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Reading the Second Great Commandment - 2012

Leviticus 19:18 You shall love your neighbor as yourself

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All of the Law or Covenant in the Word of God is founded on Love. The Second Great Commandment is fulfilled on love for our fellowman, which includes love for your enemies. Love centered on your fellow man is found throughout the last six of the Ten Commandments.



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Introduction

to the fifth to the tenth commandments.

On Two Great Commandments depend all of the law, the psalms, the prophets and the explanations in the Renewed Covenant writings. They are both centered on love. That is, love God first, being outlined in the first four and love humanity second, being outlined in the last six of the Ten Commandments.

Matthew 22:34-40 But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵ And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" ³⁷ And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets." (ESV used throughout except where noted).

The second great commandment is quoted from Torah.

Leviticus 19:9-18 "When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. ¹⁰ And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am Y^ehovah (the LORD) your God. ¹¹ "You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. ¹² You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am Y^ehovah (the LORD). ¹³ "You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired servant shall not remain with you all night until the morning. ¹⁴ You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am Y^ehovah (the LORD). ¹⁵ "You shall do no

injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. ¹⁶ You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am Y^ehovah (the LORD). ¹⁷ "You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him.....

We must provide about 2.5% of our net productive increase for the poor, not steal, or deal falsely, or swear falsely, thereby profaning the name of our God. We must not oppress our neighbor and pay what we owe immediately and not cause harm to the infirm.

¹⁸ You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am Y^ehovah (the LORD).

Loving our neighbour as much as we love ourselves requires us all to rethink how we treat others and how we conduct our business contracts.

We may reprove but not hate or take vengeance. You will know that it is usually presented that Y^ehovah hates our sinful actions but loves the individuals.

This may not be correct in certain instances.

Malachi 1:1-4 The oracle of the word of Y^ehovah (the LORD) to Israel by Malachi. ² "I have loved you," says Y^ehovah (the LORD). But you say, "How have you loved us?" "Is not Esau Jacob's brother?" declares Y^ehovah (the LORD). "Yet I have loved Jacob ³ but Esau I have hated. I have laid waste his hill country and left his heritage to jackals of the desert." ⁴ If Edom says, "We are shattered but we will rebuild the ruins," Y^ehovah (the LORD) of hosts says, "They may build, but I will tear down, and they will be called 'the

wicked country,' and 'the people with whom Y^ehovah (the LORD) is angry forever.'"

Neither the Hebrew *sane* nor the Greek *miseo* mean loves less. They mean hate.

Malachi 1:1-3 The burden of the word of Y^ehovah (the LORD) to Israel by the hand of his messenger. Lay it, I pray you, to heart. ² I have loved you, saith Y^ehovah (the LORD). And ye said, Wherein hast thou loved us? Was not Esau Jacob's brother? saith Y^ehovah (the LORD): yet I loved Jacob, ³ and hated (SGD 3404 miseo) Esau and laid waste his borders, and made his heritage as dwellings of the wilderness? (LXX Brenton)

Romans 9:13 Just as it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated." (SGD 3404 miseo)

2Samuel 19:5-6 Then Joab came into the house to the king and said, "You have today covered with shame the faces of all your servants, who have this day saved your life and the lives of your sons and your daughters and the lives of your wives and your concubines, ⁶ because you love those who hate you and hate those who love you. For you have made it clear today that commanders and servants are nothing to you, for today I know that if Absalom were alive and all of us were dead today, then you would be pleased.

God is Love

1John 4:16-21 So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷ By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹ And this

commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

We must love our fellows in order to love our creator, Y^ehovah. This is required as evidence of our conversion. If we won't or don't we are liars. Typical strong corrective language from our loving Father and if we try you may find that it is within us to do.

How to Love each other

Simply, by keeping the complete terms of the covenant.

1John 5:1-3 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whomever has been born of him. ² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³ For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.

They are not a burden or too difficult for us to keep 'in the letter' without the Spirit.

Deuteronomy 30:8-14 And you shall again obey the voice of Y^ehovah (the LORD) and keep all his commandments that I command you today. ⁹ Y^ehovah (the LORD) your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your womb and in the fruit of your cattle and in the fruit of your ground. For Y^ehovah (the LORD) will again take delight in prospering you, as he took delight in your fathers, ¹⁰ when you obey the voice of Y^ehovah (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^ehovah (the LORD) your God with all your heart and with all your soul. ¹¹ "For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off. ¹² 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?' ¹³ 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?' ¹⁴ But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.

The Law is not too hard for you and you can do it. Know that we cannot keep simply the letter of the Law but must now keep the spiritual application.

Anyone who claims that you cannot keep the law without possessing the Holy Spirit is simply looking for an escape.

Because we wouldn't keep the letter of the law does not mean we couldn't.

When you receive the Spirit of God you then must keep the Spiritual application of the Law. This is much more difficult as we must now control our thinking and not just our activities as in the letter of the law.

This new way of thinking affects and enhances your character which is the sum of qualities that expose your individual make up. We all expose ourselves more than we suspect.

All of our habitual ways of thinking form themselves into tendencies that will, sooner or later, express themselves as deeds. These deeds affect us as well as others and mold our character for better or worse.

As you change your ways of thinking for the better, you will improve the conditions of your affairs.

Micah 6:8 He has told you, O man, what is good; And what does Y^ehovah (the LORD)

require of you But to do justice, to love kindness, And to walk humbly with your God?

The reason many marriages fail is because they are built on the feeling of 'being in love.' Therefore, when we fall 'out of love', we often divorce.

The reason parents and children often do not exhibit love is because they have not received a correct education. That is, learning to control our thoughts and learning to love.

2Corinthians 10:4-5 For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments ⁵ and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ,

Colossians 3:13-15 bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. ¹⁴ And beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful.

We are to love, or have love, whether we feel ourselves to be in love or not.

1Corinthians 13:1-13 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. ⁴ Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for

knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

With this definition of love we can see that people do not fall 'in love'. Neither do we fall in or out of patience or kindness nor arrogance. These are character traits that are developed with practice.

You do not need to be in love with your spouses but you must love them. Certain chemicals are released in our brains when we meet individuals that we are attracted to. These give us a flush and a feeling of exultation and desire. We may confuse a temporary lust that we get from this flush from love which is abiding or set and not altered with changing conditions in our lives.

All Covenant keepers marriages, are a marriage contract where a man and woman make a covenant with each other, with Y^ehovah as the witness to love each other.

Neither state nor church sanction is required as this will cause a third party to enter your marriage. They will claim they own your offspring and even your name as we will have unknowingly abandoned Y^ehovah's ownership and trust account.

The requirement to be faithful and remain married is not because your spouse is worthy of our love, but because of the vows you made in the presence of the Almighty, "to love them".

You may not be able to live with some individuals, as The Almighty could not remain married to ancient Israel.

How to Love your Enemies

God loves us because he chooses to love us. Our marriages and even financial dealings should be built on the foundation of choosing to love. That includes even our enemies as well.

Matthew 5:43-48 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' ⁴⁴ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. ⁴⁶ For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸ You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

We must bless and pray for those who curse and abuse us. If someone takes, (steals) your windbreaker, offer them your parka as well. Loan without expecting a return and do good to those who harm you. It can all be done if you force yourself initially and it actually gets easier with practice.

Luke 6:27-35 "But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ To one who

strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. ³¹ And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them. ³² "If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. ³⁵ But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.

Proverbs 9:7-8 Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse, and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury. ⁸ Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you; reprove a wise man, and he will love you.

Proverbs 10:11-12 The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life, but the mouth of the wicked conceals violence. ¹² Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all offenses.

Love is the end or culmination and proper fulfillment and direction of the Law.

Romans 10:4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

Jesus Christ is the fulfillment and culmination of the goal of the Law. This does not mean its conclusion as if that meant its finish and therefore removal.

1Timothy 1:5-7 But the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. ⁶ For some men, straying from these things, have turned aside to fruitless discussion, ⁷ wanting to be teachers of the Law, even though they

do not understand either what they are saying or the matters about which they make confident assertions.

Love is not generated by flogging yourselves or fasting from solid foods and only taking fluids to earn supposed righteousness.

Romans 14:15 For if because of food your brother is hurt, you are no longer walking according to love. Do not destroy with your food him for whom Christ died.

1Corinthians 8:1 Now concerning things sacrificed to idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge makes arrogant, but love edifies.

Proverbs 15:17 Better is a dinner of herbs where love is than a fattened ox and hatred with it.

Practice love by taking all your thoughts captive and learn to think like Jesus Christ.

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The Covenant is to be kept by everyone, everywhere, always.

Works of Law is a BCE ascetic manual for lists of activities that were presumed to earn a benefit from their god. It was being used by Gentile covenant keeping Christians and this is the context in Romans.

Romans 9:32-33 Wherefore? Because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that

stumblingstone; ³³ As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.....

Romans 10:1-5 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. ² For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. ³ For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. ⁴ For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth. ⁵ For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them. (KJV)

Put to the test

Luke 10:25-37 And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" ²⁷ And he answered, "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." ²⁸ And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live." ²⁹ But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think,

proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

The Samaritans were non Israelite gentiles who had been brought into the land after the removal of the ten tribes of the northern kingdom.

Leviticus 19:33-34 "When a stranger sojourns with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong. ³⁴ You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am Y^ehovah (the LORD) your God.

Deuteronomy 10:17-20 For Y^ehovah (the LORD) your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. ¹⁸ He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. ¹⁹ Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. ²⁰ You shall fear Y^ehovah (the LORD) your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear.

Matthew 24:12 "And because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold. ¹³ "But the one who endures to the end, he shall be saved.

This is speaking about the law or instruction of our creator and not the legal system produced by the modern nations who are completely lawless. God's law is the only law and there is nothing else.

The accommodation of the legal system generated from the will of mankind produces neglect of the Law of Y^ehovah. This will produce an accompanying curse.

Luke 16:13-14 "No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and love the other, or else he will hold to one, and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon." ¹⁴ Now the Pharisees, who were lovers of money, were listening to all these things, and they were scoffing at Him.

If you keep God's law according to the terms of His Covenant you will exhibit Godly love.

John 15:13 "Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.
Romans 12:10 Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor;

Romans 13:8-10 Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law. ⁹ For this, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and if there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this saying, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; love therefore is the fulfillment of the law.

1Corinthians 16:13 Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. ¹⁴ Let all that you do be done in love.

1Thessalonians 5:11-13 Therefore encourage one another, and build up one another, just as you also are doing. ¹² But we request of you, brethren, that you appreciate those who diligently labor among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction, ¹³ and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Live in peace with one another.

Love of Money

1Timothy 6:9-10 But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For

the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith, and pierced themselves with many a pang.

Hebrews 13:5-6 Let your character be free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you," ⁶ so that we confidently say, "The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid. What shall man do to me?"

1John 2:15 Do not love the world, nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

1John 3:17-18 But whoever has the world's goods, and beholds his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him? ¹⁸ Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.

The end of the Law is love or charity. The Law itself is designed to protect on a physical level, what the Holy Spirit is designed to instill on a spiritual level. One cannot exist perfectly without the other. The Holy Spirit is necessary to be able to properly follow the Perfect Law of Liberty.

God's Perfect Law of Liberty is designed to establish us in a perfect relationship with Him and with each other.

The Royal Law

James 2:8-20 If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. ⁹ But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. ¹¹ For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not

murder." If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹² So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. ¹³ For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment. ¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶ 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? ¹⁷ So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. ¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe and shudder! ²⁰ Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless?

Matthew 7:7-21 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ⁹ Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? ¹¹ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him! ¹² "So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets. ¹³ "Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. ¹⁴ For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few. ¹⁵ "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶ You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does

not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Thus you will recognize them by their fruits. ²¹ "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 5:43-48 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor, and hate your enemy.' ⁴⁴ "But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you ⁴⁵ in order that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. ⁴⁶ "For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax-gatherers do the same? ⁴⁷ "And if you greet your brothers only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸ "Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

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Matthew 5:38-48 "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' ³⁹ But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. ⁴⁰ And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. ⁴¹ And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. ⁴² Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you. ⁴³ "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' ⁴⁴ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes

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Matthew 6:1-17 "Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. ² "Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ³ But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴ so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ⁵ "And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ⁶ But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ⁷ "And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. ⁹ Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. ¹⁰ Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread, ¹² and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. ¹⁴ For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, ¹⁵ but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. ¹⁶ "And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you,

they have received their reward. ¹⁷ But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, ¹⁸ that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

We will accept damage from others but never retaliate nor do wrong and injure them. Even if we think they deserve it, which they often do.

1John 4:8 The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

James 2:8 If, however, you are fulfilling the royal law, according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well.

2Timothy 2:22-23 Now flee from youthful lusts, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. ²³ But refuse foolish and ignorant speculations, knowing that they produce quarrels.

We stop debating over ignorant oral speculations. We will study and review presentations that presume to show any of our doctrines to be in error.

There is One True God Alone, our Father, or progenitor. He alone has life inherent as He is life. He is the One Being with the Title Eloah and the Name Y^ehovah.

Psalm 18:30-31 This God his way is perfect; the word of Y^ehovah (The LORD) proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him. ³¹ For who is Eloah (God), but Y^ehovah (The LORD)? And who is a rock, except our God?

We are now covering second great commandment. This leads to the last six of the 10 Commandments. Theses then

expand to all of the ordinances, statutes and judgments. They are for all of mankind to administer for their protection and liberty.

The Bible is a book of Law, primarily the law of contracts, of history and prophecy by which The Almighty reveals Himself.

These words are our very life and are not empty to us.

Simply, We will Love Y^ehovah first, and second, we will learn how to better love our neighbours, following Christ's example.

Amen Eloah