



THE QUESTION OF AUTHORITY

Introduction:

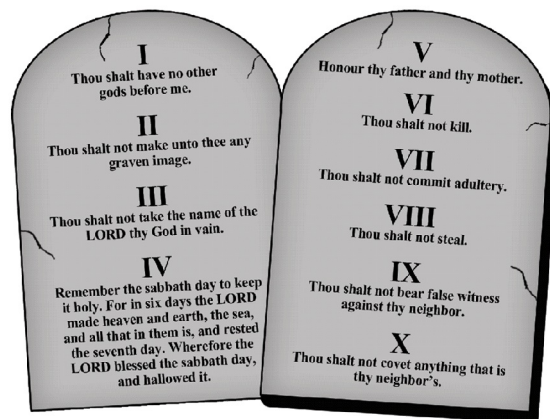
I. MOSES DECLARES THE WORD OF THE LORD FOR ISRAEL (Deut. 5)

A. The Participants in the Covenant (vs. 1-5)

B. The Provisos of the Covenant (vs. 6-21)

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C. The Provenance of the Covenant (vs. 22-25)



II. PAUL DEFINES THE WORD OF THE LORD FOR THE CHURCH (I Tim. 1:8-11)

A. What is the purpose of the law?

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- ② _____
- ③ _____
- ④ _____
- ⑤ _____

B. What is the proper use of the law?

Ten Commandments Deuteronomy 5	Proper Use of Law 1 Timothy 1:9–10
1. no other gods (vs. 7)	"lawbreakers and rebels"
2. no idols (vs. 8-10)	"ungodly and sinful"
3. no vain use of Name (vs. 11)	"unholy and irreligious"
4. keep Sabbath holy (vs. 12-15)	(included in above - note "holy")
5. honor parents (vs. 16)	"those who kill their fathers or mothers"
6. no murder (vs. 17)	"murderers"
7. no adultery (vs. 18)	"adulterers and perverts"
8. no stealing (vs. 19)	"slave traders"
9. no slander (vs. 20)	"liars and perjurers"
10. no coveting (vs. 21)	["and any other thing"]

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- ③ _____

C. What is the improper use of the law?

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- ② _____
- ③ _____

Conclusion:

"Truth is not a polite tap on the shoulder, it is a howling reproach. What Moses brought down from Mt. Sinai were not the Ten Suggestions - they are commandments. *Are*, not *were*. The sheer beauty of the commandments is that they codify in a handful of words acceptable human behavior, not just for then, or now, but for all time." – Ted Koppel

Food for Thought:

- 1) What should we make of the references to "the Lord spoke face to face" with Moses?
- 2) How do you view the "two tablets" arrangement? (What was written on each?)
- 3) What is the function and proper use of the Law now?
- 4) What is your understanding of the applicability of the Ten Commandments today?