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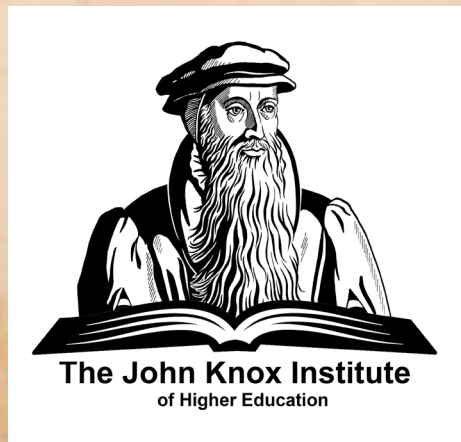
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for Lecture #31

**The Ten Commandments:**

**A Preface of Grace**

*Catechism Questions 43 & 44*



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## ADULT STUDY GUIDE

for Lecture #31

The Ten Commandments:

A Preface of Grace

### Memorization

**Question 43:** *What is the preface to the ten commandments?*

**Answer:** *The preface to the ten commandments is in these words, I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.*

**Question 44:** *What doth the preface to the ten commandments teach us?*

**Answer:** *The preface to the ten commandments teacheth us, That because God is the Lord, and our God, and Redeemer, therefore we are bound to keep all his commandments.*

### Lecture Structure

1. Introduction.
2. God's transcendence.
3. God's covenant.
4. God's redemption.
5. Applications.

### Literal Study

1. Define these terms as they are used in this lecture:

a) Preface \_\_\_\_\_

b) Bind \_\_\_\_\_

*Lecture Checkup*

1. How do the Ten Commandments begin? What is the function of a preface?

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2. Is there anything in this preface that tells us to obey God in order to earn salvation?

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3. What does the word “transcendence” mean? What is the transcendence of God?

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4. How should we understand God in that he said, “I AM THAT I AM”?

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5. How does this preface show us the covenantal relationship of God and his people?

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6. What are the privileges and encouragements of this covenant for God’s people?

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7. How does God have a right to bind his people to the covenant? Why is it right that we should be called to obey him?

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8. How did God bring his people Israel out of “the house of bondage”? What is that referring to?

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9. What is the link between the Passover and the Lord Jesus Christ? How does the Bible speak of this relationship?

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10. What is the ultimate reason that we should love God and obey him? Do we still have the responsibility to obey God in the New Testament time?

**Further Studies**

1. How are we bound and obliged to keep God’s commandments because he is the Lord?

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2. How are we bound and obliged to keep God’s commandments because he is our God?

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3. How are we bound and obliged to keep God’s commandments because he is our Redeemer?



**Practical Application**

1. Meditate on Exodus 6, verses 2 to 7, by considering it under the three main points taught in this lecture.

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2. What is the relevance of the preface to the Ten Commandments? How does the New Testament prove this relationship? Have you experienced this relationship spiritually and personally?

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**Project Ideas**

How would you answer a person who argues that the Ten Commandments are merely about the law, and that they have nothing to do with God's grace or the covenant of grace? Please write down your thoughts about this.

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