

God's Commands

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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this document is to concisely capture all God's commands and their applicability as a quick reference for modern-day believers, since God's commands and their emphasis are widely spread out throughout the Bible. It focuses on commands either directly stated or implied by God through Moses, the prophets, and Jesus. Jesus himself is the Word of God (John 1:1, Revelation 19:13) and he says that if we love him we will keep his commands (John 14:15). If we keep his commands, he will give us His Holy Spirit (John 14:16-21), and we will remain in God's love (John 15:10). So, what are God's commands?

Most Christians today don't believe that the commands of God found in the Old Testament law still apply for us today, especially to Gentile (non-Israelite) believers. This is due to many New Testament passages (Acts 15:1-29, Romans 2:17-11:7, 14:1-23, 1 Corinthians 8:1-8, 10:18-30, Galatians 2:11-5:12, 6:12, Ephesians 2:11-22, Philippians 3:1-9, Colossians 2:13-23, 1 Timothy 1:3-11, Hebrews 7:11-10:18), mostly letters from Paul (an apostle to Gentiles), that seem to suggest that we're no longer required to keep any of God's laws. However, this thinking contradicts God's law and Christ's teachings. Many of these same books and other New Testament passages (as translated today) also contain many things that seem to agree with the Old Testament law as the behaviors defined as sinful in the New Testament were established as sinful in the Old Testament. Therefore, just as Jesus had greater testimony than John the Baptist (John 5:36), we should take the same view in comparing Jesus' words with others, such as Paul. After all, Jesus is our Lord, not Paul. Paul and others are only servants. The same logic also applies with those whom we follow today that claim to be ministers, teachers, pastors, elders, bishops, apostles, prophets, etc. regarding matters contradicting God's word. Why not obey God rather than men (Acts 5:29)? Additionally, we should note that the complete New Testament did not exist to establish doctrine at the birth of the church immediately after Christ's ascension to heaven. They only had the Old Testament (Law, prophets, & psalms) along with the oral testimonies about Jesus' life.

Jesus said something very important:

*¹⁷ "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. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore **anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.** ²⁰ For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 5:17-20)*

Jesus even goes on to teach items found in the law with more strictness, by requiring that they be followed even in one's heart and not only outwardly (Matthew 5:1-6:24). Jesus' problem with the religious leaders of his day was not that they were trying too hard to follow God's law, but rather that they were not truly following it (John 9:17). They were hypocrites () who broke God's commands for the sake of the traditions of their elders which was vain worship with merely human rules (Matthew 15:1-9, Mark 7:1-8). Could this also be happening today, over 2000 years later? This had also happened well before Jesus' time, when God eventually rejected his priests because they rejected knowledge by ignoring God's law (Hosea 4:6). Even they had regarded God's law as something foreign (Hosea 8:12).

Concerning applicability of the law to Gentiles, even back when the law was given to the Israelites, the same rules (laws and regulations) were to apply to the aliens (non-Israelites) living among them (Exodus

12:49, 23:12, Leviticus 16:29, 17:12, *18:26, 19:34, Numbers 9:14, *15:14-16). When the Israelites entered into covenant with God, the covenant was not only made with them, but also with those (generations) not there that day (Deuteronomy 29:14-15). *Even before Christ came, foreigners (of all nations) who bound themselves to the Lord (loving and worshipping him) were not excluded by God from his people, but were given joy in God's house of prayer with their offerings and sacrifices accepted (Isaiah 56:3-8). Jesus even mentioned Gentiles of Old Testament generations (i.e. men of Nineveh, the Queen of the South) who repented and would rise at the judgement and condemn the generation (of Jews) of his time (Matthew 12:41-42, Luke 11:30-32). Also note that prophecies concerning the future prove that God's Old Testament laws will still be followed (Zechariah 14:16-19, Micah 4:1-3).*

*The law was given to the Israelites, and the same rules (laws and regulations) were to apply to the aliens living among them (Exodus 12:49, *Numbers 15:14-16). The 10 commandments were the only ones proclaimed to the assembly at the mountain, and he added nothing more, and these were the ones written on the 2 stone tablets. Decrees and laws mentioned outside of the 10 Commandments were to be followed in the land of Israel for as long as they live there. (Deuteronomy 4:13-14, 5:22, 31, 6:1, 9:10, 10:4*, 12:1*)*

However, the Lord obviously did not have all the same laws for foreigners as for the Israelites, accept for those living within the Israelites. Some exceptions included matters of circumcision, being set apart as holy & treasured, eating meat of animals found dead, charging interest, cancelling debts, feast days & celebrations, exclusions from the assembly, and priesthood (Exodus 12:43-45, Deuteronomy 14:1-2, 21, 15:3, 23:1-8, 20, 26:16-19, etc.).

The following is an outline of God's commands.

SALVATION (MOST IMPORTANT TOPIC)

1. Salvation – a source of being saved from harm, ruin, or loss
2. Have faith in God. (Mark 11:22)
3. **Repent** (turn away from sinful living) (Ezekiel 18:20-32, Matthew 4:17, 11:20-24, 21:28-32, Luke 13:1-5)
 1. **Sin is breaking God's law; lawlessness** (1 John 3:4)
 2. 1st confess in what way you have sinned. (Leviticus 5:5, Numbers 5:6-7)
 1. Forgiveness and atonement is really meant for unintentional sins. Intentional (defiant) sin is blasphemy and separates us from God and his people. (Leviticus 4:2, 13, 22, 27, 5:1-4, 14, 17, Numbers 15:22-31*)
 3. Renounce your sins by doing what is right. (Daniel 4:27)
 4. Get water baptized (Matthew 3:1-15, 28:19, Luke 7:29-30)
 5. Make restitution for sin by adding one fifth and returning to the person you have wronged or giving it to God. (Leviticus 5:16, 6:1-7, Numbers 5:6-7, Luke 19:7-10)
 6. In repentance and rest is your salvation. (Isaiah 30:15)
 7. The Redeemer will come to those who repent of their sins. (Isaiah 59:20)
4. Do God's will. (Matthew 7:21-23, 12:48-50, 21:28-32)
 1. Believe in Jesus Christ (John 3:14-21, John 6:28-29)
 1. Enter life through Jesus (the narrow way). (Matthew 7:13-14, John 10:1-18, 14:6)
 2. **Take communion** - eat bread & drink **grape juice** in remembrance of Christ's sacrifice. (Matthew 26:26-27, Luke 22:19-20)
 3. Trust in God and in Jesus. (John 14:1)
 4. Jesus' blood made atonement for our sins. (Leviticus 1:4, 17:11)
 5. Those who don't believe will die in their sins and go to hell. (John 8:21-30, Revelation 21:8)
5. **Obey (practice) & teach God's commandments.** (Matthew 5:17-18, 19:17-19*, Mark 10:17-21*)

6. Forgive everyone so that your sins may be forgiven. (Matthew 6:14-15, Mark 11:25-26, Luke 6:37)
7. Do not blaspheme against the Holy Spirit. This will not be forgiven. (Matthew 12:22-32, Luke 12:10)
8. Clothe yourself in righteous acts. (Matthew 22:1-14, Revelations 19:7-8)
9. Remain in Jesus and let his words remain in you. (John 15:1-11) – Read & meditate on God's word continually
10. Stay good & faithful until death and ready for Christ to come to you. Don't be a wicked and lazy servant. (Matthew 24:42–51, 25:1-30, Luke 12:35-46, Revelations 2:10)
 1. Do not deny Christ's name before others. (Matthew 10:32, Revelation 3:8)
 2. Do not renounce your faith in Christ. (Revelation 2:13)
 3. Persevere and endure hardship for Christ's name. (Revelation 2:3)
 4. Do not be afraid of suffering persecution (devil testing you). (Revelation 2:10)
 5. Overcome and do God's will to the end. (Revelation 2:26)

ATTITUDES

14. God esteems the one who is humble and contrite in spirit, and trembles at his word. (Isaiah 66:2)
 1. Those who tremble at God's word (fear and respect his word) are hated and excluded by their brothers. (Isaiah 66:5)
 2. Humble – not proud: not thinking of yourself as better than other people
 3. Tremble – shake involuntarily, typical as a result of anxiety, excitement, or frailty
15. General requirements of God is for man to act justly, love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:1-8).
 1. Just – Agreeing with what is considered morally right or good: reasonable or proper.
 2. Mercy
 1. Kind or forgiving treatment of someone who could be treated harshly
 2. Kindness or help given to people who are in a very bad or desperate situation
16. Have faith in God and in Jesus (Mark 11:22, John 14:1)
17. **WORSHIP** the Lord and he will bless your food & water, removing sickness & miscarriage, and give you a full life span. (Exodus 23:25-26).
 1. Sing to the Lord a new song. (Psalm 96:1)
18. Be holy because God is holy. (Leviticus 19:2, 20:26)
 1. The redeemed will walk in the Way of Holiness, whereas the unclean and wicked fools will not. (Isaiah 35:8-10)
 2. Without holiness, no one will see the Lord. (Hebrews 12:24)
 3. Be sanctified (set apart as holy) by the truth (God's word). (John 17:17-19)
19. Rise in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God. (Leviticus 19:32)
20. Don't complain against the Lord (rejecting him) because of your hardships (being impatient); this angers God. (Exodus 17:1-7, Numbers 11:1-10, 20, 13:1-14:45, 16:1-50, 21:4-9*)
 1. Don't test the Lord by doubting his presence or abilities. (Exodus 17:1-7, Deuteronomy 6:16)
 1. The Israelites tested the Lord saying "is the Lord among us or not?" (Exodus 17:7)
 2. Don't ever discourage God's people (by fear or lack of faith) from following his plans. (Numbers 14:1-14:45)
21. Don't speak against or oppose God's appointed servants or exalt yourself over them (Numbers 12:1-15, 16:1-50). They should be revered (deeply respected) (Joshua 4:14). Pray for them.
22. Don't reject God as king, desiring man's leadership instead. This angers God, and man may enslave you. (1 Samuel 8:4-22, Hosea 13:10-11)

23. Carry out God's instructions exactly like he tells you to – don't get beside yourself. Honor the Lord alone as holy – don't begin to trust in your own power after God gives it to you. (Numbers 20:6-13)
24. **FEAR** God; this will keep you from sinning and brings near God's salvation, great love, compassion, and blessing. It is the beginning of wisdom & knowledge. (Exodus 20:18-20, Deuteronomy 5:29, 6:13, 24, 10:12, 25:17-18, 31:13, Psalm 85:9, 103:11, 13, 111:10, 112:1, Proverbs 1:7, Ecclesiastes 12:13-14, Matthew 10:26-33)
 1. The fear of the Lord is of God's Spirit, and Jesus delights in the fear of the Lord. (Isaiah 11:1-3)
25. Don't think you can persist in going your own way and still receive God's blessings. God may not forgive this and may blot your name out from under heaven. (Deuteronomy 9:14, 29:18-21)
 1. Some names are not written in the book of life from the creation of the world. (Rev. 17:8)
26. Do not say that "all who do evil are good in the eyes of the Lord, and he is pleased with them." (Malachi 2:17)
27. **Don't be unfaithful to God or he will reject you.** (Deuteronomy 32:19-20)
28. Have these attitudes in order to be blessed (Matthew 5:1-12):
 1. **Be poor in spirit (humble, contrite, & aware of your need for God).** (Matthew 5:3, Luke 6:20, Isaiah 66:2)
 2. **Be mournful (grieved or contrite) over sin.** (Matthew 5:4, Isaiah 66:2)
 1. God marks those who grieve and lament over sin in order to be spared from judgment (Ezekiel 9:4-6)
 2. Mourn – feel or show deep sorrow or regret or sadness for something or someone
 3. Contrite – feeling or expressing remorse; affected by guilt
 3. **Be meek (gentle or humble) like a child in order to enter God's kingdom.** (Matthew 5:5, 18:1-4)
 4. Be hungry & thirsty for righteousness. (Matthew 5:6)
 5. Be merciful (forgiving). (Matthew 5:7, 9:10-13, 18:21-35, Luke 6:36)
 6. Be pure in heart (Matthew 5:8), in contrast to being unclean (Isaiah 52:11).
 7. Be a peacemaker. (Matthew 5:9)
 8. **Be persecuted for righteousness.** (Matthew 5:10)
 9. **Be insulted and spoken evil against because of Jesus.** (Matthew 5:11)
 10. **Rejoice and be glad when you are persecuted (as they treated the prophets).** (Matthew 5:12)
29. Do not worry (stress) about material needs (food, clothes, etc). (Matthew 6:25-26)
30. **Do not worry (stress) about tomorrow (the future).** (Matthew 6:34)
31. **Do not judge or condemn others.** (Matthew 7:1-2, Luke 6:37-38)
32. **Don't be a hypocrite.** (Matthew 16:6, 23:1-39, 24:45-51, Luke 12:1-3)
 1. Eating & drinking with drunkards (siding / indulging with the worldly) is hypocrisy. (Matthew 24:45-51)
33. Do not be a "lukewarm" Christian. Seek God's spirit & righteousness. (Revelation 3:14-18, 19:8)
34. Be perfect (in love) (Matthew 5:48)
 1. Live a blameless life. (Psalm 101:2, 6)
35. **Do not be "of the world."** (John 17:14, 1 John 2:15-17)

SINFUL SPEECH

36. What comes out of your mouth (evil thoughts from your heart) makes you unclean – murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, & slander. (Matthew 15:18-19)

37. Everyone will have to give an account on the day of judgement for every empty (careless) word they have spoken. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned. (Matthew 12:36-37)

AVOIDING SINFUL BEHAVIORS

38. Sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it. (Genesis 4:7)
39. Don't sin intentionally (defiantly). This is blasphemy and separates us from God and his people. (Leviticus 4:2, 13, 22, 27, 5:1-4, 14, 17, Numbers 15:22-31*, Hebrews 10:26-28)
40. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you. (John 5:14)
41. Sin is breaking the law. (Romans 7:7-13, 1 John 3:4)
42. Practice & teach God's commandments from the Law (Matthew 5:17-18, 19:17-19*, Mark 10:17-21*)
43. **The Ten Commandments** (Exodus 20:1-17, Deuteronomy 5:6-21)
- God shows love to a thousand generations to those that love him and keep his commandments.* (Exodus 20:6)
1. **Do not put anything ahead of (or alongside) God your Creator.** (Exodus 20:3, Deuteronomy 5:7)
 1. The Lord is God; besides him there is no other. (Deuteronomy 4:35, 39)
 2. You shall acknowledge no God or Savior except me. (Hosea 13:4)
 2. **Do not make or worship idols.** (Exodus 20:4-6, Deuteronomy 5:8-10, Hosea 6:4-6)
 1. The Lord your God is a Jealous God. (Exodus 20:5, Deuteronomy 4:24)
 2. Idolatry is punishable by death on the testimony of 2 witnesses. (Deuteronomy 13:5-18, 17:2-7)
 3. Idolatry makes your heart unclean & leads to hell (Matthew 15:18-19, Revelations 22:14-15)
 4. Don't make any gods of silver or gold to go alongside God. (Exodus 20:23)
 1. Those who make idols (or trust in them) will be like them (cant speak, see, hear, or breath). (Psalm 135:15-18)
 5. Don't setup a carved image or sacred stone to bow down to it. God hates this. (Leviticus 26:1, Deuteronomy 16:21-22)
 1. Images include man, woman, animals, sun, moon, stars etc. (Deuteronomy 4:15-19, 17:2-7)
 2. Cursed is the one who does this. (Deuteronomy 27:15)
 6. Don't sacrifice to any god other than the Lord. That brings destruction. (Exodus 22:20)
 1. **This is really sacrifice to demons.** (Deuteronomy 32:17)
 7. Don't invoke the names of other gods on your lips. (Exodus 23:13)
 1. Invoke means to cite or appeal to as an authority or to call on in prayer or inspiration
 8. God is Jealous. (Exodus 20:5-6, 34:14)
 9. Serve the Lord only. (Deuteronomy 6:13, 10:12)
 10. Don't inquire about or worship the Lord in the detestable ways others worship their false gods. (Deuteronomy 12:30-31)
 11. Israelites were to tear down in the land of Israel places where the nations that they were dispossessing worshiped idols. (Deuteronomy 12:2-3)
 12. Don't worship any other beings beside God, not even angels. (Revelation 19:10, 22:8-9)
 3. **Do not take the name of God in vain.** (Exodus 20:7, Deuteronomy 5:11)
 1. Blasphemy of God's name with a curse is punishable by death. (Leviticus 24:10-16)
 4. **Keep the Sabbath (7th day, Saturday) holy and as a day of rest.** (Exodus 20:8-11, 23:12, Leviticus 19:30, 26:2, Deuteronomy 5:12-15)
 1. Most believe Sabbath keeping is no longer required, but it is still required because:
 1. Before God gave the 10 commandments (Law), He created the world in six days and rested on the 7th day. Therefore, he blessed the 7th day and made it holy. This has never changed. (Genesis 2:2-3)

2. God never abolished the Sabbath (Matthew 5:17-20)
 1. Christ is Lord of the Sabbath – so why would he abolish it? (Matthew 12:8, Mark 2:28, Luke 6:5)
 2. Jesus & his disciples observed the Sabbath. (Matthew 28:1, Mark 6:2, 16:1, Luke 4:16, 23:56*)
 3. Jesus taught on the Sabbath. (Mark 6:2, Luke 4:16, 31, 13:10,
 4. Jesus' disciples / apostles observed and taught on the Sabbath. (Acts 1:12, 13:14, 27, 42-44, 16:13, 17:2, 18:4)
 5. Prophecies about the future mention Sabbath observance as still to be expected (Isaiah 66:22-23, Ezekiel 44:24 & 46:1-3, Matthew 24:20)
 1. The Sabbath will endure forever along with the new heavens and new earth. (Isaiah 66:22-24)
 2. Ezekiel received a prophetic vision of the future millennial temple where specific regulations are given for the prince and the people worship on the Sabbath. (Ezekiel 44:24 & 46:1-3)
 3. Pray that you that you flight may not be in winter or on a Sabbath. Matthew 24:20
 6. It's a sign between God and his people forever. (Exodus 31:12-17)
3. Foreigners who keep the Sabbath are blessed and not excluded from God's people and will be given joy. (Isaiah 56:2-8)
4. Paul's letters (Colossians 2:16, Galatians 4:10, Romans 14:5) seem to suggest that we're no longer required to keep the Sabbath because we're no longer under the law, but Paul's letters (as translated today) generally contain many things that may seem to contradict God's law and Christ's teachings. We should obey God above men.
2. Keeping the Sabbath holy means to set it (the day) apart (from other days). Therefore, no one can use "living holy everyday" as an excuse for not treating the Sabbath as special.
3. Work for six days a week. (Exodus 35:2)
4. The Sabbath day begins on Saturday after early morning.
 1. From the Genesis account we can conclude that days begin and end at morning (daybreak). (Therefore the Sabbath Day begins and ends at morning (daybreak)).
 1. And God looked upon all that He had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day. (Genesis 1:31)
 2. Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done. (Genesis 2:1-3)
 1. This shows that the Sabbath started during the day because all of God's work recorded on the previous days happened during the day, each before evening and morning
5. No work is to be done on the Sabbath, wherever you live, even during plowing season and harvest. (Exodus 20:10-12, 34:21, Leviticus 23:30)
 1. This includes you, your family, servants, slaves, foreigners, animals, etc. so that all may be refreshed. (Exodus 20:10-12)

2. Working on the Sabbath was punishable by death in the law. (Exodus 31:15, Numbers 15:32-36)
3. Originally everyone was to prepare food the day before and stay where they were on the Sabbath and rest, but in Jesus' time people obviously would go to the temple or synagogues on the Sabbath. (Exodus 16:21-30, **Matthew ?**)
4. **Do not light a fire in your home on the Sabbath (Exodus 35:3). This would have been labor-intensive.**
5. Buying & selling is discouraged on the Sabbath. (Nehemiah 10:31, 13:15-22*, Amos 8:1-7)
6. No loads were to be carried out of the home or thru the city gates on the Sabbath. This brings judgment on the city. (Jeremiah 17:19-27)
7. Guards of the king's palace & priests were permitted to be on duty on the Sabbath. (2 Kings 11:5-9, 2 Chronicles 23:5-10, Nehemiah 13:22)
8. It is permissible to deal with emergency needs (i.e. hunger, healing, danger) on the Sabbath. God is merciful. The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. (Matthew 12:1-8, Mark 2:23-28, Luke 6:1-5, Exodus 16:29)
9. It is lawful to do good on the Sabbath. God, the Father, is always working. Don't judge by mere appearances, but judge correctly. (Matthew 12:10-14, Mark 3:1-6, Luke 6:6-11, 13:10-17, 14:1-6, John 5:1-18, 7:22-24, 9:1-16)
6. **The Sabbath is a day of sacred assembly (holy convocation). (Leviticus 23:1-3)**
 1. In the time of Jesus & the apostles it was customary to read the Word of God in Synagogues every Sabbath. (Acts 13:27, 42, 44, 15:21, 18:4)
7. Worship the Lord on the Sabbath day. (Ezekiel 46:3)
 1. A song for the Sabbath day is found in Psalm 92-97
8. Offerings were required every Sabbath. (Numbers 28:9-10)
9. Don't go your own way and do as you please on the Sabbath. (Isaiah 58:13)
10. It's ok to visit on the Sabbath. (Luke 14:1)
11. Don't speak idle (no value) words on the Sabbath. (Isaiah 58:13)
12. The Sabbath is to be delightful & honorable. (Isaiah 58:13)
13. The Sabbath is for your benefit
 1. The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. (Mark 2:27)
 2. Bear in mind that the Lord has given you the Sabbath. (Exodus 16:22)
14. Sabbath observance is worthless to God where there is sin & rebellion. (Isaiah 1:13-15)
5. **Honor your father and your mother. (Exodus 20:12, Deuteronomy 5:16, Matthew 15:4)**
 1. Respect your mother & father. (Leviticus 19:3)
 2. Attacking, cursing, disobeying or rebelling against your father and mother is punishable by death. (Exodus 21:15, 17, Leviticus 20:9, Deuteronomy 21:18-21)
 3. Cursed is the one who dishonors his father or his mother. (Deuteronomy 27:16)
6. **Do not murder. (Exodus 20:13, Deuteronomy 5:17)**
 1. Intentional murder is punishable by death on the testimony of witnesses (more than one). (Exodus 21:12-15, Leviticus 24:17,21, Numbers 35:16-21*, 30)
 2. Unintentionally killing of a thief does not make one guilty, but intentional killing does. (Exodus 22:2-3, Numbers 35:9-15,22-28)
 3. Cursed is the one who kills his neighbor secretly or accepts a bribe to kill an innocent person. (Deuteronomy 27:24-25)
 4. Note: Murder includes abortion.
 5. Murder makes your heart unclean & leads to hell (Matthew 15:18-19, Revelations 22:14-15)
 6. **Do not be angry with anyone. This endangers you to hell. Settle matters quickly. (Matthew 5:21-26)**
7. **Do not commit adultery. (Exodus 20:14, Deuteronomy 5:18)**

1. Adultery – sexual intercourse between a married person and a person who is not his or her spouse
2. This is punishable by death. (Deuteronomy 22:22)
3. Sleeping with a woman pledged to be married (engaged) is also considered adultery and is also punishable by death. (Deuteronomy 22:23-24)
4. **Do not commit adultery, even in your heart (by lusting).** (Matthew 5:27-28)
5. Adultery makes your heart unclean & leads to hell (Matthew 15:18-19, Revelations 22:14-15)
8. **Do not steal.** (Exodus 20:15, Deuteronomy 5:19)
 1. Do not defraud your neighbor or rob him. (Leviticus 19:13)
 2. It must be paid back with restitution (at least double) or slavery. (Exodus 22:1-15)
 3. **Do not kidnap anyone.** This is punishable by death. (Exodus 21:16, Deuteronomy 24:7)
 4. Theft makes your heart unclean (Matthew 15:18-19)
9. **Do not tell lies against anyone.** (Exodus 20:16, Deuteronomy 5:20)
 1. Don't spread false reports, helping the wicked by malicious witness. (Exodus 23:1)
 2. False testimony (lying) makes your heart unclean & leads to hell (Matthew 15:18-19, Revelations 22:14-15)
10. **Do not covet (desire to possess) other people's possessions.** (Exodus 20:17, Deuteronomy 5:21)
 1. Coveting leads to taking, stealing, or robbing. (Micah 2:1-2)
 2. **Don't covet things that are detestable to God nor bring them into your home. Rather abhor, detest, & destroy it.** (Deuteronomy 7:25-26)
44. Do not cheat. God detests this. (Leviticus 6:2, Deuteronomy 25:13-16)
 1. Don't use dishonest scales. (Leviticus 19:35-36)
 2. Cursed is the one who moves his neighbor's boundary. (Deuteronomy 27:17)
45. If your property (i.e. animals) causes loss to another's, restitution is required. (Exodus 22:5)
46. Do not commit arson (start fires). This requires restitution for damages. (Exodus 22:6)
47. **Cut off anything that causes sin in your life** (Matthew 5:29-30, 18:8-9)
 1. **Don't tolerate wicked men.** (Revelation 2:2, 20:23)
 2. **Demolish anything and cut-off anyone that causes sin. Don't be in covenant with them or they will cause you to sin and bring God's judgment on you.** (Exodus 23:24, 32-33)
 3. **Don't allow sinful influences to remain in your life or they will ensnare (trap) you. Totally destroy them and don't commit to them or ally with them.** (Numbers 33:50-56, Deuteronomy 7:2-6, Joshua 23:12-13, Judges 2:1-5)
 1. They will give you trouble and God will do to you what he planned to do to them (Numbers 33:55-56)
 2. Don't unite with those who live sinful lives or they will become a snare to you. (Exodus 34:12-15)
 3. **Set no vile (wicked) thing before your eyes.** (Psalm 101:3)
 4. **Do not bring a detestable thing into your house, or you, like it, will be set apart for destruction. Regard it as vile, and utterly detest it.** (Deuteronomy 7:26)
 4. **Don't bring a detestable thing or anything sinful into your home or it will set you apart for destruction. Rather abhor, detest, & destroy it.** (Deuteronomy 7:25-26, Joshua 7:1-26)
 1. God will not be with you with such things in your possession. (Joshua 7:12)
 5. God may leave some things in your life to test you to see if you will obey him. (Judges 2:20-3:4)
 6. Separate yourself from unclean practices in order to seek the Lord. (Ezra 6:21)
 7. **Depart from there! Touch no unclean thing! Come out from it and be pure, you who carry the vessels of the Lord** (Isaiah 52:11)
 1. Come out from among them and be separate (2 Corinthians 6:17-18) so that you will not share in her (Babylon's) sins. (Revelation 18:4)

8. Not everyone is a true brother or sister of Jesus but only those who do the Father's will. (Matthew 12:46-50)
48. **Do not cause anyone else to sin.** (Matthew 13:41-42, 18:6-9)
 1. "As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. (Matthew 13:40-42)
 2. "If anyone causes one of these little ones—**those who believe in me**—to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea. **Woe to the world because of the things that cause people to stumble!** Such things must come, **but woe to the person through whom they come!** If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life maimed or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell. (Matthew 18:6-9)
 1. Woe means great sorrow or distress
 3. God will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. (Matthew 13:41)
49. Do not fail to restrain the sins of those whom you have influence (i.e. Eli's sons). (1 Samuel 3:11-14, 2:12-36)

TEMPTATION

50. Use God's law (words) to overcome temptation, as Jesus did in the wilderness. (Matthew 4:1-11)
51. Pray so that you will not fall into temptation. (Luke 22:39-46)

PROPHECY & TEACHING

52. If a prophet or dreamer announces and performs a miraculous sign or wonder that takes place and leads you to worship other gods, do not listen to them. The Lord is testing you. They are deserving of death for preaching rebellion against the Lord. (Deuteronomy 13:1-5)
53. Listen to the true prophets that God raises up. (Deuteronomy 18:14-19)
 1. **Who are today's true prophets?**
54. Don't presume to speak anything that God has not commanded. This is punishable by death. If the prophecy doesn't come true, it's not from God and no one should fear that person. (Deuteronomy 18:20-22)
55. Watch out for false prophets. (Matthew 7:15)
56. Don't tolerate deceptive teachings that lead God's people into sin. (Revelations 2:20-23)
 1. Do not learn Satan's so called deep secrets (Revelation 2:24)
57. **Test those who claim to be apostles.** (Revelation 2:2)
58. Leave the (spiritually) blind guides (teachers). (Matthew 15:14)

SEXUAL IMMORALITY

59. Do not practice sexual immorality (includes fornication, homosexuality, bestiality, & pornography). (Exodus 22:19, Leviticus 18:1-30, 19:20, 20:10, Deuteronomy 22:30, Matthew 5:27-28, 15:18-19, Revelations 22:14-15)
 1. Sexual immorality makes your heart unclean and leads to hell. (Matthew 15:18-19, Revelations 22:14-15)
 2. **Do not commit adultery, even in your heart (by lusting).** (Matthew 5:27-28)
 1. Adultery was punishable by death in Israel, even for sleeping with one pledged (engaged) to be married. (Deuteronomy 22:22-23)
 3. Do not have sexual relations with (Leviticus 18:6-23):

1. close relatives (mother, father, sister, brother, aunt, uncle, step-mother, step-father, mother-in-law, father-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law), someone & their child (Leviticus 18:6-18)
 1. Cursed is the one who sleep with his step mother, sister, or mother-in-law. (Deuteronomy 27:20-23)
 2. Cousins were actually permissible for the Israelites. (Numbers 36:5-12)
2. women on their period (Leviticus 18:19, 12:1-2, 15:19-32)
3. a married person (Leviticus 18:20)
4. someone engaged to be married
5. the same gender as you (homosexuality is detestable) (Leviticus 18:22)
 1. A woman must not wear men's clothing, nor a man wear women's clothing. God detests anyone who does this. (Deuteronomy 22:5)
6. animals (this is perversion) (Leviticus 18:23)
7. Many of these are punishable by death, and cause you to be cut off from God's people, or cause you to be childless.
 1. Cursed is the one who sleeps with his step mother, animals, sister, or mother-in-law. (Deuteronomy 27:20-23)
4. Do not commit fornication (see scriptures below)
 1. If you sleep with someone, they should become your spouse. (Exodus 22:16-17)
 1. **Your daughter should provide proof of her virginity to her father (cloth of skin) after she is married (Deuteronomy 22:13-21)**
 2. Do not be promiscuous. This was punishable by death in God's law. (Deuteronomy 22:13-21)
5. Do not rape. This is punishable by death in God's Law, if the woman is pledged to be married. If she's not pledged, he is to pay the bride price. (Deuteronomy 22:25-29)
 1. Hebrew does not say rape in the case of paying the bride price, but says taphas which is to seize or capture
6. Do not allow prostitution or the whole land will turn to it and be filled with wickedness. (Leviticus 19:29)

MARRIAGE

60. Don't marry people who worship foreign gods. (Malachi 2:11-12)
61. Don't divorce except for marital unfaithfulness. (Matthew 19:7-9)
 1. God hates divorce (Malachi 2:16)
62. If there is a divorce and one person remarries and divorces again, the original couple cannot remarry. That's detestable to God and brings sin upon the land. (Deuteronomy 24:1-4)

LOVE

63. The **greatest commandments** of the Bible (Matthew 22:36-40) are:
 1. **Love God with all your heart, soul, mind, & strength** (Deuteronomy 6:5, Matthew 22:37-38)
 1. Love is to walk in obedience to God's commands. (2 John 1:6)
 2. Obey God with all your heart and soul. The lord may test your love for him through unfaithful prophets, loved ones, and others. (Deuteronomy 13:1-16, 26:16-19, 30:2-10, 16*)
 3. Serve God with all your heart and soul. (Deuteronomy 10:12, 11:13*)
 4. Don't forsake your first love, but do the things you did at 1st. (Revelations 2:4-6)
 1. Don't let your love for God disappear like morning mist. (Hosea 6:4)
 2. **Love your neighbour as yourself** (Leviticus 19:18, Matthew 19:19, 22:39)

1. **In everything, do unto others what you would have them do to you. (Matthew 7:12)**
 1. Do not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block in front of the blind, but fear your God. (Leviticus 19:14)
 1. Cursed is the one who leads the blind astray on the road. (Deuteronomy 27:18)
 2. **Do not spread slander. It makes your heart unclean. (Leviticus 19:16, Matthew 15:18-19)**
 1. **Slander – making false statements damaging to a person's reputation**
 3. Do not do anything to endanger someone's life. (Leviticus 19:16, Deuteronomy 22:8)
 1. Animals that kill people must be put to death. If the owner knew the danger and still allowed it, this is also punishable by death or ransom. (Exodus 21:28)
 2. Put railings around your roof so that no one can fall. (Deuteronomy 22:8)
 4. If you hurt someone, you must pay for the injury. (Exodus 21:18-19)
 5. If you knowingly do or allow something that causes damage to others' property you must pay. (Exodus 21:33-36)
 6. If you take the life of someone's animal, you must make restitution. (Leviticus 24:18)
 7. If you see or find someone's lost possessions, go and get it and take it back to them. (Deuteronomy 22:1-3)
 8. If you see your neighbor needing help, help them. (Deuteronomy 22:4)
 9. Don't mistreat or oppress aliens & foreigners, but love them as yourself, giving them food & clothing. (Exodus 22:21, 23:9, Leviticus 19:33-34, Deuteronomy 10:18)
 10. Employees / slaves must be compensated and freed for injuries caused by the employer / owner. (Exodus 21:26-27)
2. **Love, pray for, and do good to your enemies. (Matthew 5:43-45, Luke 6:27-36)**
3. **Overcome your own sin(s), then help your brother. (Matthew 7:3-5)**
4. **Go out of your way to help those in need without being asked, like the Good Samaritan. (Matthew 22:34-40, Mark 12:28-31, Luke 10:30-37)**
5. **Love others as Jesus loves you (lay down your life for others). (John 15:12-13)**

JUSTICE & MERCY

64. Do not pervert justice; do not show partiality to the poor or favoritism to the great, but judge fairly. Judgment belongs to God. (Leviticus 19:15, Deuteronomy 1:17, 16:18-20)
 1. Appoint judges and officials in all your towns. They shall judge fairly and follow justice alone (Deuteronomy 16:18-20)
 1. God (with the assistance of his servants) gives the verdict on cases too difficult to judge. (Deuteronomy 17:8-13)
 2. When men have a dispute, they should take it to court, acquitting the innocent and condemning the guilty. The punishment should fit the crime. (Deuteronomy 25:1-3)
 1. Whatever you do to others must be done to you. (Leviticus 24:19-22)
 3. Don't pervert justice by siding with the crowd. (Exodus 23:2)
 4. Don't deny justice for the poor or the foreigner. (Exodus 23:6, Deuteronomy 24:17)
 1. Cursed is the one who does this. (Deuteronomy 27:19)
 5. Don't show favouritism to the poor in a lawsuit. (Exodus 23:3)
 6. Don't put an innocent or honest person to death. (Exodus 23:7)
 7. Don't accept bribes. Follow justice alone. (Exodus 23:9, Deuteronomy 16:19)

8. Don't accept a ransom for the life of a murderer who deserves to die. (Numbers 35:31)
9. Don't mistreat or oppress aliens & foreigners, but love them as yourself, giving them food & clothing. (Exodus 22:21, 23:9, Leviticus 19:33-34, Deuteronomy 10:18)
10. 2 witnesses are required to convict a person of a crime or offense he may have committed. (Deuteronomy 19:15)
11. If a malicious witness is proven false, they should be treated as they intended for the one they falsely accused. (Deuteronomy 19:16-21)
12. When punishment is executed, it teaches the people to fear, and reduces crimes from happening again. (Deuteronomy 19:20-21, 21:18-21)
13. When crime sentencing is not quickly carried out, people's hearts are filled with schemes to do wrong. (Ecclesiastes 8:11)
65. Don't muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain. (Deuteronomy 25:4)
66. Do not take advantage of widows and orphans (the poor or the weak). This angers God. (Exodus 22:22)
67. If someone is punished to death for a capital offense, bury them the same day. Cursed is anyone hung from a tree. Otherwise, this can desecrate (defile) the land. (Deuteronomy 21:22-23)
68. Do not say "Where is the God of justice?" (Malachi 2:17)

DISPUTES & FIGHTS (CONFLICT)

69. Do not resist an evil person or repay evil for evil. (Turn the other cheek.) (Matthew 5:38-39)
70. Do not hate or be angry with anyone in your heart. This endangers you to hell. Go to your offender & settle your disputes quickly. (Leviticus 19:17, Matthew 5:21-26, 18:15-17)
 1. Do not seek revenge or hold a grudge, but love others as yourself. (Leviticus 19:18)
 2. The Lord hates sinful behaviors and sinful people (see God's Hate List), but we are not able to hate others.
 3. David hated those who hate (or rise up against) God and counted them as enemies (Psalm 139:21-22), but we don't necessarily know that God commended him for this.
71. Don't ruin a man's private parts. (Deuteronomy 25:11-12)
72. When we fast we should avoid quarreling. (Isaiah 58)
73. Don't hit a pregnant woman. If the baby dies, it is punishable by death. (Exodus 21:22-25)
 1. Note: abortion is sinful by this example along with the command not to murder.

OATHS, VOWS, & SWEARING

74. If you make a vow to the Lord or take an oath to obligate yourself to a pledge, you must not break your word or be slow to pay it. You can refrain from making a vow. (Numbers 30:2, Deuteronomy 23:21-23)
 1. Do not swear by anything at all – simply say yes or no. (Matthew 5:34-37)
 1. A good example of why not to make a vow is Israel's Judge Jephthah who had to sacrifice his daughter because of his irrational vow in order to conquer the Ammonites. (Judges 11:31-40)
 2. When a daughter makes a vow without the father's knowledge, the father can void that pledge. Likewise, a husband can void his wife's pledge. (Numbers 30:3-16)
 3. Take your oaths in the Lord's name (not any other god's name). (Deuteronomy 6:13)

LEADERSHIP

75. Do not blaspheme God or curse the ruler of your people. (Exodus 22:28)
76. A ruler (king) must: (Deuteronomy 17:14-20)
 1. not be a foreigner
 2. be one chosen by God
 3. not be too rich in wealth and possessions or require people to sin to gain them wealth
 4. not have more than one wife
 5. have a copy of God's word in which he reads daily all his life and follows
 6. not consider himself better than his brothers and turn from God's laws
77. Don't choose kings (leaders) without God's approval. (Hosea 8:4)

UNLAWFUL MIXING

- 78. Don't make any oil with the same formula as the Lord's anointing oil. (Exodus 30:30-33)
- 79. Do not mate different kinds of animals. (Leviticus 19:19)
- 80. Do not plant your field or vineyard with 2 kinds of seed, or they will be defiled. (Leviticus 19:19, Deuteronomy 22:9)
- 81. Do not plow with an ox and donkey yoked together. (Deuteronomy 22:10)
- 82. Do not wear clothing wool and linen woven together. (Leviticus 19:19 KJV, Deuteronomy 22:11)
 - 1. Leviticus 19:19 NIV says "do not wear clothing woven of two kinds of material," but this is not properly translated.
- 83. Do not take the mother bird along with the eggs, so that you may have long life. (Deuteronomy 22:6-7)
- 84. Israelites were not to take wives from some particular nations – Hittites, Girgashites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites, Jebusites, Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians and Ashdod. (Exodus 34: 11-12, 16, Deuteronomy 7:1-4, 23:2-8, Joshua 23:12-13, 1 Kings 11:1-6, 16:31, Ezra 9:3, 10:2-3, Nehemiah 13:23-27)

CIRCUMCISION

- 85. Be circumcised (males only). (Genesis 17:9-14, 23-27, Exodus 4:24-26, 12:43-49, Joshua 5:2-9)
 - 1. Every male 8 days old born under Abraham and including foreigners were to be circumcised as an everlasting covenant in the flesh or else be cut off from God's people. (Genesis 17:9-14, 23-27, Leviticus 12:3)
 - 1. Even Ishmael was circumcised (Genesis 17:23), who was not of the promise of Isaac & Jacob. Isaac too was circumcised (Genesis 21:4).
 - 2. This covenant promised that Abraham 1) will be father of many nations, 2) will be very fruitful, 3) kings would come from him, and 4) everlasting possession of the whole land of Canaan. Therefore all these promises may not necessarily be applicable to all other nations.
 - 2. No uncircumcised slave or alien living among the Israelites could celebrate the Passover (Exodus 12:43-49)
 - 3. Circumcise your heart and do not be stiff-necked. (Deuteronomy 10:16, Jeremiah 4:4, 9:25-26)
 - 1. God says no foreigner uncircumcised in heart & flesh may enter his sanctuary (Ezekiel 44:6-9)
 - 2. God punishes those who are circumcised only in the flesh – they are really uncircumcised (including Israelites). (Jeremiah 9:25-26)
 - 4. The Jerusalem council did not require Gentiles to be circumcised (Acts 15), but Jews seemed to still require Jews to keep circumcision (Acts 21:18-26).

OCCULT & PAGAN PRACTICES

- 86. Do not sacrifice your children in the fire. This is detestable to God. (Deuteronomy 18:10)
- 87. Do not practice divination, sorcery, interpret omens, engage in witchcraft, cast spells, be a medium or spiritist who consults the dead. These are detestable to God. (Leviticus 19:26, Deuteronomy 18:10-13*)
 - 1. Sorcery is punishable by death. (Exodus 22:18)
 - 2. Do not turn to mediums or spiritists or you will be defiled by them and cut off. (Leviticus 19:31, 20:6)
 - 3. Do not listen to those who practice sorcery or divination (Deuteronomy 18:14)
 - 4. Diviners see lying visions, tell false dreams, and give comfort in vain. (Zechariah 10:2)
- 88. Do not practice magic arts. This makes your heart unclean and leads to hell. (Matthew 15:18-19, Revelations 21:8, 22:14-15)
- 89. Do not shave the front of your heads (for the dead). (Deuteronomy 14:1-2)

1. Also says do not clip hair at the sides of your head or the edges of your beard (Leviticus 19:27), but this was likely for the dead also.
 1. The following scripture referenced cutting your bodies for the dead (Leviticus 19:28)
 2. Priests could not shave their heads or the edges of their beards or cut their bodies (Leviticus 21:5), yet they were not to let their hair grow long, but were to keep their heads trimmed (Ezekiel 44:20).
 3. The priest was not to let his hair become unkempt or enter the place of a dead body or make himself unclean, even for his father or mother (Leviticus 21:10)
 1. Unkempt – having an untidy or dishevelled (disordered) appearance.
2. Those taking Nazarite vows were to let their hair grow long and not use a razor until the end (7th day) when they would shave their hair that symbolizes their dedication & sacrifice it into the fire (Numbers 6:5, 9, 18-19)
 1. This also proves that they normally cut their hair outside of the vow period, since they would let their hair grow long during the vow. The same point is proven with Samson who never cut his hair (Judges 16:17), unique to the others.
3. Those cleansed of skin diseases were to shave off all their hair on their head, beard, & eyebrows (Leviticus 14:8-9)
4. Paul joined in the purification rights of men who had made a vow & to pay to have their heads shaved (Acts 21:24-26)
5. God had Ezekiel to shave his head and beard to demonstrate a prophecy of judgment. (Ezekiel 5:1-12)

90. Do not shave your head or face for the dead. (Leviticus 19:27, Deuteronomy 14:1)

91. Do not cut your bodies for the dead or put tattoo marks on yourselves (Leviticus 19:27)

DIETARY LAWS (CLEAN & UNCLEAN FOODS)

92. **Forbidden foods don't apply just for Israelites only, but to others also. (i.e. Zechariah 9:6-7)**

93. Do not eat blood or anything with blood in it. (Genesis 9:4, Leviticus 3:17, 7:26-27, 17:10-14, Deuteronomy 12:16, 23, 15:23)

1. Blood may be found in strangled animals, which is why the NT Jerusalem council prohibited eating such meat, though not directly stated from God. The intent is to not eat blood. (Acts 15:20, 29, 21:25)

94. Do not eat fat of an animal. (Leviticus 3:17, 7:22-25)

95. Do not eat the following unclean (or detestable) foods (Leviticus 11:1-47, Deuteronomy 14:3-21):

1. God categorized animals as clean and unclean animals as he instructed Noah to gather them into the ark, well before the law was given. (Genesis 7:2)
2. Detestable things are things the Lord hates. (Deuteronomy 12:31)
3. Animals that don't both have a split hoof and chew the cud (camels, rabbits, pigs, etc.)
4. Sea creatures that don't have both fins and scales (catfish, **shrimp**, octopus, **crab**, **lobster**, crawfish, snake, alligator, clams etc.) are detestable
5. Some birds (eagles, vultures, falcons, ravens, kites, owls, gulls, hawks, ospreys, cormorants, storks, herons, and bats) are detestable.
6. All flying insects that swarm and or walk on all fours are detestable except locusts, grasshoppers, & crickets.
7. Animals that walk on their paws (dogs, cats, lions, tigers, bears, etc.)
8. Animals that move on the ground (weasels, rats, lizards, geckos, chameleons, etc.)
9. Every creature (insects included) that moves about on the ground by belly or legs is detestable
10. **Eating of pig, rats, and other unclean meat were part of why God judged the Israelites and part of the judgment coming upon all men. (Isaiah 65:4, 66:16-17)**
11. **Counter-arguments:**

1. Jesus said what goes into someone's mouth does not defile them because it goes into the stomach and then out of the body, but it is the things coming out of the heart and mouth that defile a person (Matthew 15:10-20). Yet in Revelation (2:14, 20) Jesus has concerns with his servants eating food sacrificed to idols.
 2. Peter was told by the Spirit in a vision, "do not call anything impure that God has made clean," referring to the animals Peter saw in the vision (Acts 10:9-20, 11:4-11), yet Peter interpreted this as to not call any person impure or unclean (Acts 10:28). No where in scripture do we find Peter or any other apostles eating detestable foods
96. Don't eat meat found dead or torn by wild beasts. (Aliens within Israel and foreigners can eat these) (Exodus 22:31, Leviticus 17:15-16, Deuteronomy 14:21)
97. Don't cook a young goat in its mother's milk. (Exodus 34:26)
98. Eat for strength, not for drunkenness. (Ecclesiastes 10:16-17)

CLEANLINESS & HYGIENE

99. Touching dead creatures is unclean
100. Women are unclean during their periods and after childbirth. (Leviticus 12:1-2, 15:19-32)
101. Those with infections or disease should be isolated until healed, then cleansed. (Leviticus 13:1-46, 14:1-32)
102. Objects with mildew (mold) should be isolated and inspected, then washed or destroyed or removed from homes. (Leviticus 13:47-59, 14:33-57)
103. Bodily discharges (including urine & semen) are unclean and require washing of body along with articles touched. These are indecent to God. (Leviticus 15:1-33, Deuteronomy 23:9-14)

SACRED DAYS / HOLIDAYS (Exodus 12:1-20, 23:14—19, Leviticus 23:1-44, Numbers 28:16-29:40, Deuteronomy 16:1-17) (3 Annual Feasts Highlighted)

Note: God never instructed us to celebrate the secular holidays of New Years, Valentines, Easter, Halloween, Thanksgiving, & Christmas. Some of these are pagan holidays that Christians decided to counter by honouring God on these days. Instead of making pagan holidays into Christian holidays, why not utilize the days God has already established to honour him? However all these feasts were meant to happen at the place the Lord chose (Deuteronomy 16:16). Since there is no such place today, how valid is this for the church? Paul alluded to "keeping the Festival" spiritually (1 Corinthians 5:6-8).

104. General Notes for Sacred Days

1. Priests were to blow the silver trumpets over all appointed feasts and New Moon festivals (Numbers 10:1-10)
 2. 3 times a year, all of the men were to go up to Jerusalem to appear & celebrate a festival before the Lord. (Exodus 23:14-17, 34:23-24)
 1. See Feast of Unleavened Bread, Feast of Harvest, and Feast of Ingathering below.
 2. They were to bring gifts in proportion to how God has blessed them. (Deuteronomy 16:16-17)
 3. They were to make offerings "in addition to" regular offerings (Leviticus 23:37-38, Numbers 29:39)
105. **New Moon Festivals** – Occurs monthly when burnt offerings & sacrifices were made, the ram's horn was sounded (Numbers 10:10, 28:11-15, 1 Samuel 20:5-24, 1 Chron. 23:31, Ezra 3:5, Nehemiah 10:33, Psalm 81:3, Isaiah 1:14, Hosea 5:7). In future this will be an appointed time for mankind to come and bow down before God (Isaiah 66:23)
1. We can observe this by recognizing the new moon appearance, blowing the trumpet over our offering(s), and giving.
 2. Was this a day of rest or no business? (Amos 8:5)

106. **Passover** – Begins twilight (when sun goes down) on 14th day (end) of the first month of their year (Abib;Nisan = March – April timeframe on anniversary of departure from Egypt) when a 1 year old male lamb without defect (used the 1st time per Exodus 12:1-11 or an animal per Deuteronomy 16:2) is slaughtered, its blood is applied to the doorpost, and it is fire-roasted and eaten with bitter herbs & unleavened bread (the bread of affliction) from the dough received from the Egyptians because they left Egypt in haste (no time to prepare food). Vigil is also kept all night, and return home in the morning, because the Lord kept vigil that night to bring them out of Egypt. None of the meat was to be left until morning. No yeast was to be found in their possession in all the land for 7 days. It commemorates the departure from Egypt and the Lord passing over his people while bringing death (judgment) throughout Egypt for all their gods. (Exodus 12:1-14, 33-49, Leviticus 23:3-4, Numbers 9:2-14, 28:16, Deuteronomy 16:1-8)

1. The sacrifice was to be made and eaten at the place God chose as a dwelling for his name. You must not sacrifice it in any town, but only at that place. (Deuteronomy 16:2-6)
2. **Timing of killing the sacrifice**
 1. The original Passover killed it at twilight (Exodus 12:6)
 2. Celebrate it at twilight (Numbers 9:3), which would require them to kill it before
 3. Deuteronomy 16:5 says to kill it in the evening when (or as) the sun goes down.
3. No foreigner was to eat of it, but slaves and aliens (foreigners) living among the Israelites who have been circumcised were permitted to observe Passover in accordance with its rules and regulations (Exodus 12:43-49, Numbers 9:14). Further, the sacrifice and eating of it was only ideally to happen at the place God chose (Jerusalem temple) (Deuteronomy 16:5-8), though initially it was eaten in their homes and the sacrifices blood spread on their door posts (Exodus 12:46, 21-23). Those away on a journey were also permitted to eat it, even if they were ceremonially unclean (Numbers 9:10). It was eaten at Gilgal during the time of Israelite camps, then manna stopped the very next day (Joshua 5:10-12)
4. **The Israelites had stopped observing this between the days of the judges and king Josiah (2 Kings 23:21-24).** King Hezekiah observed Passover with the people, not exactly as prescribed, but God still healed them (2 Chronicles 30:1-27). Josiah later did it right (2 Chronicles 35:1-19). Also later Ezra 6:19-22.
5. Celebration by aliens living among the Israelites seemed optional as they wanted to per Exodus 12:48. We can celebrate this by reflecting on the Exodus story, recognizing the blood of Jesus as our Passover Lamb covering over our sins with communion, and keeping vigil all night praying as Jesus did in the garden of Gethsemane on the night he ate the Passover (Matthew 26:36-46).
6. If a person missed Passover because they were unclean or on a journey, they were still to celebrate the Passover at the same time on the following month. **If anyone failed to celebrate it, they would bear the consequences of their sin.** This included the foreigners residing among them as well. (Numbers 9:9-14).

107. **Feast of Unleavened Bread** – festival begins the 15 day of the month (beginning with Passover at twilight of 14th day) and completes evening of the 21st day (Abib;Nisan = March-April timeframe) with sacred assemblies on the 1st and 7th days (no regular work those days). For 7 days, offerings are made and unleavened bread is eaten daily, wherever you live. All yeast is eliminated from the home on the 1st day. **It commemorates...?** (Exodus 12:15-20, 13:3-10, 23:15, 34:18-20, Leviticus 23:6-8, Deuteronomy 16:1-8, 16-17, Numbers 28:16-25)

1. The dough was made without yeast because they were driven out of Egypt with no time to prepare food. It is the “bread of affliction.” (Exodus 12:39, Deuteronomy 16:3)
2. No one was to appear before the Lord empty-handed, but each was to bring a gift in proportion to how God has blessed them. (Exodus 23:15, 34:20, Deuteronomy 16:16-17)

3. We can celebrate this by gatherings and feasting with rest on the 1st & 7th days, giving to God (in proportion to how he has blessed you), repentance, and eliminating the leaven (sin and sinful influences out of our lives) during this time while celebrating God joyfully.
108. **Firstfruits** – Occurs the day after the 1st Sabbath that Israelites entered the land (on Abib 16, March-April timeframe) to celebrate the 1st grain sheaf harvest upon entering the land of Israel. The priest would wave the sheaf and the people sacrifice a lamb with grain, flour, & wine. They couldn't eat the harvest until the offering was made. (Exodus 23:16, Leviticus 23:9-14, Deuteronomy 26:1-11)
1. This can be celebrated by honouring God with the first-fruits of all your increase before consuming it. Note that although this offering is made after the Sabbath, there was still an offering made regularly during Sabbaths (Numbers 28:9-10).
 1. Bring the best of the firstfruits. (Exodus 23:19)
109. **Feast of Harvest (Weeks / Pentecost)** – This festival occurs 49 days after Firstfruits (Sivan 6, May-June timeframe) to celebrate firstfruits of harvest by freewill offering of new grain of flour baked with yeast (leaven), along with lambs and drink offerings, sin offerings (goat & lambs), all for the priests. A sacred assembly is also held this day with no regular work. (Exodus 23:16, 34:22, Leviticus 23:15-22, Numbers 28:26-31, Deuteronomy 16:9-12, 16-17)
1. These associated offerings and rejoicing were also to happen at the place God chose and included aliens living among the Israelites (Jerusalem temple). (Deuteronomy 16:10-11)
 2. No man was to appear before the Lord empty-handed, but each was to bring a gift in proportion to how God has blessed them. (Deuteronomy 16:16-17)
 3. Don't reap to the very edges of the field, but leave some for the poor & alien. (Leviticus 23:22)
 4. The day of Pentecost was a day of great harvest of souls in Acts 2:1-41.
 5. We should (Deuteronomy 16:14) celebrate this holy day by feasting, honouring God for all your increase (harvest), doing no work, giving God the firstfruits of our harvest (giving to the poor – to God in proportion to how he has blessed you), remembering Jesus sacrifice, meeting with others to worship (sacred assembly) and evangelize to gain harvest.
110. **Day of Trumpets (Jews call this Rosh Hashana)** (Leviticus 23:23-25, Numbers 29:1-6)
1. Occurs 1st day of the 7th month (Tishri, September-October timeframe)
 2. It's a sabbath day of rest (Leviticus 23:24)
 3. Do no regular work (Leviticus 23:25, Numbers 29:1)
 4. Hold a sacred assembly commemorated with trumpet blasts (Leviticus 23:24, Numbers 29:1)
 5. It's a day for you to sound the trumpets (purpose of this day) (Numbers 29:1)
 1. Purposes of the trumpets in the Bible
 1. Rams horn sounded long blast for Israelites to approach the mountain (Exodus 19:13)
 2. At mount Sinai, a trumpet blast came from the mountain that made the people, and the sound grew louder and louder (Exodus 19:16, 19)
 3. Silver trumpets for calling the community together and for having the camps to set out (Numbers 10:1-7)
 4. The priests were to blow the trumpet (Numbers 10:8)
 5. When going to battle with an enemy (Numbers 10:9)
 6. They were to sound trumpets at the beginning of each month over their burnt offering as a reminder for them before the Lord (Numbers 10:10)
 7. 7 priests carried 7 rams horns and blew the around the walls of Jericho (Joshua 6:4)

8. Used in music when the Israelites brought up the ark of the covenant to Jerusalem (1 Chronicles 15:28)
9. Blown at the new moon on feast days (Psalm 81:3)
10. When Gideon's 300 men blew trumpets, the Lord caused the men throughout the camp to turn on each other with their swords (Judges 7:22)
11. Rejoicing
12. Battle cry ()
13. In music from Levite musicians to praise the Lord (2 Chronicles 5:12-13)
14. Warns people of the sword coming (Ezekiel 33:3-6)
15. Paul mentions trumpet at the resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:52)
 1. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. (1 Thessalonians 4:16)
16. John heard the Lord's voice sounding loud like a trumpet (Revelation 1:10, 4:1)
17. 7 angels with 7 trumpets each bringing judgements on earth (Revelation 8-11)
6. Make offerings, including sin offerings, in addition to the monthly and daily offerings (Leviticus 23:25, Numbers 29:2-6)
7. **This is the beginning of a new season of Fall (or Autumn) season for us.**
111. **Day of Atonement (Jews call this Yom Kippur) (Leviticus 16:29-34, 23:26-32, Numbers 29:7-11)**
 1. It's a day of atonement, a sabbath of rest from work, sacred assembly, fasting, and offerings.
 1. Occurs on the 10th day of the 7th month (Tishri, September-October timeframe) (Leviticus 16:29, 23:26-27, Numbers 29:7)
 1. It (sabbath) starts the evening of the 9th day until the following evening. (Leviticus 23:32)
 2. You must deny yourselves (Leviticus 16:29, 32, 23:29, 32, Numbers 29:7)
 1. **Fasting -**
 2. Anyone who fails to fast must be cut off from his people and destroyed among his people. (Leviticus 23:29-30)
 3. It's a day of Sabbath rest (Leviticus 16:31, 23:32)
 1. Don't do any work (native-born or foreigner) (Leviticus 16:29, 23:28, Numbers 29:7)
 1. God would destroy from among their people anyone who does work on that day (Leviticus 23:30)
 2. You shall do no work at all (Leviticus 23:31)
 4. Hold a sacred assembly (Leviticus 23:27, Numbers 29:7)
 5. Give offerings
 1. They were to present food offerings to the Lord (Leviticus 23:27)
 2. Burnt offerings of a bull, ram, and 7 male lambs a year old without defect, along with food (grain & oil) (Numbers 29:8-10)
 1. Also a male goat as a sin offering, in addition to the sin offering for atonement and regular burnt offering with its grain and drink offerings (Numbers 29:11)
 6. On this day, atonement will be made for you, to cleanse you, from all your sins (Leviticus 16:30-31, 23:28)

1. The son of the high priest was to make atonement for the Most Holy Place, tent of meeting, altar, priests, & community (Leviticus 16:32-33)
2. Atonement was to be made once a year for all the sins of the Israelites (Leviticus 16:29)
7. This is a lasting ordinance, for the generations to come, wherever you live (Leviticus 16:29, 34, 23:31)
8. The Lord commanded this to Moses (Leviticus 16:34)
2. We should observe this day by fasting, sacred assembly, offering, & recognizing the blood of Jesus atoning for our sins with communion (at the end of fast).
 1. Reference Isaiah 58 for true fasting
112. **Year of Jubilee** – Occurs on the Day of Atonement of every 50th year with no sowing or reaping when everyone returns to their own property (in Israel) and redeem it. (Leviticus 25:8-31)
 1. This may not apply to all, since it is for those living in the land of Israel.
113. **Feast of Ingathering (Tabernacles / Booths)** – This festival occurs on the 15th day of the 7th month (Tishri, September-October timeframe) at the turn of the (harvest?) year after crops are gathered in from the field. It lasts 7 days with a sacred assembly with rest from regular work on the 1st and 8th days. In between these days, there is daily rejoicing, prescribed daily food offerings, & living in booths (native-born Israelites only, symbolic of the exodus from Egypt). (Exodus 23:16, 34:22-24, Leviticus 23:33-43, Numbers 29:12-39, Deuteronomy 16:13-17, 31:10-13, *Nehemiah 8:13 – 10:39, Zechariah 14:16-19)
 1. This feast was also to happen at the place God chose (Jerusalem temple), including aliens living in Israelite towns. (Deuteronomy 16:14-15)
 2. All native born Israelites are to live in temporary shelters for 7 days. (Leviticus 23:41-43)
 1. These weren't just tents, but actually built out of wood - on their own roofs, in their courtyards, at the temple courts, and in the (public) squares by the gates (Nehemiah 8:15)
 3. On the 1st day, take palm or willow or leafy (luxuriant) tree branches and rejoice before the Lord for 7 days. (Leviticus 23:40)
 4. Be joyful at your Feast. (Deuteronomy 16:14)
 5. It includes foreigners and fatherless & widows (the poor) (Deuteronomy 16:14)
 6. Promise for observance - For the Lord your God will bless you in all your harvest and in all the work of your hands, and your joy will be complete. (Deuteronomy 16:16)
 7. No one was to appear before the Lord empty-handed, but each was to bring a gift in proportion to how God has blessed them. (Deuteronomy 16:16-17)
 8. Every 7 years the law was to be read during this feast to the Israelites and aliens in their towns. (Deuteronomy 31:10-13)
 1. This included foreigners & children also. (Deuteronomy 31:12)
 2. Ezra read the Book of the Law to the people from daybreak to noon and they listened attentively (Nehemiah 8:3).
 9. This feast will be celebrated by all nations when God establishes his future kingdom in Jerusalem. Any nation who will not go to celebrate it will receive drought & plague (Zechariah 14:16-19)
 10. We should celebrate this by assembly & feasting and resting on the 1st & 8th days, giving special offering(s) to the Lord (in proportion to how he has blessed you), reading of the Law (found in Deut. 4:1-31:13) during assembly, recognizing God's bringing us out of bondage (Egypt), and rejoicing for 7 days (Leviticus 23:40-41).
 1. Don't forget the tree branch on the 1st day through 7th day per note 3 above.

SOLDIERS & WAR

114. When going to war, don't be afraid, fainthearted, terrified, or panic before your enemies. (Deuteronomy 20:1-3)
115. Priests are to address the army before going into battle. (Deuteronomy 20:2-4)
116. Officers are to address the army before going into battle, then appoint commanders. (Deuteronomy 20:5-9)
 1. Soldiers excused from battle include: (Deuteronomy 20:5-8)
 1. anyone who have built a new house and not dedicated it
 2. anyone who have planted a vineyard and not enjoyed it
 3. anyone pledged to marry or recently
 4. anyone recently married must be allowed to stay home for one year. (Deuteronomy 24:5)
 5. anyone afraid or fainthearted
117. **For cities not part of your inheritance** – 1st make the enemy an offer of peace. If accepted, subject them to forced labor. If refused and engage in battle, lay siege to that city and kill all the men in it and take women, children, livestock, and everything else as plunder (Deuteronomy 20:10-15)
118. **For cities God is giving you** – do not leave alive anything that breathes. Completely destroy them or they will teach you to follow all the detestable things they do in worshipping their gods, and you will sin against the Lord your God. (Deuteronomy 20:16)

SLAVERY

119. If a slave takes refuge with you, don't hand him over to his master or oppress him. (Deuteronomy 23:15-16)
120. Slaves who sell themselves to you must be released in the seventh year. Do not send them away empty-handed, but supply them liberally. Do not consider it a hardship to set your servant free. (Deuteronomy 15:12-18)

SEEKING GOD

121. Seek God's kingdom and his righteousness 1st and God will take care of your needs. (Matthew 6:33)
 1. Obedience to God's laws is your righteousness. (Deuteronomy 6:24-25)
 2. If you be humble and obedient and seek righteousness and humility, perhaps you will be sheltered on the day of the Lord's anger. (Zephaniah 2:3)
 3. Sow righteousness and reap unfailing love. (Hosea 10:12)
 4. To seek God's righteousness is to seek to do the righteous things God commands.
122. Separate yourself from unclean practices in order to seek the Lord. (Ezra 6:21)
123. Bless God's people like this: "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace." (Numbers 6:24-27)
124. **Fast (abstain from food and/or drink) secretly and not for show. (Matthew 6:16-18)**
 1. Jesus expected that his disciples would fast on that day (or in those days) when he was taken from them (Matthew 9:15, Mark 2:20, Luke 5:35). There was no need to fast while Jesus was with them. **Perhaps, therefore, the purpose of fasting is to draw near to God while he is away.**
125. Worship the Father in Spirit and in truth. (John 4:21-24)
 1. God is spirit. (John 4:24)
 2. God's word is truth. (John 17:17)

PRAYER

126. Pray to the Father in secret, and not to gain praise from people. (Matthew 6:5-6)
127. Don't keep on babbling to God. He knows what you need before you ask. (Matthew 6:7-8)
128. This is how to pray (Matthew 6:9-15):
 1. Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name (Honor & praise God)

2. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven (Pray for his will)
 3. Give us this day our daily bread (Pray for your needs & others)
 4. Forgive us our debts as we forgive others (Pray for forgiveness for you and others)
 5. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one (Pray for deliverance for you and others)
129. Persistently ask God for his gifts and for the Holy Spirit. Everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. (Matthew 7:7–11, Luke 11:9–13)
130. Continually pray for Jerusalem until God establishes her and makes her the praise of the earth. (Isaiah 62:6–7)
131. Ask the Lord to send out more workers into the world to bring salvation (Matthew 9:36–38)
132. Pray for your enemies (those who persecute you). (Matthew 5:44)
133. Be a house of prayer. (Matthew 21:12–13)
134. Pray with faith and do not doubt. Believe that you have received it. (Matthew 21:21–22, Mark 11:22–24)
135. Watch and pray to resist temptation, so that you will not fall into temptation. (Matthew 26:41, Luke 22:39–46)
136. Always pray and don't give up. (Luke 11:5–8, 18:1–8)
137. When you pray to the Father, ask in Jesus' name. (John 14:8–14, 15:7, 16–17)

MONEY / WEALTH & GIVING / SACRIFICE

138. **Paying & Handling Debts**
1. Do not hold back the wages of a hired man overnight. If he's poor, don't take advantage of him. Pay him before sunset. (Leviticus 19:13, Deuteronomy 24:14–15)
 2. Pay your taxes. (Matthew 22:17–21)
 3. Cancel debts your brothers owe you at the end of every 7 years. This was for Israelites only, foreigners were excluded. (Deuteronomy 15:1–3)
139. **Saving**
1. Don't be greedy
 1. Be on your guard against all kinds of greed. Make sure you're rich towards God before storing up for yourself. (Luke 12:13–21)
 2. The king of Israel was not to accumulate large amounts of silver & gold. (Deuteronomy 17:17)
 3. Woe to you who join house to house and field to field until no space is left and live alone in the land. (Isaiah 5:8)
140. **Business & Investments**
1. Invest in many ventures (7 – 8). (Ecclesiastes 11:1–2)
 2. When you enter into a new land or business, wait 5 years before reaping fruit or using any profits. (Leviticus 19:23–25)
 3. Collect (harvest) profits for 6 years, but the 7th (Sabbath) year, don't collect and let the poor and wild animals eat. (Exodus 23:10–11)
 4. You should not cut down fruit-bearing trees, since you can eat their fruit. (Deuteronomy 20:19–20)
141. **Inheritance**
1. If you die, your inheritance should go to one person in this order: son, daughter, brothers, uncles, nearest relative. This is a legal requirement for Israelites. (Numbers 27:8–11)
 1. Wives were not mentioned, perhaps because the children were to honor their mothers.
 2. The 1st son gets a double share. (Deuteronomy 21:15–17)

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Giving

1. Store up treasures in heaven, not on earth. (Matthew 6:19-21)
2. Use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. If you're not trustworthy with worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? (Luke 16:9-12)
3. Give to or support God's disciples. (Matthew 10:40-42)
4. In everything, do to others what you would have them do to you (Matthew 7:12)
5. Do not give anything unclean to God or it will not be accepted. (Leviticus 22:20)
6. Don't bring sinful earnings to God. (Deuteronomy 23:17-18)
7. God looks at the percentage rather than the amount. (Luke 21:1-4)
8. Give as much as you can to God. Tithing (10%) is a good start. (Mark 12:41-44, Matthew 23:23, Luke 11:42)

9. Tithes

1. A tenth (10%) of all produce of the land and the animals belongs to and is holy to the Lord. (Leviticus 27:30)
2. After defeating the kings of Sodom & Gomorrah, Abram (later renamed Abraham) gave a tenth to Melchizedek (King of Salem "Peace"), well before the law was given. (Genesis 14:17-20)
3. Jacob (who later became Israel) vowed to give God a tenth of all that God gave him if God would watch over him and give him food, clothing, and safety on his journey (Genesis 28:20-22).
4. The Israelites were to set aside a tenth each year. The 1st 2 years, this was to be eaten (consumed) by them and their families in God's presence and given to the Levites living in their towns. In the 3rd year, this was to be given at the place God chose in storage for the Levites, aliens, fatherless, the widows (the poor). Therefore only 33% of the 10% (tithe) is actually given away and not consumed by the giver. (Exodus?, Numbers 18:21-32, Deuteronomy 14:22-29*, 15:19-23, 26:12-15, Amos 4:4)
 1. The purpose of eating the tithe before the Lord was in order to revere (show devotion to) him. (Deuteronomy 14:23)
 1. These firstborn animals (without defect) were not to be put to work, but set aside to eat in God's presence. (Deuteronomy 15:19-21)
5. Don't rob God by failing to give tithes as this brings a curse. (Malachi 3:8-12)
6. Animal sacrifices mentioned are no longer applicable since (1) there is no temple and (2) Jesus was sacrificed.
 1. All sacrifices and offerings to God must only be offered at the one place God chose in Israel. Each year the firstborns of the flocks were to be set aside and eaten at that place. (Deuteronomy 12:4-18*, 15:19-23)

10. Offerings

1. Offerings were expected by God from his people to be brought into his chosen place 3 times a year, in proportion to the way he has blessed his people. No man should appear before the Lord empty-handed (Deuteronomy 16:16-17)
2. The Levites (priests) were to live on these offerings. (Deuteronomy 18:1-8)
3. Daily offerings made by fire of 2 lambs, fine flour, olive oil, and fermented wine were required as a pleasing aroma to the Lord (Numbers 28:1-8). Weekly Sabbath offerings of the same foods were required in addition to the daily offerings (Numbers 28:9-10). There were also monthly offerings due on the 1st day monthly (New Moon). (Numbers 28:11-15)

4. God was mad at priests who offered defective animals on his altar. Cheating (defective or not best) offerings bring curses. (Malachi 1:6-14)
5. God desires mercy, not sacrifice, and acknowledgment of God rather than (in priority to, not saying not) burnt offerings. (Hosea 6:6, Matthew 9:12)
11. **Give to your poor brothers and the poor and needy in your land. God commands this. (Deuteronomy 15:7-11).**
 1. Don't collect all your increase for yourself, but set some aside for the poor. (Leviticus 19:9-10, 23:22, Deuteronomy 24:19-22)
 2. Don't be hardhearted or tightfisted toward your poor brother, but be openhanded and freely lend him whatever he needs, so that God may bless the work of your hands. (Deuteronomy 15:7-11*)
 3. Jesus said "whatever you did for the least of these brothers (and sisters) of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)
 1. Jesus's brother, sister, and mother are those who do the Father's will (Matthew 12:46-50)
 4. Good will come to him who is generous and lends freely, scattering their gifts abroad to the poor. His righteousness will endure forever and he will be lifted high in honor. (*Psalm 112:5, 9)
 5. Do not charge interest when lending to God's people. Don't hold things they need as collateral. (Exodus 22:25-27, Deuteronomy 23:19-20)
 1. Don't hold their livelihood overnight. This will be regarded as a righteous act. (Deuteronomy 24:6, 12-13, 17)
 2. Don't take back your loaned money forcefully. Let them bring it to you. (Deuteronomy 24:10-11)
 6. Give to the one who asks you. Go the extra mile. (Matthew 5:38-42)
 7. Give to the poor in secret, not to be seen by or gain praise from people (Matthew 6:1-4)
 8. Sell your possessions and give to the poor. (Matthew 19:21, Mark 10:21, Luke 12:32-34)
 9. Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, & comfort those in distress. (Matthew 25:31-46)
 10. Give and it will be given to you. (Luke 6:38)
 11. Invite the poor instead of those who can pay you back. (Luke 14:12-14)
 12. There will always be poor people in the land. (Deuteronomy 15:11, John 12:8)

BECOMING A DISCIPLE (FOLLOWER OR STUDENT) & A SERVANT OF GOD

143. Serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. (Deuteronomy 10:12)
144. Leave your life and become a disciple (follower or student) of Jesus. (Matthew 4:19, 19:27-30, Mark 10:28-31, Luke 9:57-62, 14:25-33, John 8:12, 21:19-22)
145. Persevere to produce the crop / fruit of obedience. (Luke 8:14-15)
 1. Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop—some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times what was sown." (Mark 4:20)
146. Deny yourself, take up your cross (die to self), and follow Jesus. (Matthew 10:37-39, 16:21-27, Luke 9:23-27, Mark 8:34-37)
147. As a priest, do not show partiality in matters of God's law (not following God's ways) (Malachi 2:7-9). Give true instruction, walk with God in peace & uprightness, and turn many from sin (Malachi 2:1-6)
148. Let your light (good works) shine to bring God praise. (Matthew 5:15-16)
149. Preach the good news (of the kingdom). Work in God's harvest field (Matthew 9:36). Harvest the crop for eternal life (John 4:34-38).
 1. See study on "What Should Christians Be Preaching?"

2. **Luke 9:62** Jesus replied, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.”
3. Jesus gave his disciples authority and sent them out to witness with these instructions: (Matthew 10:1-10, Luke 10:1-12)
 1. Go to the Israelites only. (Matthew 10:5-6)
 2. Preach: “the kingdom of heaven is near.” (Matthew 10:7)
 3. Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse diseases, and drive out demons without charge. (Matthew 10:8)
 4. Don’t take any money, but find some worthy person to take care of you. (Matthew 10:9-10)
 1. But later he told them to take a purse, bag, and sword (Luke 22:1-4)
 5. If they don’t welcome you, warn them and leave. (Matthew 10:14-15)
 6. Be wise as snakes but also innocent as doves. (Matthew 10:16)
 7. Be on your guard against men who will persecute you. (Matthew 10:17)
 8. Don’t worry about what to say (the Holy Spirit will speak through you). (Matthew 10:19-20)
 9. When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. (Matthew 10:22)
 10. Don’t greet anyone on the road (don’t get distracted). (Luke 10:4)
150. Seek to bring salvation to the little children who have wandered away from God (including grown-ups). (Matthew 18:10-14, Luke 19:1-10)
151. Fear God, not man. Proclaim His word. (Matthew 10:26-33, Luke 12:4-9)
152. Do not share sacred (holy) things or pearls (valuables) with those who are evil (dogs or pigs), or they’ll trample them & tear you to pieces (persecute you). (Matthew 7:6)
153. Come to Jesus, submit to him, & learn from him. (Matthew 11:28-30)
154. Be a faithful & wise servant who serves (feeds) other servants in God’s household. (Matthew 24:45)
 1. If you want to become great in God’s kingdom, become a slave and servant to others. (Matthew 20:25–28)
155. Use whatever God gives you to gain increase for Him. (Matthew 25:14-30)
156. Do not love honor from men. Do not be called rabbi (teacher), or father. (Matthew 23:1-12)
157. You cannot serve two masters, both God and Money. Don’t love money like the Pharisees. What is highly valued among men is detestable in God’s sight. (Luke 16:13-15, Matthew 6:24)
158. Stay good & faithful until death and ready for Christ to come to you. Don’t be a wicked and lazy servant. (Matthew 24:42–51, 25:1-30, Luke 12:35-46, Revelations 2:10)
 1. Do not deny Christ’s name before others. (Matthew 10:32, Revelation 3:8)
 2. Do not renounce your faith in Christ. (Revelation 2:13)
 3. Persevere and endure hardship for Christ’s name. (Revelation 2:3)
 4. Do not be afraid of suffering persecution (devil testing you). (Revelation 2:10)
 5. Overcome and do God’s will to the end. (Revelation 2:26)
159. The **Great Commission** (Matthew 28:19-20):
 1. Make disciples (convert people to following Christ).
 1. Proclaim his salvation and marvellous deeds day after day. (Psalm 96:2-3)
 2. Baptize disciples.
 3. Teach disciples Christ’s commands.
 1. Distinguish between holy & common, clean & unclean, and teach God’s people God’s commands. (Leviticus 10:10-11)
160. Don’t oppose other believers from serving God. (Mark 9:38-40)
161. Wash one another’s feet (serve each other). (John 13:14)

162. Don't hinder children from coming to Jesus. (Matthew 19:13-14)
163. (Shepherd) Feed and take care of God's people (spiritually & physically).
1. Jesus told Peter to "feed my lambs"....."take care of my sheep".....and "feed my sheep" while asking "do you love me?"(John 21:15-17)
164. **Don't tolerate wicked men.** (Revelation 2:2, 20-23)
165. Rebuke your neighbor frankly, so that you will not share in their guilt (Leviticus 19:17).

OBEDIENCE

166. **Learn God's decrees (official orders or commands) and laws and be sure to follow them.** (Deuteronomy 5:1)
167. Remember (don't forget) and obey (keep or observe) all Gods commands, for your own good. (Leviticus 19:19, Numbers 15:38-40, Deuteronomy 8:1-20, 10:12-13*, Malachi 4:4, Hosea 13:6*)
168. **Faithfully obey God's commands. (Deuteronomy 11:13)**
1. Be careful to follow God's commands. (Deuteronomy 5:32-33, 7:11-12, 8:11, 29:9, 32:45-47, Joshua 1:7-8)
 1. **Meditate on God's word (Book of the Law) day & night so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.** (Joshua 1:8)
 2. **Fix God's words in your heart & mind. Discuss them as much as possible. Wear (tassels) and post reminders for yourself and others of God's commands on your doorframes and gates. (Numbers 15:37-40, Deuteronomy 6:6-9, 11:18-20, 22:12)**
 3. **Once you become satisfied, don't become proud, and forget me (God). (Hosea 13:6)**
 4. Jesus said "If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. (John 15:10)
 1. God's everlasting love is with those who keep his covenant & remember to obey his precepts. (Psalm 103:18)
 5. Obedience will bring blessings. Disobedience will bring curses. (Deuteronomy 11:26-28)
 1. God may turn a deaf ear to your crying (weeping) after disobedience to Him (Deuteronomy 1:45, Malachi 2:13-16)
 6. Obedience to God's commands is not too difficult or beyond your reach. (Deuteronomy 30:11-20)
 7. Obedience to God's laws is your righteousness. (Deuteronomy 6:24-25)
 1. God does not call us because of our righteousness (Deuteronomy 9:4-6), but he does expect us to submit to his righteousness once we are called (i.e. his expectations placed on Israelites after saving them).
 2. Jesus says "Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city." (Revelation 22:14)
 3. Jesus says be careful not to practice your righteousness before men to be seen by them (Matthew 6:1). He acknowledges it as your righteousness and not his. Further, Jesus talks about the Father rewarding you for your righteousness, done in secret (Matthew 6:1-4). Therefore, it's not valid to say that our righteousness is only in what Jesus already did, but it is also in our righteous deeds.
 4. **Paul says "God made Christ, who had no sin, to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Corinthians 5:21).**
 8. **Cursed is the man who does not uphold the words of this law by carrying them out. (Deuteronomy 27:15)**
 9. These words (commands) are your life. (Deuteronomy 32:47)
 10. Faithless Israel was regarded by God as more righteous than unfaithful Judah (Jeremiah 3:11).

11. Observing God's commands are for your own good (Deuteronomy 10:13)

169. Keep my decrees, for the person that obeys them will live by them. (Genesis 26:3-5, Leviticus 18:4-5, 26)
170. **Do not add to God's commands or subtract from them, but keep them. (Deuteronomy 4:2,12:32)**
1. Anyone who adds to or takes away from the book of Revelation, God will add the plagues to or take away the inheritance from them. (Revelation 22:18-20)
171. **Teach God's word to your children and grandchildren. (Deuteronomy 4:9-14, 6:5-9*, 11:19)**
1. Failure to teach the next generation may lead to them becoming evil. (Judges 2:10-15)
172. God will hate and ultimately reject (no longer love) you if you do not obey him. (Hosea 9:15-17)
173. Do not nullify God's word for the sake of human tradition, following merely human rules. (Matthew 15:6-9)
174. **Persevere to produce the crop / fruit of obedience. (Luke 8:14-15)**
1. Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop—some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times what was sown." (Mark 4:20)

RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT

175. You must be born again (spiritual re-birth). (John 3:5-8, 1 Corinthians 15:44-50, 1 John 3:9-10)
176. Obey Jesus' commands in order to receive the Holy Spirit. (John 14:15-15:17, Revelations 3:1-3)
177. Wait to receive God's power. (Luke 24:49, Acts 1:4-5)
178. Receive the Holy Spirit. (John 20:22, Matthew 3:11)

WARNINGS FROM GOD

179. **The dead will be judged before God's throne according to what they have done, as recorded in the books. Those whose names are not found in the book of life will be thrown into the lake of fire (the 2nd death). (Revelation 20:11-15)**
1. Whoever has sinned against God, he will blot out of his book. (Exodus 32:33)
 2. No one comes to God the Father accept through Jesus. (John 14:6)
 3. If you refuse to believe Jesus, you will die in your sin. (John 8:21-24)
 4. Not everyone who calls Jesus Lord will enter the kingdom of heaven, evildoers will not make it. (Matthew 7:21-23)
 5. Jesus will send angels to weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there's weeping and gnashing of teeth. (Matthew 13:41)
 6. You must remain in Jesus or you will be thrown into the fire. (John 15:5-6)
 7. Wicked servants & hypocrites who do not keep watch (stay ready) and who backslide will be assigned to hell. (Matthew 24:45-51)
 8. Unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and Teachers of the law you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 5:20)
180. The Lord will test you in order to know what is in your heart, whether or not you will keep his commands. (Deuteronomy 8:2)
181. **In this life**, there will be reward for obedience and punishment for disobedience. (Exodus 20:5-6, Leviticus 26, Deuteronomy 7:13-15, 11:17, 15:4-6, 28:1-68, 32:23-26, Psalm 62:12)
1. **Rewards (blessings)** – showing love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments, fruitful harvests, abundance of food, safety, peace, victory over enemies, favor, increase your numbers, abundant harvest, God's dwelling

among you, God's love and blessing, blessed fruit of your womb, blessed more than any other people, no childlessness among couples or livestock, free of diseases, disease inflicted on all who hate you, richly bless you, lend to many nations and not borrow, rule over many nations and none will rule over you, exalted above all earthly nations, blessed, blessed children, blessed possessions, blessing on everything you do, established as holy, people will fear you, bless your land, you will lend and not borrow, you will be the head and not the tail.

2. **Possible Punishments (curses)** – punishing the children to the 3rd & 4th generation of those who hate him, terror, wasting diseases, fever, failed sight, drained life, work in vain, defeat by enemies, haters rule over you, fear, breakdown of pride, lack of produce yielded, afflictions, animal attacks, loss of children, loss of wealth, plague, dissatisfaction, starvation unto cannibalism, death, relocation, perishing, no rain and no produce, you and your possessions cursed, children cursed, inflammation, scorching heat, drought, blight & mildew, defeat, you'll become a horror, death without burial (eaten by animals), boils, tumors, sores, itch, madness, blindness, confusion, unsuccessful at everything you do, cruel oppression, robbed, no rescue, fiancé taken, built house taken, won't enjoy planted fruit, animals murdered before you or taken, children taken into captivity, no cure, ridicule, little harvest, aliens (foreigners) above you, needing loans, tail and not the head, destruction, thirst, nakedness, poverty, serve your enemies, hunger unto cannibalism, harsh and prolonged disasters, severe and lingering illnesses, other sickness and disasters not recorded in the Book of the Law, ruin, displacement (relocation), anxious mind (stress), despairing heart, constant suspense, uncertainty, slavery, pestilence.

1. Note that we who are living today can see many of the blessings and curses mentioned above both in our own lives and in the lives of others.

I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life. (Deuteronomy 3)