# The Two Great Commandments of 12

# in the Old & the New Testaments

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In our LORD's mortal ministry in the meridian of time, He referenced the 2 Great Commandments given the Israelites earlier. He recited them to a *scribe* and then to a *lawyer*, both experts on **the law**. These men were testing Jesus on His knowledge of the foundations of *governance* in God's own law, as given by Him as Jehovah in the Old Testament (see Deut. 6:5, 10:12 and Lev. 19:18, 34). Jesus's words later became part of "the new covenant" called the New Testament (see Mark 12:28-33 and Luke 10:25-28). Yeshua or Jesus Christ was **the original law**-giver for Israel (Isa. 33:22). His humble servant Moses then gave the law to the Israelites. Moses later came to be called the "law giver" too. Our LORD came to earth to *fulfill* the Law He gave earlier, not *replace* it. Too many believe all of the Old Testament has been fulfilled, and thus they don't need to be keep. This is false doctrine. The 12 commandments (2 great "to do" commandments as a summary, along with 10 specific things "not to do") are to be lived today, as are the Holy Days (to be observed "forever", Ex. 12:14 KJV) and other divine laws. It was the law of animal sacrifice that was no longer necessary. It was *fulfilled* in the LORD's atonement. So too the law of an "eye for an eye", *added to* in the greater *governing* law of love presented us in the LORD's teachings given in the Sermon on the Mount. There He provided additional higher law in 12 total Beatitudes. They lead us to a "Blessed" state. In the Book of Mormon (3 Ne. 12 and in JST Matthew 5), we find all 12 Beatitudes, not the 9 of Matthew 5 or the 4 of Luke 6. The *first*, additional 3 Beatitudes also serve as a type of summary for the rest (see endnotes 2 & 3).

The "2 Great Commandments" are given us in both the Old and the New Testaments. The "first and great commandment" is to love God with one's whole heart, strength, mind, and soul (Deut. 6:5, 10:12). The second is to love others as one's self (Lev. 19:18, 34). They represent a 2-part summary of what "to do". More detail is encapsulated within them as part of the 10 Commandments given Moses earlier in Exodus 20. The additional 10 detail what "not to do" and were written by God Himself on 2 tables of stone atop fiery Sinai and then given to Moses for the Israelites. Note the division into 2 groups below. The first 5 commandments detail how to love God by eliminating all idolatry within us. The second 5 commandments detail how to love one another.

- 1. Love God with all your heart, strength, mind & soul
  - 1. Thou shalt have no other gods before me
  - 2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image
  - 3. Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain
  - 4. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy
  - 5. Honour thy father and thy mother

## 2. **Love others** as yourself

- 6. Thou shalt not kill
- 7. Thou shalt not commit adultery
- 8. Thou shalt not steal
- 9. Thou shalt not bear false witness
- 10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's things

In clarifying the second of the two great commandments, our LORD said:

"A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another as I have loved you . . ." John 13:34

Later Moses addressed 12 blessings and 12 cursings accompanying these 12 commandments. All are part of the "older covenant" with the house of Israel in the Old Testament. The 12 curses are a result of rejecting these 12 governing laws as found in Deuteronomy 27:15-26, whereas the 12 blessings given when lived are found in Deuteronomy 28:3-14. God governs His creation here, His kingdom on earth via His law as the great Judge and Lawgiver, and the King of Kings. The number 12 symbolically points to "governance" here in His law via our love for Him and each other.<sup>1</sup>

The collection of books known as the New Testament wasn't compiled until 3 centuries after the LORD's crucifixion. In it He gave His "disciples" (followers) "higher principles" that were within and part of the same law given in the Old Testament, doing so "with a promise" – that "the wise virgins" among the people might become "Blessed" or "in the state of the gods". They are called "the Beatitudes" (for all 12 Beatitudes see the paper Passover 2020 at www.7witnesses.com). Note the 7th commandment in the first law and how it was added to in the higher principle of the same law in the Beatitudes, a "principle with a promise". The first law states, "Thou shalt not commit adultery" (7th comm., Ex. 20). The higher New Testament principle stated later by the LORD adds, "But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart" (Matt. 5:28). The higher principles Christ gave his most trusted disciples in this sermon (and in 3 Nephi 12) are tied to the heart, the seat of desire. What we hold in our hearts leads to our actions, good or bad. Let us all be wise virgins.

# Appendix A The Number 12 & its Ties to Governance

God **governs** His Kingdom on earth via His great *light, love,* and *law*. They are the source of His *power, honored* by all of creation (see D&C 29:35 & 88:6-13). The principle of "**governance**" has consistent ties to the number 12 throughout scripture, like the 12 Apostles the LORD called in the New Testament *and* in the Book of Mormon. They taught God's law, made up 12 total commandments and 12 "Blessed" beatitudes. Living them or ignoring them leads to 12 blessings or 12 cursings (see #2 below). All *Space* and *Time* and our *Bodies* are governed in the number 12. It is "*divine*" governance (the number 12 is reduced to the single digit 3 [1+2=3], a number tied to "*divinity*" in scripture).

**1. Governance** *via* **Light** God is the source of all light, audible, visual, and that not seen, heard or felt. Scripture tells us that He is surrounded by a colorful 360-degree rainbow upon His throne, the visual manifestation of the color frequency of



visible light and His great love for His people and all creation (see Ezek. 1:28; Rev. 4:3 & 10:1; 3 Enoch 22:4). The entire electromagnetic spectrum of *energy, frequency,* and *vibration* (or *light*) is made up of audible and in-audible *sound* and visual and non-visible *light*. God sang all of creation into existence in the book of Genesis using His voice, words, and knowledge. Today western music utilizes "octaves" with 12 notes each. On a piano they include 7 white keys and 5 black keys.

In D&C 88:13, the LORD stated, "The *light* which is in all things, which giveth *life* to all things, which is the *law* by which all things are **governed**, even the *power* of God who sitteth upon his throne, who is in the bosom of eternity, who is in the midst of all things." God's *power* among all created things - is the "*honor*" and "*love*" they feel for

Him as Creator (see D&C 29:35). Satan wanted God's *power* (see Isa. 14), and rebelled against Him to try and get it. When a true servant uses "the *sealing power*" given him of God, they do so in God's will, repeating words He may have given them. The elements of creation respond to the directives of the Creator through the servant. The elements recognize God's will in the servant, and *willingly obey* out of *love* and *honor* for their Creator (Abr. 4:18; D&C 29:36).

12 Colors of Light Dinshah Ghadiali was the first modern healer to use 12 visible colors of light to help heal the body. He found that each color on his unique "star color wheel" was tied to an energy center or "chakra" in the body. Each color represented a specific wavelength of visible light making up "the 49th octave", a small portion of the much larger, entire electromagnetic spectrum, which includes non-visible radiation, like infrared radiation at the low end, and non-visible ultra violet light at the high end. Visible colors make up the colors from 400 to 700 nanometers (12 above left, and 7 in the rainbow).

Note in the 12-part color wheel above that the 3 primary colors of **light** are Red, Green, and Blue, whereas Yellow, Magenta, and Cyan are the 3 secondary colors tied to **pigment**, inks or paint. Two sets of 3 additional colors stand between these primary and secondary colors, making 12 total, in a unique Star of David opposing triangle arrangement (primaries oppose secondaries).

The Speed of Light God continues to send His great light throughout creation to govern, enlighten, and heal it. There are 3 ways to express the speed of light; (1) 186,000 miles per second; (2) 162,000 nautical miles in real-time per second; And (3) 144,000 minutes of arc per grid second or "the speed of light harmonii", or 12 x 12 x 1000 (see Bruce Cathie, Bridge to Infinity, p. 8). Light is frequency, whether it is visual light or audible sound. There are 7 colors in the rainbow, each with a unique frequency of vibration. The same is true of sound. In a musical octave of 7 primary notes (the white keys on a piano), there are 12 tones or frequencies, via 5 additional black intermediate keys (the 5 "sharps" or "flats" in-between the 7 whole notes or keys).

Servants of Light The number 144,000 (12 x 12 x 1000) is not only one way to express "the speed of light", it has scriptural ties to special "servants of light" in the last days. There are 12,000 servants among the 12 Tribes of the house of Israel, making 144,000 total servants serving as Messianic Jews converted to Christ (see Rev. 7). Many believe there is a second set of 144,000 Christian servants (see Rev. 14). They work among the Gentile nations with 12,000 of them too, having more mixed blood from the 12 sons of Jacob. Both sets of 144,000 servants (288,000 total) gather those of light, the "elect" within "house of Israel". They are gathered back to God and His greater light. King David employed 288 prophetic singers in the Tabernacle of David and had 288,000 soldiers in his army (144,000 of them serving for 6 months out of the year).

Moses set up 12 stones at the base of Sinai to represent the 12 Tribes of Israel. He also sent 12 spies (one from each Tribe) into the land of Canaan to investigate it and its current residents of giants in walled cities (they were the posterity of the Fallen Angels of Genesis 6, a great plague on the earth that continues here and now). In Numbers 7 we read about the 12 days tied to the dedication of the Tabernacle of Moses. When the Israelites later crossed ovr the Jordan River – miraculously on dry ground - into the Holy Land, Joshua had 12 representatives take one stone each from the river, setting them as a memorial to God who once again performed another miracle on their behalf (see Joshua 4:1-10).

Our LORD Jesus called 12 special servants or Apostles to be "special witnesses" of THE Light of the world - Jesus Christ. John stated that there are 24 Elders surrounding God's throne in heaven (Rev. 4:8, 5:7, 11:2, 19:3). King David put in place 24 courses of priests (2 sets of 12 servants in the bloodline of Jacob's 12 sons) to serve at David's Tabernacle of worship, and to later praise and worship at Solomon's Temple (1 Chron. 24).

There are also 12 hierarchies of angels; 1. Thrones, 2. Arc Angels, 3. Seraphim, 4. Cherubim, 5. Dominions, 6. Virtues, 7. Powers, 8. Principalities, 9. Guardians, 10. Comforters, 11. Holy Animals & Creatures, and 12 Planetary Guardians." The LORD Jesus said that He could command 12 legions of angels to help Him if necessary (Matt. 26:53).

**2. Governance** *via* **God's Law** The primary law of heaven is love. The LORD taught Moroni that there were 12 characteristics of Charity, the pure love of Christ (see Moroni 7:45). God gave 12 total "commandments" in the Old Testament. They include the 2 Great Commandments to love God and love on another (Deut. 6:4-5 & Lev. 19:18). These 2 laws summarize the 10 additional commandments given Moses in Exodus 20, as found on the 2 tables of stone. The first 5 of them are about loving God, the second 5 are about loving one another. There are 12 blessings and 12 cursings tied to living these 12 commandments or ignoring them (see Deut. 27 & 28).

The LORD later God gave a higher law, called the "Blessed" Beatitudes in the New Testament. The King James Version of Luke 6 addresses only 4 Beatitudes, while Matthew 5 lists 9 of them. The LDS Prophet Joseph Smith restored all 12 of them in JST Matthew 5 and 3 Nephi 12. The *first 3* replaced Beatitudes address becoming "Blessed" via, 1. Repenting and coming unto Christ; 2. Being baptized in water by one in authority; And 3. The LORD Jesus says He will then baptize such individuals by Fire and the Holy Ghost (see the author's papers *Clear Born Again Scriptures* or *The 2 Great Commandments of 12*, both at www.7witnesses.com). Those living this higher law of 12 Beatitudes are pronounced clean and given the name-title "Blessed" (meaning "in the state of the gods").

- **3. Governing** via the Measure of Space There are 12 inches to a foot in the English measure of space (the measure of the foot of King David of Scotland in 1150 AD). Ezekiel's altar was 12 cubits square (Ezek. 43:16). Elijah's altar was made of 12 stones, surrounded by a ditch having 12 barrels of water in it. John described New Jerusalem (God's Tabernacle in heaven) as having 12 gates, 12 angels, 12 tribes, 12 foundations, 12 Apostles, 12 stones, and 12 pearls. He describes the measure of this city as a cube of 12,000 furlongs in 3 dimensions.
- 4. **Governing** via the Measure of Time There are 12 hours of light and darkness at the 2 equinoxes, an equal measure of time in a day of 24 hours. There are 12 months in the year, and 12 zodiac signs rotating around the sun during "the Great Year," also known as "the precession of the equinoxes." It is 25,920 years, or 12 x 2,160 years, the average time each of the 12 signs remains at the eastern horizon. Note also that 2,160 is the diameter of the moon in miles. The Tabernacle of David featured 24/7 worship and praise of the LORD. In it there were 12 different singers for each of the 24 hours of the day, making 288 prophetic singers (1 Chron. 25:9-31). Each solar "day" (24 hours or 1,440 minutes) the moon cycle is separated by another 12 degrees from it on the 360 degree clock of time (10 minutes per day), resulting in the differing moon phases and the need for recalibration of the 2 time pieces (the sun and the moon) in leap months or leap years.
- **5. Governing** the Human Body God created our physical bodies with 12 governing systems. They are the Circulatory, Digestive, Endocrine, Integumentary, Renal, Lymphatic, Muscular, Nervous, Reproductive, Respiratory, Skeletal, and Vestibular systems. There are also 12 mineral, cell, or tissue salts as part of this governance. They are 1. calcium flouride, 2. Calcium phosphate. 3. Calcium sulfate, 4. Iron phosphate, 5. Magnesium phosphate, 6. Potassium chloride, 7. Potassium phosphate, 8. Potassium sulfate, 9. Sodium chloride, 10. Sodium phosphate, 11. Sodium sulfate, and 12. Silica.

Worldwide DNA research reveals many strands of DNA, most likely 12, not just the 2 explored in western science, those tied to the **physical** makeup of our bodies. Those beyond 2 have been called "junk DNA" in the west and are mostly ignored. The revolutionary work of 2 Russian scientists, molecular biologist Dr. Pjotr Garjajev and researcher Dr. Vladimir Poponin, has revealed the purpose for the additional DNA strands, thought to be 12 total (as seen by energy healers in their clients). The more holistic research of the Russians has revealed a **spiritual** focus for them. They found that human DNA is a receiver and transmitter of information and that it is not genetically "fixed", but can be *repaired* and *reprogrammed* by light or frequency, whether it is visual light (like a laser) or audible frequencies (like music and words). See p. & Appendix B for much more.

God is sending forth His great light (D&C 88:6-13) to awaken and transform our DNA, that we might be *physically* and *spiritually* prepared for His coming as Judge and King over a new millennial Kingdom of justice, peace, and love. He used words to create in Genesis *and* did so again during his earthly ministry to heal many. All creation willingly responds to the Creator's voice (Abr. 4:18) out of love *and* honor for Him. This "honor" is His great **power**. Satan was jealous, wanting both God's honor and power (see D&C 29:36), and thus he rebelled against God, taking many when they were cast out of heaven to earth.

- 6. Governing with Love, Healing & Deliverance The LORD Jesus is the Great Healer and Deliverer, bringing forth the children of Israel from slavery in Egypt at Passover. He has delivered His wayward people over and over again. Throughout the Psalms, David proclaimed, "His mercy endureth forever." In the Book of Revelation we read about the Tree of Life (Rev. 22:2). It has 12 manner of fruits on it for the healing of the nations. God, as the great healer created the 12 governing systems of our mortal bodies, with 12 tissue salts, and the probability of 12-strands of DNA. Our wise, loving God inspired "the 12-Step program" providing healing and deliverance for those held captive to drugs, alcohol, pornography, and other additions. The first of the 12 steps addresses the need to place faith and trust in the living God, stating, "We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable. We have come to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity. And we have made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God..."
- 7. Governance of God's Kingdom on Earth Matthew addressed Christ as "King" 12 times, and with 12 references to His "gospel". John provided 12 different "divine" titles for Him, along with the 12 references in which Jesus called Himself, "the Son of Man" (John 1:51; 3:13, 14; 527; 6:27, 53, 62; 8:28; 9:35; 12:23, 34; 13:31).

The Word (John 1:1)
The Creator of all things (John 1:3)
The Only Begotten of the Father (John 1:14)
The Lamb of God (John 1:29)

The Bread of Life (John 6:35)
The great I AM (John 8:58; 18:6, 8; Ex. 3:14)
The Light of the world (John 9:5)
The Door of the sheep (John )10:7

The Good Shepherd (John 10:11)
The Resurrection and the Life (John 11:25)
The Way, the Truth, and the Life (John 14:
The true Vine (John 15:1

The 12 chapters of the "sealed" book of Daniel addresses true versus false worship, God's control over earthly kingdoms, and the final establishment of an everlasting Kingdom of peace, love, and justice under Christ as King of kings in the last-days. In Daniel 6 we read of 120 jealous princes who tried to trap Daniel in false worship. Daniel 12:9-13 provides a limited timeline of last-days rule by the beast and false prophet of 1,290 total days. Daniel calls those who make it to 1,335 days "blessed." They will be part of God's kingdom on the earth. Note that both numbers add up to 12 (these 3 time periods are about 3.5 years each, also known as "time, times, and a half" (each "time" is 12 months – or 1 year).

Three scriptures prophetically address the return of the "Tabernacle of David" as part of God's last-days kingdom on the earth (see Amos 9:11; Acts 15:16; Isa. 16:5). "ages" was the focus of this tabernacle and will return to the earth in His Millennial kingdom in our day. It mirrors the type of worship present in heaven. The LORD's prayer states, "They kingdom come, they will be done on earth as it is in heaven" (Matt. 6:10). King David implemented "True Worship" in the Holy City via 24/7 worship, praise, and thanksgiving in the special tent or tabernacle he first set up near the Gihon Spring. It has since come to be known as the Tabernacle of David, a different structure than the Tabernacle Moses set up in the book of Exodus. In it, King David employed 4,000 musicians and 288 prophetic singers (24 courses of 12 Levite singers each). Many believe they used musical instruments tuned to 432 or 444 hz, which had power to push away evil and darkness, while simultaneously providing healing qualities for God's people (the numbers 144 and 288 have ties to light in #1 above, "Governance via Light"). God governs all things by His great light and love.

#### **End Notes**

<sup>2</sup> The Blessed Old Testament scholar W. F. Albright and New Testament scholar C. S. Mann translated the word "blessed" in Matthew 5 as "fortunate". The footnote to their change adds that to be "blessed" is to be "of the State of the Gods". It reads, Fortunate. The word in Greek was used in classical times [to mean] of the state of the gods in contrast to men. The usual English "blessed" has more and more come to have liturgical or ecclesiastical overtones, and we have chosen "fortunate" as the being the best translation available to us" (W. F. Albright and C. S. Mann, The Anchor Bible, Matthew, Garden City, New York: Doubleday, 1971, p. 45). The prophetic, apocalyptic, or "sealed" books of Daniel and Revelation address the "blessed". John does so in the first 3 verses of Revelation chapter 1, speaking specifically to last-days "servants" of the Living God, whereas Daniel does so in the last 3 verses of Daniel 12.

"In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established."

1 Corinthians 13:1, KJV

Luke 6 - 4 Beatitudes Matthew 5 - 9 Beatitudes

#### The Matthew 5 Account - KJV

 $1.\ \Delta nd$  seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him:

- 2 And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,
- 3 Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 4 Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.
- 5 Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.
- 6 **Blessed** are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.
- 7 Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.
- 8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.
- 9 **Blessed** are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.
- 10 **Blessed** are they which are persecuted for rightcousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 11 **Blessed** are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.
- 12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

### 12 Beattitudes rather than 9 or 4

#### JST Matthew 5 - KJV

- 1. And Jessus, seeing the multitudes, went up into a mountain; and when he was set down, his disciples came unto him;
- 2 And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saving,
- 3 Blessed are they who shall believe on me; and again,

more blessed are they who shall believe on your words, when ye shall testify that ye have seen me and that I am.

- 4 Yea, blessed are they who shall believe on your words, and come down into the depth of humility, and be baptized in my name; for they shall be visited with fire and the Holy Ghost, and shall receive a remission of their sins.
- 5 Blessed are the poor in spirit, who come unto me; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 6 And again, blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted.
- 7 And blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth.
- 8 And blessed are they that do hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled with the Holy Ghost.
- 9 And blessed are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy.
- 10 And blessed are all the pure in heart; for they shall see God.
- $11\ \mathrm{And}\ \mathrm{blessed}$  are all the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God.
- 12 Blessed are all they that are persecuted for my name's sake; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 13 And blessed are ye when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.
- 14 For ye shall have great joy, and be exceeding glad; for great shall be your reward in heaven; for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

#### 3 Nephi 12 (BM)

- 1 And it came to pass that when Jesus had spoken these words unto Nephi, and to those who had been called, (now the number of them who had been called, and received power and authority to baptize, was twelve) and behold he stretched forth his hand unto the multitude, and cried unto them, saying:
- Blessed are ye if ye shall give heed unto the words of these twelve whom I have chosen from among you to minister unto you, and to be you servants; and unto them I have given power that they may baptize you with water, and after that ye are baptized with water, band, I will baptize you with fire and with the Holy Ghost; therefore blessed are ye if ye shall believe in me and be baptized, after that ye have seen me and know that I am.
- 2 And again, more blessed are they who shall believe in your words because that ye shall testify that ye have seen me, and that ye know that I
- Yea, blessed are they who shall believe in your words, and come down into the depths of humility and be baptized, for they shall be visited with fire and with the Holy Ghost, and shall receive a remission of
- 3 Yea, blessed are the poor in spirit who come unto me, for theirs is the
- 4 And again, blessed are all they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.
- 5 And blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
- 6 And blessed are all they who do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled with the Holy Ghost.
- 7 And blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.
- 8 And blessed are all the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
- 9 And **blessed** are all the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.
- 10 And blessed are all they who are persecuted for my name's sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 11 And **blessed** are ye when men shall revile you and persecute, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake;
- 12 For ye shall have great joy and be exceedingly glad, for great shall be your reward in heaven; for so persecuted they the prophets who were before

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Appendix A above.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The 12 Blessed Beatitudes are found in Joseph Smith's "inspired translation" of Matthew 5 (JST Matt. 5) and in 3 Nephi 12, where the LORD Himself taught them again to the people gathered to the House of the LORD at Bountiful (Book of Mormon). Note especially the first 3 Beatitudes replaced in the JST Matthew account *and* in the Book of Mormon (as a second witness). I believe they represent a summary of the gospel of Christ (1. Repent and come unto me; 2. Be baptized by my servants in water; And 3. Then "I [Christ Jesus] will baptize you with fire and the Holy Ghost". Too many have not *experienced* this saving "born again" experience, a greater spiritual baptism by the LORD Himself (see Val's paper, *Clear Born Again Scriptures*, www.7witnesses.com). Note the comparison chart below. God's additions via Joseph Smith are in blue above.