

The Ten Commandments, The Laws Governing Man's Duty to God (Part 9):

Commandment One Concerns God's Being—Never Believe in False Gods, Exodus 20:3

Exodus 20:2 (NASB)

² I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

The Israelites were to keep the Ten Commandments because God had delivered them out of Egypt, out of slavery and bondage. Remember, Egypt is a picture of the world, and Israel's slavery to Egypt is a picture of man's enslavement to the world, to its bondages of sin and death. But God loves us; therefore, He has provided salvation for us in Christ Jesus our Lord. It is this—the love of God—that is to compel us to keep His commandments.

But having said this, there are other reasons for obeying the commandments. And, as mentioned, these are covered in other Scriptures. Our purpose in discussing the Ten Commandments is to give an overall discussion. For this reason, we are including the consequences for breaking the commandments in a **Deeper Study** for each of the commandments.

1. There are the consequences upon God.

a. The person who does not follow God cuts the heart of God: causes pain and hurt for Him.

1 Samuel 8:7 (NASB)

⁷ The Lord said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in regard to all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me from being king over them.

Psalms 81:11 (NASB)

¹¹ But My people did not listen to My voice, And Israel did not obey Me.

2 Peter 3:9 (NASB)

⁹ The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

b. The person who does not follow God causes the name of God to be blasphemed.

Romans 2:23-24 (NASB)

²³ You who boast in the Law, through your breaking the Law, do you dishonor God?

²⁴ For "THE NAME OF GOD IS BLASPHEMED AMONG THE GENTILES BECAUSE OF YOU," just as it is written.

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c. The person who does not follow God lives a life that is detestable to God.

Titus 1:16 (NASB)

¹⁶ **They profess to know God, but by *their* deeds they deny *Him*, being detestable and disobedient and worthless for any good deed.**

2. There are the consequences upon oneself, ones day to day life.

a. The person who does not follow God follows after dumb, lifeless idols, man-made gods that can never help him.

Jeremiah 16:20 (NASB)

²⁰ **Can man make gods for himself? Yet they are not gods!**

1 Corinthians 12:2 (NASB)

² **You know that when you were pagans, *you were* led astray to the mute idols, however you were led.**

b. The person who does not follow God exchanges a life of glory for a life that does not profit, a life that is worthless.

Jeremiah 2:11 (NASB)

¹¹ **Has a nation changed gods When they were not gods? But My people have changed their glory For that which does not profit.**

c. The person who does not follow God experiences a life of emptiness and trouble, missing out on the spiritual rest and peace of God.

Hebrews 4:11 (NASB)

¹¹ **Therefore let us be diligent to enter that rest, so that no one will fall, through *following* the same example of disobedience.**

Psalms 78:32-33 (NASB)

³² **In spite of all this they still sinned And did not believe in His wonderful works.**

³³ **So He brought their days to an end in futility And their years in sudden terror.**

d. The person who does not follow God lives a life of hopelessness.

Ephesians 2:12 (NASB)

¹² ***remember* that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.**

e. The person who does not follow God lives a life that is enslaved to sin.

Galatians 4:8-9 (NASB)

⁸ **However at that time, when you did not know God, you were slaves to those which by nature are no gods.**

⁹ **But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how is it that you turn back again to the weak and worthless elemental things, to which you desire to be enslaved all over again?**