

# The Commandments Of Our Creator God

## [Part 9]

**The Tenth Commandment stated –**

*“You shall not covet your neighbour’s house. You shall not covet your neighbour’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant, or his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.”*

Did you know that recent surveys have revealed that the financial troubles plaguing most families are not the result of a low income?

Rather, they are directly caused by over-extending a normal adequate income by personal indulgence in luxuries and by the encouraged habit of the use of credit cards.

*“Buy now and pay later,”* say the adverts.

But do we really need to buy this item now?

And are we sure we will be able to pay later?

The frenzied effort to compete with others and *“get ahead”* is the source not only of most financial problems, but the real cause of much physical and mental illness, broken homes, frustrated lives.

Most important of all, this form of idolatry leaves almost no time, strength or desire ever to become acquainted with the true Creator God, whose living laws and ways alone would bring inner peace and joy.

**John 14:26-27** [NIV] *“But the Counsellor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”*

Peace of mind we receive by accepting Jesus Christ as our Saviour and Lord, joy is one of the *“fruits”* of the indwelling Holy Spirit. [**Galatians 5:22-23**]

As we have seen in this series of studies, God’s spiritual laws, the Ten Commandments, is the pathway to peace, happiness, prosperity, everything humans really need.

But usually humans want to achieve what obeying God’s Ten Commandments would give us but want it to be the result of their own way of life.

Of all the Ten Commandments, dealing with the relationships between human beings, the spiritual requirements of the Tenth Commandment is more rigid than any that has preceded it.

This commandment regulates even our thoughts in the mind and heart of our being.

Most people look on sin as an outward or physical type of thing. They do **not** realise that the holy, righteous character which the Creator God purposes in us necessitates that even our thoughts be completely purified and made like His.

**Philippians 2:1-5** [NIV] *“If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.”*

*Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:*"

This is the goal that every Christian has before them and attaining this must start with our thoughts; for our actions always follow our thoughts, what we think we are.

This commandment pierces through all "*surface Christianity*" and shows whether a person has really surrendered their will to the Creator God.

This commandment is a searching and fearful principle, but it is a command we must learn to obey if we are ever to receive the gift of eternal life and a place in the created family [Kingdom] of the Creator God.

God will **not** give eternal life to anyone who in their mind and heart disdains the very character and way of life the Creator God purposes for all those in His created family [Kingdom].

It is time we stop "*kidding*" ourselves about Christianity, we either come to love our Saviour and Creator God and His ways and laws with all our being, or we will automatically begin to resent His authority and rule over our lives.

**2 Corinthians 10:3-5** [Amplified Bible] *"For though we walk [live] in the flesh, we are not carrying on our warfare according to the flesh and using mere human weapons. For the weapons of our warfare are not physical weapons of flesh and blood, but they are mighty before God for the overthrow and destruction of strongholds inasmuch as we refute arguments and theories and reasonings and every proud and lofty thing that sets itself up against the true knowledge of God and we lead every thought and purpose away captive into the obedience of Christ, the Messiah, the Anointed One."*

The battle we are waging is a spiritual one where Satan attacks us by placing rebellious thoughts into our mind.

**Satan knows that if he can control our thoughts he can destroy us as a potential child of the Creator God.**

**Isaiah 55:8-9** [King James] *"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."*

**Unless we have an active presence of the Holy Spirit in our mind and human spirit, our thoughts will not be in harmony with Jesus Christ our Creator God.**

**Romans 12:1-3** [NIV] *"Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God, this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is, his good, pleasing and perfect will. For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you."*

**Thankful surrender of our lives to our Saviour, Jesus Christ, will allow the Holy Spirit to re-educate our thoughts.**

**1 John 4:4** [NIV] *"You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world."*

This is how we can win this battle that is taking place in our mind, for the Holy Spirit is greater than Satan.

**Luke 12:15-21** [NIV] *“Then he said to them, ‘Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.’ And he told them this parable: ‘The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’ Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I’ll say to myself, ‘You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.’” ‘But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?” “This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich towards God.””*”

Every human being needs to take notice of these words of Jesus Christ and seek to have the right priorities in our life. [**Matthew 6:33**]

Whatever we seek to have that is contrary to God’s will is to covet and this is idolatry.

**Colossians 3:5** [Amplified Bible] *“So kill, deaden, deprive of power, the evil desire lurking in your members, those animal impulses and all that is earthly in you that is employed in sin, sexual vice, impurity, sensual appetites, unholy desires, and all greed and covetousness, for that is idolatry, the deifying of self and of other created things instead of God.”*

**Romans 6:16-18** [King James] *“Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.”*

**When we covet material things, we “serve” them for we spend our time, energy and money on them. By this simple process, the material things we lust for and covet literally become our “god.”** For we truly serve and worship them and find in our lives little time, strength and wealth with which to serve our true Creator God with all our heart, strength and mind, and our neighbours, other human beings.

**Matthew 22:35-40** [NIV] *“One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: ‘Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?’ Jesus replied: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”*

All of the Ten Commandments and all that the prophets foretold about Jesus Christ and the Kingdom of God, His created family, are summed up by these two commandments.

Only when this is obeyed in our thoughts and our heart will we please our Creator God, who will then want us to live with Him for eternity.

**1 Timothy 6:6-10** [NIV] *“But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.”*

Seeking godliness and being content with what our Creator God has blessed us with is of great gain, in this life as well as the life to come.

**Philippians 4:12-13** [NIV] *“I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength.”*

**Contentment is something we have to learn, it does not come naturally to any human being, but with the help of Jesus Christ we can accomplish such an attitude of mind.**

**Only then can we obey this Tenth Commandment in spirit and in truth.**

In our practical daily life we can apply this Tenth Commandment by giving to and serving other human beings. [Acts 20:35]

**Matthew 20:25-28** [NIV] *“Jesus called them together and said, ‘You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave, just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.’”*

**The true Christian has the mind of a servant.** In learning now to lovingly, sincerely and intelligently serve other human beings, and our Creator God, we will find a real sense of fulfilment and joy in this present life, and we will be preparing to be leaders and teachers in the New World Tomorrow after the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. [Revelation 1:4-6; Revelation 5:9-10]

**Revelation 20:11-13** [King James] *“And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.”*

These are the people we will serve who have **never** known Jesus Christ as Saviour, teaching them from the Christian Bible.