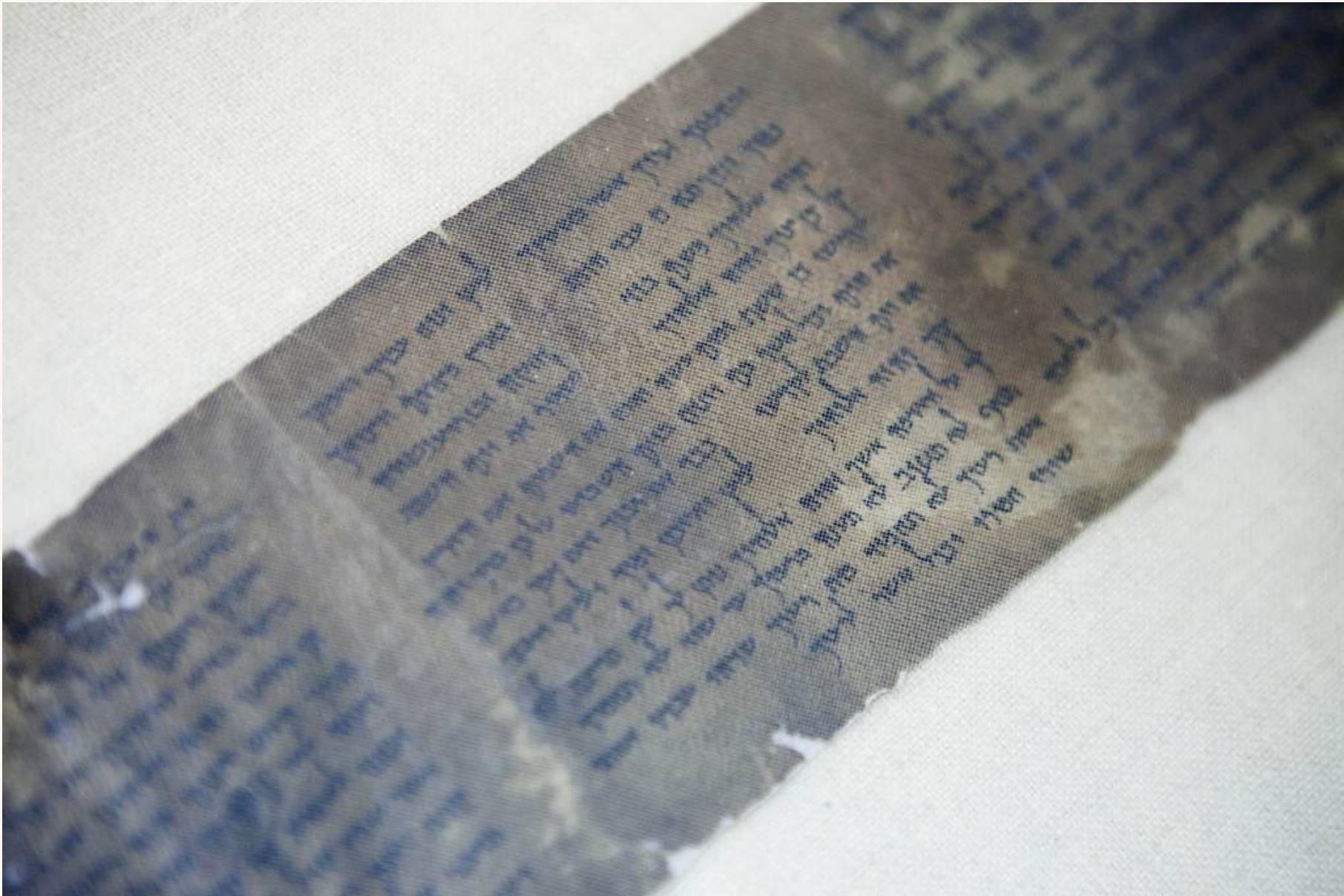


No Other Gods

Exodus 20:1-7

Oldest Complete Copy of the 10 Commandments



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The 1st 3 Commandments Deal With:

1. Our exclusive worship of God above all things
2. Our mental perception of God, and our tangible depiction of him
3. Our reverence for God in how we use his name



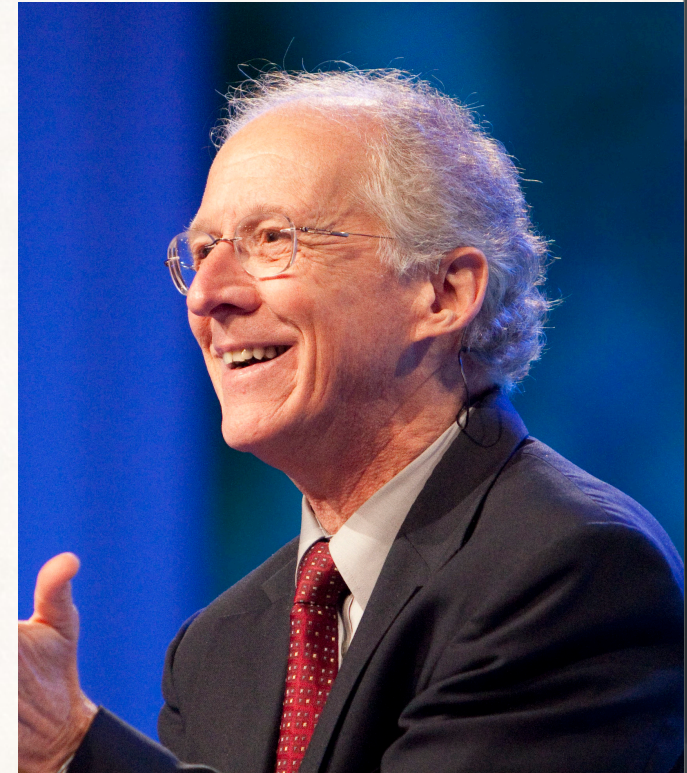
1 John 4:16

“God is love.”



“Love labors and suffers to enthrall us with what is infinitely and eternally satisfying: God. Therefore, God’s love labors and suffers to break our bondage to the idol of self, and focus our affections on the treasure of God.

Love is doing whatever you need to do — even to the point of dying on the cross — to help people see and savor the glory of God for ever and ever. Love keeps God central. Because the soul was made for God.”



John Piper



Perfection



I Can't Get No
SATISFACTION

THE ROLLING STONES



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Isaiah 55:2-3

Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters;
and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and
without cost. Why spend money on what is not
bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy?

Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you
will delight in the richest of fare. Give ear and
come to me; listen, that you may live.



Exodus 20:1-7

And God spoke all these words, saying, “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

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The First Commandment

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Isaiah 42:8

I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.



1 Corinthians 8:5-6

For although there may be so-called gods [Hebrew - “Elohim”] in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.



The Second Commandment

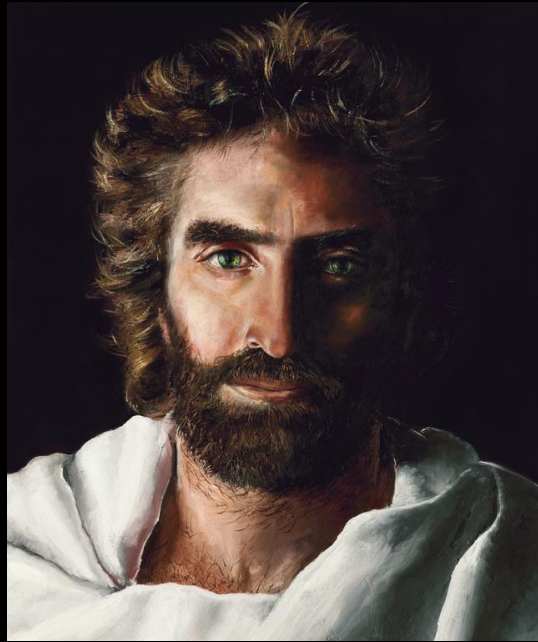
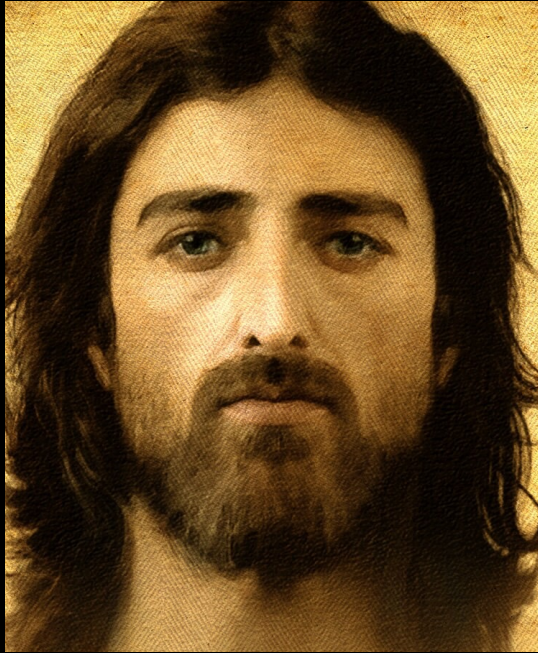
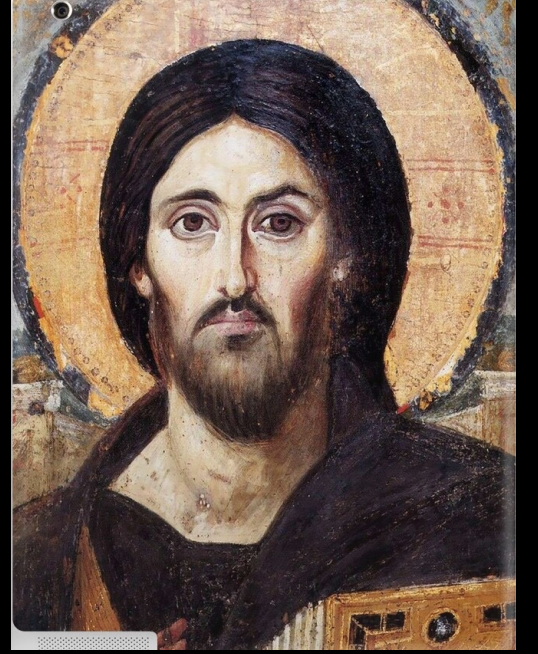
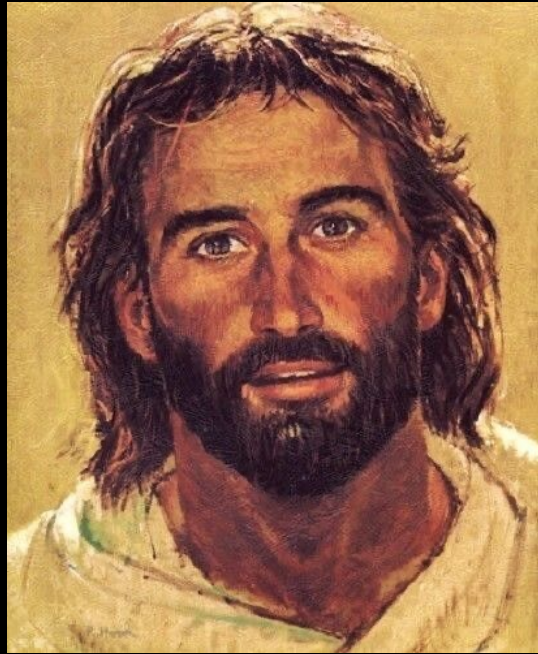
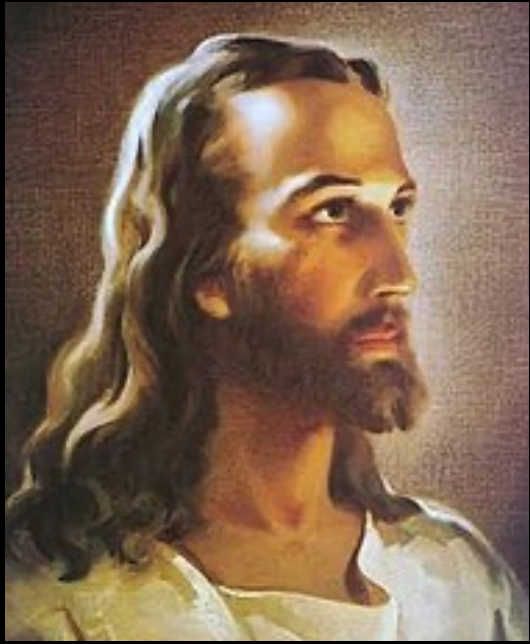
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The oldest painting of Jesus that we know about was painted around 235 A.D. and was discovered in Syria.





The
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Revelation 1:13-16

... in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.



Revelation 19:12-13

His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many [crowns], and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. . . .

On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.



Psalm 50:17-21 NASB

For you hate discipline, and you cast my words behind you. When you see a thief, you are pleased with him, and you associate with adulterers. You let your mouth loose in evil and your tongue frames deceit. You sit and speak against your brother; you slander your own mother's son. These things you have done and I kept silence; you thought that I was just like you;





“Thus all idolatry, which Scripture labels elsewhere as spiritual adultery, that raises up competitors or tolerates any kind of rivalry to the honor, glory, and esteem due to the Lord will excite his zealousness for the consistency of his own character and being. Every form of substitution, neglect, or contempt, both public and private, for the worship of God is rejected in this 2nd commandment.”

- The Expositor's Bible Commentary



The Third Commandment

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Violations of the 3rd Commandment:

1. Blaspheming or cursing the name of God
(Leviticus 24:16)



Violations of the 3rd Commandment:

2. Making empty or false oaths

“You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the Lord” (Leviticus 19:12)



Matthew 5:33-37

“Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.’

But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all

Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil.



Violations of the 3rd Commandment:

3. Claiming false visions, and false claims to speak on God's behalf (Jeremiah 23:25)



Violations of the 3rd Commandment:

4. Sacrificing one's children to the false god Molech (Leviticus 18:21)



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Why Do These First 3 Commandments Exist?

1. God didn't need the Israelites' worship, the Israelites did. They had just escaped Egypt, which worshipped a pantheon of gods, so God reminds them not to worship any other god but him.



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“We delight to praise what we enjoy, because the praise not merely expresses, but completes the enjoyment.”

- C.S. Lewis

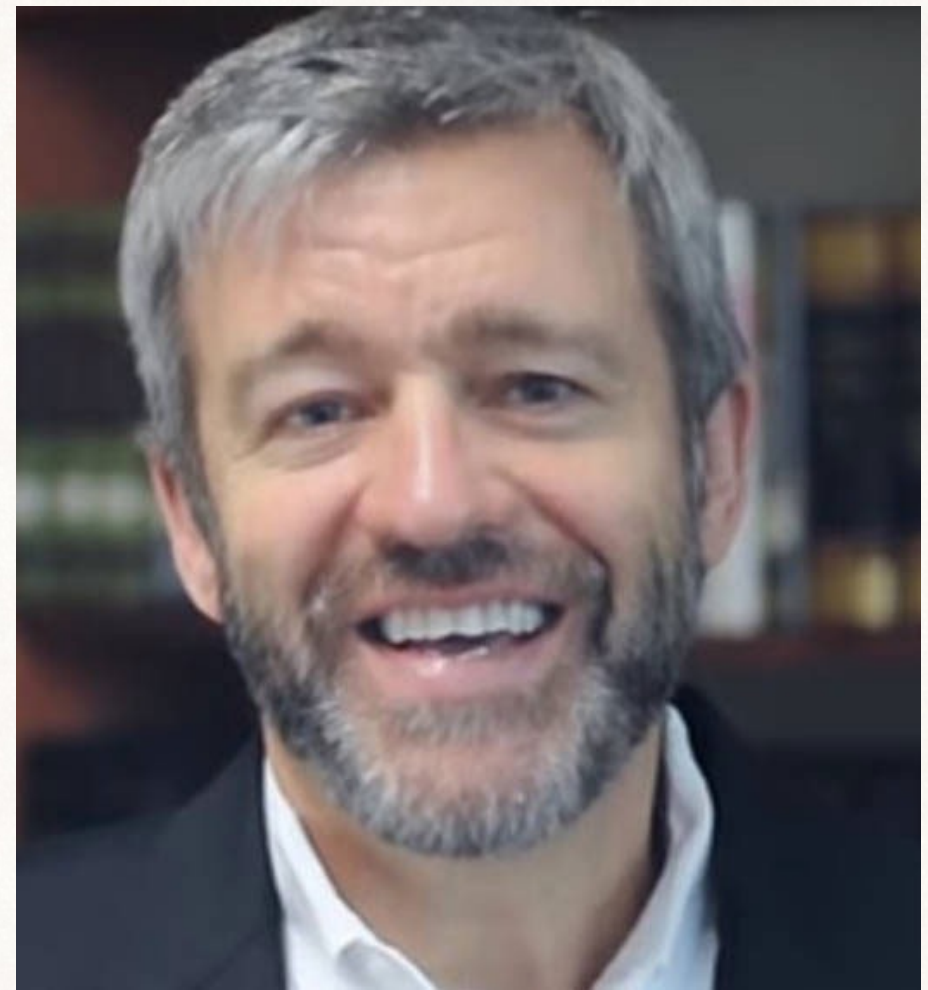


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3. Worshipping something unworthy of worship has bad, real-world implications. People were burning their children, as an act of worship to Molech!



“We don’t teach our children that holiness is a set of rules. We teach them, this is who God is! There is no greater adventure, no more splendid pursuit, than to chase after this magnificent Being whose glories know no end!”



Paul Washer



Hebrews 10:19-25

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.



Question of the Week

Why are the eyes of man never satisfied?

(Hint)

Because they were made for _____.

