

Foot-Washing and Communion

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²⁴ And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest.

²⁵ And he said unto them, The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors.

²⁶ But ye shall not be so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve.

²⁷ For whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? is not he that sitteth at meat? but I am among you as he that serveth.

²⁸ Ye are they which have continued with me in my temptations.
Luke 22:24-28.

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¹Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end. John 13:1.

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³⁴ A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. John 13:34.

As God is love and that we are to love as we have been and are loved, “Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself” Matthew 19:19, we will now be looking at the first 4 commandments relating to Christ’s obedience/love and Satan’s point of view regarding the commandments of God – with prophecy/last day events used from the Bible to exemplify Satan’s principles. God’s character and Satan’s character compared.

COMMANDMENT 1

³ **Thou shalt have no other gods before me.**
Exodus 20:3.

¹⁴ [Satan] will be like the most High. Isaiah 14:14.

⁴ And they **worshipped the dragon** [**“old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan”**, Revelation 12:9; **“the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan”**, Revelation 20:2] which gave power unto the beast: and they **worshipped the beast**, saying, Who is like unto the **beast**? who is able to make war with him? Revelation 13:4.

⁷ And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against **the dragon**; and **the dragon** fought **and his angels**,

⁸ And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

⁹ And the **great dragon** was cast out, that **old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan**, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. Revelation 12:7-9.

² And **the beast** which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and **the dragon** gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority. Revelation 13:2.

⁴ And they **worshipped the dragon** which gave power unto **the beast**: and they **worshipped the beast**, saying, Who is like unto the **beast**? who is able to make war with him? Revelation 13:4.

² And he laid hold on **the dragon**, that **old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan**, and bound him a thousand years, Revelation 20:2.

COMMANDMENT 2

4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

5 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;

6 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments. Exodus 20:4-6.

[Note: Just as the fourth commandment is the only commandment of the ten that points to God as the Creator of the heavens and the earth –

Name: Lord thy God

Position: Creator

Dominion: Heaven and Earth.

So the second commandment is the only commandment of the ten that uses the word “commandments”.

“Commandments” = The Ten Commandments in the Moral Law and commandments in the Testimony (Isaiah 8:20). Some examples, prophecies, tithes/offerings, baptism, ordinance of humility (footwashing)/Communion, etc..

To not “bow down” or “serve” idols internally/externally – implies to “bow down” and “serve” God only.

8 Again, **the devil** taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;

9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt **fall down and worship me**. Matthew 4:8-9.

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8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall **worship him [the beast]**, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. Revelation 13:8.

12 And he exerciseth all the power of the **first beast** before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein **to worship the first beast**, whose deadly wound was healed. Revelation 13:12.

14 And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the **beast**: saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should **make an image to the beast**, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

15 And he had power to give life unto **the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed**. Revelation 13:14-15.

9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man **worship the beast and his image**, Revelation 14:9.

And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who **worship the beast and his image**, Revelation 14:11.

2 And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and **them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image**, Revelation 15:2.

2 And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon **them which worshipped his image**. Revelation 16:2.

20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and **them that worshipped his image**. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. Revelation 19:20.

4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had **not worshipped the beast, neither his image**, neither had received **his mark** upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. Revelation 20:4.

COMMANDMENT 3

⁷ Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain. Exodus 20:7.

¹And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. Revelation 13:1.

⁶And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. Revelation 13:6.

¹⁷And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Revelation 13:17.

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COMMANDMENT 4

⁸ Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

⁹ Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:

¹⁰ But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

¹¹ 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 hallowed it. Exodus 20:8-11.

¹⁶ And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a **mark** in their right hand, or in their foreheads: Revelation 13:16.

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4.

³ Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God;

⁴ He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself.

⁵ After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.

⁶ Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet?

⁷ Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter.

⁸ Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.

⁹ Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head.

¹⁰ Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all.

¹¹ For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean. John 13:3-11.

5.

Judas was the first whose feet Jesus washed. Judas had already closed the contract to deliver Jesus into the hands of the priests and scribes. Christ knew his secret. Yet He did not expose him. He hungered for his soul. His heart was crying, How can I give thee up? He hoped that His act in washing Judas' feet would touch the heart of the erring disciple and save him from completing his act of disloyalty. And for a moment the heart of Judas thrilled through and through with the impulse then and there to confess his sin. But he would not humble himself. He hardened his heart against repentance. He made no remonstrance, no protestation against the Saviour thus humiliating Himself. He was offended at Christ's act. If Jesus could so humble Himself, he thought, He could not be Israel's king. . . . {Christ Triumphant 262.6}

Even Judas, had he repented, would have been received and pardoned. The guilt of his soul would have been washed away by the atoning blood of Christ. But, self-confident and self-exalted, cherishing a high estimate of his own wisdom, he justified his course.—Manuscript 106, 1903. {Christ Triumphant 262.7}

Christ had washed the feet of Judas first. This disciple was having his last opportunity. When the ceremony was ended, the Master said, "Ye are clean, but not all. For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean." These words were spoken that Judas might understand that Christ had read his secret purposes, that he was not ignorant of his wicked schemes. This was his opportunity to confess and be converted. The disciples did not understand his words at the time, but they were imprinted on their memory afterward, and they had something to consider in the patience, the mercy, and the forbearance of God toward the most grievously erring. {RH, June 14, 1898 par. 6}

6.

¹² So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you?

¹³ Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am.

¹⁴ If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

¹⁵ For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

¹⁶ Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.

¹⁷ If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them. John 13:12-17.

**[Foot-washing
time. 😊]**

7.

²³ For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread:

²⁴ And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. 1 Corinthians 11:23-24.

Food for thought: The change is not in the bread but in the heart and mind.

**[Have unleavened bread ready to break and
eat. 😊]**

8.

²⁵ After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, this cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

²⁶ For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come. 1 Corinthians 11:25-26.

**[Have unfermented grape juice ready to
drink. 😊]**