

Lesson 2: In Search of God's Commandments

Key Search Words - commandment, law, covenant, "love the Lord", love, obey

Let's start our treasure hunt by searching on the key word "commandment". The first formal commandments given by God that are found in our search are located in the Old Testament. They are called the "Ten Commandments".

Exo 24:12

Deu 5:1-22

Exo 20:1-17

God gave these commandments to Moses in order for him to teach them to the children of Israel. This was God's Law, or conditions of relationship with Him, which is also called His ⁺Covenant (see Smith's Bible Dictionary and Fausset's Bible Dictionary).

Deu 4:13

Now, let's take our search on the words "commandment" and "law" to the New Testament. There we will find that Jesus talked about commandments with His Disciples.

Mat 22:36-39

Mar 12:29-31

Can these "love" commandments of Jesus be found in the Old Testament? In the KJV, by doing an exact phrase search on "love the Lord" in the Old Testament, you will find that Jesus quoted these two commandments from the same Law that was given to Moses by God in the beginning.

Deu 6:4-9

The only change made by Jesus was that He added "all your mind" to the first commandment. According to Jesus, these two love commandments are the greatest and they would support all the other commandments that were given by God.

Mat 22:40

Searching on love and commandment further in the New Testament, we find that Jesus also said that if we love Him, then our expression of love to Him would be in our keeping, or obedience of His and God's commandments.

Joh 14:15

1Jo 5:3

So, to really know Jesus means we have to obey Him and God, which is an act of love.

A Royal Soldier loves King Jesus.