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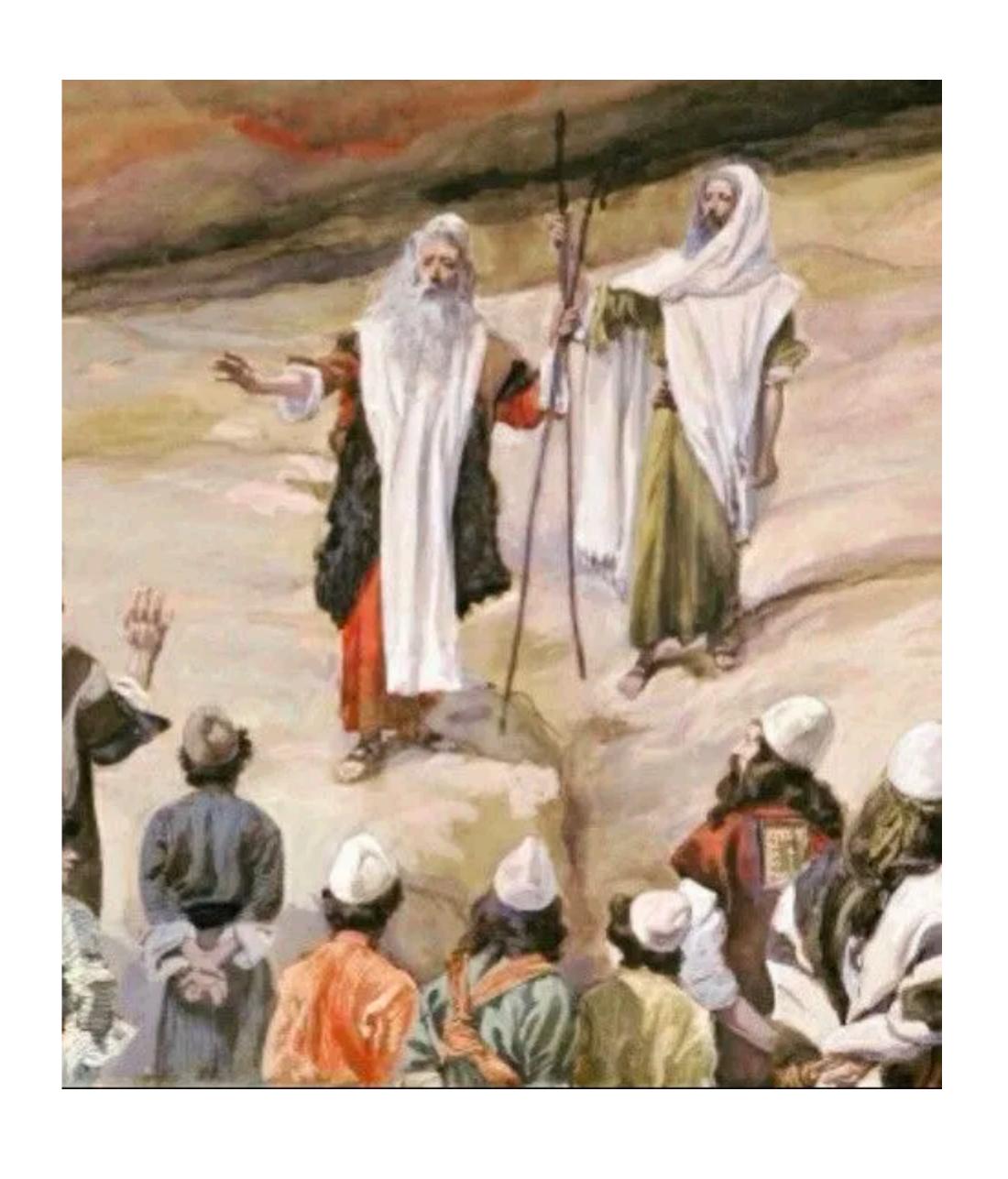
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Elder Dallin H. Oaks

"The people were waiting upon their priesthood leader from morning till night to "enquire of God" and also to "judge between one and another". We often note how Jethro counseled Moses to delegate by appointing judges to handle the personal conflicts. But Jethro also gave Moses counsel that illustrates the importance of the personal line: "Thou shalt teach them ordinances and laws, and shalt shew them the way wherein <u>they</u> must walk, and the work that <u>they</u> must do"; emphasis added).

In other words, Israelites who followed Moses should be taught not to bring every question to that priesthood leader. They should understand the commandments and seek inspiration to work out most problems for themselves." ("Two Lines of Communication," GC Oct 2010)



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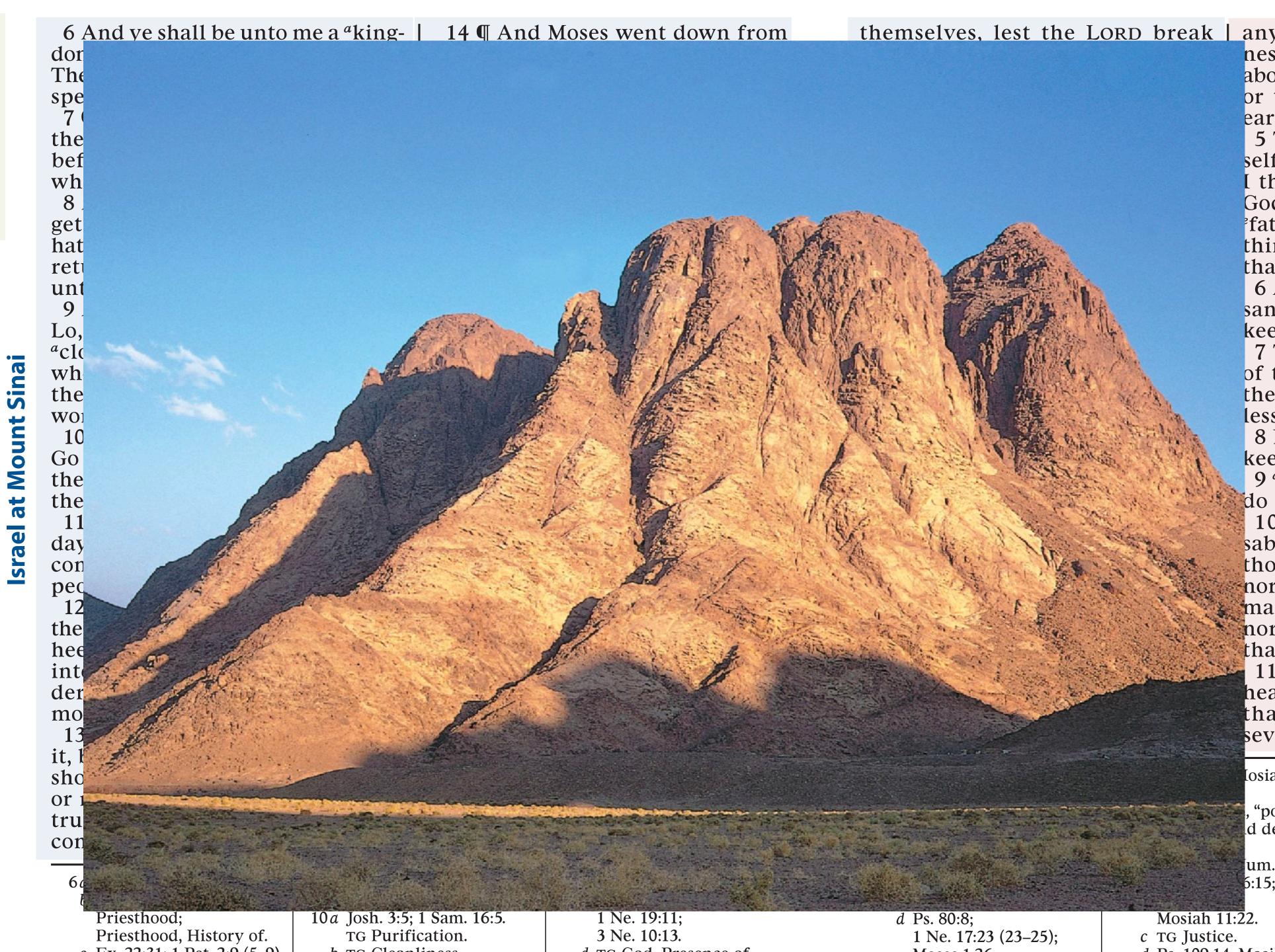
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(President Russell M. Nelson, "Children of the Covenant," Apr 1995 GC, Ensign, May 1995, 34).

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"Your personal virtue will not only enable you to have the constant companionship of the Holy Ghost, but it will also enable you to make the decisions that will help you be worthy to enter the temple and there make and keep sacred covenants and receive the blessings of exaltation. Prepare yourselves spiritually, and qualify to enter into our Heavenly Father's presence. Prepare now for the temple, the mountain of the Lord. Never allow the goal of the temple to be out of your sight. Walk into His presence in purity and virtue, and receive His blessings—even 'all that he hath' (Luke 12:44)" (Sister Elaine Dalton, "Come Let Us Go Up to the Mountain of the Lord," Apr 2009 GC, Ensign or Liahona, May 2009, 122; italics added).

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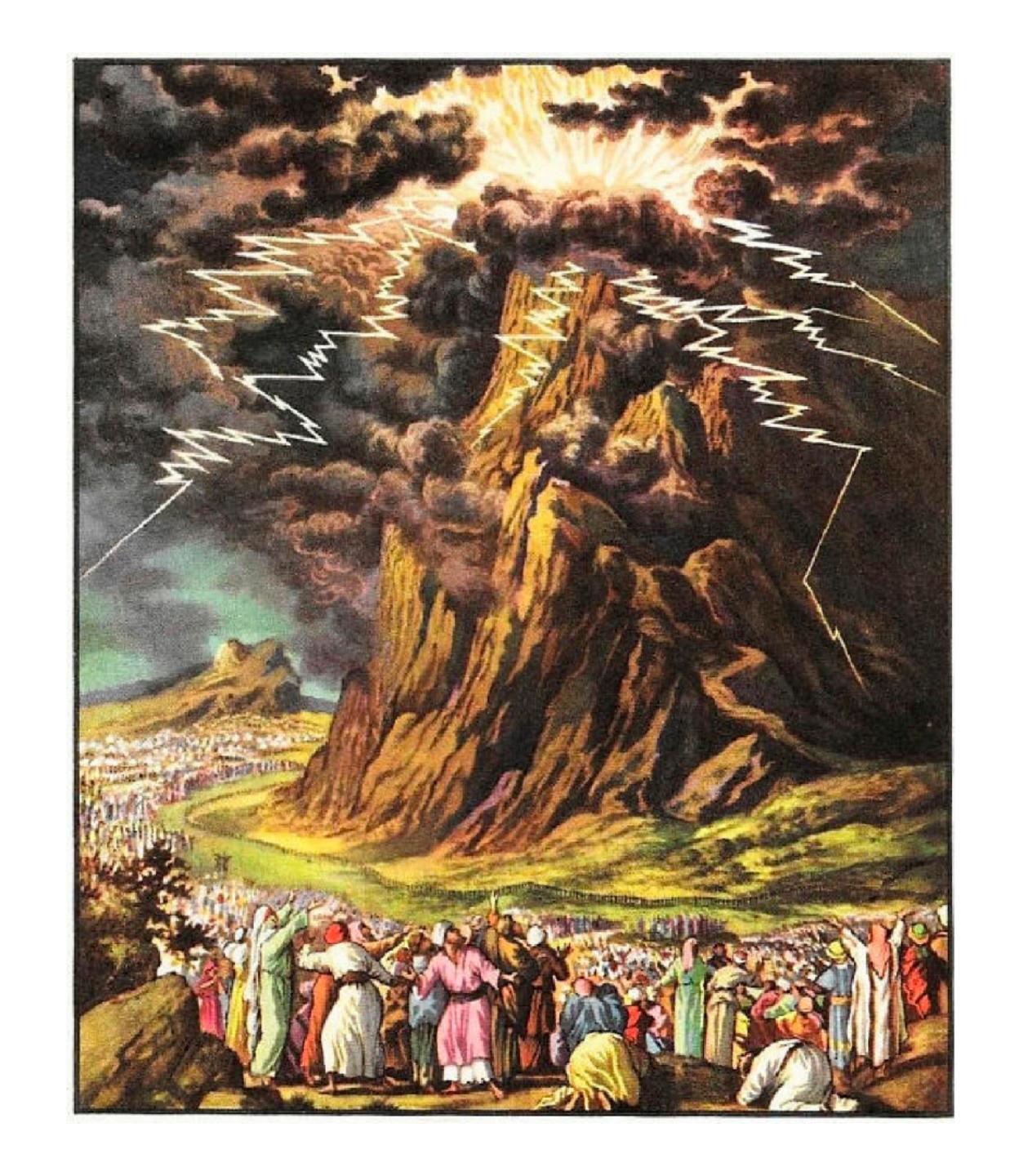
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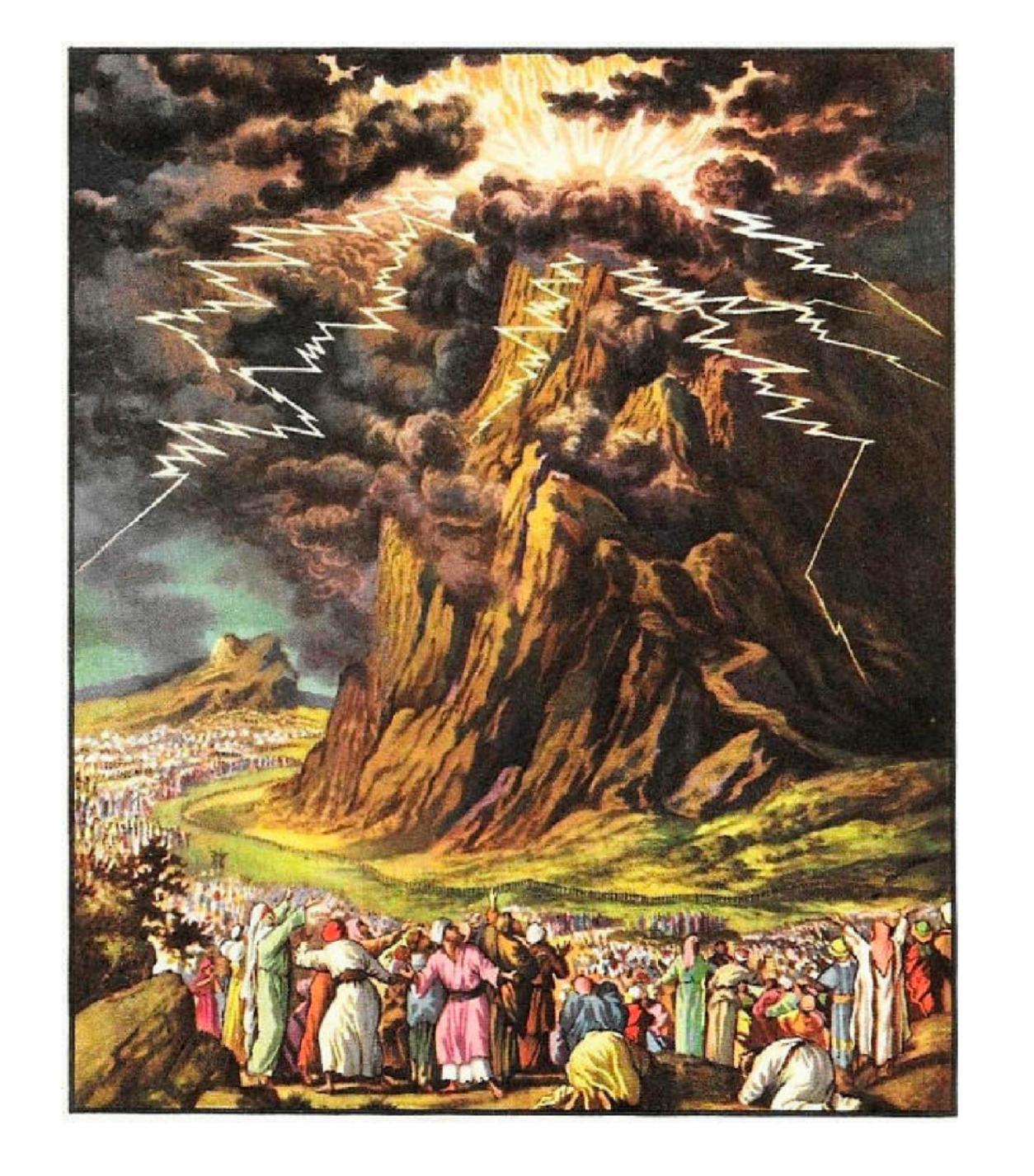
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The Lord reveals the Ten Command-ments—Israel is to bear witness that the Lord has spoken from heaven—The children of Israel are forbidden to make gods of silver or gold—They are to make altars of unhewn stones and sacrifice to the Lord thereon.

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any ^bgraven ^cimage, 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 abow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a bjealous God, cvisiting the diniquity of the fathers upon the fchildren unto the third and fourth generation of them that ghate me;

6 And shewing amercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my bcommandments.

7 Thou shalt not take the ^aname of the LORD thy God in ^bvain; for the LORD will not hold him ^cguilt-less that ^dtaketh his name in vain.

8 Remember the ^asabbath day, to keep it ^bholy.

9 ^aSix days shalt thou ^blabour, 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 astranger that is within thy gates:

11 For *in* ^asix days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them *is*, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD

^bblessed the sabbath day, and ^challowed it.

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21 And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where God was.

22 ¶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Thus thou shalt say unto the children of Israel, Ye have seen that I have atalked with you from heaven.

23 Ye shall not make ^awith me ^bgods of silver, neither shall ye make unto you gods of gold.

24 ¶ An altar of earth thou shalt make unto me, and shalt asacrifice thereon thy burnt offerings, and thy peace offerings, thy sheep, and thine oxen: in all places where I record my name I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee.

25 And if thou wilt make me an altar of stone, thou shalt not build it of hewn ^astone: for if thou lift up thy ^btool upon it, thou hast polluted it.

26 Neither shalt thou go up by ^asteps unto mine altar, that thy nakedness be not ^bdiscovered thereon.

CHAPTER 21

The Lord reveals His laws pertaining to servants, marriage, the death penalty for various offenses, the giving of an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth, and the damage done by oxen.

Now these *are* the ^ajudgments which thou shalt set before them.

2 If thou buy an Hebrew ^aservant, six years he shall serve: and in the

20 1*a* TG Commandments of God; Law of Moses.

- b Deut. 5:2 (2–22); Mosiah 13:11 (11–14).
- 2a Deut. 5:6 (6–21); Mosiah 13:12 (12–24).
- b Ezek. 20:5.
- c Ps. 50:7.
- d Ps. 80:8; 1 Ne. 17:23 (23–25);

- 5a Ex. 23:24; Mosiah 13:13; Alma 31:1.
- b HEB qannah, "possessing sensitive and deep feelings."
- Ex. 34:14; Num. 25:11;
- Deut. 4:24; 6:15; Josh. 24:19;
- Mosiah 11:22.
- c TG Justice.

- b TG Commandments of God.
- 7*a* Lev. 18:21. TG Name.
- b TG Profanity; Sacrilege; Swearing.
- c Josh. 2:17 (17–20); Mosiah 13:15; Morm. 7:7; D&C 58:30.
- d IE utters an oath or

12a OR Respect or Value.
TG Family, Children,
Duties of: Family

c OR sanctified or

consecrated.

11 *b* Gen. 2:3 (1–3);

D&C 77:12;

Moses 3:3.

Mosiah 13:19;

TG Blood, Shedding of; Life, Sanctity of; Murder.

14a TG Adulterer; Chastity; Fornication; Sensuality; Sexual Immorality.

15a TG Stealing.

16a TG Gossip; Honesty;
Lying: Slander

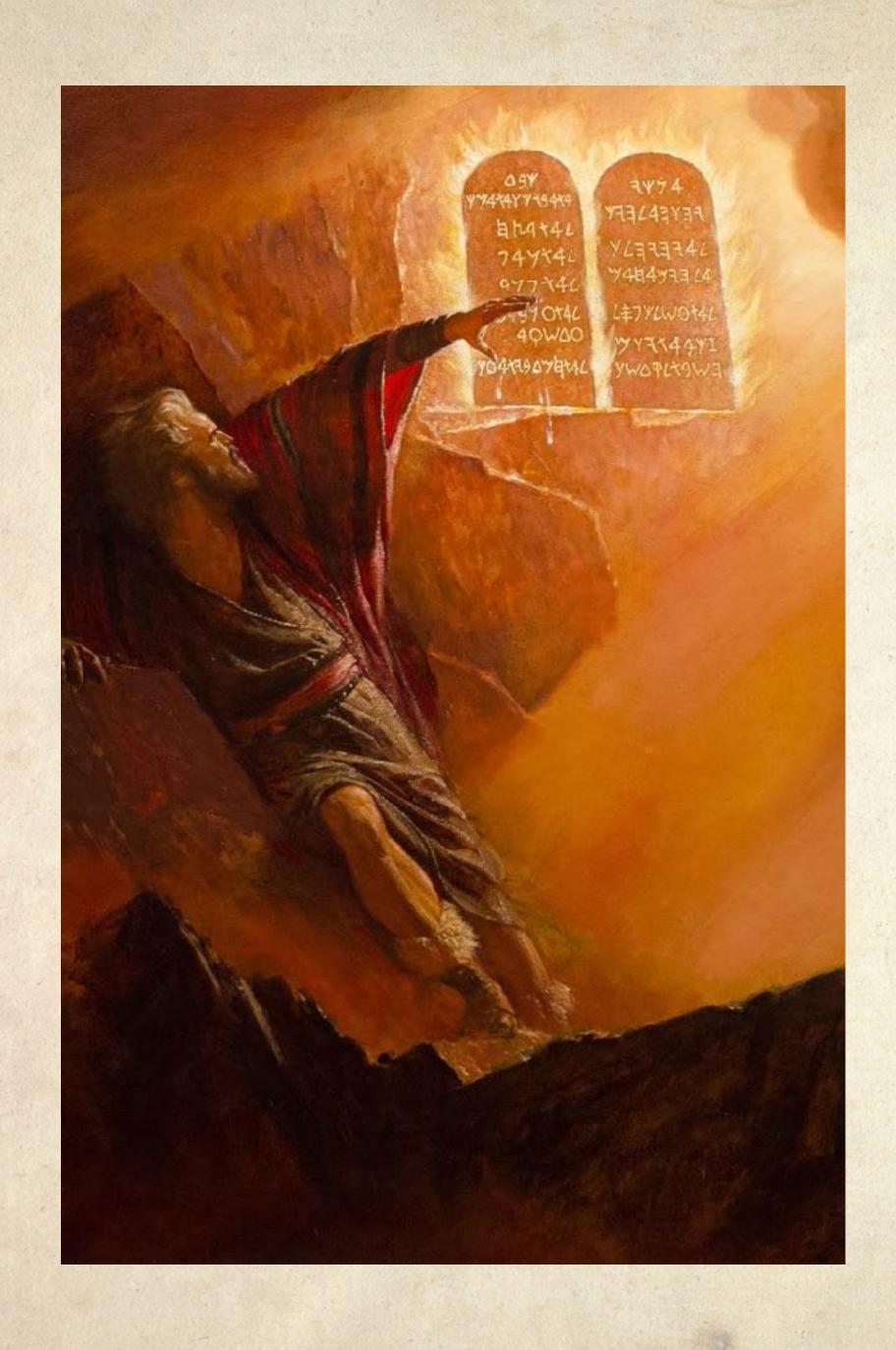
20 *a* TG Courage; Fearful. *b* Jer. 11:3 (1–23).

c TG God, Presence of.

d TG Test.

e OR because respect for Him will always be present with you, you will not sin.

22 d TG God Manifesta-



Deuteronomy 4:11–13

11 And ye came near and stood under the mountain; and the mountain burned with fire unto the midst of heaven, with darkness, clouds, and thick darkness.

12 And the Lord spake unto you out of the midst of the fire: ye heard the voice of the words, but saw no similitude; only ye heard a voice.

13 And he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, even ten commandments; and he wrote them upon two tables of stone.

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ONE GOD

WE ARE ALL BROTHERS AND SISTERS

THERE IS ONLY ONE MORAL STANDARD FOR ALL



"A virtue when pressed to the extreme may turn into a vice. Unreasonable devotion to an ideal, without considering the practical application of it, ruins the ideal itself."

(Boyd K. Packer, "Covenants," GC, October 1990)

"Any identity that seeks to define our personhood and demand our loyalty will compete with our identity as a child of God and as Christ's own."

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Elder Dallin H. Oaks

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(Dallin H. Oaks, "No Other Gods," GC Oct 2013, Ensign or Liahona, Nov. 2013, 72).

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c TG Justice.

d Ps. 109:14; Mosiah 13:13. TG Sin.

e TG Marriage, Fatherhood.

f IE insofar as the children learn and do the sinful things the parents do; but see v. 6 concerning those who repent and serve the Lord.

D&C 98:47 (40-47).

g TG Accountability; Hate. 6a TG God, Mercy of.

Mostan 15:15; Morm. 7:7; D&C 58:30.

d IE utters an oath or makes a promise using the Lord's name without valid purpose.

8a HEB stopping, cessation, rest (from labor). See Ex. 31:17.
TG Sabbath.

b TG Holiness.

9a Ex. 35:2.

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"You shall not carry the name of the Lord your God in vain".

The Lord will not let that person go unpunished

1 Samuel 2:26

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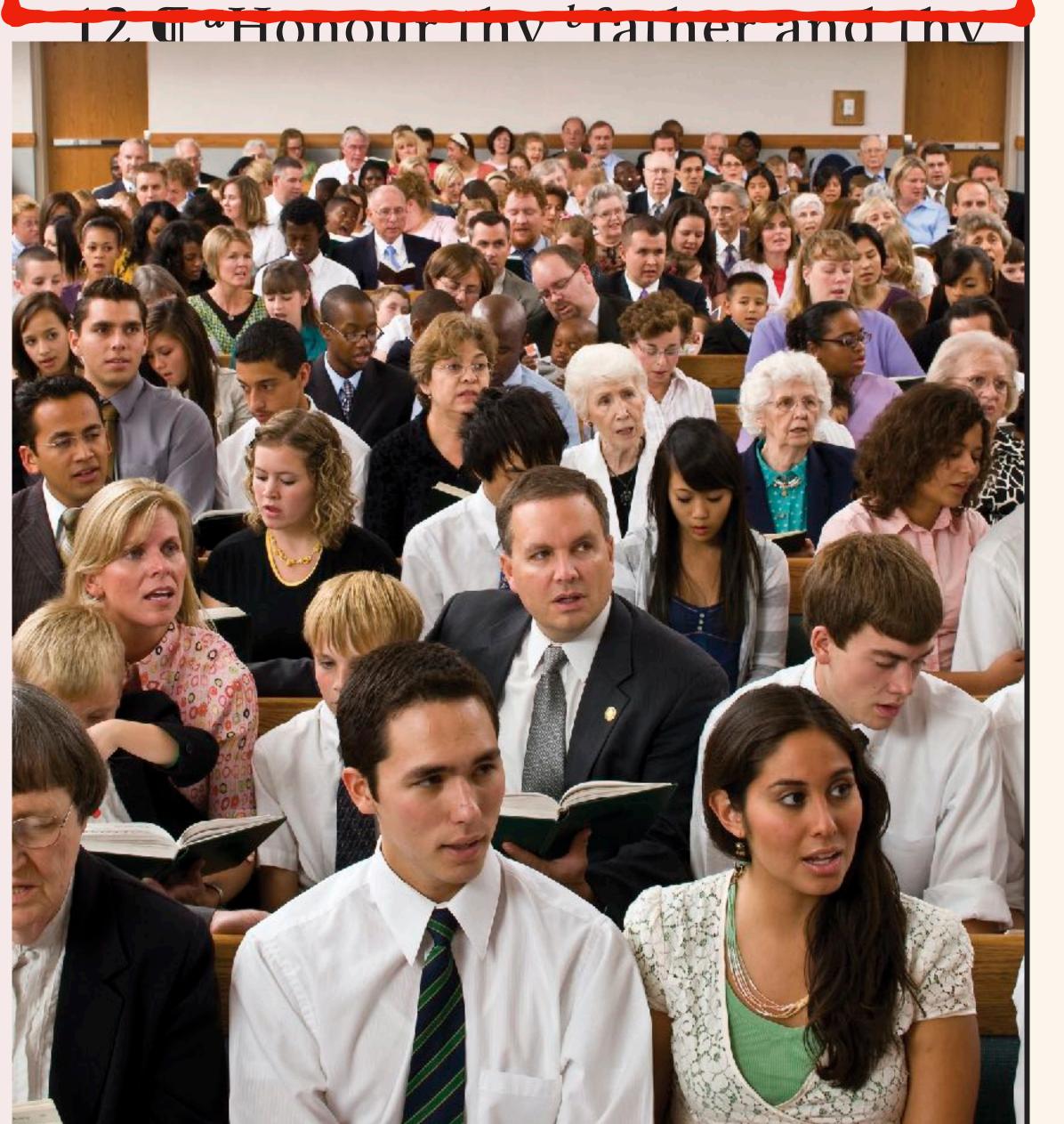
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8-24- Mosiah 13-13- b TG Commandments

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"The covenant of marriage, this sacred thing which was to go on eternally, was the heavenly institution which God provided under which his mortal children on earth were to reproduce themselves. There should be no human sex relationship outside of marriage. Children born to man and woman under divinely appointed marriage were to remain as their children forever. Families would continue as a unit even into eternity. The ties of home established in earth life would last forever. It was part of the system of heaven transferred to earth. It must be kept sacred." (Mark E. Petersen, in "The Seventh Commandment," Part 1, The Ten Commandments Today, pp. 104–5.)

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President Spencer W. Kimball

"In public office and private lives, the word of the Lord thunders: 'Thou shalt not steal: ... nor do anything like unto it.' (D&C 59:6.)

"We find ourselves rationalizing in all forms of dishonesty, including shoplifting, which is a mean, low act indulged in by millions who claim to be honorable, decent people.

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"To all thieveries and dishonest acts, the Lord says, 'Thou shalt not steal.' Four short common words He used. Perhaps He wearied of the long list He could have made of ways to steal, misrepresent, and take advantage, and He covered all methods of taking that which does not properly belong to one by saying, 'Thou shalt not steal.'" ("A Report and a Challenge," Oct 1976 GC, Ensign, Nov. 1976, p. 6.)

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"Murder, adultery, and stealing, dealing respectively with life, virtue, and property, are generally considered more serious offenses before the law than the bearing of false witness. And yet, what the latter may lack in severity, it more than makes up for in prevalence. As a matter of fact, most of the readers of these lessons will likely shun—as they would a plague—the first three of these major social offenses; but consciously or unconsciously, we may all at times be tempted into the carelessness of rumor and other forms of bearing false witness. ...

"To bear false witness is to testify to or to pass along reports, insinuations, speculations, or rumors as if they were true, to the hurt of a fellow human being. Sometimes the practice stems from a lack of correct information—sometimes from lack of understanding—sometimes from a vicious disposition to distort and misrepresent.

"Whereas murder involves the taking of human life, bearing false witness centers in the destruction of character or its defamation. It reaches to the ruin of reputation." (Adam S. Bennion, in "The Ninth Commandment," Part 1, The Ten Commandments Today, pp. 134–36.)

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"This is the last of the Ten Commandments, and if it were not so involved with all the others, some might suppose it to be one of the least. But all the commandments are so intertwined that none can be broken without weakening all the others. To illustrate (and to remind ourselves of the other nine):

"He who covets the mere material 'things' of life may have 'other gods before him,' and may 'bow down before them,' in thought and in spirit, if not in physical fact.

"He who covets may become coarse and careless in other things also, such as taking 'the name of the Lord God in vain.'

"He who covets may desecrate the Sabbath day to get gain.

"He who covets may fail to sustain his father and his mother in their need.

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"He who covets is more likely to steal (or to swindle or embezzle or engage in sharp practices).

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"The commandment against covetousness does not mean that we should not have a wholesome discontent or a wholesome desire to improve ourselves or our situation. It does not mean that we should not have an honest ambition to have more of the better things of life. It does not mean that we may not admire what our neighbor has, and seek by our own industry to earn things of like worth. The earth holds plenty for all—and the urge to acquire for ourselves such good things as other men have is a productive quality of character—provided that we acquire them by honest effort, by lawful means, and by keeping life well-balanced. The danger comes when mere 'things' begin to matter too much." (Richard L. Evans, in "The Tenth Commandment," Part 1, The Ten Commandments Today, p. 142–44.)

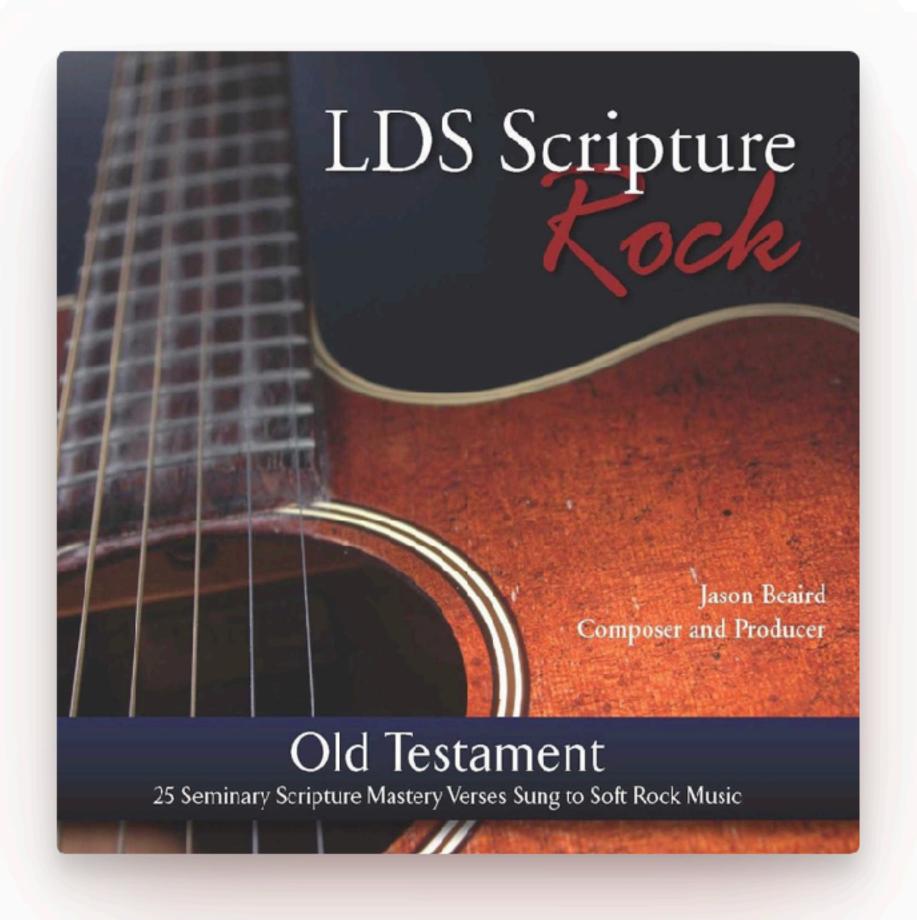
Gospel Topics: Ten Commandments

Although most of the Ten Commandments list things we should not do, they also represent things we should do. The Savior summarized the Ten Commandments in two principles—love for the Lord and love for our fellow men:

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

"This is the first and great commandment.

"And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself" (Matthew 22:37–39).



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18 ¶ And all the people ^asaw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people ^bsaw *it*, they ^cremoved, and stood afar off.

19 And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God ^aspeak with us, lest we die.

20 And Moses said unto the people, ^aFear not: for ^bGod is ^ccome to ^dprove you, and ^ethat his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not.

21 And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where God was.

that I have atalked with you from heaven

23 Ye shall not make ^awith me ^bgods of silver, neither shall ye make unto you gods of gold.

24 ¶ An altar of earth thou shalt make unto me, and shalt asacrifice thereon thy burnt offerings, and thy peace offerings, thy sheep, and thine oxen: in all places where I record my name I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee.

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25 And if thou wilt make me an altar of stone, thou shalt not build it of hewn ^astone: for if thou lift up thy ^btool upon it, thou hast polluted it.

26 Neither shalt thou go up by asteps unto mine altar, that thy nakedness be not bdiscovered thereof

