

Test Your Knowledge of the Ten Commandments

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I recently read an article by Jennifer Waddle on “Ten Things You Might Not Know About The Ten Commandments.” Well, who can ignore that challenge? Plus, knowing that Jennifer was from a denominational background, I wondered how accurate would be her statements.

The first five were accurate: (1) The Ten Commandments were spoken by Moses 3 months after the exodus from Egypt; (2) The commandments were written by God, not Moses; (3) There were actually two sets of stone tablets; (4) The Ten Commandments were placed in the Ark of the Covenant; (5) Commandment #5 is followed by a direct blessing.

I had always believed that Moses wrote the second set of commandments after he broke the first set. But **Exodus 34:1** plainly says that God would write them again. Moses **did** cut the two tablets of stone like the first ones, **Exodus 34:4. Exodus 34:28** says “...And He wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments.” The **KJV** does not capitalize “he” so it could be easily confused with Moses rather than God. If I’m missing something here, then somebody correct me, please.

Point number 6 was a bit *misleading or misunderstood*: “All 10 commandments are upheld in the New Testament.” If she meant that all ten are binding today, then I must disagree. The Sabbath Day commandment has been done away, as well as the entire Old Testament covenant (**Col. 2:14-17; Jer. 31:31-34 {Heb. 8:8-12}**). If she meant that Jesus and His disciples observed the Sabbath during His earthly ministry, then I must agree.

Points 7-10 were correct also: (7) It’s easy to break the third commandment without realizing it; (8) We are to write the commandments on our hearts; (9) The number 10 signifies “completeness” in the Bible; (10) The early patriarchs did not have the Ten Commandments. Since the commandments are given in the New Testament, and the first day of the week replaces the Sabbath as the day of worship, we should write them in our hearts. And the use of the phrase “OMG” is blaspheming God’s Name, a violation of the third commandment.

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