

# Stone Tables – The Ten Commandments: Part 1

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Remember, small groups are primarily for growing closer relationships with other believers. We can learn wonderful things in this environment but keep relationships first.

- **Stone Tablets: The Ten Commandments**
  - o Talk about foundational truths, this is where “written in stone” comes from!!
  - o Can you list the 10 Commandments?
    - Do you follow them?
  - o This is basically the Old Testament precursor to the Sermon on the Mount.
- We are going to get there by looking at another commandment that has fallen out of vogue recently.
  - o This command is in the Bible over 100 times in various forms: “Fear The Lord!”
  - o Look at: **Prov 1:7, Prov 9:10, Phil 2:12, 2 Cor 5:11, Luke 2:4-5**
  - o How does that make you feel? Any worship songs written about this??
  - o I think this was over emphasized in the past. Now it is neglected.
- But it is complicated.
  - o Jesus also said that the greatest commandment was not to fear God, but **Mark 12:29-32**.
  - o So, what do we do with that?
    - Many people have a complicated relationship with God.
      - Many aspects and multiple spectrums. Thoughts and experiences?
    - If you are an enemy of God where should you land? If you know you are failing God? Etc?
      - Even **James 3:1**. If you bury your talent or you misuse your office, etc. Pharisees.
  - o Yet, I spend much of my ministry time trying to convince people that God likes them!! Why??
    - Because how you respond to God will determine how God responds to you!
- Transitioning from fear to perfect love.
  - o Check out **1 John 4:16-19**.
    - Fear has to do with punishment, (v18). Are you right to expect that?
    - But perfect love casts out fear! The love shown by the cross of Christ! **Romans 5:6-10**
    - Some aren't made perfect (completed) yet, they still fear.
      - Starts with fear of the Lord, but finishes (is completed by) resting in God's love!
- Then we love God back: How? 10 Commandments 1-4! We will look at those next time.
- We love because He first loved us.
- **John 15:13-15**
  - o Don't miss the love of God. Give your life to Jesus!
  - o If you have given your life to Jesus but you need to be made complete, reach up to God to finish the progression from: enemy => forgiven child => servant => friend.
- Pray for each other before you finish up!