

The Father's Commandments

*"¹⁰If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept **My Father's commandments** and abide in His love" (John 15:10)*

What are the *Father's commandments* that *Yeshua* kept? Our Lord and Master said that we are to keep His Commandments the same way that *Yeshua* kept the Father's Commandments. When we do this, we will abide (stay) in His Love. It is amazing to think that a segment of Messiah's Body has rejected and is rejecting the Father's Commandments. For sure, everyone you speak with today would say that they are found in Exodus 20 and indeed they are! But since *Yeshua* kept the Father's commandments well, we should also do the same with His Commandments. As one well-known Bible teacher puts it: *"Those who claim that believers are not required to live by the moral standards of the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament), fail to comprehend the teaching of the B'rit Chadasha (New Testament). Over and over again, New Testament believers are instructed to live above the demands of the Torah (Law) by the power of the Holy Spirit, Who operates in them through the work of Messiah."* *Yeshua* went far above (spiritually higher) the demands of the Torah. This was the expected work of the Messiah: to expound Torah and illustrate the true spiritual meaning of the Word of God.

Torah Commandments	<i>Yeshua's</i> (Higher) Commandments
<p>Acknowledge Him <i>"² "I am Adonai your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. ³ "You shall have no other gods before Me" (Ex. 20:2,3).</i></p>	<p>Love Him & Love Others <i>"I and the Father are one" (John 10:30). ³⁶Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Torah?" ³⁷And He said to him, 'You shall love Adonai your God with all your heart & with all your soul & with all your mind.' ³⁸This is the 1st and greatest commandment. ³⁹And the 2nd is like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰The entire Torah & Prophets hang on these two commandments" Matt. 22</i></p>
<p>No Idolatry—No graven images (Vv. 4-6) <i>"⁴ Do not make for yourself a graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above or on the earth below or in the water under the earth. ⁵ Do not bow down to them, do not let anyone make you serve them. For I, Adonai your God, am a jealous God, bringing the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, ⁶ but showing loving-kindness to the thousands of generations of those who love Me and keep My mitzvot."</i></p>	<p>Worship in Spirit & Truth—Love Not the World <i>"²³ But an hour is coming—it is here now—when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people as His worshipers. ²⁴ God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth" (John 4:23-24). ¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For everything in the world—the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, and the boasting of life—is not from the Father but from the world. ¹⁷ The world is passing away along with its desire, but the one who does the will of God abides forever" (1 John 2:15-17)</i></p>
<p>Honor His Name (Vv. 7) <i>"⁷You must not take the Name of Adonai your God in vain, for Adonai will not hold him guiltless that takes His Name in vain."</i></p>	<p>Honor Him in All your Communication <i>"³⁴ But I tell you, do not swear at all—not by heaven, for it is the throne of God...³⁷ But let your word 'Yes' be 'Yes' and your 'No,' 'No'—anything more than this is from the evil one" (Matt. 5:34,37).</i></p>
<p>Remember Shabbat (Vv. 8-11) <i>"⁸Remember Yom Shabbat, to keep it holy. ⁹You are to work 6 days, and do all your work, ¹⁰but the 7th day is a Shabbat to Adonai your God. In it you shall not do any work—not you, nor your son, your daughter, your male servant, your female servant, your cattle, nor the outsider that is within your gates. ¹¹For in 6 days Adonai made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the 7th day. Thus Adonai blessed Yom Shabbat, and made it holy."</i></p>	<p>Do Good on Shabbat <i>"For the Son of Man is Lord of Shabbat...¹² How much more valuable then is a man than a sheep! Therefore it is permitted to do good on Shabbat" (Matt 12:8,12) ⁹Yeshua said to them, "I ask you, is it permitted on Shabbat to do good or to do evil, to save or to destroy a life?" (Luke 6:9). ²³If a man receives circumcision on Shabbat so that the Torah of Moses may not be broken, why are you angry that I healed a man's whole body on Shabbat?" (John 7:23)</i></p>

<p>Honor Father and Mother ¹²“Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long upon the land which Adonai your God is giving you” (Ex. 20:12)</p>	<p>Obedience, Children Honoring Parents, Parents Honoring Children ⁴For God said, ‘Honor your father and mother’ and ‘He who speaks evil of father or mother must be put to death’” (Matthew 15:4). “Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ²“Honor your father and mother” (which is the first commandment with a promise), ³ “so that it may be well with you, and you may live long on the earth.” ⁴Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord” (Eph. 6:1-4).</p>
<p>Do not murder “Do not murder” (Ex. 20:13).</p>	<p>Do not Hate (Hate is murder) ²²But I tell you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be subject to judgment. And whoever says to his brother, ‘Raca’ shall be subject to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ shall be subject to fiery Gehenna” (Matt. 5:22). ¹⁵Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer—and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him” (1 John 3:15).</p>
<p>No adultery ¹⁴Do not commit adultery” (Exodus 20:14). {The Torah required two or three witnesses to convict a woman of adultery, or a trial by bitter water} (See Nu. 5:11-31)</p>	<p>To lust is Adultery ²⁸But I tell you that everyone who looks upon a woman to lust after her has already committed adultery with her in his heart” (Matt. 5:28).</p>
<p>No stealing “Do not steal” (Ex. 20:15).</p>	<p>Seek First the Kingdom of God ²⁵So I say to you, do not worry about your life—what you will eat or drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Isn’t life more than food and the body more than clothing? ²⁶“Look at the birds of the air. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; yet your Father in heaven feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow. They neither toil nor spin. ²⁹Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his glory clothed himself like one of these. ³⁰Now if in this way God clothes the grass—which is here today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow—will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹“Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ ³²For the pagans eagerly pursue all these things; yet your Father in heaven knows that you need all these. ³³But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you” (Matthew 6:25-33)</p>
<p>No false witness ¹⁶Do not bear false witness against your neighbor” (Ex. 20:16).</p>	<p>The Golden Rule ¹²So in all things, do to others what you would want them to do to you—for this is the Torah and the Prophets” (Matthew 7:12).</p>
<p>Do not covet ¹⁷Do not covet your neighbor’s house, your neighbor’s wife, his manservant, his maidservant, his ox, his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s” (Ex. 20:17).</p>	<p>Set your affections on things above ¹⁹Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in or steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also” (Matthew 6:19-21).</p>

Please Note: The first seven commandments carried the death penalty if/when broken!