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Each commandment is examined in more detail via scripture to show the importance of why believers should be careful to honour and keep them.

1. God. Exodus 23:13, Isaiah 45:5, 1 Corinthians 8:6: 1Timothy 2:5: God makes it clear that there is only one. There are no other gods like Him. No one made us in His image but Him and clearly states that believers should not talk about other gods at all.

2. Idols. Psalms 115:4-8, Isaiah 44:9-12, Habakkuk 2:18-19, Luke 12:34, 1 John 5:21 These images do not have any living senses or the ability to interact with participants. God makes it known to anyone trying to make-believe these gods will perform. They only bring shame to the owner. The Lord warns children about idolizing any objects. The heart on anything that may consume time does not lie.

3. God's Name. Psalms 61:8, Isaiah 42:8, Matthew 6:9, Acts 4:12, Philippians 2:10-11: The name of the Lord is to call, praise, and sing unto Him. He will not share His glory with any other gods. No other can save souls but Him.

4. Sabbath. Genesis 2:2-3, Exodus 31:16, Leviticus 26:2, Isaiah 56:2, 58:13, Ezekiel 20:16,20, 22:8: The Sabbath day is where God Himself rested. He refrains from activities. Therefore, believers and children must do the same. We should refrain from any ungodly thing that brings pleasure.

5. Parents. Deuteronomy 5:16, Ephesians 6:1-3, 1Timothy 5:8: When people (especially the young generation) respect their parents consistently, God ensures that all will be well with them throughout their lives. We should be careful how we speak, how we respond, obey them (by doing the right things, not wrong things), and supporting them in every area of their life. We may need to help them socially, financially, residentially, and helping them with love.

6. Murder. Leviticus 24:17, Deuteronomy 5:17, Matthew 5:21-26, 1John 3:15: Keep in mind if we hate or dislike someone for whatever reason, it may lead to something more dangerous. We must not behave or remain that way because it may lead to evil actions.

7. Adultery. Proverbs 6:24-29, 32, 23:27, Matthew 5:28, Hebrews 13:4: If a married man or woman gazes at someone for a certain period, this action may lead to compromise and bad intentions. To interact intimately other than the spouse creates damage.

8. Theft. Leviticus 19:11, Ephesians 4:28: Taking an item or property from someone else, whether big or small, leads to consequences, especially with God. Stealing includes taking a spot in line from another person or a fiancée from somebody.

9. Lying. Psalms 101:7, Proverbs 6:16-19, 12:19, 22, John 8:44, Colossians 3:9: God hates lying. Satan is the father of it. If a believer lies, this gives the devil access to our territory.

10. Coveting. Deuteronomy 5:21, Luke 12:15: To desire, the possessions of another person eventually may lead to envy and grudge. Avoid it.