



Lesson 39

The 4 and the 6

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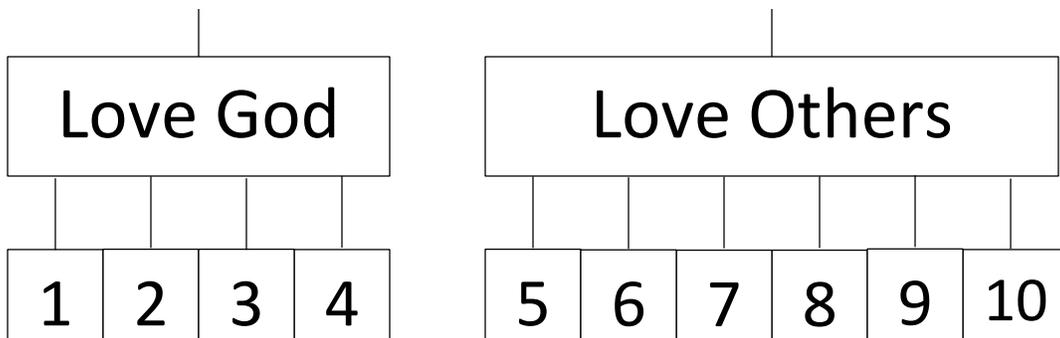
We know that the ten commandments are man's duty. The ten commandments are split into two parts: man's duty to God, which is the first 4, and man's duty to each other, the last 6. However, there has always been those who focus on the first 4 or the last 6. In this lesson we'll trace the groups that just keep the first 4 or the last 6 commandments throughout history, see who they are today, see which commandments are most important, and which we are to focus on now.

The 10 Commandments

The four then the six

The commandments are in Exodus 20:1-17. There are ten commandments, but they can be broken into two parts. They can be broken into four and six. The first four are about our duty towards God. The last six are about our duty to our fellow humans.

The 10 Commandments



The 10 Commandments in Christ's Time

The Jewish people

The Jews in Christ's time kept the law rigidly. They were strict observers of the ceremonies, sacrifices, and the Sabbath. They added countless rules to the law to try to keep the Sabbath perfectly and please God. They rigidly kept the first 4 commandments- which has to do with the relationship between humans and God. The Jews were also extremely proud of the temple where they worshipped God. But the people did not keep the last 6 commandments. The Jewish people, especially the leaders, were very nationalistic (they didn't like non-Jews). And the leaders didn't even like other Jews who were not high ranking and strict like them. They also didn't like to help other people. These are some reasons why the Jews did not keep the last 6 commandments. We can also call them conservative. Even the disciples had the wrong mindset. They kept the 4 but not the 6- they tried to love Christ but they hated the Gentiles. The Jewish nation didn't fully keep the 10 commandments, they just rigidly tried to keep the first 4: their duty to God.

A New Commandment

As we saw, the Jews practiced the 4 commandments (or, they thought they did) and not the 6. They were nationalists- they hated Gentiles and treated them bad- not keeping the 6. The disciples couldn't carry out their mission not keeping the last 6; so Jesus had to reinstitute them. In John 13:34 Jesus says "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another." For the disciples, to love everyone like Jesus, would be to treat Gentiles like Jews- to keep the last 6 toward everyone. This new commandment began to reinstitute the last 6 commandments that the disciples weren't practicing, treating others like they wanted to be treated- the golden rule.

It should be 6-4

The ten commandments can be broken into four and six. The first four are our duty to God and the last six are our duty to each other. However, the commandments really should be in the opposite order: 6-4. The six commandments regarding our duty to our fellow human should come before the four commandments regarding our duty to God. The six are man to man, or natural. The four are man to God, or spiritual. The natural comes before the spiritual so the six should come before the four.

1 John 4:20

The disciples learned the lesson that Jesus had taught them about the new commandment. They afterwards understood how important it was to love others. In 1 John 4:20,21 John said, "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also." Basically, he said that you cannot truly love God, who you cannot see, and hate people who you can see. If you do, or you say that you do, you are lying. We have to love both God and other people. In fact, loving people teaches us how to love God. These verses explain how the law should be 6-4 (not 4-6). We need to love people to love God. We need to keep the last 6 commandments in order to be able to keep the first 4.

Christ had to become a human

Another witness to proving that the last 6 commandments must be kept in order to understand the first 4 is John 14:8-14. In John 14:8-14 Philip asked Christ to let him and the disciples see God and they will be content. Jesus says that He is God and God is in Him. Jesus is saying that in order to see God you have to see Him (Jesus), this is the 6 then the 4. The last 6 commandments are man's duty to man; Jesus was a man. The first 4 commandments are man's duty to God. So, if you have to see Jesus, the man, to see God; you have to obey the last 6 commandments first (the man) in order to fully obey the first 4 commandments (God). This is proof of the 6 then the 4 in Christ's very own words- and we know Jesus wasn't ever just talking, everything He said had a meaning.

Literal to Spiritual

The first four commandments are our duty to God. God is spiritual so the first four are regarding spiritual things- they are spiritual. The last six commandments are our duty to other people, People are literal so the last six are regarding literal things- they are literal. The commandments go spiritual to literal which we know is wrong, which is why we say they should be 6-4, or, literal to spiritual (1 Corinthians 15:46). Literal to spiritual means we need to understand the literal first then we will be able to understand the spiritual. This is a type of parable. But how do we understand the literal? God gave us five relationships between people so that we can understand our relationship to Him. The five are: marriage, siblings, parents and children, master and slave, and friends. Each of us can relate to at least one of these relationships, and when we understand one, we can better understand our relationship to God. So understanding the relationships is the literal, and when we understand the literal we can understand the spiritual- that's parables. The 10 commandments are a parable.

The 10 Commandments should be

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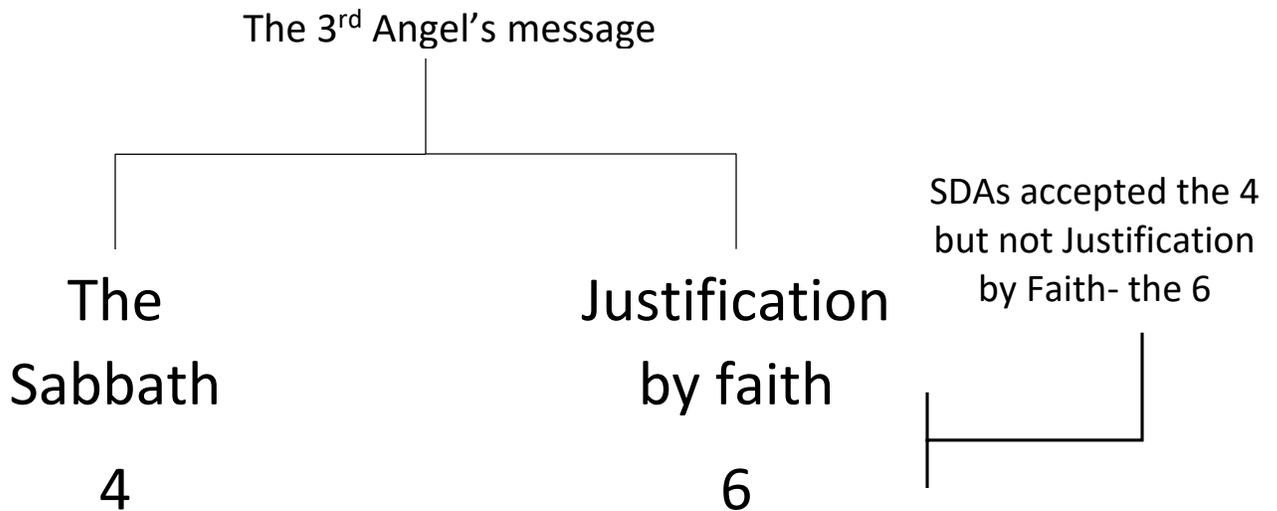
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The 10 Commandments in 1888

Justification/Righteousness by Faith

In the Millerites' time there was an issue over the "new commandment". In 1888, God gave the Seventh-day Adventist church a message by Jones and Waggoner. We call their message Justification (or Righteousness) by Faith. It was about righteousness: right doing- treating other people nicely- the last 6 commandments. But the Adventist church was confused, they didn't understand how Jones' and Waggoner's message was connected to what they were used to teaching. They taught the 3rd Angel's message (or really one part of that message) which was the Sabbath. The Sabbath represents the first 4 commandments, or how we love God. Several people asked Ellen G. White if the message of Justification by Faith was part of the 3rd Angel's message- she said that it was "in verity" or truly (EV 190.3). Adventists had become so fixed on the Sabbath, or the 4, that they had forgotten the 6 (their duty to love others). God tried to bring that back with the message of Jones and Waggoner.

The 1888 History



The 10 Commandments in Our Time

Conservatism = 4

In our time, to be conservative is to keep the first 4 commandments and not the last 6. Conservative SDAs only keep the first 4 commandments- they faithfully go to church every Sabbath, they don't however keep the last 6; they hate atheists, and other religions because they don't keep the Sabbath. They are also sexist and homophobic. This definition of conservative also works in the world. Conservative Protestantism believes they are keeping the first 4 and the 6- but they really only faithfully keep what they think is the first 4. They go to church on Sunday, but they are also nationalist, sexist, and homophobic. This is proof that conservatism (in religion) is keeping the first 4 commandments.

Liberalism = 6

The Priests were focused on obeying the first 4 commandments and not the last 6. That is conservatism. Conservatives do not care about one another; they are concerned about how they can please God. That is what the priest did in the story of the good Samaritan. He did not want to help another human for fear of being defiled, and if he was defiled, he could not serve God in the temple. That mindset is the exact opposite to the Nethinims' mindset (Romans 2:14). The Nethinims know how to keep the last 6 commandments. What they do not know how to do is keep the first 4. That is liberalism. They treat one another properly, but they do not worship God properly. That is why the Priests are not to be conservative or liberal- we need to keep all ten of the commandments. You need to keep the 6 before you can keep the 4, so while the Priests attempted to keep the 4 and disregard the 6, the Nethinims were keeping the 6, and now they just need to learn how to keep the 4.

The Priests were conservative

The Seventh-day Adventist church is conservative (mainly). They strictly keep the law in relation to God, they try to keep the 4. An example is Sabbath keeping- Adventists keep the Sabbath strictly. But they do not keep the last 6 commandments well. That is why the church, for the most part is conservative. The Priests were the same way. We are typified by the 12 disciples and they too were conservative. The Priests used to love God and dislike other people who were not like them (or not like us). We kept the 4 and not the 6. But since 2018 we have learned about equality. Now we know that we need to love others as well as God. The Priests are learning the new commandment, or the 6. We know now that we need to love people and God (the 6 and the 4) in order to keep the 10 commandments.

The Levites and Nethinims are liberal

The Levites and Nethinims will be liberal. Unlike the Priests who joined the movement while they were still conservative, Levites and Nethinims will only join if they are liberal. A reason for this is our movement. We are to be balanced, so we are currently becoming more liberal (we used to be conservative), no conservative will join a liberal movement, only liberals will. That's how we'll know who are the Levites when their harvest comes, we'll know who's conservative and who's liberal (the liberals will side with us). The same is with the world. We already know that the current leaders for the Nethinims are Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Michael Moore; they are liberal and so their followers (the Nethinims) will be liberal. This doesn't mean the Levites and Nethinims will have always been liberal though. There most certainly will be Levites who were conservative, but slowly or quickly became liberal. There will also be Nethinims that used to be conservative but became liberal. All we know is, by time their harvest comes, the Levites and Nethinims will be liberal.

The Great test

The great test is equality. That is racial, gender, and LGBT equality. Equality is when we treat others the way we want to be treated- equal. The last 6 of the ten commandments are on how we treat others the same way Christ treats them. Equality is the last 6 commandments. The great test is on keeping the last 6 commandments. The reason the great test cannot be about keeping the first 4 is because they are about our duty to God. Less than 30% of the world is Christian, so if the test were on the first 4, that would leave out over 70% of the people in the world! However, everyone can be tested on the last 6 because it's about how we treat other people.

Equality is the great test. The Priests are conservative so that is why some Priests don't accept equality, because equality makes conservatives more liberal. Believing conspiracy theories are also a characteristic of conservatism. Therefore, the current test for the Priests can be summed up as not being conservative. Priests have to become more liberal in order to accept equality - the last 6 commandments, that is what this movement is working on and has to do right now to pass the test. The Levites and Nethinims are liberal so they are passing the test, without even knowing it.

The most important Commandment = the 4

The 10 commandments can be broken up into two parts: love to God and love to man- the 4 and the 6. We saw that it should be 6-4 because the last 6 commandments or how we treat others is the literal that points to the spiritual: the first 4 commandments or how we treat God. But, in Matthew 22:37-39 Jesus says that to love God is the first and great commandment and to love your neighbor is the second. To love God is the 4, and to love our neighbor is the 6. The most important commandments are the first 4. The last 6 commandments teach us about how to keep them. The literal has to come first, but it just points to the spiritual; the spiritual (which is the 4) is the most significant.

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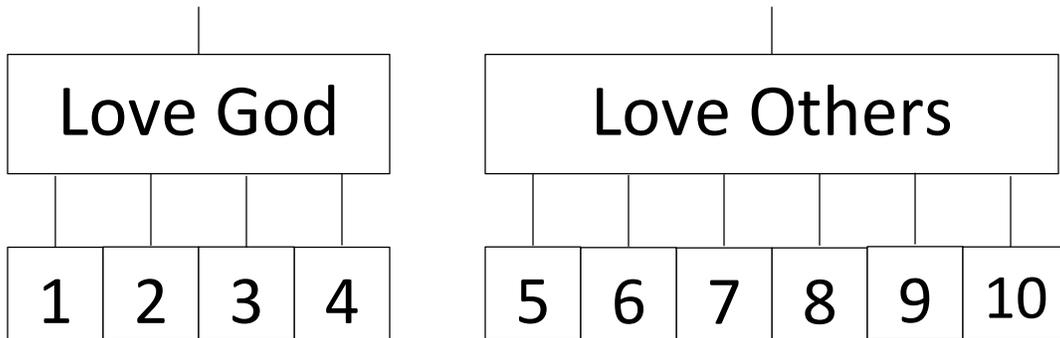
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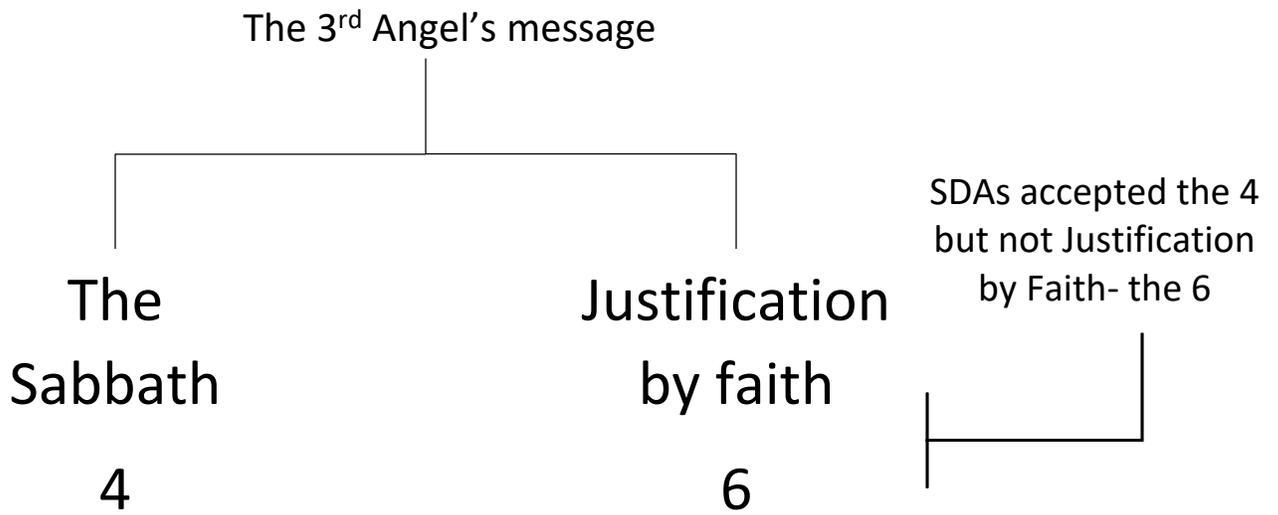
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