

Understanding the 10 commandments

Many of us would think that the meanings of these are very simple, yet we still break these commandments unknowingly. Some of us, because of lack of knowledge, even categorize sin, not understanding that each commandment is tied into all the others, which means if broken, breaks all the rest (James 2:10). All 10 commandments are equally important and have deep meanings that not only the prophets, but Yahusha tried to help us understand. When we obey the law, we are sparing our own lives, maintaining our posterity and strengthening our relationship with our Creator and saviour. **Matthew 22:37-40** says, "*Yahusha said unto him, Thou shalt love YAH thy Elohim with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.*" The 10 commandments are a sub to these and under the 10 commandments are approximately 612 laws. This is a brief overview of those 612 laws under the 10 commandments and how if they are observed, they are concluded as acts of love.

Deuteronomy 12:28, 32 Observe and hear all these words which I command thee, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee for ever, when thou doest that which is good and right in the sight of YAHUAH thy Elohim.

What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.

1. **THOU SHALT HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME. Exodus 20:3**

What is a god? While this question must be asked, it cannot be answered objectively because without a shadow of doubt, there are no other supreme beings that is more powerful and wise as our creator. Being the creator of all things, whether demons or angels, means that there is nothing and no one else worth worshipping. That being said, what then is this commandment, referring to? It is referring to an idea or a concept that is impressed upon a thing or person, which is then followed by blind and excessive adoration a.k.a worship.

Basically, what Elohim is asking us, is not to cast the role of "god" on anyone or anything else, because there is no one or nothing else that can fill that role. It doesn't matter what we choose to believe, it cannot change the truth, which is the absolute spirit that *he* is. We not only embarrass and confuse ourselves and others when we do this thing, but we also put ourselves at risk of being a prey to the dragon. Our idea may keep us in denial, but it won't protect us from the many dangers that we have left ourselves open to. If we break this commandment, we break all 10, because it is impossible to serve more than one master, especially if one is one and only almighty living Elohim and the other is... just not. He alone deserves the honour and adoration, simply because of who he is, what he represents and because there is none like him.

2. THOU SHALT NOT MAKE UNTO THEE ANY GRAVEN IMAGE, OR ANY LIKENESS OF ANY THING THAT IS IN HEAVEN ABOVE, OR THAT IS IN THE EARTH BENEATH, OR THAT IS IN THE WATER UNDER THE EARTH. THOU SHALT NOT BOW DOWN THYSELF TO THEM, NOR SERVE THEM. Exodus 20:4-6

Initially we thought this meant not to create any image whatsoever, but that would make Elohim a contrary person since he himself made us with these talents to recreate images of the world around us. Not every image is created to imitate, but some are to appreciate and appreciation doesn't necessarily mean worship at least not to what the work of art is based upon. Good thing we have the scripture to give us a clearer view of what type is an illegal image:

- **Leviticus 26:1**, Ye shall make you no idols nor *graven* image, neither rear you up a *standing image*, neither shall ye set up any *image of stone* in your land, to bow down unto it: for I am the YAHUAH your Elohim.
- **Hosea 13:2**, And now they sin more and more, and have made them *molten images* of their silver, and idols *according to their own understanding*, all of it the work of the craftsmen: they say of them, Let the men that sacrifice kiss the calves.
- **Micah 5:13**, Thy graven images also will I cut off, and thy standing images out of the midst of thee; and thou shalt no more *worship the work of thine hands*.

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So this points out both type and purpose. Not all images are created for the express purpose of worship, once we know that part of logic, then we can move on. The next point is that flat images are not what is in question here, the commandment is speaking against imitations, as well as 'works of art'. Statues of clay and stone, wood carvings, architecture, whether they are a likeness of a person, thing or just a sacred pillar, especially for the express purpose of worship, it is an abomination. There are paintings and photos that are made for others or self-idolatry, they are in the bracket as well. We think that just because we don't have a mini statue in our house, we are safe, but do not count the fake flowers, the fake ornaments, the teddy bear that looks like a real animal etc. These might seem harmless, yet they add to both your laziness (not wanting to take care of the real thing) and to your weekly chores of dusting and washing. It is all vanity, one of the main things that Elohim hates. Moving away from vanity, there is also the concept I mentioned earlier, we choose things to obsess over, saying that they make us happy, when they only do a part of the job, sometimes it's only our denial that is really making us happy. Some of us choose a spouse, a job, a child, a friend, a church membership, wealth and ourselves as our god. Anything that takes up most of our mental space, our time, our energy, our effort, rules our emotions and the focus of our desire is our god. So not all concepts are focused on handmade items, but sometimes creatures and close human beings. Talking about handmade, sometimes we praise our achievements, which is a sub to serving ourselves. The degree or car that we worked hard and bought, gets so much attention and you barely let anyone drive in it. We look at it and beat our gorilla chest and say, 'I did this' like King Nebuchadnezzar. We do this many times, not understanding

that if we didn't get permission or favour from Yahuah, all our work would have gone in vain by some evil travail. Idolatry is not just one thing, but many things and this is why it easily besets us, here we will list the different forms of idolatry:

- **Stubbornness/disobedience**. If you are not serving Elohim, you are serving Satan, which automatically means idolatry. All acts of sin are idolatry and all sins are equally abominable. Do not think there is any grey area, because you do not determine your own ways. There are two sides: freedom and captivity, the only person that can free you from captivity is Yahusha, therefore when you are freed, you serve him out of love and not deceit. **Jeremiah 10:23-24** says, "*O Adon, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps. O Adon, correct me, but with judgement, not in thine anger, lest thou bring me to nothing.*"

In **Luke 16:10** it says, "*He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.*"

Matthew 5:19 also declares, "*Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.*" This includes disobedience to the sub-laws such as: food laws (Leviticus 11), fornication law, annual shabbats, modesty law, unequal yoke law, unending marriage law etc. These 612 laws are all equally important with the revisions made under what we refer to as the New covenant and are to be observed.

- **Paganism** - **Leviticus 18:3** commands, "*After the doings of the land of Egypt, wherein ye dwelt, shall ye not do: and after the doings of the land of Canaan, whither I bring you, shall ye not do: neither shall ye walk in their ordinances.*" We may not know this, but these idolators had many customs including incest, human sacrifices and ornamentation, as I like to call it. In Egypt, many of these things that we take so much pleasure in, started or is very prevalent: graven images, jewelry making and wearing, tattooing, make-up, body paint, hair extensions, hair dyes. Egyptians and Chinese love to paint their nails. Also all the fake things we love to put on or inside our body, all acts of Idolatry. Understand that the scripture says that Yahuah is a spirit and they who worship him, MUST worship him in spirit and in TRUTH. If it is vain and carnal, then it cannot be SPIRITUAL. If it is not real, then it must be fake and therefore a lie; **Revelation 21:27**, "*And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.*"
- **Adultery** - I know it falls under the term 'sin', so it already is factored as idolatry, yet this here is a deeper crime that we must investigate. When we marry, we become one unit, whom are married to Elohim. Even without being married to a human, the scripture says in **Isaiah 54:5**, that our **maker** is our husband, so once we stop doing what he likes and start doing what the other person likes, it is an act of both adultery and idolatry. Infidelity starts from the heart, so when our heart shifts focus, then we are caught in idolatry. It hurts just the

same when we do it to the spouse, because we are doing the opposite of what Elohyim reveres, which is sanctity and faithfulness.

- **Vain worship** - Religion is what vain worship is all about, whether it's serving another religion completely or just a different denomination, it is an act of idolatry. **1 Corinthians 1:10**, "*Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Adon Yahusha Ha'mashiach, that ye all speake the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."* You've heard this line many times in movies, 'divide and conquer', which is exactly the plan of the enemy. How does this plan work, to have all of us lean on our own understanding and not the Ruach Ha'Qodesh and make us too arrogant and stiff hearted to reason with anyone about our beliefs. In this situation, our idol is our own ideas in our head which is not backed up by Yahusha. Sometimes we make powerful people (whether by wealth or status or both) or our church leaders our idol and trust in them over the word. Religion is more about a routine of rules that are subjective and not about a relationship, so it has no place in spirituality which is personal and based upon righteousness and love. People need to have a conviction about what they are doing for it to mean anything, also their convictions have to be rightly aligned with the word.
- **Love of the world** - **1 John 2:15** commands, "*Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.*" Anything you obsessively love in this world is your idol and it will consume you. If I love money, I will do

anything for it, making money will take up all of my time and mental space, Elohyim doesn't fit in any of that. We also have celebrities that we love, they even call them idols in China now, so it's no longer a hidden thing. We spend most of our time watching them, trying to be where they are, we take a full interest in their interests, we worship them and defend them. We have posters of them in our home, pictures on our phones, just a lot of merchandise related to them. We even sometimes start dressing like them, saying we want to be like them. All this would have been a good thing if only it was for Yahusha exclusively. He is a jealous Elohyim and will not share that type of attention or even a fraction of it with anything else, because they don't deserve it and it doesn't profit us. Cherished sin is also a big problem. We're ok with Elohyim until someone tells us to stop this thing that we love, then it's bye bye church. Some of us will stay, but still won't change, this is what Elohyim has to say about that: **Isaiah 59:1-2**, "*Behold, YAH'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your Elohyim, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.*" Your spouse or family also can become idols if you let them. If you want to lose out on your whole life because of one or several insignificant things, be my guest. To serve him, nothing can surpass him in your heart: **Luke 14:26, 33**, "*If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.*"

Other than adultery and having another god, it breaks other commandments as well, such as:

- **Taking his name in vain** - he doesn't want to be our favorite Elohim but our only one, so don't pledge to another god and still call on his name.
- **Breaking Shabbath** - Your chosen idol will not allow you to keep the shabbath diligently.
- **Dishonoring our heavenly father**
- **Stealing** - when you take Elohim's attributes, plus all the service we owe him and place it on something or someone else, we're robbing him.
- **Lying** - there are no other Elohym, so idolatry is a blatant lie. We also change the truth of Elohim in our design to a lie, by changing our appearance.
- **Murder** - with a new created god, we murder our relationship with him and diminish his importance in our life. Also if we had loved him, we would have never tried to compare him to his lowly creations, so deep down we actually despise him. **Matthew 6:24**, "*No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve Elohim and mammon.*"
- **Covetousness** - what Yahuah gave us seems to have not been enough for us, so we had to get a new Elohim. Also our creation is not enough for us, we have to add things and take away things and change things on ourselves to be satisfied, yet we are never satisfied.

Since almost anything can be an idol, then how can we avoid idolatry? By doing proactive worship in our daily lives. It's simple, if we love him and him only, prove it, get rid of the vanity, all the impractical things in our life that don't help us or give him glory. These things may or may not hurt us now, however if they do not help us, they will hurt us eventually. Both the inside and the outside matters, because we are his temple; we have to clean out the leaven from not just our insides, but on the out and our environment. After getting rid of the clutter, we refill our environment with things of him according to this verse: **Deuteronomy 6:7-9**, "*And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.*" Surround yourself with him and there will be less opportunities for faltering. Be selective of what you let inside you, let it be something that improves the health of either your spirituality, mind and/or body. **Ephesians 4:27**, "*Neither give place to the devil.*" Things that you do daily such as hobbies, work, music, food, clothing, media, movies, books, games etc. These should be regimented according to scripture and goodness, carnality should not take up most of your day, as what you focus on overtime becomes you. **1 Corinthians 10:23, 31**, says, "*All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not.*"

Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of Elohim"

3. THOU SHALT NOT TAKE THE NAME OF YAHUAH THY ELOHYM IN VAIN. FOR THE ADON WILL NOT HOLD HIM GUILTLess THAT TAKETH HIS NAME IN VAIN. Exodus 20:7

Yahuah is practical. He is a spirit of power and purpose. Even though humans do not like to be called for no reason, we call his name many times for no reason. We curse him and exalt ourselves against him. We use his name in jest and even for swearing purposes. We barely recognize him in our daily lives, but when we want something, we pray to him, all of these are calling his name in vain. **Romans 10:13-14** makes mention of this, *"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Adon shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?"* We do not seek him but we always seem to want his help, do we really think he can be used? **Judges 10:12-14**, *"The Zidonians also, and the Amalekites, and the Maonites, did oppress you; and ye cried to me, and I delivered you out of their hand. Yet ye have forsaken me, and served other gods: wherefore I will deliver you no more. Go and cry unto the gods which ye have chosen; let them deliver you in the time of your tribulation."*

As for using his name as a jesting or swearing, we are pleasing Satan and committing both *idolatry* and *adultery*, and not to mention *dishonoring our heavenly father*. If we had really seen him as Elohyim, we would not take his name so lightly, so we must have *another god* in mind, furthermore we never jest nor mock people in such a way if we

truly love or prioritize them, verbal abuse is an act of *hatred*, which is an act of *murder*. Calling him when we don't have a good reason is trying to *steal* his attention. If not for *covetousness* why would we need to call him more than necessary? It will all be recompensed on our heads. **Matthew 5:34**, *But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is Yah's throne.*" If we break any of the 9 commandments, yet still call his name, whether in blessing or cursing, we break this one as well: **1 John 2:4**, *"He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him."* So if we do not know him and we call him as if we do, we are made *liars*. We must think before we call on such a sacred name, is what I'm doing sensible? **Psalms 66:18** says, *"If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Adon will not hear me."* Should we be wasting our breath when the bible says let pur words be few? **Ecclesiastes 5:6** declares, *"Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it was an error: wherefore should Elohim be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands?"* It seems like a foolish move to make.

4. **REMEMBER THE SHABBAT DAY, TO KEEP IT HOLY. SIX DAYS SHALT THOU LABOUR, AND DO ALL THY WORK, BUT THE SEVENTH DAY IS THE SHABBAT OF YAHUAH THY ELOHYM: IN IT THOU SHALT NOT DO ANY WORK, THOU, NOR ANYONE THAT IS WITHIN THY GATES. Exodus 20:8-11**

The Shabbat is the day that YAH rested from all his work, he is our leader, so there is no question as to why we should follow him. The

shabbat is forever a sign between Yahuah and his people. **Exodus 31:16**, "*Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the shabbat, to observe the shabbat throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant.*"

It is also the seal of his children. It is a shadow of the eternal rest we are promised to enter in and we not only keep it to rest our bodies and honour Yahuah, but also to remind us of our impending redemption. The Shabbat is a holy day of rest, it is Elohyim's edict and must be followed by all; this means you, your family, your employees, your animals and anyone residing with you at the moment. You don't get to choose if you should observe it or not. The day has its rules, that means:

- No servile work, whether it is household chores and/or occupation,
- No kindling of fire (prepare stuff from the day before, use thermal cups and plates)
- No long journeys or carrying heavy weight
- No carnal interests (conversations, hobbies, sex)
- No business trading
- No defiling by sin.

You can feed your animals of course and take care of a family member who is unable to physically take care of themselves in the absence of assistance. This is an important commandment to Yahuah for us, if we break this law, we are directly offending Elohyim. He set aside a day (24 hours) for us and him where we can spend quality time together with him without having to worry about the many cares of this life. It is just like us, if we had set a date and our spouse missed it, we would be disappointed. If the spouse kept

missing the date, we would be angry and there is no excuse except that the person is greedy and doesn't prioritize us. Also if the spouse is spending time with us, yet their attention is elsewhere, we would be annoyed because we're not getting enough attention and again we would feel unimportant. This is how Elohim feels when he gives us six days, but we refuse to give him the seventh (just one day) and we must not ignore it, he does so much for us, yet we do so little for him. In not keeping the shabbat we break all of the commandments:

- **Stealing** - we are robbing him of his time.
- **Idolatry** - Whatever it is that is more important to us than keeping his Shabbat is our idol. Also breaks the first commandment as well.
- **Lying** - By exceeding the 6 days in greed, we in our actions are lying that we do not have enough time.
- **Dishonoring your heavenly father** by disobeying him.
- **Taking his name in vain** - you don't even find him important enough to spend a day with him, why call him?
- **Covetousness** - he gave us six days, but we still coveted his one day, we lack self control.
- **Adultery** - By not serving Elohim on the shabbat, we automatically fulfill Satan's will. We cannot be pleasing someone else while being married to our maker.
- **Murder** - hatred - what we love, we cherish and prioritize, but what we hate, we disregard. Also with not taking time out to mentally and physically rest, we will cause our health to decline as well as others that are in our charge.

The scripture says that if we keep all the commandments including the ones we think are small and insignificant, we will be seen as great in heaven. If we prioritize Yahuah, then he will prioritize us, he is fair in all his ways. The Shabbat is our refueling day, where we thank Elohyim for the past week and prepare ourselves spiritually and bodily for the upcoming week. The only instance that the Shabbat can be broken is on the basis of sudden need, something that could not be prepared for despite our best efforts and if not remedied might cause serious bodily harm or loss of life (human and animal alike). Let us continue to be identified as his people by following his word.

5. HONOUR THY FATHER AND THY MOTHER, THAT THY DAYS MAY BE LONG UPON THE LAND WHICH YAHUAH THY ELOHYM GIVETH THEE. Exodus 20:12

Generally, our love, obedience and respect is due especially to our heavenly father and our earthly parents. I say this generally, because not all parents are of the faith and this is where things can get murky. The bible says we should honour all men, owe no man nothing except love. However, there is a different condition for obedience: **Ephesians 6:1-4**, "*Children, obey your parents in the Adon: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of Yahusha.*" There is no other foundation laid except in Mashiach, so we need to understand if what the parent

is telling us to do is wrong according to scripture, we must not obey, nor disrespect them, but humbly decline. If we honour our heavenly father, we will honour our earthly parents, if we dishonour our parents, then we automatically dishonour Elohim which again breaks every commandment, which is why it is the only commandment with promise.

6. THOU SHALT NOT KILL. Exodus 20:13

This goes deeper than we think. Yahusha explains this in **Matthew 5:21-24**, "*Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: But I say unto you, That whosoever is **angry** with his brother **without a cause** shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, **Raca**, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire. Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.*"

Here's another related verse: **1 John 3:15, 17**, "*Whosoever **hateth** his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.*

But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of Elohim in him?" If we hate one another, it is a sin. There are many acts of hate, for instance if we break any of the 10 commandments, it is an

act of hate towards our creator, according to **John 14:21**. Other than being covetous, killing, stealing (including your neighbour's spouse) and lying, there are other acts of hate towards your neighbor that's outlined above. If we communicate using condescending tones and derogatory terms to refer to our neighbours whether in seriousness or in jest, it is verbal abuse and an act of hate. If we must correct a wrong, do so in meekness and in respect, being careful to remember that we ourselves have done wrong things in the past and would also want forgiveness and respect. The bible says if we forgive others of their wrong doings, Elohyim will also forgive our wrong doings, but if we don't, he won't. **Leviticus 19:18** says, "*Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the ADONAI.*"

Some other acts of hate include having respect of persons and selfishness. Persons many times will specialise in people for their own selfish purposes, but it is an abomination to Yah. If we want Yahuah to treat us equally, then we must also treat everyone equally whether they are pleasant or unpleasant, Elohyim himself causes the rain to fall on the just and unjust alike. The fact remains that we were not always who we are now and it is only because of Yahusha's grace that we are now changed and it is the same grace that we need to extend to others for them to change as well. Selfishness takes on many forms (hypocrisy etc.), all forms are an act of hate and idolatry (making yourself instead of Elohyim the focus of your love). The act of selfishness that Yahusha hates the most is our unwillingness to share our possessions with someone in need. If we cannot extend a helping

hand to someone in need, even when we can, it proves that we are a hateful person and cannot be identified as a disciple of YAH since he is love. If we do not share with others, Elohim will not bless us and we cannot ask for his help. Our love must be without dissimulation even towards your enemy, for this is the will of YAH.

7. THOU SHALT NOT COMMIT ADULTERY. Exodus 20:14

There is spiritual adultery and there is carnal adultery. Both are equally heinous to Yahuah because he is an Elohim of faithfulness. As the scripture says, YAH is a jealous Elohim and he is more so than any human on the planet. We take his love for granted because he extends grace and longsuffers our ways, but what will happen when he gets tired of it? He will separate himself, remove his protection and provision, after that we will be left lonely, destroyed and desolate. Elohim hates adultery and we all do too, but we are too selfish sometimes, so we bury our conscience and do the unthinkable and hurt an unsuspecting soul, leaving them utterly broken for a long time and some never recover until they die. Adultery is very destructive and can hurt not just the 3 or more people involved but entire families and friendships. It's like a bowling alley and adultery is the ball. I have mentioned this many times above that idolatry is spiritual adultery, so when we commit spiritual adultery, we break the first two commandments. Other forms of spiritual adultery are fornication and an unequally yoked marriage. In **1 Corinthians 6:15-18** it reads, "*Know ye not that your bodies are the members of*

Mashiach? shall I then take the members of Mashiach, and make them the members of an harlot? Elohyim forbid. But he that is joined unto the Adon is one spirit.

Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh." If we join ourselves to a fornicator, we become a harlot and it is the same if we join ourselves to an unbeliever. **2 Corinthians 6:14-18** declares, "*Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Mashiach with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of YAH with idols? for ye are the temple of the living Elohyim; as Elohyim hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their Elohyim, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the ADON, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Adon Almighty."* We must be vigilant and sober to observe Elohyim's laws and statutes. Our obedience is the proof of our faithfulness towards him including keeping ourselves away from intimate relationships with unbelievers. Unbelievers are bad influences and as the scriptures instruct us that if sinners entice us, we must not agree and that we must abstain from the appearance (or indulgence) of evil. There is no marriage consisting of 3 persons. One of the worst things is being separated from Elohyim, he is the source of love, joy, power, self control and

peace, so without him, we will suffer. As for carnal adultery, there is another important thing to point out, in **Matthew 5:27-28, 31-32** it says, "*Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery. But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart. It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement: But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.*" So here are the other aspects of adultery, if we look at a person lustfully while we are married, it is adultery. If we look at a person lustfully while being single, it is fornication. So, it is imperative to find fulfillment in Yahusha, so that the Ruach Ha'Qodesh can subdue the lusts of the flesh. Some unlearned persons will tell you that all looks between the opposite sex are lustful but that is not true, you can cast an appreciative look at something or someone beautiful and not desire to touch it/them, nor possess it/them, this is healthy admiration. Marriage has no end as it says here in **Mark 10:9, 11-12**, "*What therefore Elohyim hath joined together, let not man put asunder. And he saith unto them, Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, committeth adultery against her. And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she committeth adultery.*" Adultery happens when you leave your spouse and go to another spouse. The bible does not promote divorce at all. Paul says that we should either be reconciled or separated, but not divorced, it's not like you can marry anyone else anyway. The scripture says that the person is only

free when the spouse is dead, this the only time the person can remarry. Many people try to skip around this to please themselves, but the bible says it plainly if you marry someone who is divorced, it is a sin. When the disciples heard how strict the marriage law was, they said wisely that it would be better not to marry and later on Paul again, encouraged people to stay single because it was easier to serve YAH that way. Paul said when we are married, we will encounter problems in the flesh and Yahusha told the disciples that not all people can handle this, which is why some make themselves eunuchs for the faith's sake. Faithfulness is spoken of in proverbs as well: **Proverbs 5:15-20**, "*Drink waters out of thine own cistern, and running waters out of thine own well. Let thy fountains be dispersed abroad, and rivers of waters in the streets. Let them be only thine own, and not strangers' with thee. Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth. Let her be as the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her love. And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger?*" If you're going to be in a relationship that honours Yahusha, take a long time to think about it before entering one. Remember that all marriages should reflect YAH's love for the church and that is an extremely tall order, be ready to longsuffer and know the contract only ends with death. If you are not ready for that kind of commitment, don't go into it, the bible says that it is better to not vow, than to vow and not pay.

8. THOU SHALT NOT STEAL. Exodus 20:15

This should be easy to understand, yet people still do this almost automatically everyday. Stealing is taking something that is not yours without letting the person know and without their permission. Just as how there is no white lie, there are also no petty thefts, all sins matter to YAH, because it is the small acts of sin that are not repented of that later lead to major sins. Just as a plant starts from a small seed, each sin starts from a thought to a small action and when that thought becomes cherished, the actions repeat themselves and become a part of us. If we take a spoon of sugar without asking, it is same as robbing a bank, the wages of both of those acts of sin is death, believe it or not. The Elohim that we serve is just and fair, so if we think that because it was just a small insignificant act and the person that we stole it from, won't even miss it, think again. If you know it is evil, do not do it and if you have fallen into temptation, the moment you have realized the magnitude of what you have done, immediately repent. This does mean to go down on your knees to pray for forgiveness, before you do that, you must confess, ask for forgiveness and repay what you stole, this is the only way your prayer will be heard by the almighty. There are too many people going around with insincere apologies to Elohim, there must be a recompense. If we fail to restore, no matter what sin we have committed against one another, then Elohim himself will avenge the offended and we will not be delivered. Stealing is an act of taking matter in our own hands, so we do not see YAH as Elohim, so we make ourselves Elohim, which breaks the first 2 commandments

about **idolatry**. If we steal small, we will steal big, which means even stealing Elohim's time on the **Shabbat**. Stealing **dishonours** both earthly **parents** and YAH our father. When we steal from our neighbour, we diminish their supply, which is the same as cutting them down, it is an act of **murder**. Our husbandman says not to steal, pay heed to what Satan wants instead, this is an act of **adultery**. When we do this act, we are telling people that YAH cannot take care of us, that his hand is short, which is **bearing false witness**. If we feel that YAH cannot provide our daily needs then it is **vain** to **call** upon his **name**. If we didn't **covet** what another person has, we wouldn't steal it in the first place. We steal many things in life without thinking about it, we steal money, food items, spouses, children, people, organs, people's inheritance, identities, time, ideas...etc. If a person owns something, they have the right to decide if they want to share it with you or not, do not argue or fight over worldly possessions and do not steal, for it is not of the father. Do not be like the world, be holy as the father is holy and look towards righteousness in all our day-to-day interactions whether we're dealing with an honest person or a thief. **Proverbs 13:11** says, "*Wealth gotten by vanity shall be diminished, but he that gathereth by labour shall increase.*" The mete that we measured will be measured to us again. Elohim will repay all those who steal, so allow them to receive their reward and not get punished along with them. **1 Corinthians 6:9-10**, "*Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of YAH? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with*

mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of YAH."

9. THOU SHALT NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS AGAINST THY NEIGHBOUR. Exodus 20:16

Lying is just as common as covetousness, this is because we lie even when we do not have to. What is a lie? Anything that is not true/real. This world we live in today shows us perfect examples of lies that are blown out of proportion. As I said, every series of sins starts small. It can start something simple as an 'affirmation' statement in front of the mirror, because a lot of things that people tell themselves are a lie, then we leave our houses and proceed to project this lie to everyone we meet. This is why we have a world crisis now, with doctors, all world leaders and media houses across the world lying to us. Lies are more destructive than atomic bombs. Sometimes we are not okay and instead of facing our issues and slowly working through it, we instead put on a mask and let whatever it is fester inside of us until it becomes something damaging or it kills us. Pride and greed is what mostly breeds lies and when you have either of those in any organization, it will fail. Anything that is built on a lie is built on thin air and will stand nor last. This is why we are in a predicament today because we refuse the truth, we do not want to believe in Yahuah, that he is our Elohyim and creator, that he is all powerful and only what he says, lasts forever. **Romans 1:25**, "*Who changed the truth of Elohyim into*

a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen." Because of our pride and greed, we have dedicated ourselves to rejecting Elohim and making gods of ourselves, everyday rapidly doing things to replace Elohim, changing everything and trying to make things last forever. **John 8:44**, *"Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."* No matter how they want to run away from it, there is an end coming, an end to all lies and there will be nothing that any of us will be able to do about it. **Revelation 21:8**, *"But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death."* According to scripture, a little leaven, leavens the whole lump, there is no such thing as a white lie. Many times people tell people lies because they don't want to hurt their feelings and end up making the situation worse, because by the time the person finds out, it can no longer be fixed. Sometimes we get the person in deep trouble because of our lie. In some cases our well intentioned lies even cause death. The best way to be loving is to tell the truth in a loving way or if it is not your place to say anything, don't say. A lie is like a temporary band aid when the wound instead needs proper bandage. A lie will make something look less urgent than it really is. We lie in many ways and in all ways it hurts and the person being lied to: verbal lies, fake jewelry, fake hair (source, texture and colour), fake body

parts, fake food & drinks (artificial ingredients and colours), make-up, anything that promotes vanity (careers/jobs, books, radio, movies, tv shows, games, music) fake identity, fake money, fake clothes (fake brands and clothes made mostly from artificial materials), counterfeiting on a whole, fake doctrine, fake solutions, fake medicine, fake news, fake professional advice etc.

The Yahuah we serve is an Elohyim of truth, it is impossible for him to lie. The Ruach Ha'Qodesh that we need to sustain us, comes from him and is a spirit of truth, we cannot serve him or even think of housing his spirit within us if we embrace any type of lies. Us as natural as we were created without any additions, eating what Elohyim created is as truthful as we can get. Living like this is a show of solidarity and honour to who we really support and love. Lying is direct defiance against Elohyim because he is truth, so we elevate our opinion of the situation over the almighty YAH, which is **idolatry**, therefore breaking the first 2 commandments. If we don't believe in his truth then we **call** upon his **name in vain**. If you lie on other days, you will most definitely lie on the **Shabbat**, that is if you even believe in the Shabbat. We **dishonor** our earthly **parents** and our heavenly father when we lie. Lying is **stealing** that person's understanding from them and replacing it with your own. No matter what you think, lying is an act of hate, which according to scripture is **murder**. When we do not like the result that truth produces, we **covet** a different truth and so turn to lying.

Lies are the devil's greatest weapon, they are the ball and chains that he uses to put us under bondage, do not be imprisoned by him and do

not become a tool to imprison others. **John 8:31-32**, "*Then said Yahusha to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*"

10. THOU SHALT NOT COVET ANYTHING THAT IS THY NEIGHBOUR'S. Exodus 20:17

The #1 sin in the entire world. This sin was from the beginning being one of the first two sins Adam and Eve committed and it has been passed down through generations. The world is now engulfed in it, knowing no self control; we seem to cannot be satisfied and are ungrateful. What is covetousness? A strong desire after the possession of worldly things (Col. 3:5; Eph. 5:5; Heb. 13:5; 1 Tim. 6:9, 10; Matt. 6:20). It assumes sometimes the more aggravated form of avarice, which is the mark of cold-hearted worldliness. The bible says that we should not lust after worldly things and seek to accumulate them. **Matthew 6:19-21**, "*Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.*" This is very hard to teach, since the congregation is fully saturated by covetousness, so much so that they twist scriptures to fit into their way of thinking. Even though they see blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the

kingdom of heaven, or in **Isaiah** where it says "...To this man will I look, he that is poor and of a contrite spirit and trembleth at my word". The world has for a long time been redesigned by the devil to hate poverty, and not just poverty, but poor people. We put people into classes based upon the possessions they own, which was never of Elohim to begin with. Yahusha said to a certain man who wanted him to persuade his brother to split the inheritance, **Luke 12:14-15**, "*And he said unto him, Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you? And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.*" Many people get seriously damaged or even die because of their fight over material things, but is it worth it? Even a rich man, the bible says that no matter what he has, he can by no means redeem his brother's soul or stop him from dying; **Psalms 49:6-9**. The rat-race for worldly things is pointless and unfulfilling, humans were not designed to be fulfilled outwardly, so no amount of material possessions will make us completely happy, we will always want more. In St. Matthew chapter 6, Yahusha displays his father's capabilities, showing us that there is no need to worry about such things and once we seek after him, everything that we need will be added unto us. Now, I want all of us to understand, that we do not decide what is a need for us, Yahuah does. This is because a lot of times, humans do not know what they need; your creator knows you better than anyone else and even better than yourself, so he will know what will help you and what will only hurt you. In our carnal minds, we cannot see what is ahead and so cannot perceive the effects of our desires, which is why our heavenly

father who sees all and knows all, has taken on the responsibility of preserving our souls. As the bible says in **1 Timothy 6:10**, "*For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.*" Yahuah loves his children and does not want them to suffer unnecessarily, if we must suffer, it should not be self-inflicted.

Covetousness is making material things or what someone has, the focus of our heart, which is **idolatry**, therefore breaking the first two commandments. If we are covetous, we will hate Yahuah, because the bible says we cannot serve two masters. This will only lead us to **calling his name in vain** because we do not regard him, only material things. Covetousness is the cause of people breaking the **Shabbat** because we believe that 6 days are not enough for us and we cannot afford to lose anything just because of keeping the Shabbat. We will never be able to **honour our parents** if we are covetous because we will be selfish and stubborn. Covetousness will cause us to **steal**.

People through covetousness do to others all sorts of evil which are acts of hate, which are acts of **murder**; not to mention people actually kill people for material things. Once you start coveting, you will certainly **lie**. We commit spiritual **adultery** once we covet things more than Elohim. Carnal adultery is committed when we lust after another person's spouse, so it can't happen without covetousness.

Yahusha never believed in riches, what he loved was his father and his people: **2 Corinthians 8:9**, "*For ye know the grace of our Adon Yahusha Ha'Mashiach, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.*" We matter to Elohim more than material

things, so we should value our souls and his love over them as well. We were created to have dominion over all things earthy, not to be dominated by them; as the apostle said that if only in this life we have hope, we are as men most miserable. Whatever man can create is mediocre at best, because man cannot make anything perfectly. The knowledge that man has comes from Yahuah and it is only a tiny part of the wisdom our creator has.

Where we live and exist is also a small part of his power, there is more for us to see and have. Immortality is better than any material thing you can possess and only one person can give that to us. Nothing in this mortal life can make us truly happy because Yahuah is the only source of joy. **1**

Timothy 6:10-12, *"For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. But thou, O man of YAH, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, holiness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses."* He told us to eat and drink because this is our portion in this life. In the New Testament we are told to be content with food and raiment; for anything else, he already knows what we need before we pray for it and will provide our daily needs. This world is not our own, we should look to the world to come because the fashion of this world is passing away. The bible says that whoever is rich, full and happy now, will be destitute, hungry and sorrowful in the next life which is eternal according to **Luke 6:24-26**. So, choose wisely how we want to spend eternity.