

Ten Commandments (Part 3)
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I. The Designation of the Ten Commandments in Scripture and Theology

-‘covenant,’ ‘tablets of the covenant,’ ‘words of the covenant’ (Deuteronomy 4:13; 9:9, 11, 15; Exodus 34:28)

-The Ten Commandments were a charter of the covenant God made with Israel, similar to treaties ancient near eastern kings made with their vassal subjects.

Observations

1) We mustn’t strip the Ten Commandments of their exalted place in Scripture.

2) God is the great Lawgiver.

-The Ten Commandments are an index of God’s holy character.

-Since God has spoken:

- We can’t plead ignorance.

- We have been shown great mercy.

- We must speak.

- God intends to do us good.

- We must obey.

- We must trust.