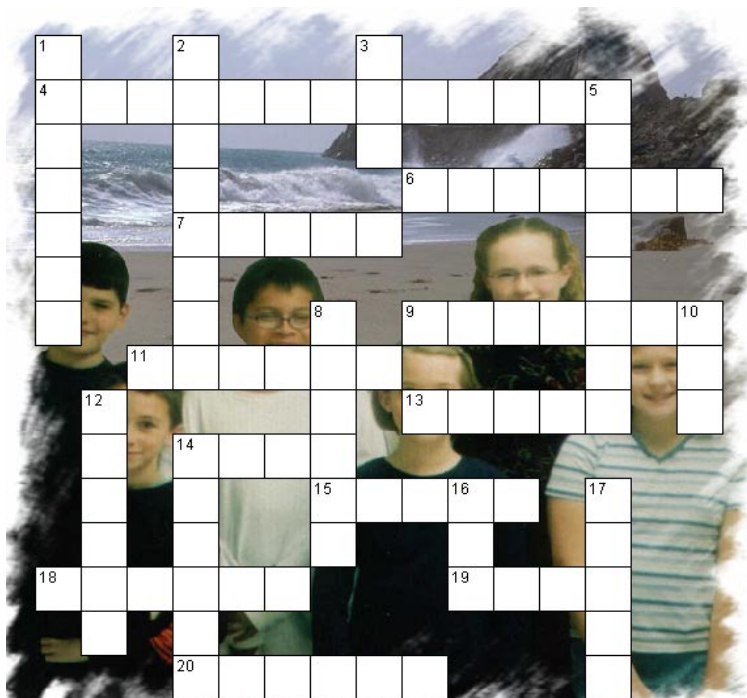


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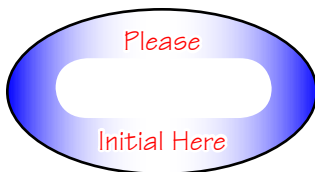


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| 4. Each commandment gives us more light and _____ concerning God... | 1. Love our neighbor as _____. |
| 6. ...was to reveal _____ to His people. | 2. Love our _____ as ourself. |
| 7. ...live in a peaceful and _____ way... | 3. ...concerning our relationship with _____. |
| 9. ...not bear false _____ ... | 5. The Two _____ Commandments. |
| 11. ...grouped into two _____. | 8. ... love is the _____ of all the commandments. |
| 13. ...commandment give us more _____... | 10. The last _____ commandments are concerned with our relationship with God. |
| 14. The first _____ commandments... | 12. ...happy way with our _____ men. |
| 15. ...not make any kind of _____ to worship... | 14. ...honor our _____ and mother. |
| 18. ...honor our father and _____... | 16. One reason that _____ gave the Ten Commandments... |
| 19. ...sanctifying our _____ and time... | 17. The Lord _____ Christ. |
| 20. One _____ that God gave the Ten Commandments... | |

Parent's Initials:



The Ten Commandments

- Lesson Twenty-Two -

The Two Greatest Commandments

I. Overview.

The spirit of the Ten Commandments is love. We can automatically fulfill every one of the commandments when we love God and love our neighbor. We should not be motivated to obey God through fear, but through love.

When we love God, we will want to please God. We will want to live a life that is according to God. If we live according to God, we will certainly live according to His commandments.



Love God with all your heart and soul and strength and mind.

Further, when we love our neighbor, we will not break any of the commandments that deal with how we treat our neighbor.

When the Lord Jesus was asked what the greatest commandment was, He responded with two. The first was that we should love God and the second was that we should love our neighbor. He then said that the whole law would be fulfilled by keeping these two.

II. Memory Verse.

“You shall love the Lord your God from your whole heart and with your whole soul and with your whole strength and with your whole mind, and your neighbor as yourself.”

(Luke 10:27)

III. Lesson.

One reason that God gave the Ten Commandments was to reveal Himself to His people. Each commandment gives us more light and understanding concerning God and His nature. In the commandments we see God's character, His ways, His feeling and His heart. Each commandment is precious because it is like a photograph of God, showing us something about Him.

Two Groups of Commandments

We indicated in an earlier lesson that the Ten Commandments are grouped into two groups. The first four commandments are concerned with our relationship with God. The last six commandments are concerned with our relationship with man. The Lord Jesus indicated that not only the Ten Commandments, but also the entire law hangs on just two commandments.

Concerning the first four commandments, if we love our God with our whole heart, soul, strength and mind, we would: 1) not have any other gods, 2) not make any kind of image to worship, 3) not take the name of the Lord in vain, and 4) remember God by sanctifying our days and time for Him.



Love your neighbor
as yourself.

If we love our neighbor as ourself, we would: 5) honor our father and mother, 6) not murder, 7) not commit adultery, 8) not steal, 9) not bear false witness and 10) not covet our neighbors possessions.

Loving God and loving our neighbor as ourself are truly the two greatest commandments. Because both of these

commandments are a matter of love, we know that love is the spirit of all the commandments.

The Ten Commandments tell us clearly what we should *not* do. Concerning what we *should* do in order to walk in a way that pleases God, only one word is necessary to describe it – love. We should love our God with our whole heart, and soul, and strength and mind, and should love our neighbor as ourself. If we take care of these two commandments, we will at the same time be taking care of all the rest. In this way we will live a life that expresses all the characteristics of God and will please Him very much. We will also live in a peaceful and happy way among our fellow men.

--- Questions for Discussion ---

1. What are the two greatest commandments?

2. What is one reason that God gave the Ten Commandments to man?

3. What are the first four commands concerned with?

4. What are the last six commands concerned with?

