

Facts About the 10 Commandments

THE FIRST FOUR COMMANDMENTS HAVE TO DO WITH ONE'S ATTITUDE TOWARD GOD.

1. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image . . .
3. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.

THE REMAINING SIX HAVE TO DO WITH ONE'S ATTITUDE TOWARD HIS FELLOWMAN.

5. Honor thy father and thy mother.
6. Thou shalt not kill.
7. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
8. Thou shalt not steal.
9. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
10. Thou shalt not covet.

JESUS CONDENSED THE COMMANDMENTS (1-4, AND 5-10) INTO TWO SECTIONS:

Matthew 22:37-39 • Mark 12:30 • Luke 10:27

1. "You shalt love the Lord thy God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment.
2. "And the second is like unto it, You shalt love your neighbor as yourself."

- Eight of the commandments are stated negatively. Two are stated positively.
- The commandments were written on two tables of stone. Exodus 31:18
- The commandments were "written with the finger of God." Exodus 31:18
- The tables of stone contained writing on both sides of each stone. Exodus 32:15
- A second set was given after Moses broke the first set. Exodus 32:19; 34:18
- For centuries they were kept inside the Ark of the Covenant.

