

Assurance During God's Judgment

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Altar Call, chapters 43-45

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“Judgment” inspires

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First commandment
Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first and greatest commandment.

II

Second commandment
Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself: this is the second commandment, like unto the first. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

III

Third commandment
Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for thou shalt not use the name of the Lord thy God to thyself, or to others, in a light and careless manner.

IV

Fourth commandment
Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy: 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 commanded us to keep it holy.

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Fifth commandment
Honor thy father and thy mother: this is the first commandment with promise.

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Sixth commandment
Thou shalt not kill.

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Seventh commandment
Thou shalt not commit adultery.

VIII

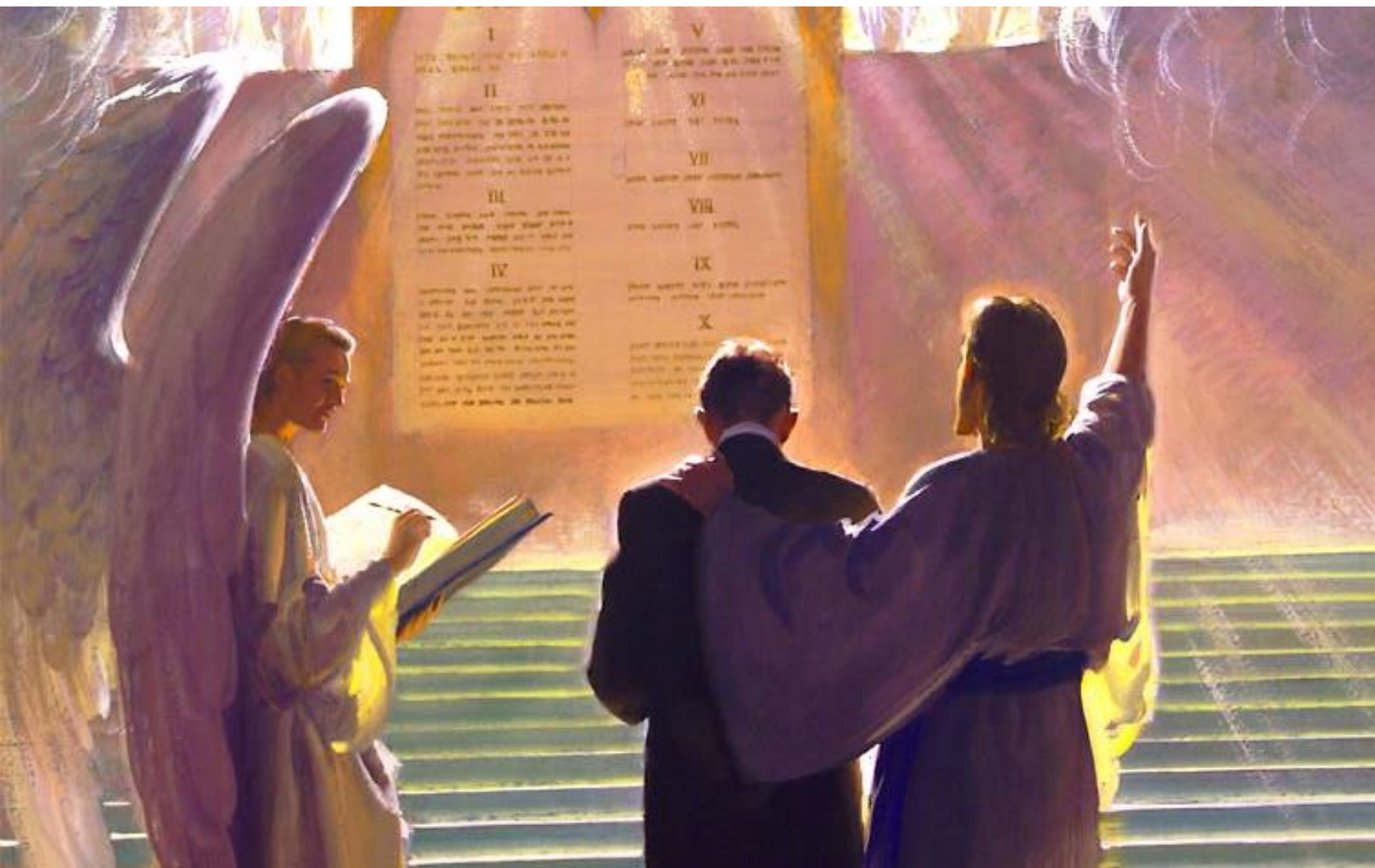
Eighth commandment
Thou shalt not steal.

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Ninth commandment
Thou shalt not bear false witness.

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Tenth commandment
Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, his wife, his servants, his ox, his ass, nor anything that is his: for this coveting is the beginning of all evil.



Judgment Gives Confidence

► Roles of Christ:

- Judge (John 5:22).
- Defense Attorney (Zech 3:1-5).
- True Witness (Rev. 3:14).
- Substitute (2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Pet. 2:24).

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- ▶ Condemns the disloyal (Heb. 10:26-31).
 - But delivers the loyal (Dan. 7:21-22, 26-27).
- ▶ Mercy and its results for us and our Father Judge (2 Sam. 14:9—judicial responsibility for forgiving).
- ▶ Sets confidence in concrete. Compare application of blood in same places on Day of Atonement.

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- ▶ Fears answered:
- ▶ Judgment of works (Eccl. 12:14).
 - Evidence of saving faith (Eph. 2:8-9; James 2:26).
 - Evidence for created beings who cannot read thoughts (Dan 7:10).
- ▶ God empowers works through faith (Rom. 5:5; Gal. 5:6; Philipp. 2:13).

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- ▶ Forgiveness undone only if we sever covenant connection (Heb. 6:4-6).
- ▶ Assurance of forgiveness while accepting transforming power (Rom. 8:1-17; Col. 1:21-23).

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- ▶ We do not vindicate God by our works.
- ▶ God vindicates Himself by what He does for, in, and through us (Lev. 16; Dan. 8:14).

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- ▶ Works relevant to judgment follow conversion (John 8:11).
 - Empowered by God (Rom. 8).
- ▶ Positive outcome from allowing God to work His will in our lives.
 - Compare Mary in Luke 1:38.

Judgment Gives Confidence

- ▶ Judgment in heaven.
- ▶ We don't know when our names come up.
- ▶ Genuine, ongoing commitment.
- ▶ God tells when the judgment begins and what He expects (Rev. 14:6-12; compare Lev. 23:32).

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- ▶ God matures our character (Eph. 5:27; Rev. 19:7-8; 22:11).
 - Although our nature continues (1 Cor. 15:51-54).
- ▶ Room for further moral growth.
- ▶ End of judgment is a relief.

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- 1) Access to God (Heb. 4:14-16).
- 2) God is fair (Ps. 96).
- 3) Deliverance (Dan. 7).
- 4) Imminence of Christ's Coming (Dan. 8:14; Rev. 14:6-7).
- 5) In saved relationship with God (Ps. 50:3-6; 1 John 5:11-13).

Judgment Gives Confidence

“And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.” (1 John 5:11-13 NRSVue).

Participation in Judgment

- ▶ God's basic call is the same.
- ▶ God's people go where He leads (Gen. 12:1, 4; Num. 32:12; Rev. 14:4).
- ▶ Same kind of loyal faith.

Participation in Judgment

- ▶ Day of Atonement (Lev. 16:29).
 - 1) Humbling through self-denial
 - 2) Not working, keeping Sabbath
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- ▶ Third Angel's message (Rev. 14:12).
 - 1) Keep God's commandments
 - 2) Hold Jesus' faith/faithfulness

Participation in Judgment

- ▶ Participation because of life and death matter (Lev. 23:29-30; Esth. 4:16).
- ▶ Self-denial at time of special need (Ezra 8:21; Ps. 35:13, 14; Dan. 10:2-3, 11-12).

Total Commitment

- ▶ Sins eternally irrelevant (Lev. 16:30; Jer. 31:31-34; contrast Matt. 18:23-35).
- ▶ “Clean” (Lev. 16:30)
= “blameless” (Rev. 14:5).

Total Commitment

- ▶ Judgment recognizes human choices (Gen. 6; Rev. 22:11).
- ▶ Only so much God can do (Isa. 5:4).
- ▶ Commitments settled by Second Coming (Matt. 25:31-46; Rev. 22:12).

Total Commitment

- ▶ Gospel proclamation to clarify choice for everyone (Matt. 24:14).
- ▶ Outpouring of Holy Spirit (Joel 2:28-32).
 - Convicts (John 16:8).
 - Transforms (Titus 3:5).
 - Sanctifies through love (Rom. 5:5; 1 Thess. 3:12-13).

Total Commitment

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.” (Gal. 5:22-23 ESV).

Total Commitment

- ▶ Christ will stop mediating for sins (Rev. 22:11).
- ▶ Then He will be closer than ever (Eph. 5:25-27; Gen. 32:24, 26, 28-30; Matt. 28:20).

Total Commitment

“Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.” (Jude 24-25 ESV).

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