



Deuteronomy

A Call to Covenant Renewal

**Does the Law still apply
to Christians?**

Loving the Poor...and More

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and you be guilty of sin.

Deuteronomy 24:16-18

Fathers shall not be put to death because of their children,
nor shall children be put to death because of their fathers.

Each one shall be put to death for his own sin.

You shall not pervert the justice due to the sojourner
or to the fatherless, or take a widow's garment in pledge,
but you shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt
and the LORD your God redeemed you from there;
therefore I command you to do this.

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Main Idea

To love your neighbor is to love the LORD and to glorify Him, especially when your neighbor is poor or vulnerable because the LORD loved poor and vulnerable sinners.

Remember what's underneath...

You shall not murder.

You shall not steal.

You shall not covet.

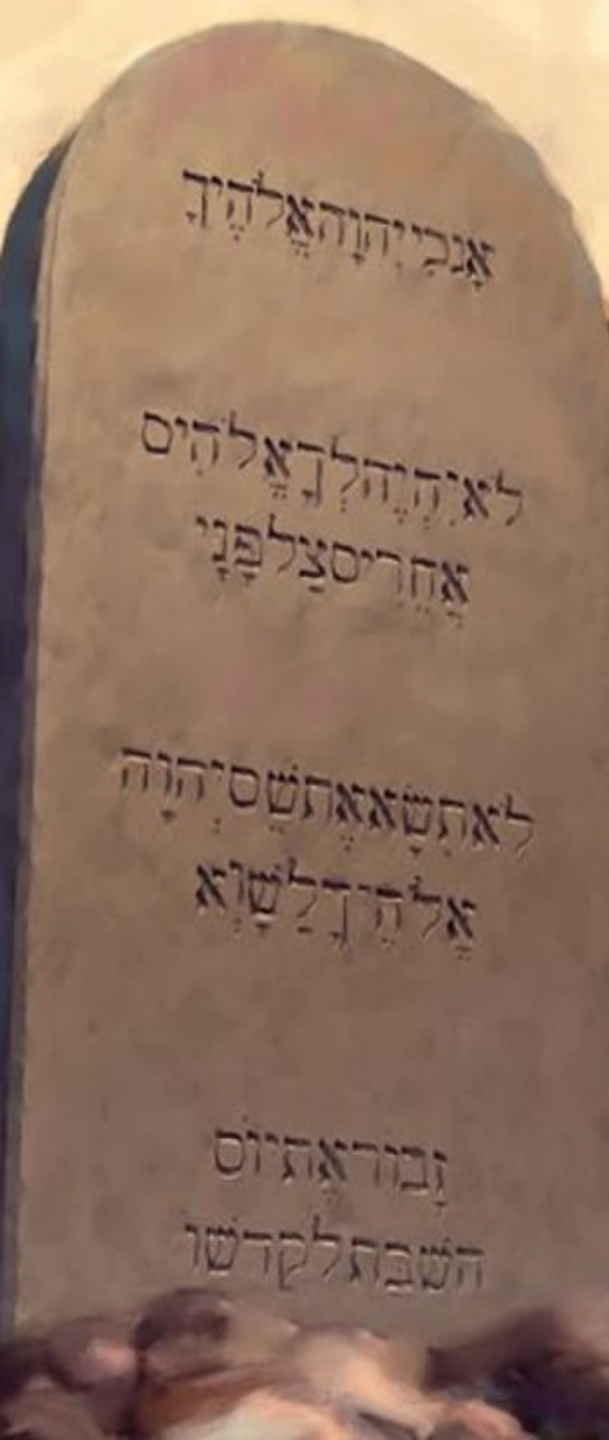
Leviticus 19:18

...you shall love your neighbor as yourself;
I am the LORD.

Romans 13:8-9

“...he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law.
For this, “You...shall not murder, you shall not steal,
you shall not covet,” and if there is any other
commandment, it is summed up in this saying,
“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

Loving the Poor...and More
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Interest-free loans were meant
to be a means of grace to the poor
who would otherwise starve.

These were secured loans.

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Essential tools for food prep

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This protected the borrower's dignity.
This prevented the lender from searching
out a more motivational pledge.

Love your poor neighbor:

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Don't demean him!

Don't deny him!

Deuteronomy 24:12-13

And if he is a poor man, you shall not sleep in his pledge.
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A Warning!

Proverbs 22:22-23

Do not rob the poor because he is poor,
Or crush the afflicted at the gate;
For the LORD will plead their case
And take the life of those who rob them.

Deuteronomy 24:19-20

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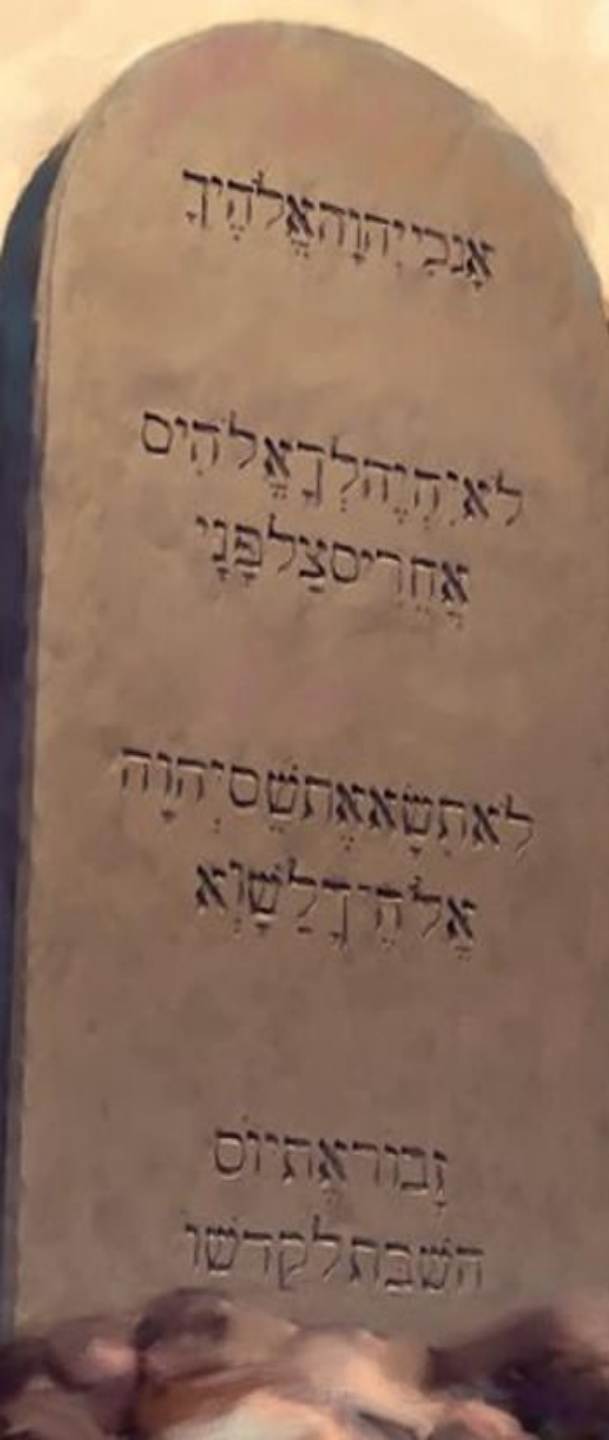
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Remember God's grace to you!

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Loving the Poor...and More

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Love your vulnerable neighbor.

Love your vulnerable neighbor:

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Deuteronomy 24:7

If a man is found stealing one of his brothers of the people of Israel, and if he treats him as a slave or sells him, then that thief shall die.

If a man is found *stealing a life* from among his brothers...
...and if he treats him *as merchandize* or sells him.

The weak would have been most vulnerable to abduction.

Remember that what we are reading
and discussing is **case law**.

These laws still instruct us in the
application of righteousness to
current-day issues?

Love your vulnerable neighbor:

Don't take his life!

Don't risk his life!

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Keep watch!

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Leviticus 13

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Why bring up Miriam?

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Miriam had rebelled against Moses

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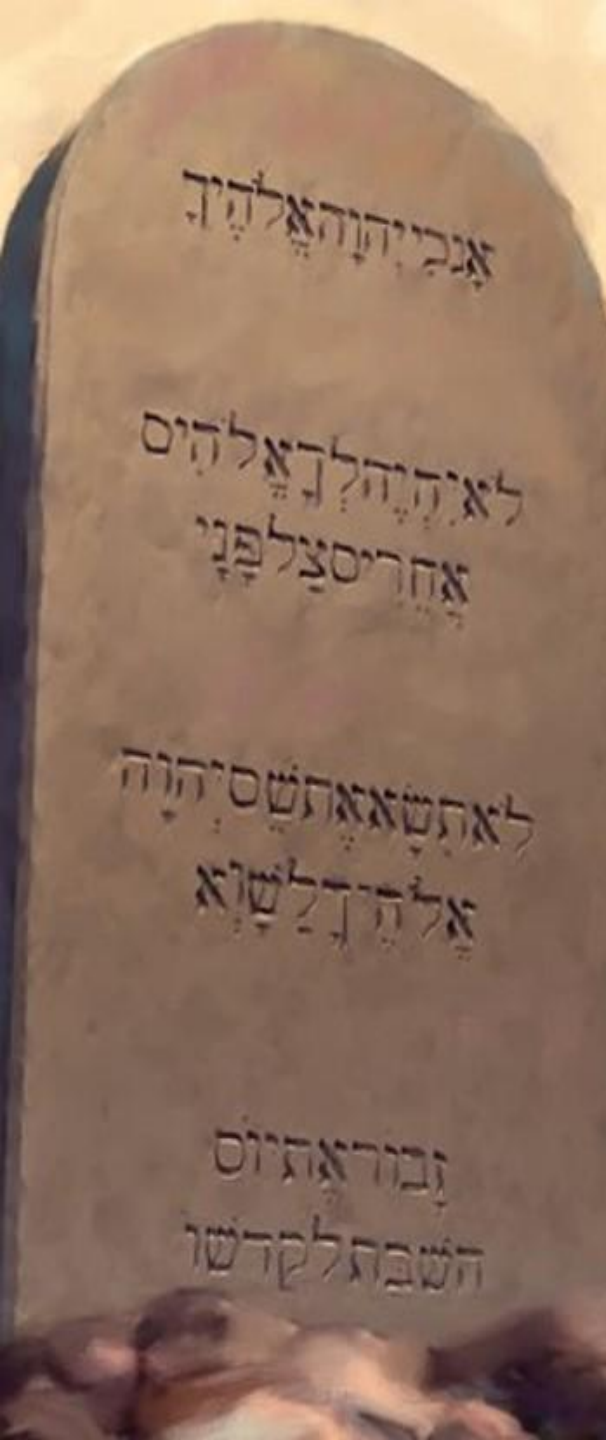
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Loving the Poor...and More

Love your poor neighbor.

Love your vulnerable neighbor.

Love your LORD above all!



Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!
You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your might.

Love your LORD above all!

Glorify Him alone!

**How does the Law instruct us in what
it means to glorify God?**

The Law reveals God's nature and character and teaches us how to imitate Him and, thereby, draw attention to His holiness, love, and grace.

Ephesians 5:1-2

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children...

and walk in love, **just as** Christ also loved you
and gave Himself up for us, an offering and
a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.

Christ most clearly revealed God's holiness, love, and grace on the cross where He justified poor, helpless sinners by His substitutionary death.

How?

Psalm 72:13

He will have compassion on the poor and needy,
And the lives of the needy he will save.

Romans 5:6 and 8

For while we were **still helpless**,
at the right time Christ died for the **ungodly**.

God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that
while we were **yet sinners**, Christ died for us.

Loving the poor and vulnerable
is not only loving the LORD;
it is loving *like* the LORD!

Love your LORD above all!

Glorify Him alone!

Fear Him alone!

Deuteronomy 6:13

You shall fear only the LORD your God;
and you shall worship Him and swear by His name.

Note the connection!

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**We should not fear man
nor what man fears!**

Throughout this section and elsewhere, the people are given warnings of judgment and exhortations to execute judgment as a means of grace to them and us.

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...lest he cry against you to the LORD, and you be guilty of sin.

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This ought to remind us of the holiness of God, the consequences of rebellion, and our desperate need of justification in Christ.

Personal Accountability

Deuteronomy 24:7

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A person's actions affect his family
and his community, but he alone
is accountable for his sin.

Love your LORD above all!

Glorify Him alone!

Fear Him alone!

Obey Him alone!

...as I commanded them, so you shall be careful to do.

...I command you to do this.

...therefore I command you to do this.

John 14:15

If you love Me,
you will keep My commandments.

Conclusion

Instruction on the treatment of the poor and vulnerable should remind **each one us** of our great poverty and vulnerability and should turn our hearts to Christ.