

Questions About Which of 10 Commandments Are Kept On New Earth

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Which of the 10 commandments will we be keeping in heaven on the new earth?

Answer:

Great question! Let's explore what the **Bible teaches about the Ten Commandments** in the context of **heaven and the new earth**, and whether they will still apply.

Which of the Ten Commandments Will Be Kept in Heaven?

The answer: **All of them in principle**, but some will be fulfilled differently because of the **absence of sin, death, and earthly limitations**.

Let's walk through them:

1. "You shall have no other gods before Me."

YES — This will **absolutely be kept forever** in heaven.

- Only **Yahweh** will be worshiped.

"And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth... saying: 'To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor... forever and ever!'" — Revelation 5:13

2. "You shall not make idols."

YES — There will be **no idolatry** in heaven.

- All false worship will be gone.

"Outside are... idolaters..." — Revelation 22:15

3. "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain."

YES — God’s name will be held in **pure reverence** in heaven.

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty...” — Revelation 4:8

4. “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.”

YES — The Sabbath continues in the new earth.

“From one Sabbath to another, all flesh shall come to worship before Me,” says the Lord. — Isaiah 66:23

The Sabbath was established at **creation** (Genesis 2:2–3), not because of sin. It’s a **memorial of God as Creator**, and that **truth never ends**.

5. “Honor your father and your mother.”

YES — Respect for family and authority will remain.

- In heaven, relationships will be filled with love, honor, and mutual respect.

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6. “You shall not murder.”

YES — There will be **no more death** in heaven.

“There shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying...” — Revelation 21:4

7. “You shall not commit adultery.”

YES — Purity and faithfulness will reign.

- Jesus said: *“They neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels...”* (Matthew 22:30).
- While earthly marriage ceases, **faithful love** continues.

8. “You shall not steal.”

YES — There will be **no stealing**, because all needs will be met.

- God's people will be content and secure.

"They shall build houses and inhabit them... My elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands." — Isaiah 65:21–22

9. "You shall not bear false witness."

YES — Heaven is a place of **perfect truth**.

"And no lie was found in their mouth; they are blameless." — Revelation 14:5

10. "You shall not covet."

YES — In heaven, there is **no selfishness or envy**.

- Everyone will be fully satisfied in Christ.

"They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain..." — Isaiah 11:9

Summary Table

Commandment	Kept in Heaven?	Why?
No other gods	✓ Yes	God alone is worshiped
No idols	✓ Yes	All false worship gone
Don't take God's name in vain	✓ Yes	God's name is revered
Remember the Sabbath	✓ Yes	Continues as worship (Isaiah 66:23)
Honor father and mother	✓ Yes	Perfect family love
Do not murder	✓ Yes	No more death
Do not commit adultery	✓ Yes	Pure relationships
Do not steal	✓ Yes	No lack or greed
Do not lie	✓ Yes	Truth reigns
Do not covet	✓ Yes	Perfect contentment

Final Reflection

The **Ten Commandments** reflect **God's character** — love, truth, justice, holiness, and peace. These are **eternal qualities**, and heaven is the **full realization** of them.

So while **some commandments are no longer needed as prohibitions** (e.g., no murder because no one kills), their **principles still endure** — and will **joyfully be lived out forever**.

“Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life...” — *Revelation 22:14*