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The Commandments



Christ and the Virgin Mary  
Hans Holbein the Younger  
1535





## A Catechetical Moment

Jesus and the Samaritan Woman  
Carl Heinrich Bloch  
1872

## LAW & GRACE

Called to beatitude but wounded by sin,  
man stands in need of salvation from God.

Divine help comes to him in Christ  
through the law that guides him  
and the grace that sustains him:

*"Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for  
God is at work in you, both to will and to work for his good  
pleasure."*

CCC 1949

## OLD LAW ~ NEW LAW



Moses and the Old Covenant  
Pierrelouis  
1858



## JESUS & THE DECALOGUE

- "If you would enter eternal life, keep the Commandments." *Mt. 19:16-17*
- "I have not come to abolish the Law but to fulfill it."  
*Mt. 5:17*
- "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." *Jn. 15:12*
- 10 Commandments express man's fundamental duties towards God and towards his neighbor.
- "grave, immutable, oblige always and everywhere"

CCC 207

## OLD LAW

- Privileged expression of the Natural Law
- "God wrote on the tables of the Law what men did not read in their hearts." *St. Augustine*
- Terms of the Old Covenant
- ...shows what must be done but does not of itself give the strength to fulfill it.
- Preparation for the Gospel

CCC 1963-1964

## NEW LAW

- Law of the Gospel *fulfills the commandments of the Law.*
- Terms of the New and Everlasting Covenant
- The Sermon on the Mount to teach us what must be done and makes use of the sacraments to give us the grace to do it.
- Grace of the Holy Spirit
- *Life of Perfection*

CCC 1965-1968, 1973-1974

# The Exodus Event

- Slavery
  - foreign land + foreign people + foreign gods = IDOL WORSHIP
- Natural Law & Conscience
  - It is beneath our dignity to worship a grass eating bullock!
  - I set before you Life & Death--  
**CHOOSE LIFE!**
- Freedom



*If you love the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his ordinances, then you shall live and multiply.*  
*Deuteronomy 30:16*

Moses and the Ten Commandments  
Philip de Champaigne  
1648

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1st Commandment

## WORSHIP THE LIVING GOD

- God's first call and just demand is that man accept him and worship him.
- “worship” = response of gratitude, humility, truth
- “virtue of religion”
- Integrally linked with theological virtues of *faith, hope & charity.*
- Grace of the Holy Spirit
  - Fear of the Lord - Piety

## HIM ONLY SHALL YOU SERVE

- Adoration
  - To adore God is to acknowledge Him as ... master of everything that exists, as infinite and merciful Love.
- Prayer
  - Praise, and thanksgiving, intercession and petition.
- Sacrifice
  - by uniting ourselves with the sacrifice of Christ, we can make our lives a sacrifice to God.
- Promises & Vows
  - an act of devotion

CCC 2096-2102

## HIM ONLY SHALL YOU SERVE

- Social Duty of Religion
  - The duty of offering God genuine worship concerns man both individually and socially. ...The social duty of Christians is to respect and awaken in each man the love of the true and the good. It requires them to make known the worship of the one true religion which subsists in the Catholic Church.
- Freedom of Religion
  - Nobody may be forced to act against his convictions, nor is anyone to be restrained from acting in accordance with his conscience in religious matters in private or in public.

CCC 2105-2106

## MATTER CONCERNING THE 1ST COMMANDMENT

***Thou shalt not have strange gods before Me.***

~age appropriate catechesis~

- "Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God."
- Angel of Fatima Prayer
- Superstition, idolatry, divination & magic
- Irreligion, atheism & agnosticism



CCC 1118; 2110-2117



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"In the  
name of  
**JESUS**  
**CHRIST,**  
stand up  
and walk."

*"That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things  
under the earth."*

*Philippians 2:10*

# JESUS

*"Again I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree on  
earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be  
done for them of my Father which is in heaven."*

*Matthew 18:19*

## MATTER CONCERNING THE 2ND COMMANDMENT

*Thou shalt not take the Lord's name in vain.*

• *"in vain"* :

- false, useless, for injustice
- promises in God's name must be honored
- blasphemy includes Blessed Mother, the Church, the saints and sacred things
- false Oaths or broken oaths

CCC 2150-2167; 2814

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## DIES DOMINI



- Pope John Paul II, 1998
- "Shabbat" ~ God's Creation and Rest
- Keep holy by "remembering"
- The 8<sup>th</sup> Day
- Eucharistic Assembly: Heart of Sunday
- Day of Joy, Rest & Solidarity

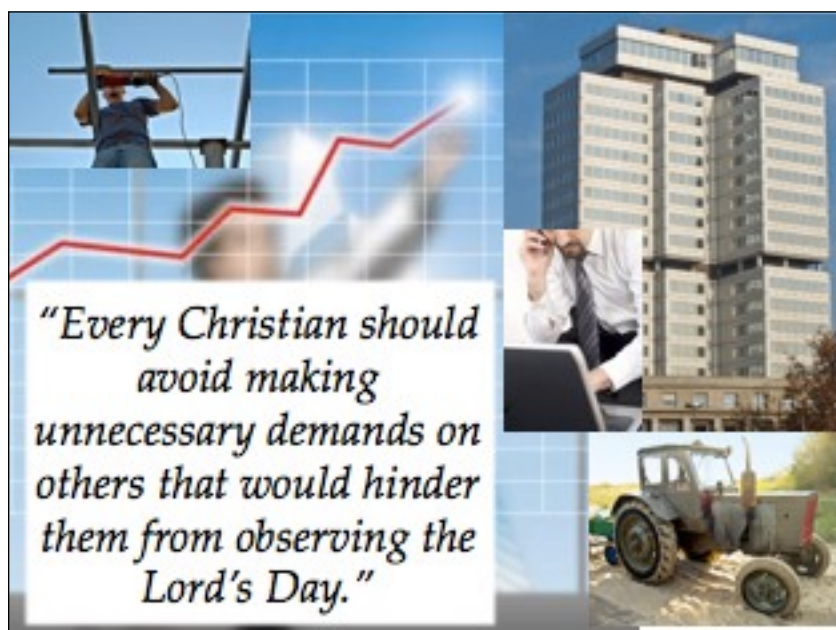


## MATTER CONCERNING THE 3RD COMMANDMENT

*Keep holy the Sabbath day.*

- “Render to God an outward, visible, public, and regular worship.”  
(Skipping Mass is a sin!)
- Sunday Celebration of the Eucharist
- Holy Days of Obligation
- Day of Grace & Rest from Work

CCC 2168-2195



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