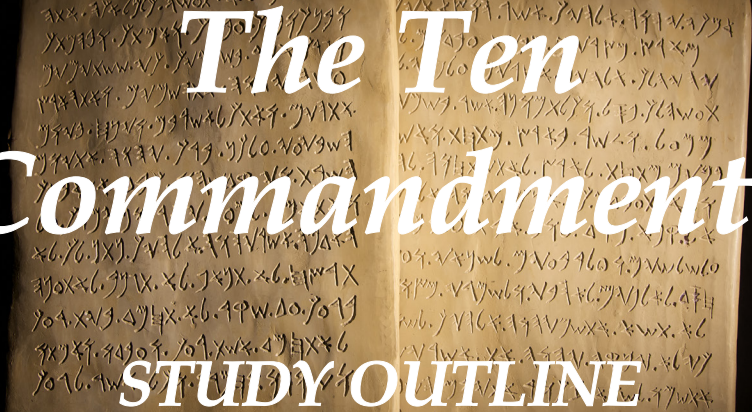


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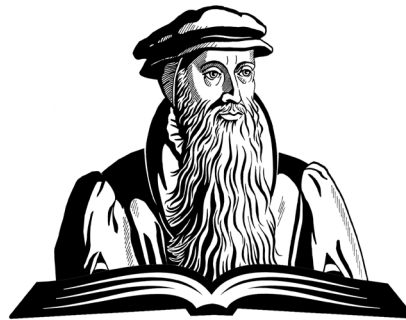
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Key Texts:

“And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.”—Ephesians 4, verse 24

“And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him,”—Colossians 3, verse 10

Summary:

In this module, we will discuss several questions: Did Adam and Eve know the Ten Commandments as we have them now? How did they know God’s law? What does it mean, “The image and likeness of God”? By eating the forbidden fruit from the tree, we learn that Adam and Eve broke all the Ten Commandments at once. Sin has ruptured the core of our being and distorted every view of God and ourselves, as well as of God’s law. This fall of mankind was no accidental slip. It was the conscious and wicked rejection of God’s holy and perfect law.

Structure:

1. Introduction
2. The image and likeness of God.
 - a. Knowledge, righteousness and holiness.
 - b. The law was written on their hearts.
 - c. Function of the law in the life of Adam and Eve.
3. The breaking of the law.
 - a. The specific command.
 - b. Breaking of all Ten Commandments.
4. Conclusion.

Review Questions:

1. Do you agree with the statement, “To sin is to give God a slap in his face”? How does this statement relate to the essence of sin?

2. To God, what is the essence of law-keeping?

3. In this module, we learned that even those who do not have any relationship to God often live by *I ought to*, or *I should do*, or even to a certain extent, *I want to do good*? Where does that come from?

4. What does it mean that we are created in God’s image and likeness?

5. Define the terms knowledge, righteousness, and holiness.

6. What is the original law that was written on the hearts of Adam and Eve at creation?

7. How did God’s law function in the life of Adam and Eve before the Fall?

8. How do we understand the commandment not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil which was given in Genesis 2, verses 16 and 17?

9. In one deed, Adam and Eve broke all the Ten Commandments. Explain how each commandment was broken.

10. What can we learn from reflecting on man’s beautiful, glorious beginning?

Further Application:

1. Meditate on Genesis chapters 2 and 3, by considering the theme, paradise and the law.

2. Explain the significance of what the Lord Jesus said, in Matthew 22, verses 37 through 40. How is it the summary of the Ten Commandments?
