

# FOR THE LOVE OF GOD

Exodus 20:1-3 Pew Bible p. 73-74

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## God's Top Ten

When and how were the 10 Commandments given?

How are the 10 Commandments and Sermon on the Mount similar?

The 10 Commandments may be divided into \_\_\_\_\_ sections. Each section may be seen as an expansion of the \_\_\_\_\_ Great Commands.

- Commandments 1-4 have to do with loving \_\_\_\_\_.
- Commandments 5-10 have to do with loving \_\_\_\_\_.

## Number 1 on God's Top Ten List Exodus 20:3

What is the main idea of the following verses? How are they the same? How are they different?

First Great Command or Shema: *Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.* Deuteronomy 6:4-5

First of the 10 Commandments: *You shall have no other gods before me* (NIV), or, *Do not have other gods besides me.* (CSB) Exodus 20:3

What do these verses tell us about what is right or wrong?

## Jesus on the First Commandment

Who is Jesus?

*I and the Father are one.* John 10:30 (also John 14:8-10)

*The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being...* Hebrews 1:3

Jesus required his disciples to love Him more than their dearest family members.

*Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to turn "a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law—a man's enemies will be the members of his own household." Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.* Matthew 10:34-37

What does this tell us about what is right or wrong?

Jesus required His disciples to love Him enough to sacrifice for Him and even to be willing to die for Him.

*Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves... But beware of men, for they will hand you over to the courts and scourge you in their synagogues... Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. You will be hated by all because of My name... he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. He who has found his life will lose it, and he who has lost his life for My sake will find it.* Matthew 10:16-17, 21-22, 38-39

What does this tell us about what is right or wrong?

Through the Ten Commandments we learn more fully what it means to keep the first of the Two Great Commands and the first of the 10 Commandments.

## Conclusion and Challenge

Truth to Take with You: ***We do what is right when we love God above all else. When we fail to love God above all else we do wrong, and sin.***

Challenge: ***Be loyal to Jesus above all others.***