

Following each of the then commandments I have added a phrase or sentence to express the same sentiment as an exhortation to do.

1 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me.

Honor Me Alone

2 You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

Embrace me as Invisible, Immortal, and Everlasting

3 You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

Honor My Name

4 Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant, or your ox or your donkey or any of your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.

Honor the Sabbath Day as Holy

5 Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may go well with you in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

Honor Your Parents

6 You shall not murder.

Respect Life

7 You shall not commit adultery.

Be Faithful to Your Wife

8 You shall not steal.

Respect the Property of Others

9 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Respect Your Neighbor

10 You shall not covet your neighbor's wife. And you shall not desire your neighbor's house, his field, or his male servant, or his female servant, his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.

Be Content with what God has Given You

The Ten Commandments, by Isaac Watts

1. You shalt have no more Gods but me.
2. Before no idol bow your knee.
3. Take not the Name of God in vain:
4. Nor dare the Sabbath Day profane.
5. Give both your parents honor due.
6. Take heed that you no murder do.
7. Abstain from words and deeds unclean:
8. Nor steal, though you are poor and mean.
9. Nor make a willful lie, nor love it.
10. What is your neighbor's, do not covet.

The Ten Commandments Out Of The Old Testament Put Into Short Rhyme For Children, Isaac Watts, 1810