## **GOD SPOKE THESE DIVINE WORDS quotes**

1) After three whole months had passed since the Israelites had left "the land of Egypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Sinai" (Exodus 19:1), and had "camped before the mount" (Exodus 19:2). This was the very same mountain that the Great I Am – the mighty Lord God had personally spoken to Moses earlier when He gave him his commission to free the Israelites from Egyptian bondage. So "Moses went up unto God" (Exodus 19:3) to the same spot where the burning bush was on the mountain, and "the Lord called unto him" (Exodus 19:3) and gave him a specific message to take to the children of Israel.

"Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bear you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself" (Exodus 19:4). God then told them that "if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation" (Exodus 19:5-6).

2) After the Israelites heard the message of the Lord God, "all the people answered together, and said, All that the Lord hath spoken we will do" (Exodus 19:8). When Moses told "the words of the people unto the Lord" (Exodus 19:9), the Lord God then told Moses something amazing. He declared that three days from now He would personally "come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai" (Exodus 19:11) "in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with thee" (Exodus 19:9).

**3)** After all the Israelites had spent two days preparing themselves to meet with the Lord God, "it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that was in the camp trembled" (Exodus 19:16). This loud trumpet blast was the signal for all the people to "come up to the mount" (Exodus 19:13) in order "to meet with God" which they did (Exodus 19:17).

As all the Israelites "stood at the nether part of the mount", again "the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder" (Exodus 19:19) thus gaining the undivided attention of all the people. In the hearing of all the people "Moses spake" to God, the trumpet then ceased, and "God answered him by a voice" (Exodus 19:19). Then the people watched in amazement as "the Lord came down upon mount Sinai, on the top of the mount" (Exodus 19:20) enveloped in fire so that "no similitude" of His form was seen (Deuteronomy 4:12), "and the mountain burned with fire unto the midst of heaven" (Deuteronomy 4:11).

4) It was from "out of the midst of the fire" (Deuteronomy 4:12) that the Lord God began audibly speaking to all the Israelites "with a great voice" declaring "his covenant...even ten commandments" (Deuteronomy 4:13) as all the people listened in amazement. God began the first commandment of His covenant by declaring that "I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bond age" (Exodus 20:2). After identifying Himself to be the very same God that performed all the miracles and wonders that brought about their deliverance from Egypt, He then continued declaring the first, then the second, until He had finished with the 10th commandment, and then "he added no more" (Deuteronomy 5:22), signifying that He had given a complete and perfect law. Afterwards "the Lord said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount" (Exodus 24:12), and it was there that these same 10 commandments were written "upon two tables of stone", and then God "delivered them unto" Moses (Deuteronomy 5:22).

5) Each of these two stone "tables were written on both their sides; on the one side and on the other were they written" (Exodus 32:15). Thus about half of the 10 commandments were written on one stone tablet, and the remaining commandments were written on the other. Moses had not carved out these two tablets, and neither had he chisled the words on them, but "the tables were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, graven upon the tables" (Exodus 32:16) and "written with the finger of God" (Exodus 31:18).

These events reveal that God considered His law to be of such importance that He would not allow any human being to tell it to others, but He personally spoke each one of these 10 commandments with His own voice in the hearing of all the people, and then wrote these same commandments with His own finger onto two stone tablets. Thus these 10 commandments came directly from God and not man proving that this law was not the product of the mind of men, but from God Himself. Also since they were written by God Himself with His own finger in stone instead of on cloth or paper, plainly shows us that God considered His law to be permanent and unchanging. And these commandments were His covenant or agreement with the people that He would be their God, and they would be His people, if they would keep and "perform" all 10 of them (Deuteronomy 4:13).

## 6) The first commandment of God was:

"I [am] the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me." Exodus 20:2-3.

This first commandment revealed who God was — the God which had delivered the Israelites from Egyptian bondage, and further declared that "no other gods" were to be chosen or worshiped by His people "before me".

7) Who was the God that declared in the hearing of all the people that no other gods were to be before Him?

"And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape." John 5:37.

Previous to when Jesus had spoken this, no one had heard the Father's voice at any time. So it was not the voice of God the Father that all the Israelites heard declaring each of the 10 commandments at Sinai! Then whose voice was it? Who was this Great I Am, the Lord God who performed all the mirades in delivering His people from Egyptian bondage, and who was now speaking to the people His ten commandments?

"Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am." John 8:58.

8) Who was Jesus known as before He became human?

"In the beginning was the Word, and **the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God**. <u>All things were made by him; and</u> <u>without him was not any thing made that was made</u>....He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not." John 1:1-3, 10.

Before becoming Jesus in humanity, He was identified as the Word, who was not only with God, but was also a God Himself. He was the God who had created the world and all things in it, by the power of His word, and who had formed man in His own image (Genesis 1:26-27, 2:7). But was this particular God only known as the Word?

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, **The mighty God**, The everlasting Father, **The Prince of Peace**." Isaiah 9:6.

"Know therefore and understand, [that] from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the **Messiah** <u>the Prince</u> [shall be] seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks..." Daniel 9:25.

"And killed the **Prince** of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses." Acts 3:15.

"And from Jesus Christ, [who is] the faithful witness, [and] the first begotten of the dead, and the **<u>prince</u>** of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood..." Revelation 1:5.

"Him hath God exalted with his right hand [to be]<u>a Prince</u> and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins." Acts 5:31.

9) What was this mighty God and Prince all about?

"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) **full of grace** <u>and truth</u>." John 1:14.

The Word, who was this mighty God and Prince, who also became Jesus the Son of God in the flesh, was full of grace and truth. In fact, this mighty God was Himself the truth.

"Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way**, <u>the truth</u>, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6.

"Now I say that Jesus Christ **was** <u>a minister</u> of the circumcision <u>for the truth of</u> <u>God</u>, to confirm the promises [made] unto the fathers:" Romans 15:8.

"If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as **the truth** <u>is in</u> <u>Jesus</u>:" Ephesians 4:21.

Jesus – the Word, was the truth, and He specifically came to minister the truth to the Israelites, as well as to all humanity, because the truth was in Him.

**10)** Was this Mighty God and Prince who was with God in the beginning, and who was specifically working for His people, known only by the name of the Word?

"But I will show thee that which is **noted in the scripture of truth**: and [there is] none that holdeth with me in these things, but <u>Michael your prince</u>." Daniel 10:21.

"And at that time shall <u>Michael</u> stand up, <u>the great prince</u> which standeth for the children of thy people..." Daniel 12:1.

This mighty God, this great Prince, the Word, and the truth itself, was known by the name of Michael before being born into humanity and becoming Jesus Christ the Messiah and Son of God in order to minister the truth to His people. So Michael was this mighty God who was with God the Father in the beginning! It was to this mighty God Michael that God the Father had declared "Let <u>us</u> make man in our image, after our likeness" (Genesis 1:20)!

Is it really true that in the beginning there was the Almighty God the Father, and the mighty Lord God Michael, thus making two Gods and not just one?

"But unto the Son [he saith], **Thy throne**, <u>O God</u>, [is] for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness [is] the sceptre of thy kingdom. Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; **therefore God**, <u>[even] thy God</u>, hath anointed thee with the oil of glad ness above thy fellows." Hebrews 1:8-9.

Michael, who became Jesus Christ – the Son of God, is here called by God the Father to be a God Himself! There are two Gods listed in this text – the God Michael, and His God the Father. This Word who was a God along with God the Father in the beginning, and who then created the world through His own divine power, was Michael – the truth, the great Prince, the future Messiah to His people when He would be born into humanity becoming Jesus Christ the Son of God. Even though God the Father is greater in authority than the God Michael, yet Michael's power as a God is not lessened in the least degree by this fact.

It was the mighty God Michael who put down the rebellion of Lucifer or Satan in heaven, defeating them and winning the warfare, and casting them all out.

"And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. 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.

**11)** In commanding that His people were to worship "no other gods before me", the mighty Lord God Michael was not including the Almighty Most High God and Father who is definitely to be worshiped! So how do we understand this commandment stating there is to be no other gods worshipped but Michael when both Michael and the Almighty Most High God are two separate Gods? The Hebrew word for "gods" used in this commandment is "elohiym" (Strong's, word #430), which in this sense translates and means "gods in the ordinary sense", or in other words pagan deities. So Michael was not declaring in this commandment that the only God who could be worshipped was Himself and thus the Almighty Most High God of the universe is not to be worshipped. But Michael was referring to all the pagan gods that were being worshipped on the earth. Since Michael was the real Creator God of the earth, then in this first commandment He was declaring that there were to be no other earthly gods worshipped but Him.

**12)** The second commandment of God is:

"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: 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 showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments." Exodus 20:4-6. This second commandment revealed how the Lord God wanted to be worshiped, declaring that the people were not to make "any graven image, or likeness of any thing that is in the heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth". This was because Michael was the great living God who had created and upholds all things and therefore was above all created things, and thus nothing which He had created could correctly represent all that He is. To make an idol or image of something which He had created, and then believe that this represents or symbolizes the Great I Am, would only work to lessen and limit God's infinite majesty and greatness. This idol or image of the created thing would be so far from the actual truth, and so far off the mark of correctly representing Him, that it would only mislead souls into error and falsehood regarding exactly who God is.

To make an image or idol "of any figure, the likeness of male or female, the likeness of any beast...of any winged fowl...of any thing that creepeth on the ground...of any fish", or even of "the sun, and the moon, and the stars" (Deuteronomy 4:16-19) would only work to take the eyes of the people off of the Creator Himself and focus them instead upon the creation itself. The great and mighty Lord God would be made to appear no greater than the created thing which the idol or image depicted, and since the idol itself cannot speak, hear or answer because it is lifeless and dead, then people would be led to believe the same about God.

**13)** In regards to any pagan image or idol that had already been formed, God further declared that He did not want the people to "bow down thyself to them, nor serve them". This was because just as a husband jealously refuses to allow the affections of his covenant bound wife to be shared with another man, so Michael stated that "I the Lord thy God am a jealous God" who also refuses to allow the worship and affections of His covenant bound people to be shared with another god of the pagans, and especially not with Lucifer who all these pagan gods ultimately symbolized and represented.

It wasn't that God prohibited all images or statues or pictures, but just those which were believed to be, or were worshiped as, a sacred representation of any god – including Himself. That is why God did not allow the people to see His actual form, or any "manner of similitude on the day that the Lord spake unto you" (Deuteronomy 4:15), but to only see the fire that He was in and hidden by, as well as to hear His voice. Michael knew that if the people saw His actual form then they would eventually be led to "forget the covenant of the Lord your God, which he made with you, and make you a graven image" (Deuteronomy 4:23) of what they saw the Lord look like.