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Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second *is* like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. (Matthew 22:37-40 KJV)

There are at least 613 laws of God in the Bible and yet, none of us may not able to keep them holy. Even though God understand our limitation, He gave us two simple laws for us to follow: love God and love other people. These two simple laws sum up the Ten Commandments that God gave them to Moses.

Let's forward to our century. Even though our country was founded by Chris-

tian leaders, we continuously see that our moral values have been declined by our sinful acts. Let's look at the public school curriculum. We continuously see that our children learn about other faiths, except Christianity, through Henry Potter books, mythology, astronomy, earth science, sex education, and history of crime investigation. If the religious professor would teach on the Christianity, the students would learn the historical aspect of it with using the secular resources and non-realistic resources, such as deVinci Code, other

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books of the gospel that are not part of the Bible.

Instead for people to follow two simple laws, they have made laws for themselves. Laws that are not spiritually healthy relationship with God. Laws that are focused

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Ten Commandments: Honoring God (Pt. 1)

And God spake all these words, saying, I *am* the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or

any likeness of *any thing* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of

the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me; And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments. Thou shalt not take the

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name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain. (Exodus: 20:1-7 KJV)

I believed that America is so corrupted by sins that the nation has lost to stay in touch with God. Our Supreme Court threw away the Ten Commandments and replaced with our immoral laws. We need to go back to the basics to restore what this nation has lost over the decades. I hate to mention that our nation is waiting for the wrath of God.

As we read the first three commandments in Exodus 20, we are to honor God. We shall have no other gods before Him. This first commandment is critical for us to follow and is connected with other two commandments. Unfortunately, we rejected the first commandment that God gave to Moses. Nowadays, we may worship our material possession and entertain to ourselves. We become slaves to this world that we would think we are gods. That's what TBN teaching.

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for themselves and not others. People have been divorced themselves from God. Now, we see that homosexual activists are coming out from closet and advocate for their rights. We also see that our nation is trying to make more treaties with United Nation, which it is the main location for the coming of the world dicta-

We are not gods of this world. We were made from the image of God (Genesis 1:26). People tried to be like gods, but they failed miserably (Genesis 11). This is why God confused the language throughout the world. There is no scientific explanation for this. We see the picture of unfinished Babylonian tower on the back of the U.S. \$1 bill, which it indicated that our nation is connected to the pagan religion.

We are to honor God. We cannot bring our nation back to God until we would start to call upon God (Jeremiah 33:3). Since Jesus died for our sins, we are to carry His cross daily and reach other people by sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We need to restore the laws of God into our Supreme Court.

Do you want transform your life to spend eternity with Jesus Christ? God planned to send His Son, Jesus Christ, to us to pay our sins, so we can have free access to God and develop personal relationship with Him. Would you like to

tor, antichrist. Lately, we continuously see that our children have been killed by gunman, natural disaster, and sexual abused by their teachers and older kids. As a disability advocate, I continuously read news articles on disability discrimination that the people are facing in their jobs, schools, hospitals, and other public places. All these stories are sad for our nation and for God. Our nation is in high risk for God's judgment. I hate to say this, but it is the true.

have personal relationship with God? If you'd like to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, I'd like to encourage you to do two simple things. First, confess your sins and invite Jesus Christ to your life. Paul said in Romans 10:9-11, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." There is no sinner prayer formula. Instead, you just talk to God at where you are now. Secondly, I'd like to encourage you to find a good solid biblical teaching church and Christian friends. They can help you to build strong relationship with God.

God's judgment will begin in the house of God (I Peter 4:17) and we are fit to this category.

But God is waiting for us to repent our sins and willing to reestablish His relationship with us. Are you the one? I don't know what you are facing now, but God is willing take you through the obstacles with you, if you'd give up your own effort to Him. Even though I have a disability since the birth, it

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Ten Commandments: Honoring God (Pt. 2)

Thou shalt have no other gods before me. (Exodus 20:3 KJV)

Many of us may have broken the first commandment that God gave it to Moses. I am guilty of it. Even though we may not have the idol image in our homes, we may put other things before God, such as entertainment, work, family, and friends. It is easy to make ourselves busy with these; yet, we may forget put God first in our lives.

If you'd evaluate your daily living activities, where would God fit in your schedule? Most Americans said that they believe in God, God is not in the part of their lives. I recently read an article on how atheists advocated to remove the Ten Commandments from the monument. We, Christians, need to step up and speak the truth of God. It's just not enough for us to attend Sunday church services to energize ourselves for the week. Currently, we open the door for the homosexual could have the same sex marriage or marriage with animals. We can see these on the TV.

Once the churches would approve to join with the other religious affiliations, we are putting God in a box and doing our own things. Now, we see that Roman Catholicism is the part of Christianity. We see that the most evangelists, such as Dr. Jack Van Impe, use the Catholic doctrines to backup the biblical and current events. If you'd study the Roman Catholicism, it was originated from the pagan religion and saw how the Pope tried to emerge with the Christianity through celebration of Easter Sunday, Christmas, and Halloween. So, we currently see how some churches are trying to make friend with Islam and called themselves as Chrislam.

God is a jealous God (Exodus 20:5) and we should not have other gods before Him. Jesus said in Luke 16:13, "No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon." The word "mammon" represents the worldly possessions or treasure. We cannot have in both ways. Either we put God first in our lives or the worldly possession. Joshua 24:15 clearly says, "And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as

Ten Commandments: Honoring God (Pt. 3)

Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain. (Exodus 20:7 KJV)

How many of us use God's name as curse word or excuse word? If you haven't use His name as curse word, then you may try to hide yourself from God and people who you love. Of course, we are all guilty to use God's name in vain. There is no one who haven't use His name in wrong term.

for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

Many churches are trying to lighten the message of God to make everybody worship God in any way they want. They don't want to respect God. They can bring their laptop or i-pod during the service to do their work. I see this actually happened in the one of churches in my area. It's sad enough for us to see that pastors use the e-Bible at the pulpit to preach the Gospel rather than using the actual Bible.

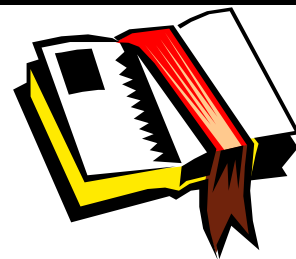
We'd need to be reunited with God if we want this nation as it was. We don't need to make any more denominational churches to worship God. Nope. Instead, we'd need to be oneness with each other to worship Him.

Choose whom you want to worship.

Do you want transform your life to spend eternity with Jesus Christ? God planned to send His Son, Jesus Christ, to us to pay our sins, so we can have free access to God and develop personal relationship with Him. Would you like to have personal relationship with God? If you'd like to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, I'd like to encourage you to do two simple things. First, confess your sins and invite Jesus Christ to your life. Paul said in Romans 10:9-11, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." There is no sinner prayer formula. Instead, you just talk to God at where you are now. Secondly, I'd like to encourage you to find a good solid biblical teaching church and Christian friends. They can help you to build strong relationship with God.

Nowadays, we see some pastors use God's name in wrong way. God doesn't excuse anyone, especially church leaders, to use His name as blasphemy. We are representatives for God and not for the world. I know there are many people use God's name as curse. In fact, there are books and movies contain blasphemy, such as Henry Potter, Chronicle of Narnia, Speed, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, Jurassic Park, and many more.

If we'd think we are not hurting anyone to use God's name in (See Honor 2 on p. 6)



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Ten Commandments: Sabbath Day (Part I)

Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day *is* the sabbath of the LORD thy God: *in it* thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that *is* within thy gates: For *in* six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them *is*, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it. (Exodus 20:8-11 KJV)

I believe the most law that Americans are neglecting today is the Sabbath Day, the day we'd need to give honor to God by resting upon Him. This day of the week should be designated for us to have quality with Him rather than busy ourselves to death. No wonder most of us have some kinds of sicknesses in our bodies. Jesus said in Matthew 6:34, "Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day *is* the evil thereof." Being worrying would bring us to problem in physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually.

God created Sabbath Day for us to rest upon Him. He didn't create us to be His slaves. No! He wants to establish imitate relationship with each of us. We are His and are not belonged to the world. There are many people who think that living in this world is the only hope for them to have long and happy life. Yes, that was true before Adam and Eve felt into sins. Unfortunately, that's not in case for now until God would restore this world to original estate.

We are living in today's society without having at least one full day to rest ourselves from our busy schedules. It's not good health habit. We are the temple of God (1 Corinthians 3:16) and we need to take care our bodies. I'm not going into piercing or tattooing our body theologies today.

We need to understand that our bodies have limit to live in this world. God doesn't want to see that our bodies would be wasted. After this earthly life, our physical bodies would return to sand, but our spiritual bodies would end up either in Heaven or Hell forever.

Are you resting upon Lord Jesus Christ? Sabbath is not just on Saturday or Sunday. It can be any on any day of the week. But we need to have some quality times with him every day.

God planned to send His Son, Jesus Christ, to us to pay our sins, so we can have free access to God and develop personal relationship with Him. Would you like to have personal relationship with God? If you'd like to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, I'd like to encourage you to do two simple things. First, confess your sins and invite Jesus Christ to your life. Paul said in Romans 10:9-11, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." There is no sinner prayer formula. Instead, you just talk to God at where you are now. Secondly, I'd like to encourage you to find a good solid biblical teaching church and Christian friends. They can help you to build strong relationship with God. If you'd need further assistance, you can email me at mgjwebministries@mgjweb.org or visit my ministries website at www.mgjweb.org for further resources.

Ten Commandments: Sabbath Day (Part II)

And, behold, there was a man which had *his* hand withered. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath days? that they might accuse him. And he said unto them, What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift *it* out? How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath days. (Matthew 12:10-12 KJV)

As the days of Pharisees, we sometime mixed up God's laws with our moral laws. Even though God said that we'd need to be rested on the seventh day, we'd decide to work more hours and make busy to ourselves. Don't be misunderstood that some of the services need to be available 24/7, such as hospital, grocery stores, gas stations, fire departments, and etc. And some stores could close on the seventh day, such as Wal-mart, restaurants, and etc. Unfortunately, our nation becomes money-maker nation, we may forget how we'd need to rest and refresh our spirits, souls, and bodies.

We often see many people go to the yoga session, Eastern Mysticism religious practice, to try to regenerate their bodies. Without thinking what they are doing, this practice teaches them to reinforce the energy upon themselves. No God. If your church would have yoga session, then your spirit would be risked your relation with God. Yes, there should be relaxing exercise activities for our spirits, souls, and bodies, but it should have limited. We should really need to focus on God and His words. Why not turn on praise and worship music for us to do exercise. Read and meditate on God's Words. Work for God and not just for our needs.

We have limited ourselves to worn our bodies. Do you know why Pharisees saw surprise that Jesus was working on Sabbath Day (Matthew 12:2)? They worried that He'd be breaking their laws. Sabbatical law didn't come from any man. God created the sabbatical law for us to have quality time with Him and people around us. Jesus didn't break the sabbatical law, but He fulfilled it.

The Ten Commandments are not religious laws, but to build our relationship with God and people. This is why Jesus said that we need to love God and other people. It sums up all the laws in the Bible.

Just for Catholics: Sabbath

Question: Catholic writers say that the day of worship was changed from the seventh (Saturday) to the first day of the week (Sunday) by the Catholic Church. I believe we should keep all Ten Commandments, as our Lord did, including the seventh day Sabbath. Some Baptists believe this also. What do you think?

Answer: Most Christians rest from their daily work and meet for worship on Sunday. We do not meet on Saturday because we do not keep the Jewish Sabbath or observe the ceremonial laws that formed part of the Jewish Sabbath, just as we do not observe the other ceremonial regulations of the Mosaic Law. These regulations pointed to and were fulfilled in Christ.

The Sabbath was a sign of God's covenant with the Jews (Exodus 31:13-17). They were commanded to offer two lambs and renew the bread of God's presence in the tabernacle (Leviticus 24:5-9; Numbers 28:9-10). Today, the old covenant with the Jews gave way to a better covenant, the New Testament in Jesus' blood. Therefore the signs of the old covenant (including circumcision, the animal sacrifices, the Jewish feasts and the Sabbath) are now obsolete.

During Jesus' lifetime, the Mosaic Law was still in force, and as expected, he rested on the Sabbath, attended the Jewish synagogue, and participated in the Temple worship and the feasts of the Jews. But after his death and resurrection, the new covenant was established and the old regulations were set aside.

Keeping in mind that the first Christians were devout Jews, we should not be surprised that they initially kept the Jewish customs, including meeting on the Sabbath, circumcision and the dietary laws. The change was gradual but decisive.

The early church was aware of the great change that had taken place. Church historian, Eusebius of Caesarea, writes in the 4th century: 'They (the righteous people who lived before Abraham) did not care about circumcision of the body, neither do we. They did not care about observing Sabbaths, nor do we. They did not avoid certain kinds of food, neither did they regard the other distinctions which Moses first delivered to their posterity to be observed as symbols; nor do Christians of the present day do such things' (Church History, book 1, chapter 4).

These changes had already started in the apostolic church. Indeed, the apostle Paul expressed great concern when he

heard that the Christians in the churches of Galatia were turning back to the old ways. He wrote: 'You observe days and months and seasons and years. I am afraid for you, lest I have labored for you in vain' (Galatians 4:10, 11).

A similar problem arose in the Colossian church. Some teachers were insisting that Christians should observe the Jewish ceremonial laws, including the Sabbath. Paul strongly opposed the idea: 'So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths, which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ' (Colossians 2:16-17). The Jews had the ceremonies (shadows, symbols, pictures); we have the substance, the reality – Christ himself!


As Christians we should not keep the Jewish Sabbath, but like our forefathers in the faith, we too need the weekly rest, and the Christian community has even more reason to come together and worship God our Saviour.

But why meet on Sunday, the first day of the week?

1. Christians meet on Sunday to mark the glorious day of Jesus' resurrection. "Now after the Sabbath, as *the first day of the week* began to dawn ... the angel answered and said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said'" (Matthew 28:1-6).
2. The first meeting of the risen Lord with the disciples was on the Sunday. "Then, the same day at evening, being *the first day of the week*, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, 'Peace be with you'" (John 20:19).
3. The New Testament church was established on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1) which always fell on the day after the Sabbath (Leviticus 23:15-16), that is, Sunday.
4. From the writings of the New Testament we know that the apostolic church met on the first day of the week:

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doesn't mean that my life is useless. Instead, God has a greater plan for your and my life that He can use us to show the path of life to others who don't know Jesus Christ.

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make the collection on the 'first day' if their meeting day was on the seventh? Paul is not telling them to meet on Sunday; he simply assumes that they already do.

Following the apostolic example, the early Christians continued to meet and worship on Sunday. We know this from the writings of the early church fathers, for example, Justin Martyr writes about the practice in his days (about 150 AD):

'And on the day called *Sunday*, all who live in cities or in the country gather together to one place, and the memoirs of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read ... But *Sunday is the day on which we all hold our common*

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vain, we are actually hurting God. It's easy to misuse God's name if we are not think carefully before we'd spill out of our mouths. We also would need to honor God by not using His name in vain or as blasphemy.

assembly, because it is the first day on which God, having wrought a change in the darkness and matter, made the world; and Jesus Christ our Saviour on the same day rose from the dead. For He was crucified on the day before that of Saturn (Saturday); and on the day after that of Saturn, which is the day of the Sun, having appeared to His apostles and disciples, He taught them these things, which we have submitted to you also for your consideration' (Justin Martyr, First Apology, 67).

Following the example of the disciples in the apostolic and early churches, most Christians continue to meet on Sunday rather than the seventh day. Those who insist that we must esteem the seventh day above the

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'Now on *the first day of the week*, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them and continued his message until midnight' (Acts 20:7). By this time, it was the custom of the Christian church to meet on Sunday to celebrate the Eucharist.'

On *the first day of the week* let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come' (1 Corinthians 16:2). Why would the apostle Paul tell the Christians in Corinth to

rest and observe the Sabbath according to the Law of Moses are causing unnecessary divisions and tension among God's people.

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