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In Accord with God's Laws

People cling to God's word when they want to prove to others that they are just, but as soon as they do not have eyes observing their actions, they forget all about it. The Bible or any other biblical documents should be our priority because they state God's accomplishments and what he expects from us. When God gave us the Ten Commandments, it was his way of protecting us from destroying ourselves, a way to set boundaries between God and his people. Respecting the Ten Commandments will give us a chance to receive salvation because we trust God's process. People begin to forget about the Commandments when they see that God forgive their sins even when they do not obey the laws.

We often feel that God does not expect us to obey the laws because even when we are made in his image, we cannot take orders seriously; he knows our nature since Adam and Eve's mistake in the Eden garden. The Ten Commandments are important to build straight lines for us in our journeys with God. This statement, "There is no need for Christians to obey the laws (Ten Commandments) anymore because we cannot gain our righteousness through it, but only through faith in Christ," makes it seem like all the works God has done for us did not mean anything to

us. It is not about gaining righteousness through it that matters, but knowing that we are willing to cooperate with his commands without expecting something from it.

We will find the Ten Commandments in Exodus 20: 1-17 and Deuteronomy 5: 1-22, where “The first 4 commandments deal with relations to God, and the last 6 commandments deal with relations to other individuals” (Varughese, Branson and Edlin 104). Our relations with God should matter more to us than any other relations because he is not someone who will hold grudges if we admit that we were wrong and then repent. So this is why he asked us to worship him only, to love him first, and then we can love others through his grace. We should respect his name and speak through him with honor and adoration. We should value the seventh day because it is a sacred day known as the Sabbath, and we should rest. We should cherish our parents and neighbors; we should not be all over someone’s place and steal from them. We should not take someone’s life because they act wrongly with us or disrespect us. Christians, among all people, should know that it is mandatory to comply with the laws, especially the Ten Commandments. In Matthew 22: 34-40, Mark 12: 28-34, and Luke 10: 25-28 in the New Testament, we see that Jesus says that obeying the Ten Commandments will open the doors to the kingdom of heaven for everyone who follows the laws.

We study salvation everywhere, such as in our English and Bible classes, or we have heard about it in church, in conversations. We know salvation means being saved from our sins, but what does it mean in the Old Testament? What is the Old Testament concept of salvation? In every verse related to the word, we see people mention that God is their salvation; but we are more familiar with the concept of atonement when it comes to getting rid of our sins in the Old Testament. People in the Old Testament believed in the Ten Commandments.

In summary, Christians should keep the Ten Commandments to heart and obey them. They may not lead to salvation, but God's guidelines to preserve his people. By following the rules set by God through Moses at Mount Sinai, we know that we will have a chance to enter the Kingdom of Heaven, so we should not let faith in what God is capable of overpower our connections with him.

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