <sup>9</sup> the fear of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) is clean, enduring forever; the rules of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) are true, and righteous altogether. <sup>10</sup> More to be coveted (desired SHD 2530) are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

We will conclude the week of reading the Law of God with singing the Song of the Lamb along with the Hebrew Cantillation by Thomas McElwain.

Exodus 15:1-18 Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD), saying, "I will sing to Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD), for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea. <sup>2</sup> Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (The LORD) is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. <sup>3</sup> Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (The LORD) is a man of war; Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) is his name. <sup>4</sup> "Pharaoh's chariots and his host

he cast into the sea, and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea. <sup>5</sup> The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone. <sup>6</sup> Your right hand, O Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (LORD), glorious in power, your right hand, O Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (LORD), shatters the enemy. <sup>7</sup> In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your adversaries; you send out your fury; it consumes them like stubble. <sup>8</sup> At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up; the floods stood up in a heap; the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea. <sup>9</sup> The enemy said, 'I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them. I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.' <sup>10</sup> You blew with your wind; the sea covered them; they sank like lead in the mighty waters. <sup>11</sup> "Who is like you, O Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (LORD), among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders? <sup>12</sup> You stretched out your right hand; the earth swallowed them. <sup>13</sup> "You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed; you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode. <sup>14</sup> The peoples have heard; they tremble; pangs have seized the inhabitants of Philistia. <sup>15</sup> Now are the chiefs of Edom dismayed; trembling seizes the leaders of Moab; all the inhabitants of Canaan have melted away. <sup>16</sup> Terror and dread fall upon them; because of the greatness of your arm, they are still as a stone, till the people, O Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (LORD), pass by, till the people pass by whom you have purchased. <sup>17</sup> You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain, the place, O Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (LORD), which you have made for your abode, the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established. <sup>18</sup> Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (The LORD) will reign forever and ever." (NASV used through out except where noted)

Amen, Y<sup>e</sup>hovah