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The Need of the Ten Commandments

The 10 Commandment first appeared in the scriptures of **Exodus 20:2-17**, and **Deuteronomy 5:6-21**, there are also some commandments in the New Testament. If the commandments were looked upon as laws, then the first initial law was given to Adam in the Garden of Eden of what not to eat from the garden.

I think it is imperative that we as Christians should obey the Ten Commandments because it is God's will for us to have rules and laws to abide by. It helps us to maintain some level of structure and what God expects of us as his children. These commandments were given to us by God to help us to better people as his representation here on earth. The commandments were given to us by God to help us to follow his orders and commands for our lives. The commandments also separate us from the world, because the scripture says that we are in this world, but not of this world. We are the light of earth; therefore, we are held in a different standard, and it doesn't mean that God loves us more than anyone else, but he expects more and better from us.

In the New Testament it says about obeying because Jesus said he didn't come to change the laws, but he came to fulfil the law and that is mentioned in **Matthew 5:17**. Also it says in **verse 19**. Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments and

teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be great in the kingdom of heaven. Also, there are several other scriptures in the New Testament that mention the commandments although Apostle Paul said the law doesn't apply but he mentions in **Romans 7:12** So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and just and good. Also we may never be able to put another god before our Heavenly Father so that's another of the commandments that may never be broken. And there are several others such as, love thy neighbor, therefore we must always honor the 10 commandments and follow them.

The Old Testament concept of salvation was based on their faith, worship, and repentance, although it was mentioned that Savior is to come, and some people relied on his coming to save them. And I believe part of their salvation may have been considered by way of obeying the Commandments in the beginning, but as time goes on in the Old Testament you see people begin to change and not adhere to the commandments.

People in the Old Testament believed in Ark of Covenant that appeared to anointed or held powers by God because when it was in the hands of the rightful owners nothing happened to them because he had to be handling by people of purity. When the Ark of Covenant was in the wrong hands it caused people to get sick and die. The people of the Old Testament believed in their faith in God which was established through their relationship with him through prayer especially when they were in bondage and prayed for a savior. I believe their obedience to God was also a way to please the God they served and they didn't want to be displeasing to him. I can imagine that judgement and salvation are also probably included in what the people of the Old Testament believed in too. When I think of King David, he praised and worshipped

the Lord in all that he did. When he did things that was displeasing to God he would repent and acknowledge his wrong doings, as a matter-of-fact God said he was a man after his own heart. So God had found favor in David, and other leaders that he put in charge of his people including Moses, Saul, Solomon and so forth.