



# Ten Commandments 3: The weight of God's Glory

## 1. The Two Tables of the Law

Look at Jesus' summary of the law in Mark 12:29-31.

- What are the two 'great commandments'?

Now look at the Ten Commandments.

- Are the two 'great commandments' there?
- Are you sure? What is Jesus doing?

*(If you're stuck, try asking for each of the Ten, whether it is part of obeying the two; and if so, which one?)*

## 2. Commandment 3: The weight of God's name

*You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.*

What it means...

Exodus 3:1-6 Fire in the bush

3:11-16      What is God's name?  
                  Why does it matter that he is 'The God of your Fathers'?  
                  Who is Moses dealing with here?

'I am who I am' – a name of infinite weight

Exodus 33:17-23; 34:4-9  
                  What does God's name imply?

Isaiah 6:1-5

Jesus and the name of God: Matthew 28:19

## 3. Feel the weight of God's name on your lips

How do we respond to the Law of God?

Fear

Flee

Follow

Think of some words that most people (not just Christians!) would agree we should *never* use. Why not?

What does this have to do with what we value?

Our own lips

The lips of others

What we tolerate

What about taking oaths?

#### **4. Feel the weight of God's name on your forehead**

If you are a Christian, you have been marked with the name of God!

Matthew 28:19

Revelation 22:4

When we break God's law, we profane his name – because we are called by his name.

Ezekiel 36:19-21

So every time we break God's law, as those marked with his name, we act as if his name were weightless.

Redeemed Images, designed to display God's glory

Fear-Flee-Follow.

#### **5. Feel the weight of God's name in your whole being**

1<sup>st</sup> 4 commandments: who, what, how & where of worshipping God

Are we worthy to come into the presence of God?

So how come we can?

What should be our attitude when we come to worship?

*I don't think God is concerned with little sins, like bad language.*

*I think God is much more concerned with how we respect others than with religion and stuff.*

*Let's have a 'pet service' where we get all the children to bring their hamsters and guinea pigs.*

*I much prefer church when it's fun.*

*I've kept all the commandments, so I think that God should be OK with me.*

*God forgives on Sundays, so what happens on Fridays doesn't matter too much.*