

Promises, Promises

THE LAW

I

Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

II

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the waters under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me: and I will show mercy unto thousands in one generation, to them that love me, and keep my commandments.

III

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for he that taketh his name in vain shall surely be brought into judgment.

IV

Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy: six days did the Lord make heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is: and he rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

OF GOD

V

Thou shalt not worship any other gods, for I the Lord am one: there is none like me: I am not a god that is far from me, nor a god that is far from me: I am the Lord, and there is none like me: I am the Lord, and there is none like me: I am the Lord, and there is none like me.

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Exodus 19:1

In the third month after the children of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on the same day, they came to the Wilderness of Sinai.

Exodus 19:4

You have seen what I did to the Egyptians,
and how I bore you on eagles' wings and
brought you to Myself.

Exodus 19:5-6

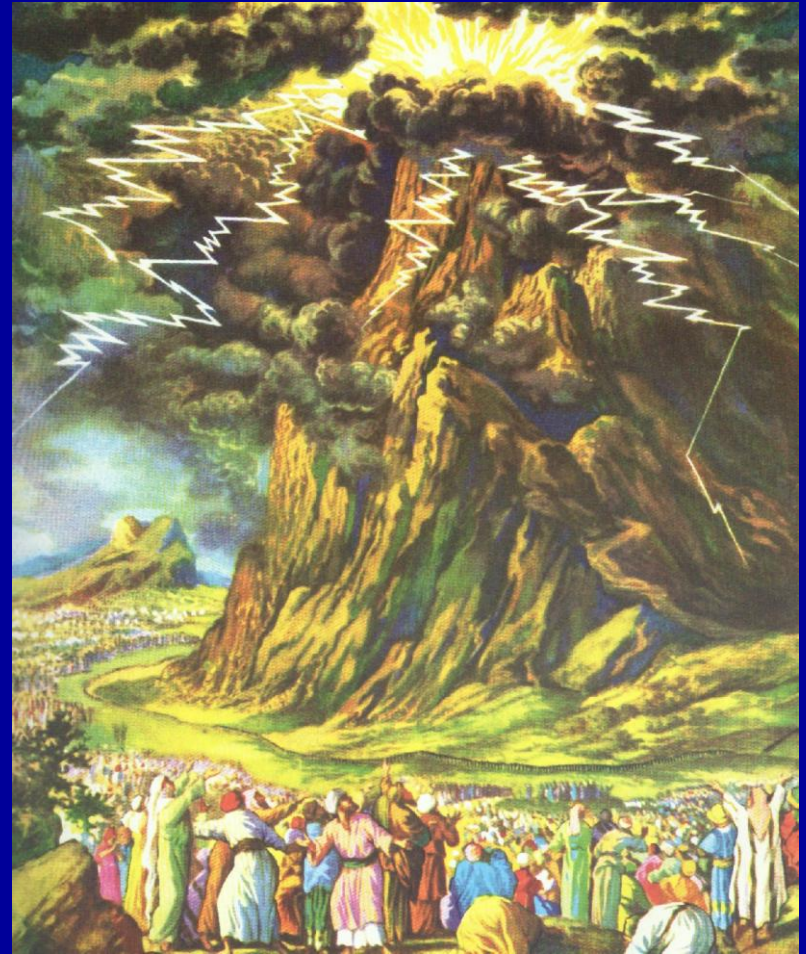
Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine. And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel.

Exodus 19:8

Then all the people answered together and said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do.” So Moses brought back the words of the people to the LORD.

Exodus 20:18-19

Now all the people witnessed the thunderings, the lightning flashes, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw *it*, they trembled and stood afar off. Then they said to Moses, “You speak with us, and we will hear; but let not God speak with us, lest we die.”



Exodus 20:23

You shall not make *anything to be* with Me—
gods of silver or gods of gold you shall not
make for yourselves.

Exodus 24:3

So Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the judgments. And all the people answered with one voice and said, “All the words which the LORD has said we will do.”

Exodus 24:7

Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read in the hearing of the people. And they said, “All that the LORD has said we will do, and be obedient.”

Exodus 24:8

And Moses took the blood, sprinkled *it* on the people, and said, “This is the blood of the covenant which the LORD has made with you according to all these words.”

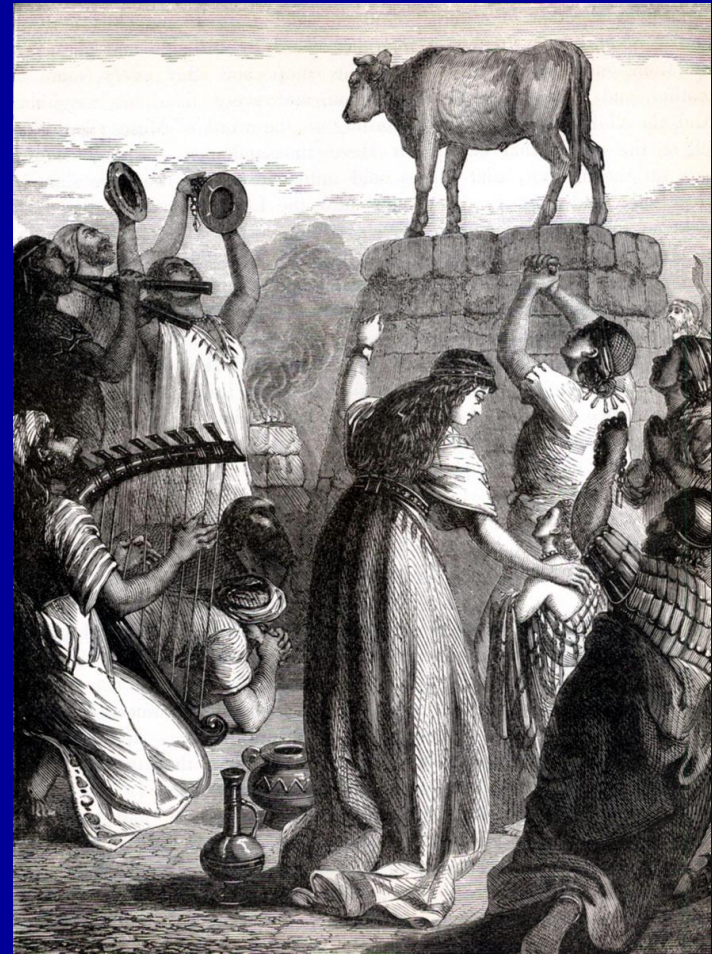
Exodus 24:12

Come up to Me on the mountain and be there; and I will give you tablets of stone, and the law and commandments which I have written, that you may teach them.



Exodus 32:4

And he received *the gold* from their hand, and he fashioned it with an engraving tool, and made a molded calf. Then they said, “This *is* your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!”



Exodus 32:8

They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them. They have made themselves a molded calf, and worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, “This *is* your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!”

Exodus 32:19



So it was, as soon as he came near the camp, that he saw the calf *and* the dancing. So Moses' anger became hot, and he cast the tablets out of his hands and broke them at the foot of the mountain.

Exodus 34:1

And the LORD said to Moses, “Cut two tablets of stone like the first *ones*, and I will write on *these* tablets the words that were on the first tablets which you broke.



Covenants

Jeremiah 31:31-32

Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah— not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day *that* I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD.

Hebrews 8:6

But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises.

Hebrews 10:16-17

This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them, then He adds, Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.

2 Corinthians 3:6

Who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

*New Covenant
at Sinai*

Deuteronomy 9:17

Then I took the two tablets and threw them out of my two hands and broke them before your eyes.

Deuteronomy 10:1-2

At that time the LORD said to me, “Hew for yourself two tablets of stone like the first, and come up to Me on the mountain and make yourself an ark of wood. And I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke; and you shall put them in the ark.”

Exodus 32:16

Now the tablets *were* the work of God, and the writing *was* the writing of God engraved on the tablets.

Engraving hurts!

Hebrews 1:3

Who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

Jesus is the
express image of God

χαράκτηρ

the instrument used for engraving or carving

Better promises

χαρακτήρ

the exact expression (the image) of any person or thing, marked likeness, precise reproduction in every respect, i.e facsimile

Jesus is the
χαρακτήρ of God

χαρακτήρ

charaktēr

Character
thoughts and feelings

Summary of God's character?

God's law written on our
minds and hearts

God's law written in our
thoughts and feelings

God's character perfectly
reproduced in ours

God's promise
through the
New Covenant

Genesis 1:27

So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Man's promises
or
God's promises