

Study 7: The Godhead & the 10 Commandments

In this study we want to answer the following question: How many Persons were involved in giving the 10 commandments on tablets of stone to Israel?

On Sinai God gave the 10 commandments to Israel even though man was required to keep them since creation. At Sinai God reaffirmed His requirements to Israel after they had lost sight of God while in bondage for 400 years in Egypt.

- Whose commandments are they?
 - **Nehemiah 10:29** these joined with their brethren, their nobles, and entered into a curse and an oath to walk in **God's Law**, which was given by Moses the servant of God, and to observe and do all the commandments of the **LORD [Jehovah]** our Lord, and His ordinances and His statutes:
 - **John 15:10** If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept **My Father's commandments** and abide in His love.
 - **Psalm 40:8** I (Jesus) delight to do Your will, O my God, And **Your [Father] law** is within my heart."
 - "But Christ was obedient to every requirement of the law. He said of Himself, "I delight to do Thy will, O My God; yea, Thy law is within My heart." Psalm 40:8. When on earth, He said to His disciples, "I have kept My Father's commandments." John 15:10. By His perfect obedience He has made it possible for every human being to obey **God's commandments**. When we submit ourselves to Christ, the heart is united with His heart, the will is merged in His will, the mind becomes one with His mind, the thoughts are brought into captivity to Him; we live His life. This is what it means to be clothed with the garment of His righteousness. Then as the Lord looks upon us He sees, not the fig-leaf garment, not the nakedness and deformity of sin, but His own robe of righteousness, which is perfect obedience to the **law of Jehovah.**" [COL pg. 311.4](#)
 - "With many, sanctification is only self-righteousness. And yet these persons boldly claim Jesus as their Saviour and Sanctifier. What a delusion! Will the Son of God sanctify the transgressor of **the Father's law**--that law which Christ came to exalt and make honorable? He testifies, "I have kept My Father's commandments." God will not bring **His law** down to meet the imperfect standard of man; and man cannot meet the demands of that holy law without exercising repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." [FW pg. 29.3](#)

- Who spoke the law on Sinai?
 - **Exodus 20:1, 2** And **God spoke all these words**, saying: "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.
 - **Exodus 3:14** And **God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM."** And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"
 - **John 8:58** **Jesus said** to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, **I AM.**"
 - "**It was Christ who, amid thunder and flame, had proclaimed the law upon Mount Sinai.** The glory of God, like devouring fire, rested upon its summit, and the mountain quaked at the presence of the Lord. The hosts of Israel, lying prostrate upon the earth, had listened in awe to the sacred precepts of the law." [MB pg. 45.1](#)

- Who wrote the law on the tables of stone?
 - **Exodus 31:18** And when **He had made an end of speaking** with him on Mount Sinai, He gave Moses two tablets of the Testimony, tablets of stone, **written with the finger of God.**
 - Here an important distinction is made between the One speaking the law and the writing of the law. The text clearly presents us with the fact that the One speaking the law and the 'finger of God' are not the same.

- What does the Bible refer to when it says: “the finger of God”?
- **Luke 11:20** But if I **cast out demons with the finger of God**, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.
 - Let’s now read this same story in the gospel of Matthew
- **Matthew 12:28** But if I **cast out demons by the Spirit of God**, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.
 - Incredible! The Bible says that the Holy Spirit **IS** the finger of God!
- **2 Corinthians 3:3** clearly you are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, **written not with ink but by the Spirit** of the living God, not on **tablets of stone** but on **tablets of flesh**, that is, of the heart.
 - Here the Bible teaches that the same Spirit that wrote on the tables of stone is the One that writes on the tablets of flesh / hearts
- **Jeremiah 31:33** But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put **My law** in their minds, and **write it on their hearts**; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.
- **“The same law that was engraved upon the tables of stone is written by the Holy Spirit upon the tables of the heart.** Instead of going about to establish our own righteousness we accept the righteousness of Christ. His blood atones for our sins. His obedience is accepted for us. Then the heart renewed by the Holy Spirit will bring forth "the fruits of the Spirit." Through the grace of Christ we shall live in obedience to the law of God written upon our hearts. Having the Spirit of Christ, we shall walk even as He walked. Through the prophet He declared of Himself, "I delight to do Thy will, O My God: yea, Thy law is within My heart." Psalm 40:8. And when among men He said, "The Father hath not left Me alone; for I do always those things that please Him." John 8:29." [PP pg. 372.2](#)
- **Exodus 8:19** Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, "**This is the finger of God.**" But Pharaoh's **heart grew hard**, and he did not heed them, just as the LORD had said.
 - When the plagues fell on Egypt it was called the “finger of God” and it had a direct effect on Pharaoh’s heart!

In this study we can see that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit can be referred to as God. The Bible says God spoke to Moses, but yet Christ spoke. The Bible says the Lord called to Moses and gave him the tablets which the Lord wrote (Exo 24:12), but yet the Holy Spirit wrote them. So we need to understand the ROLE and CONTEXT to make sure we understand which Person of the Godhead is referred to.

From this study we can see all Three Persons of the Godhead were involved in the giving of the law to Israel. The Father’s law was spoken by Christ and written by the Holy Spirit!

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