

# THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Exodus 20

The most important document in the history of the world was written on two tables of stone by the Lord's own hand. The story of the giving of the Ten Commandments is filled with drama, reflecting their significance to the human race. They are the basis for everything in the Word.

"The commandments of the Decalogue are called the ten words or ten commandments, because "ten" signifies all; consequently the ten words mean all things of the Word, and thus all things of the church in summary." (*Apocalypse Explained* 1024.2)



The reason the Ten Commandments are the basis for everything in the Word is because each one has deeper and deeper meanings that give people every truth they need to live a life of love to the Lord and to the neighbor. After each commandment listed in the chart below, write down what you think the deeper meaning for that commandment might be.

Commandment	Deeper meanings
I am the Lord Your God....You shall have no other gods before Me.	
You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.	
Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.	
Honor your father and your mother.	
You shall not murder.	
You shall not commit adultery.	
You shall not steal.	
You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. (Don't lie.)	
You shall not covet your neighbor's house.	
You shall not covet your neighbor's wife...nor anything that is your neighbor's.	