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Today it is obvious to every one of us that the United States of America is facing utter destruction. The spiritual, moral and social lives of our country are in a state of disintegration. The cause of the national disintegration and the solution for the recovery of our country are clearly stated for us graciously in the Word of God. In fact, they are closely related to a subject which many people are familiar with and about which very few know even a little. The "DECALOGUE," or "Ten Commandments," are found in Exodus 20:1-17.

Some times young people find themselves in a position where they are required to memorize the Ten Commandments, and sometimes they are even rewarded with a gold star in Sunday School class for this great achievement. But on the other hand, there are those in our country who have never been in a Sunday School room, and never have attended a church of their choice, and never intend to, and they may not even have a Bible in their possession, but they are still, oddly enough, knowledgeable regarding the Ten Commandments.

It is amazing that people can occasionally quote almost verbatim something that is found in this passage, even though they have never ever looked it up in the Bible in Exodus 20. Therefore, generally speaking in our country today, there is some understanding of, or at least some familiarity with the "DECALOGUE."

Now for many people the last five commandments are about the only system of morality known, and these principles are lodged in their minds as part of their conscience, their norms and standards. But what is generally not understood is that all ten of the Commandments are a summary of God's principles pertaining to our precious freedom here in this country. Each of these command-

ments is backed up by a series of Divine laws **which were given for the protection and the happiness of both the believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, and those who are not believers in the Lord Jesus Christ.** In other words, it is for the whole human race.

Now, even though the Mosaic Law is not our MODUS OPERANDI today, the commandments have always applied to the human race in general. The DECALOGUE summarizes a system of "spiritual maturity," not one or the other, but a combination of both.

The first five commandments declare the principles of spirituality, or the possibility of relationship with God. The last five apply to man's responsibility toward his fellow man. This is also found in Romans 13:8-11.

Now to the Jews of the generation of Moses, to whom the Law was given, these things were pertinent because their's was a generation of believers. Now to subsequent generations, the commandments have become principles of morality without the concept of a relationship with God. **However, the Ten Commandments are not a set of specific detailed laws, but are the principles God has set forth for the protection of life, the protection of liberty, and the protection of property within a national entity. When a nation operates under these laws, under these Divine norms and standards, the result is individual freedom and happiness and national stability and prosperity.**

No group of people can survive as a national entity without a basic system of spirituality-morality, and where these commandments and the principles found in them are violated by a maximum number of people, that nation will be destroyed. Good-bye United States of America.

The dispersion of the Nation of Judah in 586 B.C. was the result of this very principle. For 40 years prior to their fall, the prophet Jeremiah continually warned the people of the consequences of a negative attitude towards the Word of God. Jeremiah 11 tells us that he taught the Word of God every day, **but the people were negative to his teaching and their rejection of God's provision for the protection of their freedom led to their personal and national destruction.** The people became so saturated with degeneracy that they destroyed their own souls and finally their whole nation.

Freedom in our nation is being destroyed today because the principles of spirituality-morality are being subverted by our enemies and rejected by our citizenry in general. This is a part of the satanic attack on a nation involved in a great missionary activity for the Lord. Satan knows, even if a great many believers do not know, that there must be freedom if the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, for the salvation of mankind, is to be proclaimed and the Word of God is to be communicated. A national entity under God's principles is always the object of satanic attack.

As in Jeremiah's days, Jeremiah 11:9 "And the Lord said unto me, A conspiracy is found among the men of Judah, and among the inhabitants of Jerusalem," **so in our day, the satanic attack is manifested through a conspiracy, the Communist conspiracy, which is dedicated to the total destruction of individual freedom and national sovereignty.** Yet, God, in His matchless GRACE, always continues to warn of such disaster right up to the fifth cycle of discipline, which is by means of military defeat and dispersion, found in Leviticus 26.

God did so in Judah's day during the ministry of Jeremiah, and He is doing so in our day in the United States of America. **No conspiracy can ever succeed unless the people of a nation first go negative to the Word of God** and specifically the principles laid down by God, for human freedom can be

established and preserved only when the nation follows the Lord's principles.

THE INFLUENCE OF THE DECALOGUE.

The United States of America was founded upon these principles, and although they are under severe attack in our country today, our history is a testimony of God's gracious provision. We have not only been successful as a nation, but our national entity has had a tremendous impact on history. The reason can be attributed to the fact that in the past this nation has adhered to the principles found in the Ten Commandments. In the function of a nation there are certain principles that must be followed and carefully guarded, for they are absolutely necessary for the establishment and survival of our freedom.

Here is a list of some of the ways in which the Ten Commandments have had a great influence upon our national entity:

THE CONCEPT OF PRIVACY AND PRIVATE PROPERTY.

Both of these are mentioned in specifics in the DECALOGUE and are protected by the Divine law declared in the Ten Commandments. **Any attempt to invade the privacy of the individual or the property of the individual is destructive to freedom and to the proper function of a national entity.**

Today we are experiencing a tragic breakdown in law, therefore, the protection of privacy and property is being eroded and the law is being subverted to promote socialism. The very essence of socialism is an invasion of privacy and property. Socialism, when carried to the extreme, results in the type of government which exists only in Communist countries. **It is anti-God, anti-Christian, and anti-biblical.**

You can immediately see that when a nation promotes anti-Divine principles and makes those principles a part of its legislative

laws, then socialism becomes the law of the land. **Socialism not only destroys freedom in a nation, it eventually destroys the national entity itself, for it is international in its scope and denies the principle of nationalism as designed by God.** The Word of God, the Bible, the mind of Christ, sanctions the concept of national entities for the preservation of the whole human race.

THE CONCEPT OF RIGHT-MAN, RIGHT-WOMAN.

Divine Institution numbers two and three, marriage and family, are protected by the principles of the DECALOGUE. Both of these institutions were designed by God for the protection of the Right-Man, Right-Woman relationship and for the instruction and protection of the children resulting from that relationship.

THE CONCEPT OF THE MILITARY.

One of the great objectives of the Mosaic Law is to provide a stabilized population of young men who are willing to defend not only their Right-Woman, but every Right-Woman for every Right-Man in our nation. A STRONG MILITARY IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE FREEDOM OF A NATION. The Ten Commandments provide a phenomenal basis for establishing a stabilized military organization made up of men who have an understanding of the basic concepts of authority that make military teamwork a success.

Men who have the moral courage to go out and vigorously defeat and neutralize the enemy to the point of unconditional surrender, annihilation, or both. There are some who think they know something about the Ten Commandments and say, "Well, the Bible says 'Thou shalt not kill,'" Exodus 20:13. But we shall see in our study of the sixth commandment the word for "kill" should be translated "murder," "Thou shalt not murder." Therefore it has nothing to do with military life at all. **To kill the enemy as a military representative of your country is not only**

compatible with the plan of God, but is commanded and should be done as "unto the Lord."

There is no biblical support for the position that some take of a "conscientious object." There is no biblical support for a born again believer to stay out of the military service.

It is true that our military is under attack today, and they are not what they used to be. This situation could be drastically changed if the military were made up of a preponderance of believers with the Word of God, or even unbelievers with the principles of the four Divine Institutions in their minds. Remember, the principles contained in the Ten Commandments are for both the believer and the unbeliever. **The biblical principle in fighting a war calls for the defeat of the enemy.** And that entails killing and neutralizing the enemy. Now this is the Word of God, the mind of Christ, and you never stop wars by playing games with the enemy. **You stop wars by killing the enemy.** The best illustration of that is the Second Advent of Jesus Christ.

Fighting in the military is the basic system of preserving freedom in the devil's world. In spite of man's efforts for peace, there will be warfare until the Second Advent of Jesus Christ. Matthew 24:6, "And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass. but the end is not yet." Mark 13:7, "And when ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars, be ye not troubled: for such things must needs be: but the end shall not be yet." Luke 21:9, "But when ye shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified: for these things must first come to pass: but the end is not by and by."

"There will be wars and rumors of wars until I return." You cannot stop wars by being a peacenik. **You cannot stop wars by disarmament. The only way to stop war is to be ready for war, and adequate preparation demands a strong military.** The Jews in the Old Testament had the greatest military record of any national entity of the an-

cient world, with the possible exception of the Assyrians. In fact, it was the Lord Jesus Christ, who is called the "Lord of Hosts," the Commander of the Armies, who gave the orders for the Jewish army to fight and defeat, and in some instances, to annihilate the enemy. It was through the principles which the God of Israel gave to Moses that the Jews developed that phenomenal character which is so necessary to be successful militarily. A man must have a lot of character to fight and die for his country and to do it right. Such character is built upon the principles of freedom found in the Ten Commandments. This is not to say that a lot of immoral things do not happen in war, they do. However, killing the enemy is not one of them.

THE PRINCIPLE OF THE DECALOGUE.

While the Ten Commandments were given specifically to the Jews and while they also fulfill the spiritual purpose of proving that a man is a sinner and needs a Saviour as per Galatians 3:19-25, the principles contained in these Divine Laws are designed to protect the human race from self-destruction and to perpetuate the human race during the course of the unseen conflict.

"Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made: and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator. Now a mediator is not a mediator of one, but God is one.

"Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law. But the Scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe. But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. Wherefore the Law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that

faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster," Galatians 3:19-25.

Absolute, and unchanging, they have been given to insure freedom for evangelism in every generation and to provide a framework for human happiness. Now keeping the Mosaic Law itself is not happiness. The Law merely provides a "house," as it were, where happiness can live and be sustained. The DECALOGUE was not intended as a set of prohibitions by which sin is defined. The biblical definition of sin is much greater and far more extent.

Proverbs 6:16-35, "These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto Him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief. A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

"My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother: Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck. When thou goest, it shall lead thee: when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee: and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee. For the commandment is a lamp: and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life:

To keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman. Lust not after her beauty in thine heart: neither let her take thee with her eyelids. For by means of a whorish woman a man is brought to a piece of bread: and the adulteress will hunt for the precious life. Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned? Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned? So he that goeth in to his neighbour's wife: whosoever toucheth her shall not be innocent.

"Men do not despise a thief, if he steal to satisfy his soul when he is hungry; But if he be found, he shall restore sevenfold; he shall give all the substance of his house. But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it

destroyeth his own soul. A wound and dishonour shall he get: and his reproach shall not be wiped away. For jealousy is the rage of a man: therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance. He will not regard any ransom: neither will he rest content, though thou givest many gifts."

Colossians 3:5-10, "Mortify therefore your members which are upon the Earth: fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them. But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of Him that created him."

Ephesians 5:1-6, "Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given Himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour. But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints: Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience."

In stating a set of principles of freedom, it is inevitable that certain prohibitions will parallel certain sins, for these sins are an encroachment upon freedom. Since the DECALOGUE sets up a summary of laws dealing with principles of protection, the last five commandments mention some specific forms of sin. **However, these relate not only to overt acts of sin, but to principles of sin as well.** Remember, we are dealing with

principles which when adhered to, stabilize a nation.

Now in order to understand the principles of freedom contained in the DECALOGUE, it is necessary to study them exegetically, beginning in Exodus 20:1.

Exodus 20:1, "And God spake all these words saying." **The first thing to notice is that the DECALOGUE did not come from Moses, but from the Lord.** Moses simply had the privilege of being God's spokesman. The Hebrew word "spake" indicates that these words are categorically correct, that their order is logical, and therefore, the principles involved are vital to the survival of any national entity.

Remember that these principles were given to a people who had just been set free to establish their own nation. **A stabilized nation must be preceded by stabilized souls, and the Ten Commandments were given for that very purpose.** The phrase, "God spake," establishes the Commandments as a Divine law with God as the source. In other words, the Divine Viewpoint of personal freedom. Moses began to speak the Commandments unto the people by means of first stating the source, God.

The verb "saying" in the Hebrew means "to bring to light." It was therefore God's purpose to bring to light certain standards, certain principles, which in summary provide for the protection of the human race as it is involved in an unseen conflict. The Ten Commandments were given to the Jews, not until they came out of slavery. **Therefore the Ten Commandments are for people WHO HAVE FREEDOM.** These laws of freedom were designed to keep the Jews from going back into slavery. "FREEDOM DOESN'T STAND LONG IN IDLERS' HANDS."

Jeremiah referred to the "covenant" in chapter 11, because he was God's spokesman to warn Judah of impending national disaster. The breaking of the covenant was the breaking of the DECALOGUE, God's principles for human freedom and prosperity. Had the Jews observed these command-

ments, they would have preserved their freedom, but because they ignored these principles and broke God's covenant, national disintegration resulted, and they went back into slavery in the year 586 B.C.

It is important to note that soul slavery precedes physical slavery. When a maximum number of people in a national entity are in emotional rebellion in their souls, the nation is destroyed. The emotional rebellion of the soul results from a negative attitude towards God's norms and standards. Therefore, the first principle that must be understood in this context is that the Ten Commandments are designed for a people who possess physical freedom. These Jews in context had just come out of slavery in Egypt. EVERY "THOU SHALT NOT," PROHIBITION IS A CHALLENGE TO FREE WILL OR DIVINE INSTITUTION NUMBER ONE. The exercise of your own volition.

This means that once you have physical freedom, you can, by your own free will, use or abuse your own personal freedom. If you maintain your freedom you will have inner happiness. But if you abuse your freedom, you will not only become a slave to your emotions under your emotions being in rebellion. But this will put you under physical slavery which eventually will end up in the fifth cycle of discipline whereby you will be removed from your own country and be placed in slavery in another country which is alien to you. **Therefore, the whole purpose of the Ten Commandments is to show you the principles by which the freedom of your soul can be maintained.** This individual freedom in turn provides the objectivity necessary to protect the freedom of your nation.

THE TRUE GAUGE OF FREEDOM.

The second point about the Mosaic Law which must be understood is that the DECA-LOGUE is a standard, a guide, a rule, a canon, which measures personal and national status with regard to freedom. **When these principles come under attack, the**

very foundation of freedom is undermined. It is God's way of letting people know the condition of their souls regarding the four Divine Institutions, which are free will, marriage, family, and a nation. These institutions have been designed by God for both the believer and the unbeliever, and the Ten Commandments are the provision for the protection of both, the whole human race.

Exodus 20:2, "I am the Lord Thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage."

PRINCIPLE: GOD IS THE SOURCE OF OUR FREEDOM. In the Hebrew there is no verb in this verse. The word "am" in italics has been inserted, and it is misleading. The correct declaration is, "I, the Lord thy God." God is not establishing His existence, but is establishing Himself as the Source. Since His existence is assumed, no verb is needed. And although the first commandment is given in verse 3, the principle is contained in verse 2.

The source of all freedom is God Himself, and God in His matchless GRACE sets up laws to protect freedom, laws to punish violation of freedom and laws regarding self-enslavement. Basic enslavement in human life, as taught in Romans 6, occurs in the soul, the real you, and **believers in the Lord Jesus Christ are commanded to avoid soul-enslavement.** Romans 6:13a, "Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin." Now this means being controlled by your old sin nature, and that is basic soul-enslavement. Romans 6:13b, "But yield your members as instruments of righteousness unto God."

This is basic freedom and is achieved by making the Word of God in your mind the authority of your soul. It is what goes on in the soul that determines freedom or slavery, and soul activity in turn influences the overt activities of the individual and the nation. As Theodore Roosevelt stated, "Our nation must find its soul."

There is a historical principle that is borne out in the rise and the fall of nations.

This principle is that no nation ever becomes enslaved until first a maximum number of people in that nation undergo emotional rebellion in the soul. Soul slavery always leads to physical slavery. No nation is conquered by an enemy unless destruction of individual souls occurs first. A large number of people in our country are in soul slavery today. If this soul slavery continues, it will be only a matter of time before the enemies of our country, both internal and external, destroy it and deliver our people into literally physical slavery, i.e., Siberia. **But the Word of God transferred from the Bible into our individual souls can reverse this present trend.**

Exodus 20:2, "The Lord Thy God." This is interesting because it is made up of two words, the Tetragrammaton, which we simply call JEHOVAH and the noun ELOHIM. Since the word ELOHIM refers to essence, it is in the plural. The Tetragrammaton never refers to more than one Person at a time. It could refer to God the Father, God the Son, or God the Holy Spirit. The context of the passage determines the specific reference.

The God of Israel is the Lord Jesus Christ, therefore, "I the Lord Thy God." is the Lord Jesus Christ. So Jesus Christ gave these Commandments of freedom to Moses. **The Lord Jesus Christ personally taught these Ten Commandments to Moses.** Now, later on great portions of the Mosaic Law were taught by angels. And this is found in Galatians 3:19, "Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made: AND IT WAS OBTAINED BY ANGELS IN THE HAND OF A MEDIATOR."

PRINCIPLE: NEITHER THE GOSPEL NOR EVANGELISM WAS THE ISSUE IN THIS PASSAGE because the people this was addressed to were already saved. This was spoken to believers. So the issue then is FREEDOM.

The words "have brought you out" is a Hebrew word which means that the Jews were caused to be delivered, caused to go forth, or to be delivered from slavery. Their freedom was an established fact, the principle comes out in the literal rendition. "I have caused you to go forth, out of the land of Egypt." They didn't earn their freedom. They didn't deserve their freedom. They didn't work for their freedom. **It was strictly the GRACE of God.**

Jewish freedom began at the Passover, which portrays our salvation. The blood shed by the physical death of the lamb, taught through representative analogy, the spiritual death of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world.

1 Peter 1:18, 19, "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, but with the precious blood of Christ as a lamb without blemish and without spot." Christ died spiritually when He was judged for the sins of the world. The Old Testament believer looked forward to the cross, while today we look back to the cross, **but for both, salvation was simply by faith in Christ as personal Saviour.**

The whole structure of the Ten Commandments, therefore, was designed for people who were free, who had the ability to use their own free will. This then introduces the principle of human freedom.

HUMAN FREEDOM

1. FREEDOM DEMANDS RESPONSIBILITY.

Responsibility is necessary for freedom to be maintained. The Mosaic Law connotes responsibility. In slavery, the Jews would not function as a nation. Once free from physical slavery, the Jews had the responsibility not only of exercising their freedom, but also of protecting and maintaining their freedom.

2. HUMAN FREEDOM IS A PRIMARY FACTOR IN THE RESOLVING OF THE UNSEEN CONFLICT.

Human volition, free will, must be in tact to accept Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour. Believing in Jesus Christ requires the non-meritorious function of your volition.

3. HUMAN FREEDOM GIVES OPPORTUNITY FOR A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.

Through the operation of human freedom, God in His matchless GRACE gives man the opportunity to have a relationship with Himself. This in turn gives meaning and purpose and definition to your life. All true purposes in life must be related to God. This is the principle found in the Book of Ecclesiastes and Solomon's vain pursuit apart from the Lord.

4. GOD HAS DESIGNED LAWS FOR THE PROTECTION OF FREEDOM IN THE UNSEEN CONFLICT.

Without Divine provision for the stability of the soul, **man is no match for Satan**, who is called "the god of this world." 2 Corinthians 4:4, "In whom the god of this world

hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." Without God's principles for maintaining freedom, there would be no norms or standards to guide the soul and no restraints on the old sin nature, and that would result in the old sin nature dictating to the soul and the soul would be in rebellion because of the emotions taking over.

Now, legalism is the great enemy of all of God's gracious provisions. The DECALOGUE has been distorted and abused by legalism. **Legalism is satanic in origin and is part of Satan's strategy to destroy the true purpose of the Ten Commandments.** And in this way to destroy human volition. A true understanding of the function of the DECALOGUE will free you from some of the legalistic traps and self-righteous attitudes that have existed historically during this present Church Age, not to mention all of the legalism prior to the Church Age.

5. ALL SIN, KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, INVOLVES THE ACT OF THE VOLITION.

The only way to avoid deliberately sinning is to have your volition, your free will, removed from your soul. This is impossible, unless you are an idiot.

Let's look at the problem of original sin. In the Garden the Lord Jesus Christ held a Bible class every day for one man and one woman ("Where two or more are gathered in My Name, there I am in their midst"). Subsequent events reveal that Adam understood the issue involved in God's command, "Thou shalt not eat," given in Genesis 2:17. But the woman did not know the issue. Now, after the woman sinned, as recorded in Genesis 3:13, she said, "The serpent bequiled me." So her's was an unknown sin, as it were.

The apostle Peter in 2 Peter 2:14, warns the believer of the false teachers who beguile unstable souls. Since the serpent beguiled the woman, it is evident that she had developed an unstable soul in innocence, even while under perfect conditions, with the Lord Jesus Christ teaching the Word of God. So out of a congregation or assembly of two, one was not tuned in.

Genesis 3:6, "She took of the fruit." Even though she did not understand what she was doing, her volition was involved. Adam, on the other hand, knew exactly what he was doing. The fact that both were involved in the sin is stated clearly in 1 Timothy 2:14, but there was a difference. The woman was deceived, but Adam deliberately sinned. "And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression."

How did Adam and Eve sin without an old sin nature? Well, mechanically, there was only one way: through their volition. See, free will operated in their souls, and both sinned, one knowingly, one unknowingly. But both willingly, freely.

THE PRINCIPLE. ALL SIN, KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, INVOLVES THE ACTION OF THE VOLITION. The original sin of Adam and Eve was negative volition to the Word of God. SO THEN, EVERY IMPERATIVE MOOD, EVERY COMMANDMENT, IMPLIES THE OPERATION OF YOUR FREE WILL AND/OR VOLITION.

6. VOLITION AND HUMAN FREEDOM ARE THE BASIS OF THE FUNCTION OF LOVE.

There are three categories of love:

- Category 1 love is love toward God.
- Category 2 love is love toward your Right-Man or Right-Woman.
- Category 3 love is love towards friends, etc.

The principle of category 2 love is illustrated in the relationship of Right-Man and Right-Woman. **Now the man is the aggressor**

and the initiation of love must come from his volition. A lot of men say, "I am not naturally aggressive." But since you have free will and a normal soul, you are an aggressor. All you need is that spark, that Right-Woman, and you will want to initiate, and will initiate.

By contrast, **a woman is designed for response. But the response of love must come from her volition.** True love cannot be coerced. It must be freely given. **The Right-Man must provide for the Right-Woman both freedom and privacy.** In aggression, the Right-Man protects the freedom of the Right-Woman so that she can respond freely.

Now a woman can be very aggressive in responding to her man. But that does not mean she is manly. It means that her volition has been protected, and she is free to respond. Ignorance of this principle leads some men to destroy the volition of the Right-Woman by demanding love. The enslavement of a woman's soul destroys her capacity for love.

7. HUMAN FREEDOM IS THE BASIS FOR DETERMINING HUMAN MATURITY.

Human maturity is defined as taking full responsibility for one's own decisions. God has designed the mind as the authority of the soul. The mentality of the soul contains the conscience and is the area for the norms and standards. Under emotional rebellion of the soul, the emotions rule the soul under the dictates of the old sin nature. When the emotions rule the soul, individual responsibility is lost, as is capacity for objective thinking.

8. VOLITION IS THE ISSUE IN SALVATION.

The reason volition is the determining factor is that everything else has been provided. Salvation has been provided by God the Father. John 4:34, "Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me, and to finish His work." Salvation is

revealed by God the Holy Spirit, 1 Corinthians 2:10, "But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God."

Salvation was purchased for us by the Lord Jesus Christ through His work on the cross. 1 Peter 2:24, "Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." 1 John 2:2, "And He is the propitiation for our sins: and not for our's only, but also for the sins of the whole world." 1 John 3:16, "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because He laid down His life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren."

Yet salvation is optional. Whether a person is saved or not depends on the attitude of their free will. Positive volition is simply "HE THAT BELIEVETH on the Son hath everlasting life." And negative volition is simply, "HE THAT BELIEVETH NOT the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on Him." John 3:36.

9. HUMAN FREEDOM IS PROTECTED BY GOD'S PROHIBITIONS.

"Thou shalt not." This is not a tyrannical expression of God's will, rather it has been given by God in His matchless GRACE for the protection of the freedom of our souls and the freedom of our nation.

THE FIRST COMMANDMENT

EXODUS 20:3

HERE IS WHERE LIBERTY BEGINS

“THOU SHALT HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME.”

The literal translation is, “There shall not be to you any other gods beyond Me.”

Notice the change in the translation. **What is actually being said here is that there is room for only One at the top, and that place is occupied by the God of Israel, the Lord Jesus Christ.** And this in no way distracts from the doctrine of the Trinity. Jesus Christ is the only revealed Member of the Godhead. **He is the Creator and the Saviour of the universe as well as the God of Israel.**

The protection and the proper exercise of freedom demands recognition that the God of Israel is alone at the top. The verb translated, “Thou shalt have no” literally means “There shall not be.” This then is not a “Thou shalt not” commandment, but rather, “THERE SHALL NOT BE OTHER GODS.” The reference then is to the prohibition of idolatry. **BUT THIS IS SOUL IDOLATRY.** The first commandment is dealing with idolatry in the soul, while the second commandment deals with overt idolatry.

THE PRINCIPLE: FREEDOM BEGINS IN THE SOUL.

The Jews did not suddenly decide to manufacture a calf in the desert while Moses was upon the Mount receiving the Ten Commandments from Jesus Christ. They had that calf in their minds from the day they walked out of Egypt. Now their bodies were free, but their souls were not. God freed the bodies of the Jews, but **God could not free their souls because that requires individual volition.**

“Operation golden calf” merely demonstrated the fact that the Jews of the Exodus generation had not freed themselves from

idolatry. They had idolatry in their souls. Their souls therefore were involved in emotional rebellion. **They were ruled by their own emotions instead of being ruled by the mentality of the soul where the Divine norms and standards are stored.**

The mind has been designed by God as the authority of the soul. Slavery of the soul is a part of the emotional revolt of the soul. **Such slavery is the most subtle slavery in the world. It is the result of the old sin nature dictating to the emotions, rather than the emotions being under the authority and dictates of the mind.** When the emotions, which are the appreciators of the soul, are responding to the old sin nature, it is like a woman responding to her Wrong-Man. And then as a result the soul becomes enslaved.

There are three categories of emotional rebellion in the soul:

1. Mental attitude sins, such as fear, worry, guilt reactions, etc.
2. The lust pattern, such as approbation, power, or materialism lust, etc.
3. The principle of human good, such as pseudo-brotherly love, or social action, or any combination of the three, all of which are an abomination to the Lord.

When a people go contrary to God’s establishment of the basic authority of their own souls, they will reject every authority in life, and become lawless.

THE COMPARISON BETWEEN MOSES’S GENERATION AND JEREMIAH’S GENERATION.

Here are the two great men of the Old Testament. Moses and Jeremiah showed their greatness under conditions of total ad-

versity. Their ministry was to people who were physically free, but were enslaved in their souls.

The slavery of the soul inevitably leads to the slavery of the body. The conditions that existed with the Exodus generation as they came out of slavery were similar to the conditions that existed with Jeremiah's generation as it went back into slavery.

The Jews were 40 years wandering in the desert to get into the land from 1440 to 1400 B.C. Likewise the Jews spent 40 years in Jeremiah's day getting out of the land, from 626 to 586 B.C. It took a decadent generation 40 years to get into the land, and it took a decadent generation 40 years to get out of the land. After providing physical freedom for the Jews of the Exodus generation, God offered them, through the Mosaic Law **THE BLUEPRINT FOR FREEDOM OF THEIR SOULS, THE REAL PERSON.**

However, God is a gentleman. **He does not interfere with human volition. He does provide information whereby human volition can respond and become free.** The Mosaic law was designed to free the souls of the Jews, thereby their freed souls would be compatible with their freed bodies. But it depended, of course, on their individual volition. **UNTIL THESE PRINCIPLES WERE UNDERSTOOD, THE JEWS COULD NOT ENTER THE LAND.**

Even though Moses constantly taught them the Law, the Jews of the Exodus generation never understood it as principles of freedom. And as a result, they remained in soul slavery for 40 years after their physical liberation. Their failure was in the sphere of faith in the promises of God, and their understanding of the Magna Carta of human freedom, the Ten Commandments. That is why, the reason why that generation, with the exception of Caleb and Joshua, never went into the land.

The next generation who went into the land lived in freedom as a nation through the provision of the Ten Commandments, referred to by Jeremiah as the "Covenant." But through idolatry they gradually enslaved their souls, until in Jeremiah's day, too, the Jews were free of body but enslaved of soul. **The overt manifestation of soul slavery was**

the same in both generations, idolatry. In the Exodus generation, it was revealed by "operation golden calf," and in Jeremiah's day it was revealed by "operation Baal."

Both 40 year periods were characterized by the constant pouring out of God's GRACE. In fact, both periods of time could be called era's of "an abundance of God's GRACE." But, through the constant rejection of the Word of God in Jeremiah's day, the nation returned to slavery from which the Lord had previously delivered them in His matchless GRACE.

FREEDOM COMES THROUGH THE WORD OF GOD.

The Jews were the nation of people appointed by God to receive the Gospel from Him and to transmit it to the Gentile peoples. They were His people chosen for this purpose, and in this sense, they were His possession. Now we have to keep this principle in mind when we later on encounter the passage that says, "I the Lord thy God, am a jealous God." Jealousy is a sin. God does not sin. Jealousy therefore is a reference to go in, an expression of possessiveness based upon the fact that God is free. If you are going to respond to God, you must be free to do so. **God is possessive of your freedom.**

When God says "No other gods beyond Me," God is saying, "Beyond Me there is nothing." This means that God stands with His arms open, but you have to be freed to come, as it were, into His arms. So in order to maintain freedom, the origin of it is God. This must be recognized. This principle is clearly stated in John 8:32, "AND YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH (the Word of God), AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE."

Here is the other side of the coin. These words from this verse appear on at least one building of every campus in our country. And other famous quotes around the campus always seem to cite the source, as Shakespeare, Ben Johnson, or some other person. But the source of John 8:32 is never cited. Who said it? Well, we know, and the Scripture says that Jesus Christ said it. This is the mind of Christ. He also gave the first commandment to Moses. **Knowing the Truth**

and having the soul free by the Word of God, whether it be from the slave market of sin for the unbeliever, or from the Mosaic Law for the believer, are one and the same with the commandment.

“There shall not be to you other gods beyond Me.” Now you are a citizen of the United States of America, and you are twice blessed. You have freedom of soul in what still may be called a free country. And you also have freedom of body, although this freedom is rapidly being destroyed. **You have freedom to take in the Word of God, and no matter what adversity you may face, the Word of God is your source of strength and stability. The Word of God can never be separated from the soul. Nor the soul from the Word when you are functioning daily under the principle of perception by GRACE.** No matter what happens to your body, your soul cannot be touched. Martin Luther expressed this so beautifully in that great hymn, “A Mighty Fortress,” “the body they may kill, God’s Truth abideth still.” This is the principle that the “Word of God lives and abides forever,” 1 Peter 1:23.

NO NATION EVER SURVIVED THE VIOLATION OF GOD’S PRINCIPLES. “There shall not be to you other gods beyond Me.” This is a nation’s protection against slavery.

SUMMARY OF THE FIRST COMMANDMENT:

This commandment recognizes free will and volition, which is the basis for maintaining freedom, by knowledge of the Truth. The commandments were given to the Jews only after God had freed them physically. The national entity must operate on the basis of personal freedom, which means personal privacy.

“There shall not be TO YOU.” There is your personal freedom. “TO YOU, no other gods beyond Me.” **The freedom the national entity depends upon is the freedom of all within that national entity to make the choice between God and other gods, as well as upon a maximum number making the right choice.**

“Other gods” in context indicates that there can be false gods in the minds of people, being beyond God, which are nothing. An idol is nothing.

FALSE GODS VS. THE TRUE GOD

False concepts, and actually false gods, are always created by the soul in slavery and are direct results of emotional rebellion. When the soul revolts against what God has designed for it, that soul is looking beyond God for something else. And what is there? NOTHING! If there is nothing beyond God, and people in emotional rebellion go beyond God, they go into nothing. Once they are in nothing, they must draw upon a segment of the emotions, and since the emotions do not contain knowledge, neither doctrine or character, anything that originates from the emotions in revolt is false. It is also soul slavery.

Paul in his letter to the Corinthians reiterates this concept when he declared, “We know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is none other God but one,” 1 Corinthians 8:4. Now since an idol is nothing, who tries to pick up nothing and do something with it? Well, Satan does. This is what is known as the devil’s communion table in 1 Corinthians 10:19-21. “What say I then? that the idol is any thing, or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is any thing? But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils. Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord’s table, and of the table of devils.”

This phrase “beyond Me” of Exodus 20:2 emphasizes that **when you walk past God, you have rejected Category 1 love, and therefore, you have rejected God. Mental idolatry, soulish idolatry, or soul slavery is actually unfaithfulness or rejection of Category 1 love.** This is why idolatry is called “spiritual adultery.”

The negative form of this prohibition emphasizes the same issue that was made in the original sin. It was “Thou shalt not eat.” In the first commandment it is “There shall not be to you any other gods beyond Me.”

Now freedom in the Garden depended upon observance of a negative prohibition and freedom in a national entity depends upon observing a negative prohibition. When man broke the Divine Law in the Garden, rulership of the world went to Satan and his angelic followers. **When a maximum number of people in a nation break God's Divine Laws, that nation comes under the control of satanic doctrines.**

Negative prohibitions give the opportunity for the daily exercise of free will, which is crucial to the resolving of the unseen conflict. Therefore, the first commandment is directly related to the unseen conflict. In fact, all of the commandments are, but especially the first one.

THE BASIS OF FREEDOM IN THE CHURCH AGE.

Believers in both the Jewish Age and the Church Age are set free from slavery to sin and Satan by faith in Jesus Christ as personal Saviour. Psalm 2:12, "Kiss the Son, lest He be angry and ye perish from the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in Him." John 8:36, "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." But while the Mosaic Law was the basis for living in freedom in the previous dispensation, **the basis for freedom for the believer-priest in the Church Age is the indwelling of God the Holy Spirit**, which is unique to this dispensation.

Three verses bring out this principle:

1. Galatians 5:1, "Stand fast therefore in the liberty (literally freedom) wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." Interesting enough, "the yoke of bondage" includes the Mosaic Law. How is the Law converted to bondage? **Through legalism.** The Law was given in GRACE, but legalism converts GRACE into something which was not intended. **Legalism therefore makes the Law a system of works for salvation rather than a principle of freedom.**

2. Galatians 3:1-6, "O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the Truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you? This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the Law, or by the hearing of faith? Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh? Have ye suffered so many things in vain? if it be yet in vain. He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, doeth he it by the works of the Law, or by the hearing of faith? Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness."

Compare Galatians 5:1 with Galatians 3:1-6. Verse 2, "Received ye the Holy Spirit by the works of the Law?" Of course you didn't, says Paul. Now, compare this with that fantastic passage in Romans 8:1-4, which is the Magna Carta of the believer in this dispensation. "There is therefore now no condemnation (literally judgment) to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. FOR THE LAW OF THE SPIRIT OF LIFE IN CHRIST JESUS HATH MADE ME FREE FROM THE LAW OF SIN AND DEATH. For what the Law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh (the old sin nature), God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for a sin offering, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness demanded by the Law (is freedom righteousness) might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after (according to) the flesh, but after (according to) the Spirit."

Now we have been given, as believer-priests in the Church Age, the ministry of God the Holy Spirit to fulfill the Law. When I say the Law is fulfilled, I do not mean keeping six commandments out of ten, or keeping all ten. I am talking about THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN PROVIDING FREEDOM. Since the first two commandments have to do with the prohibition of mental idolatry, or soul slavery, let us examine carefully and categorically the doctrine of idolatry, taking in pertinent aspects of the subject given us in other passages of the Word of God.

THE DOCTRINE OF IDOLATRY

1. IDOLATRY, MENTAL OR OVERT, IS FORBIDDEN.

Exodus 20:3, 4, "Thou shalt have no other gods beyond Me. 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." Exodus 23:24, "Thou shalt not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor do after their works: but thou shalt utterly overthrow them, and quite break down their images," Deuteronomy 4:28, 5:7, 6:14, 7:16, 8:19, "And there ye shall serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell." "Thou shalt have none other gods beyond me." "Ye shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the people which are round about you." "And thou shalt consume all the people which the Lord thy God shall deliver thee: thine eye shall have no pity upon them; neither shalt thou serve their gods; for that will be a snare unto thee." "And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the Lord thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish."

2. IDOLATRY IS AN ATTACK UPON CATEGORY 1 LOVE, OR A REJECTION OF CATEGORY 1 LOVE AND SUBSTITUTES IT FOR THE WORSHIP OF "THINGS," "NOTHINGS," OTHER GODS.

Jeremiah 3:8-10, "And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also. And it came to pass through the lightness of her whoredom, that she defiled the land, and committed adultery with stones and with stocks. And yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah hath not turned unto Me with her whole heart, but feignedly, saith the Lord."

Ezekiel 16:23-43, "And it came to pass after all thy wickedness, (woe, woe unto thee! saith the Lord God:) That thou hast also built unto thee an eminent place, and hast made thee an high place in every street. Thou hast built thy high place at every head of the way, and hast made thy beauty to be

abhorred, and hast opened thy feet to every one that passed by, and multiplied thy whoredoms.

"Thou hast also committed fornication with the Egyptians thy neighbors, great of flesh; and hast increased thy whoredoms, to provoke Me to anger. Behold, therefore I have stretched out My hand over thee, and have diminished thine ordinary food, and delivered thee unto the will of them that hate thee, the daughters of the Philistines, which are ashamed of thy lewd way.

"Thou hast played the whore also with the Assyrians, because thou wast unsatiable; yea, thou hast played the harlot with them, and yet couldest not be satisfied. Thou hast moreover multiplied thy fornication in the land of Canaan unto Chaldea; and yet thou wast not satisfied herewith. How weak is thine heart, saith the Lord God, seeing thou doest all these things, the work of an imperious whorish woman: In that thou buildest thine eminent place in the head of every way, and makest thine high place in every street; and hast not been as an harlot, in that thou scornest hire: But as a wife that committeth adultery, which taketh strangers instead of her husband! They give gifts to all whores; but thou givest thy gifts to all thy lovers, and hirest them, that they may come unto thee on every side for thy whoredom. And the contrary is in thee from other women in thy whoredoms, whereas none followeth thee to commit whoredoms; and in that thou givest a reward, and no reward is given unto thee, therefore thou art contrary.

"Wherefore, O harlot, hear the Word of the Lord: Thus saith the Lord God: Because thy filthiness was poured out, and thy nakedness discovered through thy whoredoms with thy lovers, and with all the idols of thy abominations, and by the blood of thy children, which thou didst give unto them; Behold, therefore I will gather all thy lovers, with whom thou hast taken pleasure, and all them that thou hast loved, with all them that thou hast hated: I will even gather them round about against thee, and will discover thy nakedness unto them, that they may see all thy nakedness. And I will judge thee, as women that break wedlock and shed blood are judged; and I will give thee blood in fury and jealousy.

“And I will also give thee into their hand, and they shall throw down thine eminent place, and shall break down thy high places: they shall strip thee also of thy clothes, and shall take thy fair jewels, and leave thee naked and bare. They shall also bring up a company against thee, and they shall stone thee with stones, and thrust thee through with their swords. And they shall burn thine houses with fire, and execute judgments upon thee in the sight of many women: and I will cause thee to cease from playing the harlot, and thou also shalt give no hire any more. So will I make My fury toward thee to rest, and My jealousy shall depart from thee, and I will be quiet, and will be no more angry.”

“Because thou hast not remembered the days of thy youth, but hast fretted Me in all these things; behold, therefore I also will recompense thy way upon thine head, saith the Lord God: and thou shalt not commit this lewdness above all thine abominations.”

Ezekiel 23:24-28, “And they shall come against thee with chariots, wagons, and wheels, and with an assembly of people, which shall set against thee buckler and shield and helmet round about; and I will set judgment before them, and they shall judge thee according to their judgments. And I will set My jealousy against thee, and they shall deal furiously with thee: they shall take away thy nose and thine ears; and thy remnant shall fall by the sword: they shall take thy sons and thy daughters; and thy residue shall be devoured by fire. They shall also strip thee out of thy clothes, and take away thy fair jewels. Thus will I make thy lewdness to cease from thee, and thy whoredom brought from the land of Egypt: so that thou shalt not lift up thine eyes unto them, nor remember Egypt any more. For thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will deliver thee into the hand of them whom thou hatest, into the hand of them from whom thy mind is alienated.”

Revelation 17:1-5, “And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgments of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: with whom the kings of the Earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the Earth have been made drunk

with the wine of her fornication. So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet colored beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet color, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.”

3. SOUL SLAVERY, OR MENTAL IDOLATRY, PRECEDES THE OVERT PRACTICE OF IDOLATRY.

The practice of overt idolatry does not occur unless first there is soul slavery.

Exodus 20:3, 4, “Thou shalt have no other gods beyond Me. 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.” Judges 2:10-13, “And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers: and there arose another generation after them, which knew not the Lord, nor yet the works which He had done for Israel. And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord, and served Baalim: And they forsook the Lord God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, or the gods of the people that were round about them, and bowed themselves unto them, and provoked the Lord to anger. And they forsook the Lord, and served Baal and Ashtaroth.”

Ezekiel 14:7, “For everyone of the house of Israel: or of the stranger that sojourneth in Israel, which separateth himself from Me, and setteth up his idols in his heart, and putteth the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to a prophet to enquire of him concerning Me; I the Lord will answer him by Myself.”

4. IDOLATRY ALSO RESULTS FROM REJECTION OF CHRIST AS SAVIOUR.

This produces calluses on the soul and causes the emotions to rebel in the soul.

Romans 1:18-25, “For the wrath of God is revealed from Heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them: for God hath showed it unto them. For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the Truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.”

5. DEMONS, FALLEN ANGELS, OPERATE THROUGH IDOLS AND IDOLATRY.

Zechariah 10:2, “For the idols have spoken vanity, and the diviners have seen a lie, and have told false dreams: they comfort in vain: therefore they went their way as a flock, they were troubled, because there was no shepherd.”

6. THEREFORE, IDOLATRY IS THE DEVIL’S COMMUNION TABLE.

1 Corinthians 10:19-21, “What say I then? that the idol is any thing, or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is any thing? But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils. Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord’s table, and of the table of devils.”

7. SINCE IDOLATRY IS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REBELLION OF THE

EMOTIONS IN THE SOUL, IT PRODUCES A PSYCHOTIC CONDITION.

The fear psychosis of idolatry is declared in Jeremiah 50:38. “A drought is upon her waters; and they shall be dried up: for it is the land of graven images, and they are mad upon their idols.”

8. IDOLATRY GOES HAND IN HAND WITH THE SEXUAL SINS OF THE PHALLIC CULT.

It separates Right-Man from Right-Woman, as it did with Jeremiah. Jeremiah’s Right-Woman was in soul slavery, while Jeremiah had a free soul. **Therefore God commanded him to forget about her and to have nothing more to do with her.** She had gone to the Baal sanctuaries and had involved herself in indiscriminate sex acts, which are a part of the Phallic cult.

Ezekiel 22:3-19, “Then say thou, Thus saith the Lord God, The city sheddeth blood in the midst of it, that her time may come, and maketh idols against herself to defile herself. Thou art become guilty in thy blood that thou hast shed; and hast defiled thyself in thine idols which thou hast made; and thou hast caused thy days to draw near, and art come even unto thy years: therefore have I made thee a reproach unto the heathen, and a mocking to all countries.

“Those that be near, and those that be far from thee, shall mock thee, which art infamous and much vexed. Behold, the princes of Israel, every one were in thee to their power to shed blood. In thee have they set light by father and mother: in the midst of thee have they dealt by oppression with the stranger: in thee have they vexed the fatherless and the widow. Thou hast despised Mine holy things, and hast profaned My sabbaths. In thee are men that carry tales to shed blood: and in thee they eat upon the mountains: in the midst of thee they commit lewdness. In thee have they discovered their fathers’ nakedness: in thee have they humbled her that was set apart for pollution. And one hath committed abomination with his neighbor’s wife: and another hath lewdly defiled his daughter in law: and another in thee hath humbled his sister, his father’s daughter.

"In thee have they taken gifts to shed blood; thou hast taken usury and increase, and thou hast greedily gained of thy neighbors by extortion, and hast forgotten Me, saith the Lord God. Behold, therefore I have smitten Mine hand at thy dishonest gain which thou hast made, and at thy blood which hath been in the midst of thee. Can thine heart endure, or can thine hands be strong, in the days that I shall deal with thee? I the Lord have spoken it, and will do it. And I will scatter thee among the heathen, and disperse thee in the countries, and will consume thy filthiness out of thee. And thou shalt take thine inheritance in thyself in the sight of the heathen, and thou shalt know that I am the Lord. And the Word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, the house of Israel is to me become dross: all they are brass, and tin, and iron, and lead, in the midst of the furnace: they are even the dross of silver. Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Because ye are all become dross, behold, therefore I will gather you into the midst of Jerusalem."

Ezekiel 23:37-49, "That they have committed adultery, and blood is in their hands, and with their idols have they committed adultery, and have also caused their sons, whom they bare unto me, to pass for them through the fire, to devour them,

"Moreover this they have done unto Me: they have defiled My sanctuary in the same day, and have profaned My sabbaths. For when they had slain their children to their idols, then they came the same day into my sanctuary to profane it; and, lo, thus have they done in the midst of Mine house, and furthermore, that ye have sent for men to come from far, unto whom a messenger was sent; and, lo, they came: for whom thou didst wash thyself, paintedst thy eyes, and deckedst thyself with ornaments, And satest upon a stately bed, and a table prepared before it, whereupon thou hast set Mine incense and Mine oil,

"And a voice of a multitude being at ease was with her: and with the men of the common sort were brought Sabeans from the wilderness, which put bracelets upon their hands, and beautiful crowns upon their heads. Then said I unto her that was old in adulteries, Will they now commit whoredoms with her, and she with them? Yet they went

in unto her, as they go in unto a woman that playeth the harlot: so went they in unto Aholah and unto Aholibah, the lewd women,

"And the righteous men, they shall judge them after the manner of adulteresses, and after the manner of women that shed blood; because they are adulteresses, and blood is in their hands. For thus saith the Lord God; I will bring up a company upon them, and will give them to be removed and spoiled. And the company shall stone them with stones, and dispatch them with their swords: they shall slay their sons and their daughters, and burn up their houses with fire. Thus will I cause lewdness to cease out of the land, that all women may be taught not to do after your lewdness. And they shall recompense your lewdness upon you, and ye shall bear the sins of your idols; and ye shall know that I am the Lord God."

And many passages in Jeremiah. Also 1 Corinthians 6:9, "Knew ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind."

9. IDOLATRY CAUSES BOTH NATIONAL DISINTEGRATION AND NATIONAL JUDGMENT.

Isaiah 2:8, 18-20, "Their land also is full of idols; they worship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made." "And the idols he shall utterly abolish. And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the Earth, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of His majesty, when He ariseth to shake terribly the Earth. In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made each one for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats."

Isaiah 21:9, 36:18-20, "And, behold, here cometh a chariot of men, with a couple of horsemen. And he answered and said, Babylon is fallen, is fallen; and all the graven images of her gods he hath broken unto the ground." "Beware lest Hezekiah persuade you, saying, The Lord will deliver us. Hath any of the gods of the nations delivered His land out of the hand of the king of Assyria? Where are the gods of Hammath and Ar-

phad? where are the gods of Sepharvaim? and have they delivered Samaria out of my hand? Who are they among all the gods of these lands, that have delivered their land out of my hand, that the Lord should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand?"

Isaiah 37:12-19, "Have the gods of the nations delivered them which my fathers have destroyed, as Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and the children of Eden which were in Telassar? Where is the king of Hamath, and the king of Arphad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah? And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it; and Hezekiah went up unto the house of the Lord, and spread it before the Lord. And Hezekiah prayed unto the Lord, saying, O Lord of hosts, God of Israel, that dwellest between the cherubims, Thou art the God, even Thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the Earth: Thou hast made Heaven and Earth. Incline Thine ear, O Lord and hear; open Thine eyes, O Lord, and see; and hear all the words of Sennacherib, which hath sent to reproach the living God. Of a truth, Lord, the kings of Assyria have laid waste all the nations, and their countries. And have cast their gods into the fire: for they were no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone: therefore they have destroyed them."

Jeremiah 2:27-30, "Saying to a stock, Thou art my father; and to a stone, Thou hast brought me forth: for they have turned their back unto Me, and not their face: but in the time of their trouble they will say, Arise, and save us. But where are thy gods that thou hast made thee? let them arise, if they can save thee in the time of thy trouble: for according to the number of thy cities are thy gods, O Judah. Wherefore will ye plead with Me? ye all have transgressed against Me, saith the Lord. In vain have I smitten your children: they received no correction: your own sword hath devoured your prophets, like a destroying lion."

Jeremiah 3:6-11, "The Lord said also unto me in the days of Josiah the king, Hast thou seen that which backsliding Israel hath done? she is gone up upon every high mountain and under every green tree, and there hath played the harlot. And I said after she had done all these things, Turn thou unto

Me. But she returned not. And her treacherous sister Judah saw it. And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also. And it came to pass through the lightness of her whoredom, that she defiled the land, and committed adultery with stones and with stocks. And yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah hath not turned unto Me with her whole heart, but feignedly, saith the Lord. And the Lord said unto me, The backsliding Israel hath justified herself more than treacherous Judah."

Jeremiah 7:17-20, "Be not a terror unto me: thou art my hope in the day of evil. Let them be confounded that persecute me, but let not me be confounded; let them be dismayed, but let not me be dismayed: bring upon them the day of evil, and destroy them with double destruction. Thus saith the Lord unto me; Go and stand in the gate of the children of the people, whereby the kings of Judah come in, and by the which they go out, and in all the gates of Jerusalem; And say unto them, Hear ye the Word of the Lord, ye kings of Judah, and all Judah, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, that enter in by these gates,"

Ezekiel 6:4-6, "And your altars shall be desolate, and your images shall be broken; and I will cast down your slain men before your idols, and I will lay the dead carcasses of the children of Israel before their idols; and I will scatter your bones round about your altars. In all your dwellingplaces the cities shall be laid waste, and the high places shall be desolate; that your altars may be laid waste and made desolate, and your idols may be broken and cease, and your images may be cut down, and your works may be abolished."

Freedom of the soul is lost first. Then follows the loss of the freedom of the body.

HERE IS THE PATTERN:

The unbeliever hears the Gospel and rejects Jesus Christ as personal Saviour. The believer hears the Word of God, but rejects God's provision for him in time. In both cases calluses begin to form on the

soul and a vacuum is formed into which false doctrine is drawn. The result is emotional rebellion in the soul and soul slavery. The Phallic cult is just one overt expressions of this.

Negative volition develops toward Right-Man, Right-Woman. God has designed one Right-Man for one Right-Woman. And the relationship was designed to bring great happiness. The soul in slavery has moved "beyond God" and is therefore not interested in God's design for Right-Man, Right-Woman.

This was the case with Jeremiah's Right-Woman. She rejected Jeremiah and went into the mountain to the palaces beneath the green trees where in the name of Baal, she and many others practiced all kinds of sex

perversions. She rejected Category 1 love as well as Category 2 love, therefore she rejected the only man who could fulfill her. **On the other side of Category 1 and Category 2 love there is nothing.** Therefore, in her futile search for happiness, she tried to fill this "nothingness" with dope, drinks, and all manner of sublimation in order to stand up under the group sex and other perverted practices.

When you walk out "beyond the Lord," you may be walking out on your Right-Man or Right-Woman, your right church, your right country, every thing, even your right money, and your right material things, into "nothingness" and self-induced misery.

THE SECOND COMMANDMENT

EXODUS 20:4-6

“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: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate Me: AND SHOWING MERCY UNTO THOUSANDS OF THEM THAT LOVE ME, AND KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS.”

THE PATTERN OF SLAVERY.

This is a rather long passage and it deals with some very important doctrine. In verse 4, “Make” means to construct something out of something. Literally, to make something out of existing materials. In this case, reference would be to the manufacturing of idols out of such materials as wood, metal and stone. “Graven” indicates that the materials used were formed into something of one of the types now mentioned.

“Likeness of anything which is in Heaven above or that is in the Earth beneath, or that is in the water under the Earth.” The various graven images under the expression “any likeness” category would include many things such as angels, birds, snakes, fish, people, and often in combinations thereof.

This Philistines, for example, worshiped a fish-god called Dagon, which they carved into a form that was half fish and half human. Also, every ancient people involved in the practice of idolatry worshiped the female form. They called this form anything from Venus and Sphodite, to Ishtar and Ashtharoth, which is the name mentioned in the Old Testament.

In verse 5 the verb “to bow down” is reflexive, and the concept being that you do this to yourself. You practice idolatry because your soul is in slavery. And the volition of your soul is acting in obedience to your soul

slavery. When free will operates to a pattern of slavery, and in this pattern, you actually bow down to a carved form that either you yourself or some other person, perhaps of inferior intellect, has carved out for that purpose. The idiocy of this is the slavery of it. **By bowing yourself down of your own free will, you have enslaved yourself.**

The next phrase says “nor serve them.” This verb is in the passive voice, meaning to be caused to be enslaved, or to receive enslavement.

THE PRINCIPLE: **When people, by their own free will, practice idolatry, their body becomes subservient to an enslaved soul.** Enslavement of the soul leads to the enslavement of the body. That is why a degenerate or an emotionally enslaved people, such as those in Jeremiah’s day, always, invariably, without exception, had some form of overt manifestation of their soul slavery. **In our so-called sophisticated society, our idols are sometimes a little more difficult to recognize, but of course, we still have them.**

GOD’S POSSESSIVENESS.

Our passage continues with these words. “For I am the Lord Thy God, am a jealous God.” The word “jealous” in the Hebrew means “to permit no rival.” Now this word has two connotations. One: The well known attitude of mental attitude sin of jealousy. Two: A reference to a proper possessiveness. Here, of course, it refers to the Lord’s proper possessiveness.

God’s possessiveness is based on the fact that He has purchased every believer out of the slave market of sin. With the exception of Christ, all men are born into the slave market of sin, or into slavery, because all men are born with an old sin nature. Romans 5:12, “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and

so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned."

The one exception is the Lord Jesus Christ, who was born free, without an old sin nature. This is the virgin birth of Christ emphasized. And as a free man He was qualified to purchase our freedom. He did so by paying for our sins on the cross. Galatians 3:13, "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the Law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree."

We are born physically, the first time, into slavery, but by believing in Christ we are born again, into freedom. John 8:36, "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

THE BELIEVER IN THE CHURCH AGE IS GOD'S POSSESSION. In the Church Age, one of the many assets you receive at the point of salvation is union with Christ. And that union is eternal. **Christianity is based on a relationship.** As believers, each of us are one with Christ. John 14:20, "At that day ye shall know that I am in My Father, and ye in Me, and I in you." Ephesians 2:6, "And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." And therefore Christ possesses us. In fact, we are said to be His possessions in Ephesians 1:14, "Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of His glory."

That connotes the exclusiveness of Category 1 love. But the fact that God loves us with a perfect love does not in any way guarantee our response. Since Category 1 love is exclusive, GRACE demands maximum capacity for love response. **The capacity to love comes through the principle of GRACE. And this is accomplished through the Bible being taught and taken in and understood by means of the filling of the Holy Spirit. We should be thankful for God's possessiveness, for it includes His faithfulness, which is the provision of the Word and happiness for all believers.**

But it is impossible to respond to God's love when under soul slavery. You cannot bow down to idols and at the same time respond to God's love.

EXODUS 20:5, JUDGMENT OF NEGATIVE VOLITION TO THE WORD OF GOD.

Now here God states a principle with His possessiveness. "Visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate Me." In order to understand this principle, it is necessary to look first at the last four words in this verse. "Them that hate Me." **Soul slavery causes the believer to hate God.** The word "hate" is used by God for negative volition to Him and His Word. **Rejection of God's love is negative volition to the Word of God.** Although God loves us with a perfect love, He will not violate the volition of the individual. However He states very clearly in His Word that such negative volition, "iniquity," will be visited upon the third and fourth generation.

The word "visiting" indicates a Divine law and really means to punish. Punishing the iniquity of the fathers upon the children down to the third and fourth generations.

But note the qualifying phrase, "of them that hate Me." The Hebrew word here for "hate" indicates that a father hates, then his son hates, and so on down the line, to the third and fourth generation. Each generation does its own hating. In other words, a father's hate does not cause the fourth generation to be punished. Each generation must do its own hating. Deuteronomy 24:16, "The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, neither shall the children be put to death for the fathers: every man shall be put to death for his own sin."

What this passage is saying is that the **negative volition never goes past four generations, or the human race would wipe itself out.** If you have four generations of negative volition, there is going to be a break. Now, because of such general confusion on this point, let's look at the four generation curse categorically.

THE FOUR GENERATION CURSE

1. This doctrine is directly stated in the Ten Commandments. Exodus 20:4-6, "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: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate Me; And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love Me, and keep My commandments.” And in Deuteronomy 5:8-10, “Thou shalt not make thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in Heaven above, or that is in the waters beneath the Earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate Me. And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love Me and keep My commandments.”

2. The four generation curse occurred as a part of the rejection of God's GRACE.

Exodus 34:6, 7, “And the Lord passed by before him, and proclaimed, The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and Truth, Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty: visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation.” Numbers 14:18, “The Lord is longsuffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation.”

You will never have the four generation curse where people respond to the GRACE of God.

3. The mechanics of the four generation curse are given in Proverbs 30:11-17.

“THERE IS A GENERATION that curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother. THERE IS A GENERATION that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness. THERE IS A GENERATION, O how lofty are their eyes! and their eyelids are lifted up. THERE IS A GENERATION, whose teeth are as swords, and their jaw teeth as knives, to devour the poor from off the Earth, and the needy from among men,

The horseleach hath two daughters, crying, Give, give. There are three things that are never satisfied, yea, four things say not. It is enough. The grave; and the barren womb; the Earth that is not filled with water; and the fire that saith not, It is enough. The eye that mocketh at his father, and despiseth to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it.”

4. The four generation curse cannot be understood apart from the law of culpability. Deuteronomy 24:16, “The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, neither shall the children be put to death for the fathers; every man shall be put to death for his own sin.” Jeremiah 31:29, 30, “In those days they shall say no more, The fathers have eaten a sour grape, and the children's teeth are set on edge. But every one shall die for his own iniquity: every man that eateth the sour grape, his teeth shall be set on edge.”

This law simply states that children are not responsible for their parents' sins without culpability of their own.

5. The principle of God's fairness to children is given in Deuteronomy 21:15-17. “If a man have two wives, one beloved, and another hated, and they have born him children, both the beloved and the hated; and if the firstborn son be her's that was hated: Then it shall be, when he maketh his sons to inherit that which he hath, that he may not make the son of the beloved firstborn before the son of the hated, which is indeed the firstborn: But he shall acknowledge the son of the hated for the firstborn, by giving him a double portion of all that he hath: for he is the beginning of his strength; the right of the firstborn is his.”

It is incompatible with God's character for Him to be unfair. God is sovereign, righteousness, justice, love, eternal life, omniscient, omnipotent, omnipresent, immutability and veracity. **It is impossible for a righteous and just God to be anything other than His essence, immutability and veracity adds up to fairness.**

6. A principle existed in the Old Testament times which is not in effect during the present Church Age. Namely, **maximum discipline for a negative or a rebellious**

son. There were some teenagers in the Old Testament who would never accept authority and were permanently in a state of rebellion. They were put on trial, and if they were convicted, they were executed, capital punishment was used. They were a part of a revolution, and all revolutions are never condoned by God. The war we fought to establish America as a free, independent nation was a war for independence and WAS NOT based on revolutionary principles. It was not the Revolutionary War. It was a war for freedom.

7. The Word of God breaks the four generation curse. Deuteronomy 6:4-13, "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: 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. And it shall be, when the Lord thy God shall have brought thee into the land which He swore unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give thee great and goodly cities, which thou buildedst not, And houses full of all good things, which thou filledst not, and wells digged, which thou diggedst not, vineyards and olive trees, which thou plantedst not: when thou shalt have eaten and be full: Then beware lest thou forget the Lord, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God, and serve Him, and shalt swear by His Name."

Verse 4, "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God (ELOHIM) is one Lord (JEHOVAH)." ELOHIM is plural, indicating that the Jews believed in the Trinity. The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit all are co-equal and co-eternal, possessing the same essence. When all Three are mentioned together the word "ELOHIM," or God, is used. When one Person specifically is mentioned, the word "JEHOVAH," Lord, is used."

"The Lord our God is one Lord" refers to the Lord Jesus Christ, the God of Israel. There is only one God, One Lord in the sense of the King or the Ruler of Israel.

Verse 6, "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart." The heart refers to the mentality of the soul, which is the authority of the soul. Literally, "with all thy soul." **You cannot love God with your soul until the commander of the soul loves, because it is the mind that contains the Word and all that is necessary for the capacity to love.**

"And with all thy might." Literally, "all thy excess." This is the Word of God producing to the maximum capacity in the life. "And these words I command thee this day, shall be"... where? In your emotions? NO! The emotions do not contain the Word. "These words shall be in your mind," verse 6.

Verse 7, "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." **The intake of the Word of God should be part of your daily routine at home.**

Verse 8, "And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes." Carried around the head, they just pulled it out, unrolled it, and read it. It was the original Jewish training aid.

Verse 9, "And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates." A place where everyone could meet, see, and talk about it. And think about it. This is one of several passages that shows how the Word of God breaks the four generation curse. Others: Deuteronomy 7:9, "Know therefore that the Lord thy God, He is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love Him and keep His commandments to a thousand generations." Psalm 100:5, "For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting: and His Truth endureth to all generations." Jeremiah 31:15, 16, "Thus saith the Lord; A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping: Rahel weeping for her children refused to be comforted for her children, because they were not. Thus saith the Lord: Refrain thy voice from

weeping, and thine eyes from tears: for thy work shall be rewarded, saith the Lord; and they shall come again from the land of the enemy."

8. In the Millennium maximum knowledge of the Word breaks the four generation curse, Jeremiah 31:29-34. "In those days they shall say no more, The fathers have eaten a sour grape, and the children's teeth are set on edge. But every one shall die for his own iniquity: every man that eateth the sour grape, his teeth shall be set on edge. Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt: which My covenant they brake, although I was an Husband unto them, saith the Lord: But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel: After those days, saith the Lord, I will put My law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts: and will be their God, and they shall be My people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for they shall all know Me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

In this passage Jeremiah looks ahead to the Second Advent of Jesus Christ, at which time the four generation curse will be broken under the New Covenant to Israel. THE PERSONAL REIGN OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST ON EARTH WILL GIVE THE WORLD THE GREATEST FREEDOM IT HAS EVER KNOWN.

9. In the time of Jeremiah the four generation curse on idolatry reached its peak, and the fifth cycle of discipline was

administered by God. Jeremiah 16:10-13, "And it shall come to pass, when thou shalt shew this people all these words, and they shall say unto thee, Wherefore hath the Lord pronounced all this great evil against us? or what is our iniquity? or what is our sin that we have committed against the Lord our God? Then shalt thou say unto them, Because your fathers have forsaken Me, saith the Lord, and have walked after other gods, and have served them, and have worshiped them, and have forsaken Me, and have not kept My law."

Exodus 20:6, continuing with the second commandment.

THE MANUFACTURE OF GRACE. We see the GRACE of God toward those who break away. "Showing mercy unto thousands of them that love Me and keep My commandments." The word "showing" does not mean to show. But what it does say is MANUFACTURE something out of something else. In this passage it means to manufacture GRACE out of the character of God. The Hebrew word here is actually not "mercy," but GRACE. Literally, "MANUFACTURING GRACE UNTO THOUSANDS OF THEM THAT LOVE ME." The word "love" is the basic word for love, but here it refers to the constant presence and reception of the Word of God into the mind. The word "keep" is literally translated "to guard," to guard something that is important that belongs to you.

Therefore this portion of Scripture should be read this way. "Manufacturing GRACE unto thousands of them that keep on loving Me, and keep on guarding My commandments." How do we guard God's commandments? By a system of morality? NO! You guard them through the continuous intake of the Word of God as you establish your mind as the authority of your soul for life.

THE THIRD COMMANDMENT

EXODUS 20:7

We shall look at this commandment as it stands in the English and then examine it exegetically from the original Hebrew language. “Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain, for the Lord thy God will not hold Him guiltless that taketh His Name in vain.”

Now to begin with, the more accurate translation should be read. “You should not lift up” not “thou shalt not take.” The lifting up implies purpose, as of the lifting up the sins of the world upon Christ on the cross. In the present, it is used for the lifting up of the voice against God. The Hebrew word for “vain” or “in vain” means for worthlessness or wickedness, or for an evil purpose. **This includes false testimony in the Name of the Lord in a court of law or in any phase of life.**

So this commandment then does not have anything to do with exclamation and it covers far more than just mere profanity. It is claiming God as one’s own witness that what one says is true, when in fact, it is not. **This prohibition involves using the Name of God to cover a lie.** Such as some

say, “May God strike me dead,” or “God is my witness,” or “So help me God.” **It also covers the attachment of God’s Name to some project or action that someone would like to see undertaken or adopted by claiming, “It is God’s will.”**

Now the understanding of this principle involved in this commandment contributes greatly to the preservation of human freedom. It is designed to keep people free from being falsely accused or convicted, or erroneously coerced into some action by bringing God’s Name in. God’s Name is rightly and legitimately used in prayer. And in praise, and in thanksgiving, and this is a love response toward God on the part of the believer in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Now in the phrase “The Lord will not hold him guiltless,” the verb “guiltless” is actually “to acquit,” the Lord will not acquit him that takes His Name in vain. Now in the framework of the DECALOGUE, **this indicates when a maximum number of people in a national entity habitually take the Name of the Lord in vain, national disintegration follows.**

THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT

EXODUS 20:8-11

“Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the Lord made heaven and Earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.”

The fourth commandment dealing with the Sabbath, has been the basis for the creation of great confusion and false doctrinal ideology, both in the Jewish Age and in our present Church Age. The first thing that must be settled is the fact that the Sabbath, which literally means “rest,” or “cessation,” is Saturday. It is the seventh day of the week, while Sunday is the first day of the week.

How then, you may ask, did we come to worship on Sunday? The first day of the week was resurrection day. The day the Church began, Pentecost, which was 50 days later. That was on a Sunday. The Bible also tells us to assemble together for worship on the first day of the week. Acts 20:7, “And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.” 1 Corinthians 16:2, “Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.” Colossians 2:16, 17, “Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holy day, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.”

The fourth commandment reads, “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy,” Exodus 20:8. “Remember” connotes exercise

of the mind, the memory center. **This is a thinking verb, not an action verb, or a doing verb. On the Sabbath day the Jews were instructed to “manufacture GRACE” and GRACE orientation by calling on the Word of God in their memory center and keeping it as a frame of reference.**

The object of the verb “remember” is the Sabbath day. And as already noted, the word “sabbath” means rest. The phrase, “to keep it holy” means to set it apart. They were commanded to set aside Saturday, the seventh day, in order to do something they didn’t do any other day, and that is “rest.” **The principle in view here is that freedom demands rest and meditation.** You cannot have freedom when you stop thinking. Therefore the Sabbath days were days for physical resting and mental thinking.

THE SABBATH, THE REST

THE SABBATH TEACHES THE GRACE OF GOD. Genesis 2:2, 3, “And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had made; and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it He had rested from all His work which God created and made.” The original creation of the Earth was instantaneous at a point in eternity past. Genesis 1:1, “In the beginning God created the heaven and the Earth.”

The Creator was the Lord Jesus Christ. John 1:3, “All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made.” Colossians 1:16, “For by Him were all things created, that are in Heaven, and that are in Earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him.” Because of the angelic conflict the original Earth became “without

form and void.” The Earth was restored by God the Holy Spirit, Genesis 1:2, but Jesus Christ did the creating. “And the Earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.”

ON THE SEVENTH DAY GOD RESTED. Having done everything, having provided everything that was needed for man, God rested. Did God rest because He was tired? NO! HE RESTED BECAUSE THERE WAS NOTHING LEFT TO BE DONE FOR MAN. Since man had received everything by GRACE in only six days, and nothing could be added to it, God rested on the seventh day as to commemorate the GRACE principle.

The Sabbath was to be observed by the Jews to remind them they too, had received everything by God’s GRACE. Observance of the Sabbath was designed to teach the principle of GRACE orientation in a day when the canon of Scripture was not yet complete.

THERE ARE TWO SABBATHS FOR THE BELIEVER.

The first of these is the “temporal sabbath” and pertains to the believer’s life on this Earth. **It refers to faith in the promises of God and resting in them**, spoken of in Hebrews 3:11, and the **moment by moment sabbath, or rest**, of Hebrews 4:1-7.

Since individual Old Testament believers were only rarely and for special functions indwelt by God the Holy Spirit, **the faith in the promises of God and resting in them was the basis for Old Testament spirituality**, as per Hebrews 11. They were to rest on the promises of God, claiming them, along with categories of doctrines and Divine principles as given to them in Scripture.

In the Church Age every believer is indwelt by God the Holy Spirit from the moment of salvation, and the filling of God the Holy Spirit is the basis for spirituality in this dispensation. Ephesians 5:18, “And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit.” 1 John 1:9,

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

In the Jewish Age the Holy Spirit was not yet given universally, because Jesus Christ was not yet glorified. John 7:39, “But this spake He of the Spirit, which they that believe on Him should receive: for the Holy Spirit was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.”

THE SECOND SABBATH: The believer in eternity. **The eternal sabbath, the believer in eternity, and it becomes the possession of each believer at the moment of salvation.** This is recorded in Matthew 11:28. “Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.”

THE SABBATH OF ISRAEL IS A MEMORIAL TO THE GRACE OF GOD.

Deuteronomy 5:12-15, “Keep the sabbath day to sanctify it, as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee. Six days thou shalt labor, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thine ox, nor thine ass, nor any of thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: that thy manservant and thy maidservant may rest as well as thou. And remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and that the Lord thy God brought thee out thence through a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm: therefore the Lord thy God commanded thee to keep the sabbath day.”

Leviticus 23:3, “Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day is the sabbath of rest, an holy convocation; ye shall do no work therein: it is the sabbath of the Lord in all your dwellings.” Isaiah 58:11-14, “And the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones; and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not. And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations: and thou

shalt be called. The repairer of the breach. The restorer of paths to dwell in. If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on My holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable; and shalt honor Him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: Then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord: and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the Earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."

Therefore the principle of the Sabbath was instituted as the fourth commandment. The Jews were specifically commanded to "think" and "not to work." Deuteronomy 5:11-15. "Keep the Sabbath day to sanctify it, as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee. SIX DAYS THOU SHALT LABOR, AND DO ALL THY WORK." Verse 14, "BUT ON THE SEVENTH DAY IS THE SABBATH OF THE LORD, THY GOD: IN IT THOU SHALT NOT DO ANY WORK, thou nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy manservant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thine ox, nor thine ass, nor any of thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: that thy manservant and thy maid-servant MAY REST AS WELL AS THOU." Verse 15, "AND REMEMBER THAT THOU WAST A SERVANT IN THE LAND OF EGYPT, and that the Lord thy God brought thee out thence through a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm: THEREFORE THE LORD THY GOD COMMANDED THEE TO KEEP THE SABBATH DAY."

"Remember" means to think and to draw upon the resources of your mind. **Therefore it is a command that the mind control the soul. And this control of the soul is the basis for freedom.**

One of the primary factors in the doctrine of freedom is the ability to think. So God says "You work hard for six days," during which time you may do some thinking. **But set aside the seventh day as the day "for thinking."** The Jews were to do no work on the seventh day in recognition and commemoration of God's GRACE. **Under God's**

plan, He, God, does all the work. And the believer receives the benefit of His work.

Now the Lord Jesus Christ purchased our salvation en toto, and we cannot earn or work for it, "for it is a gift of God not of works, lest any man should boast," Ephesians 2:8, 9. Since all blessing in time has been provided in God's plan, not working on the seventh day was a wonderful way to bring home this lesson.

The fourth commandment also contains a principle related to the necessity of periodic rest for the body and a change of pace in the routine of the individual. Remember that the Ten Commandments are designed for both the believer and the unbeliever. **The believer receives the direct blessing from God, for he belongs to God.** While the unbeliever receives indirect blessing through the recognition of Divine principles. The unbeliever is not going to sit down and think about the Word of God, because he doesn't know it. But he will sit down and rest his body. **This commandment is designed to protect the physical health as well as soul stability, both of which are necessary for the protection of freedom.**

THE PRINCIPLE OF THE SABBATICAL YEAR.

The sabbatical years belonged solely to the Age of Israel, and has no counterpart in the Church Age. Exodus 23:10, 11, "And six years thou shalt sow thy land, and shalt gather in the fruits thereof: But the seventh year thou shalt let it rest and lie still; that the poor of thy people may eat; and what they leave the beasts of the field shall eat. In like manner thou shalt deal with thy vineyard, and with thy oliveyard."

Leviticus 25:3, 4, 26:3-6, "Six years thou shalt sow thy field, and six years thou shalt prune thy vineyard, and gather in the fruit thereof; But in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of rest unto the land, a sabbath for the Lord: thou shalt neither sow thy field, nor prune thy vineyard." "If ye walk in My statutes, and keep My commandments, and do them: Then I will give you rain in due season,

and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. And your threshing shall reach unto the vintage, and the vintage shall reach unto the sowing time: and ye shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely. And I will give peace in the land, and ye shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid: and I will rid evil beasts out of the land, neither shall the sword go through your land.”

It is not a part of the Ten Commandments. Under an agricultural economy, the Jews were to stop all agricultural production in order to give the people and the land a rest, and to live off the production of the previous six years of work. **It was essentially a test of their faith in the promises of God and resting in them for capacity.** The question was, could they trust the Lord to provide for them in the seventh year? Well, the Jews failed the test. For 490 years they failed to observe the sabbatical year. God based the length of the fifth cycle of discipline, or national discipline, on this figure of missed sabbaths. So they went into captivity for 70 years, from 586 B.C. to 516 B.C.

THE YEAR OF JUBILEE.

LEVITICUS 25:8-24. “And thou shalt number seven sabbaths of years unto thee, seven times seven years: and the space of the seven sabbaths of years shall be unto thee forty and nine years. Then shalt thou cause the trumpet of the jubilee to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month, in the day of atonement shall ye make the trumpet sound throughout all your land.

And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubilee unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family. A jubilee shall that fiftieth year be unto you: ye shall not sow, neither reap that which groweth of itself in it, nor gather the grapes in it of thy vine undressed. For it is the jubilee: it shall be holy unto you: ye shall eat the increase thereof out of the

field. In the year of this jubilee ye shall return every man unto his possession.

“And if thou sell ought unto thy neighbor, or buyest ought of thy neighbor’s hand, ye shall not oppress one another: According to the number of years after the jubilee thou shalt buy of thy neighbor, and according unto the number of years of the fruits he shall sell unto thee: According to the multitude of years thou shalt increase the price thereof, and according to the fewness of years thou shalt diminish the price of it: for according to the number of the years of the fruits doth he sell unto thee. Ye shall not therefore oppress one another; but thou shalt fear thy God: for I am the Lord your God.

“Wherefore ye shall do My statutes, and keep My judgments, and do them: and ye shall dwell in the land in safety. And the land shall yield her fruit, and ye shall eat your fill, and dwell therein in safety. And if ye shall say, What shall we eat the seventh year? behold, we shall not sow, nor gather in our increase: Then I will command my blessing upon you in the sixth year, and it shall bring forth fruit for three years.

“And ye shall sow the eighth year, and eat yet of old fruit until the ninth year: until her fruits come in ye shall eat of the old store. The land shall not be sold for ever: for the land is Mine; for ye are strangers and sojourners with Me. And in all the land of your possession ye shall grant a redemption for the land.”

Another feature of the sabbath concept, the year of Jubilee, **was also designed by God to teach GRACE to the nation Israel.** It too is non-operational during the Church Age.

After they had observed seven sabbath years during a 49 year period, the Jews were commanded on the 50th year, the year of Jubilee, to return all real estate to the original owner, to free all the slaves, and to return all businesses to their former owners. In short, everything reverted to the status of ownership that had existed 50 years previously.

Also, anyone working under some bondage system was freed immediately, and whatever portion of the land had been allotted to him by tribe and by the system was returned to him.

The principle taught by observance of the year of Jubilee was that everything acquired was their's on a lease basis. It was God's way of teaching the nation Israel to depend upon Him and His Plan for everything.

“PROFANING THE SABBATH.”

This was associated with idolatry and the apostasy of the Jews. Ezekiel 23:37-39, “That they have committed adultery, and blood is in their hands, and with their idols have they committed adultery, and have also caused their sons, whom they bare unto Me, to pass for them through the fire, to devour them. Moreover this they have done unto Me: they have defiled My sanctuary in the same day, and have profaned My sabbaths. For when they had slain their children to their idols, then they came the same day into My sanctuary to profane it; and, lo, thus have they done in the midst of Mine house.”

Sabbath violation, which occurred after the restoration of the Jewish nation in the land, is discussed in Nehemiah 13:15-21. “In those days saw I in Judah some treading wine presses on the sabbath, and bringing in sheaves, and lading asses; as also wine, grapes, and figs, and all manner of burdens, which they brought into Jerusalem on the sabbath day; and I testified against them in the day wherein they sold victuals. There

dwelt men of Tyre also therein, which brought fish, and all manner of ware, and sold on the sabbath unto the children of Judah, and in Jerusalem.

“Then I contended with the nobles of Judah, and said unto them, What evil thing is this that ye do, and profane the sabbath day? Did not your fathers thus, and did not our God bring all this evil upon us, and upon this city? yet ye bring more wrath upon Israel by profaning the sabbath. And it came to pass, that when the gates of Jerusalem began to be dark before the sabbath, I commanded that the gates should be shut, and charged that they should not be opened till after the sabbath: and some of my servants set I at the gates, that there should no burden be brought in on the sabbath day. So the merchants and sellers of all kind of ware lodged without Jerusalem once or twice. Then I testified against them, and said unto them, Why lodge ye about the wall? if ye do so again, I will lay hands on you. From that time forth came they no more on the sabbath.”

THE SABBATH IN THE CHURCH AGE.

Believers in this dispensation are not under the laws pertaining to sabbath observance. These have been set aside since the beginning of the Church Age. See the whole book of Galatians and Colossians 2:16, 17. “Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holy day, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.”

THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT, CONTINUED

EXODUS 20:9

“Six days shalt thou labor and do all the work.” The six days include Sunday through Friday. “Shalt thou labor.” This is an expression of serving or working very hard. **One cannot read into this phrase any provision for loafing on the job, but rather a command to keep on working hard and to do all your work.** The word “do” is one that is found throughout the rest of the commandments. In the Hebrew it connotes “manufacturing something out of something else.” It means that whatever your abilities are, your talents, your skills, your profession, out of these abilities you “manufacture, labor, or work.”

It also means that you make a profit or wage from these abilities. “But” is a conjunction of contrast. “The seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God, in it thou shalt not do any work.” “Is” and “in it” are not in the original language. “Thou shalt not do any work.” This is a negative, which means that whatever their talents, abilities, skills, or professions, they were not to use these on that day of the week. **All work was to stop on the sabbath for the purpose of orienting to the GRACE of God.** “Thou nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy cattle, nor the stranger that is within thy gates.”

Not only were the adults to stop work, but also the children, the servants, the cattle, the oxen for the plowing in an agricultural economy, and the strangers were to rest. No one worked on the sabbath. The basis of this commandment is given in the next verse. “For in six days the Lord made heaven and Earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day,” verse 11.

As has been previously noted, in the beginning when God created heaven and Earth, **He did so in an instant of time.** “Created” in Genesis 1:1 is the Hebrew word BARA, which means to create something out of nothing. The word “made” in Exodus 20:11 is the Hebrew word ASAH, which means to manufacture something out of something existing. **“Made” refers to a restoration and not an original creation.** In six days the Lord restored heaven, that is, the first heaven, the atmosphere around the Earth, the Earth and the seas and all that is within them. The Earth had been in existence for millions or even billions of years. **The length of time that elapsed between Genesis 1:1 and Genesis 1:2 is unknown.** Archeologically it is categorized as “prehistoric times.”

“And rested the seventh day.” The sense of the word “rest” is not so much that of “resting” as that of “cessation” of activity. **On the seventh day, God stopped providing because He had already provided everything.**

“Wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and hallowed it.” The word “blessed” indicates that God pronounced it a source of blessing or intensity of happinesses, plural. **This one day of rest each week is not only a principle of blessing, it is also a principle of freedom. Freedom and blessing go together.** You cannot have one without the other. The word “hallow” means to “set apart.” And the verb tense in the Hebrew indicates that this setting apart would last for a long time. In fact, for the remainder of human history.

THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT

EXODUS 20:12.

"Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee."

The fifth commandment is contained in a single verse as is true of all the last six principles of the DECALOGUE. In the English we read, "Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long upon the land, which the Lord thy God giveth thee." The word "honor" is the key to the understanding of this commandment. **It refers to respect for authority of your father and your mother. This is not a commandment to love your parents or even respect their person, but it is a commandment to respect their authority.**

The capacity to love develops through maturity. **The primary responsibility of parents is not to win the love and affection of their children, BUT TO INSTRUCT THEM AND NOT SPARING THE ROD, thereby to establish parental authority.**

Although the fifth commandment commands children to respect parental authority, **that authority must be exercised justly and fairly.** Respectfulness in the home is a part of the general principle of the necessity for the establishment of and the respect for authority. It must be learned early in life. First in the family, so that later it will be applied to the teacher, the coach, the law officer, the drill instructor, etc.

The fifth commandment forms the basis for the whole biblical principle that no one can have freedom and happiness in life without learning respect for authority. Only those who have themselves learned respect for authority are ever qualified to exercise authority.

The principle of authority exists in every facet of life and is designed for the protection of individual and national free-

dom. When there is general loss of respect for authority on a national scale, disintegration and destruction of that national entity will surely follow. It is a tragedy to launch a person into adult life without a concept of respect for authority. If your parents did not establish their authority when you were young, then you are really behind the eight ball.

God gave everyone the right of protection from the standpoint of anatomy. The real you is in the soul and just as the cranium is the protection casing for the anatomical structures in which the soul functions, so also the gluteus maximus has been provided for the administration of discipline and the establishment of authority. That is where children should be spanked. "Honor thy father and thy mother" commands respect. **It therefore implies parental responsibility as well.**

Our nation has declined and degenerated in every possible way. One of the most basic of the destructive influences existing in our country today is the concept of permissiveness in rearing children. Furthermore, there are many efforts to encourage young people to reject the authority of their parents. **Unless children are taught respect for authority and the principles of freedom it protects, they will destroy their own freedom.** This pattern of self-destruction was very evident in Jeremiah's day, and the same pattern is becoming increasingly evident in our day. The lack of respect for authority, involving different movements with our young people, is a sign of national suicide.

The enemies of our nation are hard at work seeking to destroy all respect for authority. **For they know that a generation that does not recognize authority can never resist Communist conquest. In fact, the present generation seems willing to bring it about.**

The conspirators, as is so clearly stated in Jeremiah, always have their dupes running about doing their errands. Divine Institution #3, family, is **the basic authority, the basic teaching institution in a national entity. There can be no freedom apart from recognition and respect of the various structures of authority. There cannot even be happiness apart from conditions of freedom in which there is respect for authority.**

The next word, "that," introduces a purpose clause. After which follows the word "days." And "days" are used here to indicate a life span. "That thy days may be long." In the Hebrew this is a continuous action. It means in general life span in a national entity and the life span is shortened when authority is not respected. **But longevity is granted to those who learn respect for authority.** First from parents, which is the basic teaching unit of authority. You can therefore shorten your own life by physical things and also in this verse by what you think.

Finally, this verse concludes with "upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." The verb "to give" in the Hebrew is continuous action and indicates that God is its ultimate source and authority. The verse ends with the Lord giving the land, but it starts with a principle of authority. There is no freedom

in the land given by the Lord unless there is enforcement of authority and respect for authority. **God has established the mind as the authority of the soul, the Right-Man is the authority in marriage, the parents are the authority in the family, and objectivity in the law as the authority in a nation.**

These structures of authority have been designed by God for the preservation of freedom during the course of the unseen conflict. Therefore in summary, the concept being taught by this commandment is that when those in a national entity begin life with concepts of authority, they will live their life in a free nation. **When principles of authority are taught and learned early in life, in the family, a pattern is established throughout life that will protect individual and national freedom.**

Notice this same principle in 2 Timothy 3. "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, DISOBEDIENT TO PARENTS, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God: Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: FROM SUCH TURN AWAY."

THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT

EXODUS 20:13

“Thou shalt not kill.”

In the English this commandment reads, “Thou shalt not kill.” However, the word “kill” is KATAL in the Hebrew and it is not used here. The Hebrew word used here by God the Holy Spirit is RATSACH, **which does not mean “to kill,” but “TO MURDER.”**

There is a vast difference between killing and murder. The correct translation therefore is, “Thou shalt not murder.” As we see in Matthew 19:18, “He saith unto Him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder. Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness.” Murder denotes homicide.

So once again we have a commandment designed for the protection of freedom. Did you ever notice if you are dead you cannot exercise your volition? It is amazing isn't it? This commandment deals with the crime of murder. **It prohibits murder. It is a restraint on the perpetuation of every old sin nature, and civilized society is preserved by the observation of this commandment.**

The Word of God calls for capital punishment for the violation of this commandment. Genesis 9:6, “Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made He man.” Leviticus 24:17, “And he that killeth any man shall surely be put to death.”

Romans 13:1-4, “Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the

same: For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid: for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.”

The prohibition of murder is designed for the preservation of Divine Institution #1, free will. In committing murder you are depriving another person of his life and his life of freedom. The operation of free will is the basic issue in life.

The Ten Commandments are designed to protect every free will during the whole course of human and angelic history. Salvation by faith in Christ requires the non-meritorious exercise of your free will, and free will is cut off abruptly by an act of murder.

Those of you who have received Christ as your personal Saviour are the possessors of eternal life. Your position in Christ required an act of free will, and positive volition expresses itself in faith. **And now you are no longer under condemnation.** You are on your way to Heaven. **You are going to a place of perfect happiness where there is no more sorrow, no more tears, no more pain, no more death, for the old things are all passed away.** When you die you will be “absent from the body and face to face with the Lord,” since you had to be alive to receive Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour. Somewhere along the line you observed this commandment. Observation of this prohibition is basic to human liberty, and to function in a civilized society.

Suppose that every time you got angry at someone, you killed them. His or her freedom would be wiped out. Suppose you were to get angry and kill a thousand people in one year. There would be a thousand people who no longer possessed freedom. How can people live close together, get angry at each

other, and still survive? Well, because of this Divine law. “Thou shalt not commit homicide.” That is how.

Murder and killing are two entirely different biblical concepts. **Murder is prohibited by the Word of God. Whereas killing in defense of one’s own personal and national freedom is sanctioned by the Word of God and is absolutely necessary in many instances for the preservation of freedom.** If our country is to survive as a

free and independent nation, this principle should be and must be understood.

“From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.”

THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT

EXODUS 20:14

"Thou shall not commit adultery."

THE PROTECTION OF DIVINE INSTITUTION #2, MARRIAGE.

So once again we have here a commandment designed for our protection. "Thou shall not commit adultery." Let us reiterate here a principle which we should never lose sight of in our study of the Ten Commandments. The Ten Commandments are the magna carta of freedom, and as such, include certain prohibitions that must be recognized if freedom is to be preserved. ALL OF THE COMMANDMENTS ARE DESIGNED EITHER TO SPONSOR, TO MAINTAIN, OR TO PROTECT OUR FREEDOM.

This particular commandment is for the protection of the privacy and the freedom of the relationship between Right-Man and Right-Woman. Divine Institution #3, family, is protected by the commandment to "honor your father and your mother." Divine Institution #1, volition, or free will, or individual freedom, is protected by the commandment, "Thou shalt not murder."

Now we focus on Divine Institution #2, marriage. "Thou shalt not commit adultery." It is very difficult in this day of apostasy for many people to realize that God has designed a Right-Man for a Right-Woman. This seventh commandment has been given to protect every Right-Man and every Right-Woman, even before they meet, and to protect their relationship after they marry. In order to follow this command, not to commit adultery, we must understand what the Bible says about adultery.

THE DOCTRINE OF ADULTERY.

1. Adultery is prohibited by the Word of God. Exodus 20:14. Deuteronomy 5:18, "Neither shalt thou commit adultery."

2. Mental adultery is also condemned by the Word of God. Matthew 5:27, 28, "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."

3. Adultery produces calluses on the soul in the exhale of your soul. Proverbs 6:32, "But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul." Ephesians 4:19, "Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness."

4. Adultery carries certain laws of punishment, such as frustration, and leads to certain forms of slavery. Adultery is one of the manifestations of both sublimation and emotions in rebellion. This principle is taught in the use of a Greek noun translated "greediness" in Ephesians 4:19, and "covetousness" in Ephesians 5:3. It really means "a frantic search for happiness." It indicates a built in punishment that automatically goes with adultery (PLEONEZIA).

5. Adultery has a destructive effect on the body of both the male and the female, as well as on the soul. 1 Corinthians 6:13-18, "Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord: and the Lord for the body. And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by His own power. Knew ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid. What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith He, shall be one flesh. But he that is joined unto the Lord 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."

Promiscuity results in male impotence and inability to enjoy fully the Right-Woman for whom he was designed. Now this may come as a shock to some, but God in design is the Author of sex, and as such, He has laid down rules to protect the happiness for which sex was designed.

6. Adultery is a bona fide basis for divorce. Matthew 5:32, 19:9, "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." "And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery." Luke 16:18, "Whosoever putteth away his wife, and marrieth another, committeth adultery: and whosoever marrieth her that is put away from her husband committeth adultery."

The resultant calluses on the soul destroy mental and physical compatibility between husband and wife. Deuteronomy 24:4, "Her former husband, which sent her away, may not take her again to be his wife, after that she is defiled: for that is abomination before the Lord: and thou shalt not cause the land to sin, which the Lord thy God giveth thee for an inheritance."

7. Adultery is used in the Bible to describe both apostasy and negative volition to the Word of God. Jeremiah 3:8-10, "And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also. And it came to pass through the lightness of her whoredom, that she defiled the land, and committed adultery with stones and with stocks. And yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah hath not turned unto Me with her whole heart, but feignedly, saith the Lord."

Ezekiel 16:24-43, "And it came to pass after all thy wickedness, (woe, woe unto thee! saith the Lord God:) That thou hast also built unto thee an eminent place, and hast made thee an high place in every street. Thou hast built thy high place at every head of the way, and hast made thy beauty to be abhorred, and hast opened thy feet to every one that passed by, and multiplied thy whoredoms. Thou hast also committed fornication with the Egyptians thy neighbors, great of flesh; and hast increased thy whoredoms, to provoke Me to anger.

"Behold, therefore I have stretched out My hand over thee, and have diminished thine ordinary food, and delivered thee unto the will of them that hate thee, the daughters of the Philistines, which are ashamed of thy lewd way.

"Thou hast played the whore also with the Assyrians, because thou wast unsatiable; yea, thou hast played the harlot with them, and yet couldest not be satisfied. Thou hast moreover multiplied thy fornication in the land of Canaan unto Chaldea: and yet thou wast not satisfied herewith.

"How weak is thine heart, saith the Lord God, seeing thou doest all these things, the work of an imperious whorish woman; In that thou buildest thine eminent place in the head of every way, and makest thine high place in every street; and hast not been as an harlot, in that thou scornest hire: But as a wife that committeth adultery, which taketh strangers instead of her husband! They give gifts to all whores: but thou givest thy gifts to all thy lovers, and hirest them, that they may come unto thee on every side for thy whoredom.

"And the contrary is in thee from other women in thy whoredoms, whereas none followeth thee to commit whoredoms: and in that thou givest a reward, and no reward is given unto thee, therefore thou art contrary.

"Wherefore, O harlot, hear the Word of the Lord: Thus saith the Lord God; Because thy filthiness was poured out, and thy nakedness discovered through thy whoredoms with thy lovers, and with all the idols of thy abomi-

nations, and by the blood of thy children, which thou didst give unto them: Behold, therefore I will gather all thy lovers, with whom thou hast taken pleasure, and all them that thou hast loved, with all them that thou hast hated: I will even gather them round about against thee, and will discover thy nakedness unto them, that they may see all thy nakedness.

“And I will judge thee, as women that break wedlock and shed blood are judged: and I will give thee blood in fury and jealousy. And I will also give thee into their hand, and they shall throw down thine eminent place, and shall break down thy high places: they shall strip thee also of thy clothes, and shall take thy fair jewels, and leave thee naked and bare. They shall also bring up a company against thee, and they shall stone thee with stones, and thrust thee through with their swords. And they shall burn thine houses with fire, and execute judgments upon thee in the sight of many women: and I will cause thee to cease from playing the harlot, and thou also shalt give no hire any more.

“So will I make My fury toward thee to rest, and My jealousy shall depart from thee, and I will be quiet, and will be no more angry. Because thou hast not remembered the days of thy youth, but hast fretted Me in all these things: behold, therefore I also will recompense thy way upon thine head, saith the Lord God: and thou shalt not commit this lewdness above all thine abominations.”

Ezekiel 23:24-28, “And they shall come against thee with chariots, wagons, and wheels, and with an assembly of people, which shall set against thee buckler and shield and helmet round about: and I will set judgment before them, and they shall judge thee according to their judgments. And I will set My jealousy against thee, and they shall deal furiously with thee: they shall take away thy nose and thine ears; and thy remnant shall fall by the sword: they shall take thy sons and thy daughters: and thy residue shall be devoured by fire. They shall also strip thee out of thy clothes, and take away thy

fair jewels. Thus will I make thy lewdness to cease from thee, and thy whoredom brought from the land of Egypt: so that thou shalt not lift up thine eyes unto them, nor remember Egypt any more. For thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I will deliver thee into the hand of them whom thou hatest, into the hand of them from whom thy mind is alienated.”

Revelation 17:1-5, “And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgments of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: with whom the kings of the Earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the Earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.

“So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet colored beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet color, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.”

8. Marriage is the sanctification of Category 2 love. 1 Thessalonians 4:3, 4, “For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honor.” Hebrews 13:4, “Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.”

9. The glory of Category 2 love is presented by analogy as in 1 Corinthians 11:7. “For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man.” Ephesians 5:25-31, “Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the Church, and give Himself for it; That He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word. That He might present it to Himself a glorious Church, not hav-

ing spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the Church: For we are members of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh."

The analogy of 1 Corinthians 11 is that just as **the maturity of the Word of God in your soul completes the believer**, so the Right-Man completes the Right-Woman. The Right-Woman becomes the glory of the man as the Word of God in the soul of the believer becomes the glory of the Lord, the reflected glory of the Lord.

The Word of God in your soul makes you GRACE oriented, and gives you the mastery over the details of life, and gives you a relaxed mental attitude, which is free from mental attitude sins, and a capacity to love in three categories, and inner happiness.

"Thou shalt not commit adultery." This is designed for the protection of freedom and happiness in Category 2 love. God's design in Category 2 love is under very severe attack today in our country through the promotion of promiscuity and drugs, and homosexuality. **We are aiding and abetting the destruction of our freedom in our country today because of promoting promiscuity and free love and deviations in the Divine design for marriage as presented in the Word of God, the mind of Christ.**

THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT

EXODUS 20:15

“Thou shalt not steal.”

THE RIGHT OF PRIVATE PROPERTY.

This next commandment is for the protection of private property. **It establishes the Divinely-given right of the individual to own personal property and possessions, and it limits the role of government to the protection of this property.**

The concept of privacy and private property is basic to the survival of individual liberty. And this commandment is another of God's provisions for the protection of the human race during the course of the unseen conflict. **Stealing then is a violation of your privacy and your right to own property. This commandment says that if you do not have a right to a certain piece of property, keep your hands off.** It doesn't belong to you. **If you steal something, you are encroaching on someone else's freedom. When this occurs on a national scale, which it is at this time, there is anarchy and consequently a destruction of all freedom.** The Bible says, “Let him that steals, steal no more.”

A nation that goes beyond God's principles for the protection of human freedom is opening the door to satanic doctrine. And when these false doctrines are accepted, freedom is destroyed. **Both socialism and Communism are characterized by the destruction of privacy and property. The concept of the government ownership of property is contrary to the Word of God, as is the concept of revolution. A REVOLUTION SEEKS THE DESTRUCTION OF THE DIVINE INSTITUTIONS, WHEREAS THE AMERICAN WAR FOR INDEPENDENCE WAS FOUGHT TO RESTORE THE DIVINE INSTITUTIONS.**

Now the Hebrew word for “steal” refers not only to stealing something that you can carry off, but to steal something you cannot carry off. Under an agricultural economy that means property. And today it would include, for example, industry. **The government does not have the right to own your property, nor does the government have the right to interfere with industry, much less own industry, which it does.**

The sanctity of private property is one of the most basic concepts of freedom. Therefore, any time the government goes into industry or into business, a nation is already in industrial slavery. We are in industrial slavery today in this nation because the government has violated this commandment through taxation of industry, through putting pressure upon industry and through legislation against industry. **The result of such practices is economic disaster,** which we are in right now. Governmental intervention into industry.

GOD HAS SET UP DIVINE LAWS TO REGULATE THE ECONOMY OF NATIONS, AND THESE LAWS ARE DEFINED UNDER THE CONCEPT OF FREE ENTERPRISE. When a government rejects God's principles for the regulation of economy, the result is national self-destruction. When a government attempts to superimpose its own laws over God's Divine laws, that government is on its way out. **The role of the government is to protect the operation of the four Divine Institutions.** Free will, marriage, family, and a national entity. But when this concept is rejected and the government assumes the rule of regulating and controlling the operation of the Divine Institutions, personal freedom and national sovereignty are destroyed. From this you can see the condition we find ourselves in today in our country.

THE NINTH COMMANDMENT

EXODUS 20:16

“Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.”

The first principle that must be understood here is the principle of “thy neighbor.” This does not refer to the person next door, **but to persons of the same national entity**, and might be translated “fellow citizens.” **“Thy neighbor” recognizes that law must exist in the framework of national entities, and any law that breaks down the boundaries of a national entity is an attack upon our freedom.**

Therefore, the United Nations is an attack upon our freedom. The United Nations has no legal jurisdiction under God, as per Genesis 10:32. “These are the families of the sons of Noah, after their generations, in their nations: and by these were the nations divided in the Earth after the flood.”

Any time you have a United Nations organization, a League of Nations organization, trying to pass or enforce laws, you are actually witnessing a concept forbidden by the Word of God and actively promoted by Satan. **Satan is the author of internationalism.**

God has ordained the principle of national entities for the protection of human freedom. Acts 17:26, “And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the Earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds

of their habitation.” **National law must exist within the national entity and must never overlap into another national entity.** “Thou shalt not bear false witness.” This means literally, “to answer as a false witness,” “to give testimony under law.”

The principle of objectivity in law demands that a person is innocent until proven guilty. The person must be demonstrated guilty through proper law of evidence furnished through accurate testimony in court. The guilt to the defendant must be established apart from hearsay. Evidence is gathered through testimony, and that testimony must be proved. Correct administration of law demands truthful evidence, **and evidence demands truth upon which to make a judgment.**

The literal translation of this commandment should read, “Thou shalt not answer, in a court of law, against your fellow citizen as a false witness.” Law based on biblical principles does not encroach upon freedom. IT PRESERVES FREEDOM. Many of our laws today are an encroachment upon our freedom and privacy, rather than the protection of them, which again points out the intensity of our times.

The final commandment in the “Magna Carta of Freedom” establishes the individual right of privacy, property, person and possessions.

THE TENTH COMMANDMENT

EXODUS 20:17

“Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor’s house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor’s wife, nor his manservants, nor his maidser-vants, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor’s.”

The word “to covet” means to desire. **This commandment forbids the coveting of the property, persons or the personal status of other citizens in a national entity, or of their businesses, or assets or of anything belonging to fellow citizens.**

The tenth commandment was the basis for Paul’s discovery of his old sin nature, found in Romans 7:7, where he wrote this: “Nay, I had not known sin, but by the Law, for I had not known lust, except the Law had said, ‘Thou shalt not covet.’” Paul is saying I would not have known the existence of the principle of the old sin nature were it not for the tenth commandment. That is the principle found also in Romans 13, and the Christian way of life.

Every member of the human race is born with an old sin nature. When the first man and woman exercised negative volition to the single prohibition of God in the Garden, they died spiritually and acquired an old sin nature, which is now passed down through the male in procreation. Romans 5:12, “By one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death (spiritual) passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.”

The one exception to this is the humanity of the Lord Jesus Christ through the virgin birth. The essence of the old sin nature is characterized by an area of weakness which produces personal sins. Hebrews 12:1, “Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.” And an area of strength which pro-

duces human good, declared to be filthy rags in God’s sight in Isaiah 64:6. “But we all as an unclean thing, AND ALL OUR RIGHTEOUSNESSES ARE AS FILTHY RAGS; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.” The old sin nature also has a lust pattern, and has trends, asceticism and lasciviousness.

The fact that man is born with an old sin nature includes his own good works as a means of salvation. **But man can only produce relative righteousness and God demands ABSOLUTE RIGHTEOUSNESS.** Also, God’s perfect justice demands that a penalty be paid for sin. **The Lord Jesus Christ paid the penalty for sin.** 1 John 2:2, when He bore all the sins of every old sin nature on the cross. “And He is the propitiation for our sins: and not for our’s only, but also for the sins of the whole world.” 1 Peter 2:24, “Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.”

Therefore sins ARE NOT the issue in salvation. For they have been judged once and for all in Christ. And the justice of God the Father has been satisfied.

The issue the unbeliever faces is whether to stand on his own good works or to accept the finished work of Christ. The Scripture clearly declares that there is no salvation outside of the work and the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ. Acts 4:12, “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other Name under Heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”

The plan of God is always characterized by God doing all the work and man receiving the benefit. Salvation is a free gift of God, not of works, and it is

appropriated by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Ephesians 2:8, 9, “For by GRACE are ye saved, through faith: and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.”

GRACE found a way to redeem man from the slave market of sin and that way is to “believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.” In studying the Ten Commandments, Paul discovered, as we have seen, that they were designed as principles of freedom.

The tenth commandment forbids covetousness because, when unchecked, it destroys individual freedom. **Covetousness is an expression of the lust pattern of the old sin nature. And when the lust pattern is allowed to control the soul, the emotional rebellion takes place in the soul.** When a maximum number of people in a national entity are under emotional rebellion in the soul, freedom is destroyed.

SO AS WE HAVE BEEN REPEATEDLY EMPHASIZING, THE TEN COMMANDMENTS WERE GIVEN BY GOD FOR THE PROTECTION, THE MAINTENANCE AND THE PROMOTION OF FREEDOM. They are a part of the Word of God which lives and abides forever. **In every generation the Commandments have formed the basis for human freedom in spite of every conspiracy formed against them. THESE**

PRINCIPLES ARE THE VERY FOUNDATION UPON WHICH AMERICA WAS BUILT, AND THEY CONSTITUTE FOR US A MARVELOUS HERITAGE.

Today these principles are being rejected by us as a people and undermined by those dedicated to our destruction as a free nation. As a result of their rejection of the principles of freedom, the Exodus generation wandered in the desert for 40 years, and they were never able to go in and claim the land that was designed for them by God. **Jeremiah’s generation broke the covenant and ignored the existence of a conspiracy, and their nation was destroyed.**

Our freedom as individuals and our independence as a nation rests upon first the understanding and then the application of God’s principles of human freedom. Only then can the effectiveness of any conspiracy formed against us be neutralized.

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