

Romans 13:8-10

Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not bear false witness,” “You shall not covet,” and if *there is* any other commandment, are *all* summed up in this saying, namely, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰ Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love *is* the fulfillment of the law.

The commandments geared toward God are fulfilled in loving God.

The commandments geared toward others are fulfilled in loving others.

The 10 commandments give a description of what Love looks like - what love for God looks like & what love for people looks like.

Exodus 20:1-6

And God spoke all these words, saying:

² “I *am* the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

³ “You shall have no other gods before Me.

⁴ “You shall not make for yourself a **carved image**—any likeness of *anything* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth; ⁵ **you shall not bow down to them nor serve them.** For I, the Lord your God, *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth *generations* of those who hate Me, ⁶ but **showing mercy** to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

1 Corinthians 10:6-7

Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. 7 And do not become idolaters as *were* some of them. As it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.”

When Aaron made the golden calf for the Israelites, he named the calf ELOHIM!

We must never attempt to make God conform to something we desire. We must be the ones who conform to His desires. This is clearly pertinent to us today!!

1 Corinthians 10:11-14

Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. 12 **Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.** 13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God *is* faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear *it*. 14 **Therefore**, my beloved, flee from idolatry.

Galatians 5:19-21

Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 **idolatry**, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; **of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.**

1 John 5:20-21

And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life. ²¹ Little children, **keep yourselves from idols.** Amen.

We must never allow any other person or any other thing to be for us what only God should be, or to expect anything else to do for us what only God can do for us.

If we expect a person to do for us what only God can do for us, we will have two frustrated people. We'll be frustrated because we can't possibly get out of another person what only God can give. The other person will be frustrated because they can't possibly give what only God can give!

Colossians 3:1-5

If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. **2** Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. **3** For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. **4** When Christ *who is* our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. **5 Therefore** put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

Jonah 2:7-8

When my soul fainted within me, I remembered the Lord; and my prayer went *up* to You, into Your holy temple. Those who regard worthless idols forsake their own Mercy.

2 Corinthians 6:16

And what agreement has the **temple of God with **idols**? For you are the temple of the living God.** As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among *them*. I will be their God, and they shall be My people."

Exodus 20:5-6

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YOU CAN ONLY GO TO GOD TO GET WHAT ONLY GOD CAN GIVE!!

James 2:8-13

If you really fulfill *the* royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you do well; ⁹ but if you ^[a]show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰ For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one *point*, he is guilty of all. ¹¹ For He who said, “Do not commit adultery,” also said, “Do not murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery, but you do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹² So speak and so do as those who will be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³ **For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.**

ONE BIG IDOL IS “THAT THING THAT SOMEBODY DID TO YOU!!” **If you hold up that offense as an idol & bow down to that instead of to the Lord who instructs us to forgive, we will hinder ourselves from receiving mercy.** If we are merciful to others, **MERCY TRIUMPHS OVER JUDGMENT!!** Showing mercy to others results in our receiving mercy ourselves.

1 Thessalonians 1:9

For they themselves declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and **how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God,**