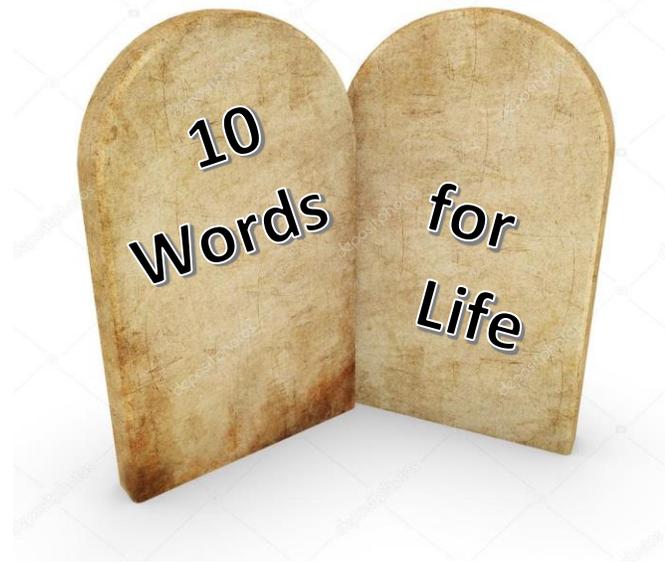


# Vertical words

## The beginning of “the words”

“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery” – Exodus 20:2



## There is an order to God’s Words

Love God, Love people

Matthew 22:37-40 (*paraphrased – Jesus’ paraphrase of Deuteronomy 6*)

The 1<sup>st</sup> commandment is the foundation

“You shall have no other gods before me.”

*What does this mean?*

***Fear, Love, and Trust in God above all things.***

## Have no “graven images”

About being “holy” – set apart from the people of the land of Canaan

They made idols out of stone, wood  
in the forms of what they saw  
and worshipped them

God’s people understand that He is the creator

He is above His creation

So we **worship Creator, not the creation**

“worship”

In ritual – bow down

In life – look to for all good

## “Don’t take the name of God in vain”

Be careful of what you do

Be careful of what you say (later in more broad terms)

“Name”

Numbers 6:22-27

I Kings 5:5

Mark 5:9

Listen to a high-pressure sales pitch, how often will your name be used

Name is control

Parenting...

## **“mean it when you say it”**

### Remember the sabbath

What day is the Sabbath? *(Does it matter?)*

“Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.”

What makes the sabbath holy?

Set aside a day - 6 days labor, 1 day rest

We set aside 2... and fill up both with work

It’s a blessing for you to rest.

The day is made holy by what you do with it

Rest and refreshment in the Word

*“on this day of rest, since we can get no other chance, we have the **freedom and time** to attend divine service. We come together to hear and use God’s Word, and then to praise God, to sing and to pray” LC 84*

*“It’s not sitting in the pew that makes the day holy,  
but how you live (and treat others).”*

(That’s what the next words are about...)