

Questions 72 & 73

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Q.72 How many commandments did God give on Mount Sinai? - *Ten Commandments.*

Q.73 What are the Ten Commandments sometimes called? – *The Decalogue.*

Scripture Base: Ex 20:1-17; Deut 5:1-21;
Ps 119:95-6

Doctrine: WCF 19:2 SC 41

Supplementary Questions.

1. What does Decalogue mean?

2. Why did the Lord give you the Ten Commandments?

3. Why only ten Commandments?

Song: “The Ten Commandments” – J Rogers

Teaching Notes

Review: Section on Prophet, Priest & King.

Scripture: Deut 5:1-21

Questions

1. Deca (*deka*) is Greek for “ten;” (eg decade = ten years) and logue (*logos*), the Greek “word” (eg logic = speech or reason.) Together they mean the “ten words”, which is one of the ways the Ten Commandments are abbreviated.
2. He wants you to know what is good and what is evil, what is the right thing to do and what is wrong (Rom. 7:7).
He wants you to know what sin is, so that you can turn from your sins into the path of obedience. (1 John 3:4-5).
3. It takes many commandments to spell out everything that has to do with holiness (righteousness, obedience, etc.) (Psalm 119:95-96) but it only takes ten to summarize all of them.
Everything God requires of you fits in one of these ten categories and Ten Commandments are much easier to memorize than hundreds!

Gospel: Does God have the right to tell you what to do? (*Yes, He made me, takes care of me, and being God, He has the right to require from me whatever He wants*).

Have you done what He tells you? (Have you kept the Ten Commandments? - *“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” [Rom. 3:23], “There is none righteous, not even one” [3:10]*). What about in your mind and in your heart? *If you keep them outwardly, but break them in your thoughts or want to break them in your heart, then you have still broken them:* (Matt. 5:21-22).

Is God pleased if you keep almost all of the commandments (nine out of ten)? *No.* “For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all” (James 2:10).

What should you do if you have broken them? *You should repent (Acts 2:38; which means to turn away from your sins and do what is right) and you should believe in Christ (Act 16:31; which means trust the obedience He offered the Father to make you acceptable to God).*

Extras: “Moses and the 2 stone tablets” collage. Draw mountain in background, Israelites in front, glue on Moses and tablets.

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