The “New” Ten Commandments

**Reading - 1 Peter 4:7-19**

***(Acts 2:16-17) "But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: {17} 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams.***

***(Hebrews 1:1-2) God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, {2} has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;***

***(2 Peter 3:8-14) But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. {9} The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is long-suffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. {10} But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. {11} Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, {12} looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? {13} Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. {14} Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless;***

**I. (vs.7)**

Beware, and be on you guard against every form of greed; for not even when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions."(LUKE 12:15).

**II. (vs.7)**

(James 1:2-8) My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, {3} knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. {4} But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. {5} If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. {6} But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. {7} For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; {8} he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

**III. (vs.8)**

***"Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins."***

***(1 John 4:20-21) If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? {21} And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also.***

**IV. (vs.9)**

***"Be hospitable toward one another without complaint."***

***(2 Corinthians 9:7) So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.***

**V. (vs.10)**

***"As each one has received a gift, employ it in serving one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."***

***(Romans 12:9-16) Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. {10} Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; {11} not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; {12} rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; {13} distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. {14} Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. {15} Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. {16} Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.***.

**VI. (vs.11)**

***"Whoever speaks, let him speak, as it were, the utterances of God.."***

***(1 Timothy 4:16) Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.***

**VII. (vs.12)**

***Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you."***

***(John 15:18-20) "If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. {19} "If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. {20} "Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also.***

***(1 John 5:2-5) By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. {3} For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. {4} For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world; our faith. {5} Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?***

**VIII. (vs.16)**

***"...but if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not feel ashamed..."***

***(Romans 1:16) For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes***

**IX. (vs.16)**

"So they went on their way from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they had been counted worthy to suffer shame in His name." (Acts 5:41).

**X. (vs.19)**

***"Therefore, let those who suffer according to the will of God entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right."***

***"I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you." (Hebrews 13:5).***