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The Ten Commandments, The Laws Governing Man's Duty to God (Part 4):

Commandment Four Concerns *God's Day*—Never Fail to Observe the Sabbath, to Keep it Holy, Exodus 20:8-11

Exodus 20:8-11 (NASB)

⁸ "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

¹⁰ but the seventh day is a sabbath of the LORD your God; *in it* you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter, your male or your female servant or your cattle or your sojourner who stays with you.

¹¹ For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and made it holy."

Exodus 16:16-30 (NASB)

¹⁶ "This is what the LORD has commanded, 'Gather of it every man as much as he should eat; you shall take an omer apiece according to the number of persons each of you has in his tent.'"

¹⁷ The sons of Israel did so, and *some* gathered much and *some* little.

¹⁸ When they measured it with an omer, he who had gathered much had no excess, and he who had gathered little had no lack; every man gathered as much as he should eat.

¹⁹ Moses said to them, "Let no man leave any of it until morning."

²⁰ But they did not listen to Moses, and some left part of it until morning, and it bred worms and became foul; and Moses was angry with them.

²¹ They gathered it morning by morning, every man as much as he should eat; but when the sun grew hot, it would melt.

²² Now on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for each one. When all the leaders of the congregation came and told Moses,

²³ then he said to them, "This is what the LORD meant: Tomorrow is a sabbath observance, a holy sabbath to the LORD. Bake what you will bake and boil what you will boil, and all that is left over put aside to be kept until morning."

²⁴ So they put it aside until morning, as Moses had ordered, and it did not become foul nor was there any worm in it.

²⁵ Moses said, "Eat it today, for today is a sabbath to the LORD; today you will not find it in the field.

²⁶ "Six days you shall gather it, but on the seventh day, *the* sabbath, there will be none."



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²⁷ It came about on the seventh day that some of the people went out to gather, but they found none.

²⁸ Then the LORD said to Moses, "How long do you refuse to keep My commandments and My instructions?"

²⁹ "See, the LORD has given you the sabbath; therefore He gives you bread for two days on the sixth day. Remain every man in his place; let no man go out of his place on the seventh day."

³⁰ So the people rested on the seventh day."

(Exodus 16:16-30) Disobedience— Test - Testing— Manna— Hoarding: the people failed the test of God. They disobeyed God. God gave the people three different commands concerning the manna.

Note the response to each command.

1. God's first command was obeyed ([Exodus 16:16-18](#)).

[Exodus 16:16-18 \(NASB\)](#)

¹⁶ "This is what the LORD has commanded, 'Gather of it every man as much as he should eat; you shall take an **omer** apiece according to the number of persons each of you has in his tent.'"

¹⁷ The sons of Israel did so, and *some* gathered much and *some* little.

¹⁸ When they measured it with an **omer**, he who had gathered much had no excess, and he who had gathered little had no lack; every man gathered as much as he should eat."

He instructed the people to gather only the amount of manna that was needed for each person within a tent, an **omer (two quarts)** for each person.

Note:

⇒ The people obeyed. Each person gathered exactly what was **needed** ([Exodus 16:17](#)).

[Exodus 16:17 \(NASB\)](#)

¹⁷ "The sons of Israel did so, and *some* gathered much and *some* little."

⇒ The people strictly obeyed: they actually measured the amount gathered. No person kept more nor had less than what he should ([Exodus 16:18](#)).

[Exodus 16:18 \(NASB\)](#)

¹⁸ When they measured it with an **omer**, he who had gathered much had no excess, and he who had gathered little had no lack; every man gathered as much as he should eat."



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2. God's second command was disobeyed ([Exodus 16:19-21](#)).

Exodus 16:19-21 (NASB)

¹⁹ "Moses said to them, "Let no man leave any of it until morning."

²⁰ **But they did not listen to Moses, and some left part of it until morning, and it bred worms and became foul; and Moses was angry with them.**

²¹ **They gathered it morning by morning, every man as much as he should eat; but when the sun grew hot, it would melt."**

The servant of God (Moses) declared God's command: the manna was not to be kept overnight. **Why? The reason is obvious: this was the test of God.**

⇒ This was one of the ways God was going to expose the human heart, that it is selfish and carnal.

⇒ This was the way God was going to teach His people that they must trust Him day by day, trust Him for the provisions of life.

Picture what God's people were being asked to do: to go to bed at night without a morsel of food in the house, to trust God totally for their daily bread.

But keep this fact in mind: they were expecting to march straight to the promised land of Canaan, expecting to be in the desert for only a brief period of time. They had no idea whatsoever that they would be wandering about in the wilderness for **forty long years**, no idea that they were being asked to trust God for their daily bread for so long a period, for forty years.

But note: this was exactly what God's people are supposed to do: trust Him day by day, trust Him every day of their lives.

a. What did the Israelites do? Some of them disobeyed God and kept a portion of manna overnight. They were not quite sure that God had actually provided the manna, that there would be manna available the next morning. They just did not trust the promise of God, did not believe God would continue to meet their needs. They acted selfishly, coveting and hoarding the manna.

b. Note what happened: the manna was full of maggots and stunk—was unfit to eat—when the disbelievers arose the next morning

c. The servant of God, Moses, was justifiably angered with the people ([Exodus 16:20](#)).

Exodus 16:20 (NASB)

²⁰ **"But they did not listen to Moses, and some left part of it until morning, and it bred worms and became foul; and Moses was angry with them."**



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- d. But God demonstrated His mercy: He continued to provide for the people, continued to give the manna—the bread from heaven—to them ([Exodus 16:21](#)).

[Exodus 16:21 \(NASB\)](#)

²¹ “They gathered it morning by morning, every man as much as he should eat; but when the sun grew hot, it would melt.”

And note: the people gathered the manna every morning, day by day; and when the sun came up, the manna melted.