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- \_\_\_ All of the instructions God has given us about how to approach life are embodied in the ten commandments. They show us how to live in love toward God and everything else. Follow them and you will find peace and happiness.
- \_\_\_ Just as a mirror can show us the parts our true physical condition that we cannot see, the law will show us our true spiritual condition, and our great need of Jesus.
- \_\_\_ Jesus clearly establishes the law as eternal principles of His kingdom. Not only does He defend the commandments, He submitted His life to them to the death in order to fulfill their requirements on our behalf.
- \_\_\_ It is compelling evidence for the critical and eternal nature of God's ten Commandments that His remnant people, living at the end of time just before Jesus returns, will be known for keeping His law.
- \_\_\_ Jesus summarizes the Ten Commandments into the great principles of love. If we truly love God and love man we will live the Ten Commandments.
- \_\_\_ God explains His ultimate goal with the law as a way to communicate who He is and what He is about. He longs to write His law on our hearts so that our whole lives are based on the principles of love and we are safe from rebellion that ends in death.
- \_\_\_ Jesus illustrates the simplicity of the law and its indispensable place in our lives. We are instructed to focus on abiding in Him and as a result of this abiding His love flows into our lives and brings fruit. Clearly we are saved by our connection to Jesus; however, we have to keep His commandments to protect this connection.



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## TEXTS FOR FURTHER STUDY

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