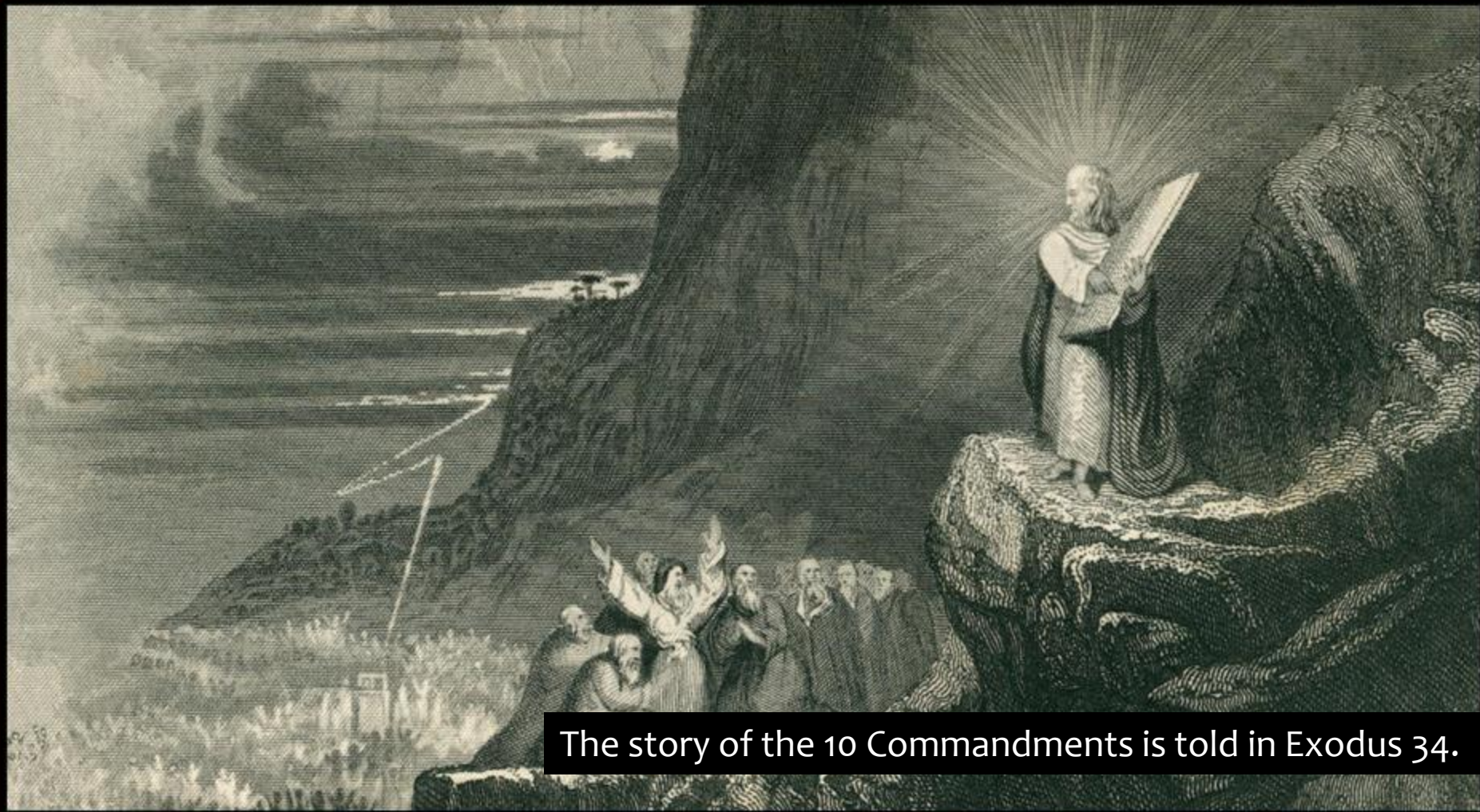




The Ten Commandments

and their application today



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Exodus 34:28

²⁸ And he [Moses] was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments.



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The first two commandments are named in Exodus 20:1-6:

- 1 And God spake all these words, saying,
- 2 I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.
- 3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
- 4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:
- 5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;
- 6 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.



The next three are in verses 7 to 12:

- 7 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.
- 8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.
- 9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:
- 10 But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:
- 11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.
- 12 Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.



The final five are in verses 13 to 17:

- 13 Thou shalt not kill.
- 14 Thou shalt not commit adultery.
- 15 Thou shalt not steal.
- 16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.
- 17 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house,
thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife,
nor his manservant, nor his maidservant,
nor his ox, nor his ass,
nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.



The 10 are commonly shortened to these phrases

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Mark 12:28-34

- ²⁸ And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him,
Which is the first commandment of all?
- ²⁹ And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments *is*,
Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:
- ³⁰ And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart,
and with all thy soul,
and with all thy mind,
and with all thy strength:
this is the first commandment.
- ³¹ And the second *is* like, *namely* this,
Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
There is none other commandment greater than these.

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We are always quick to endorse the things with which we agree.

The Lord's answer came from Moses, but not from the stony tablets.

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God *is* one LORD:

5 **And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.**

Leviticus 19:18

18 Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, **but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I *am* the LORD.**

To love God is to keep his commandments.

Deuteronomy 10:12-13

- ¹² And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul,
- ¹³ To keep the commandments of the LORD, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?

1 John 5:2-3

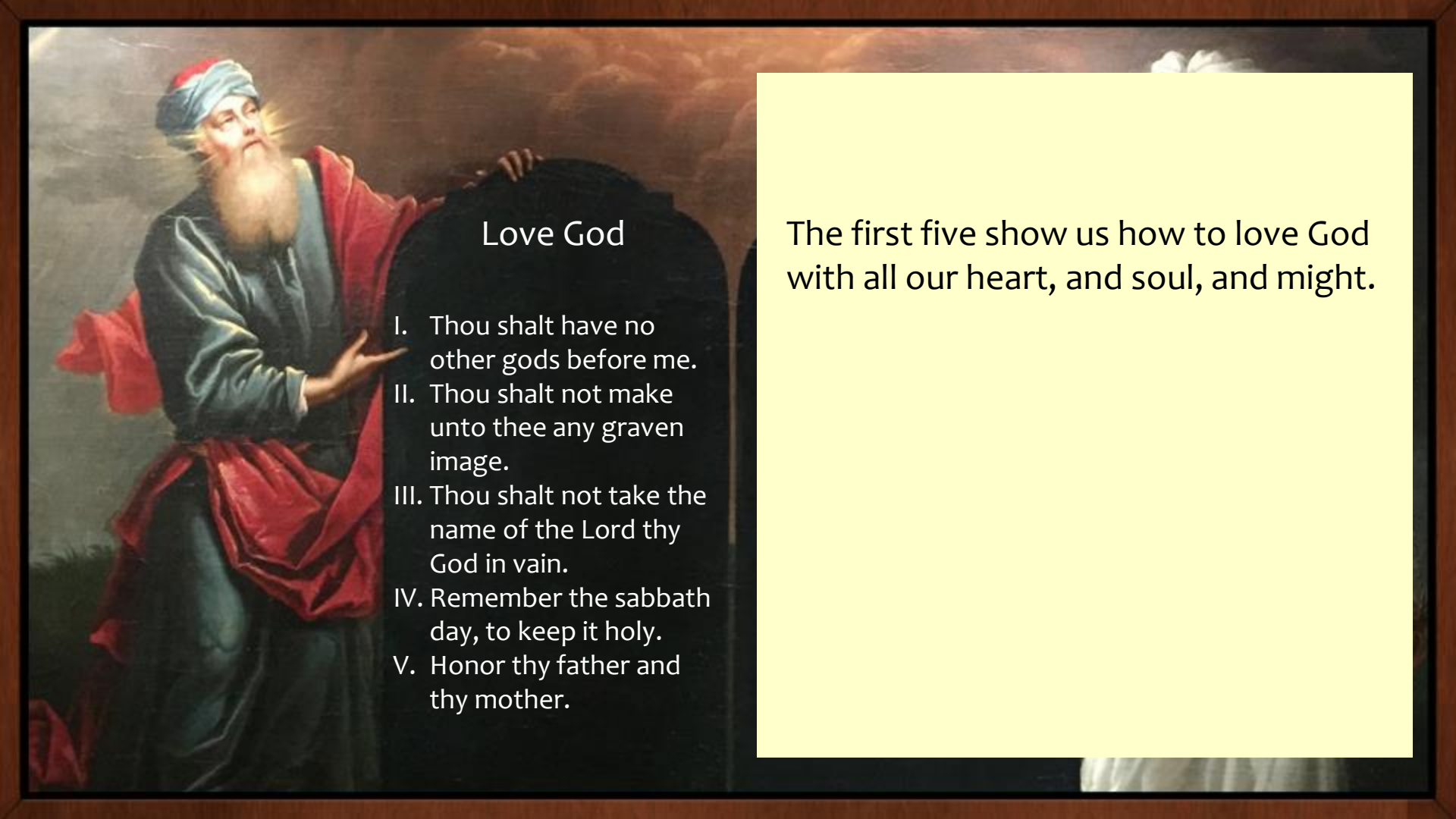
- ² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.
- ³ For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

The 10 Commandments show us how to
keep the GREAT commandments.

Love God

Love Your
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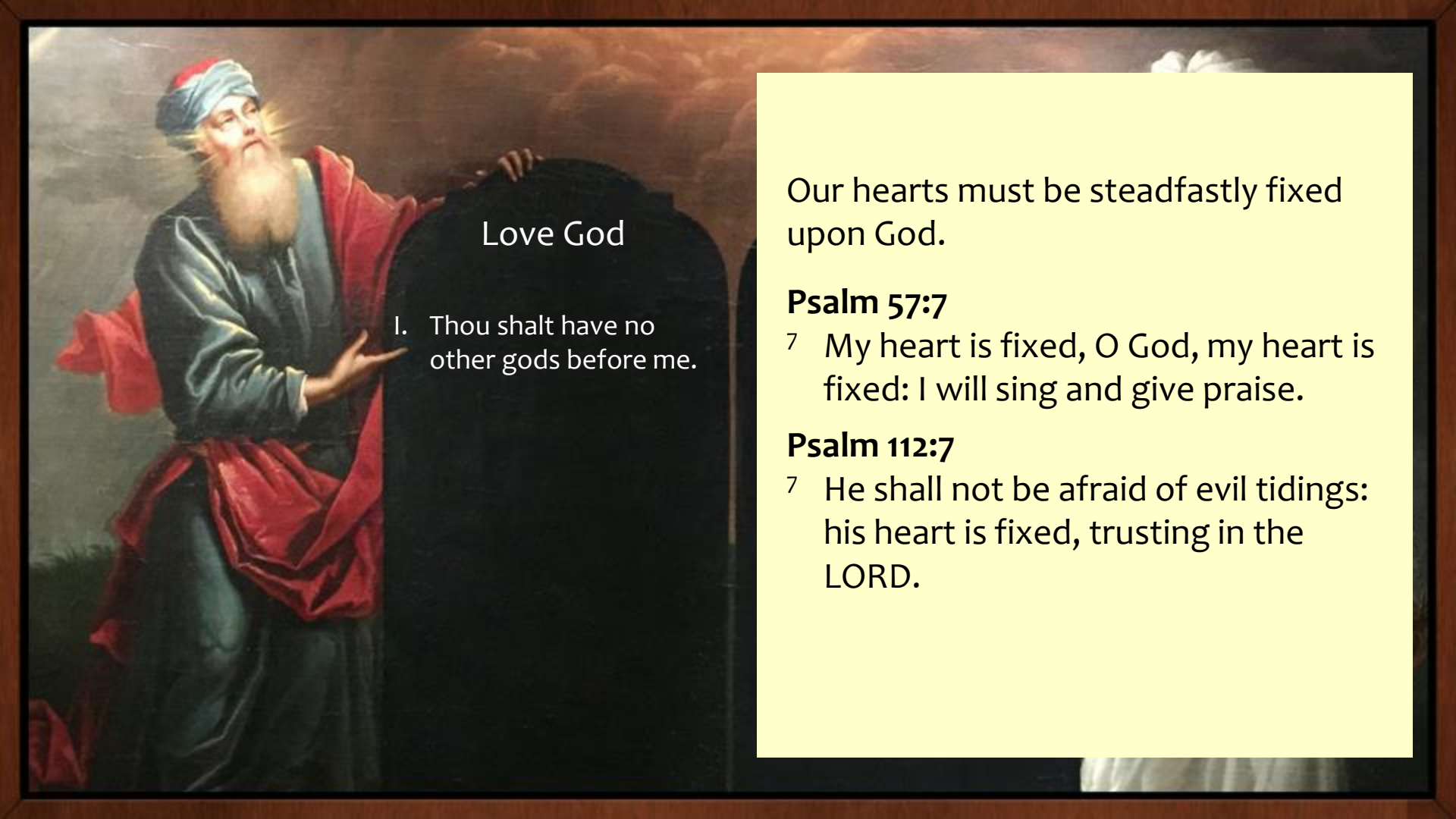




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The first five show us how to love God with all our heart, and soul, and might.



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Our hearts must be steadfastly fixed upon God.

Psalm 57:7

- ⁷ My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise.

Psalm 112:7

- ⁷ He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD.



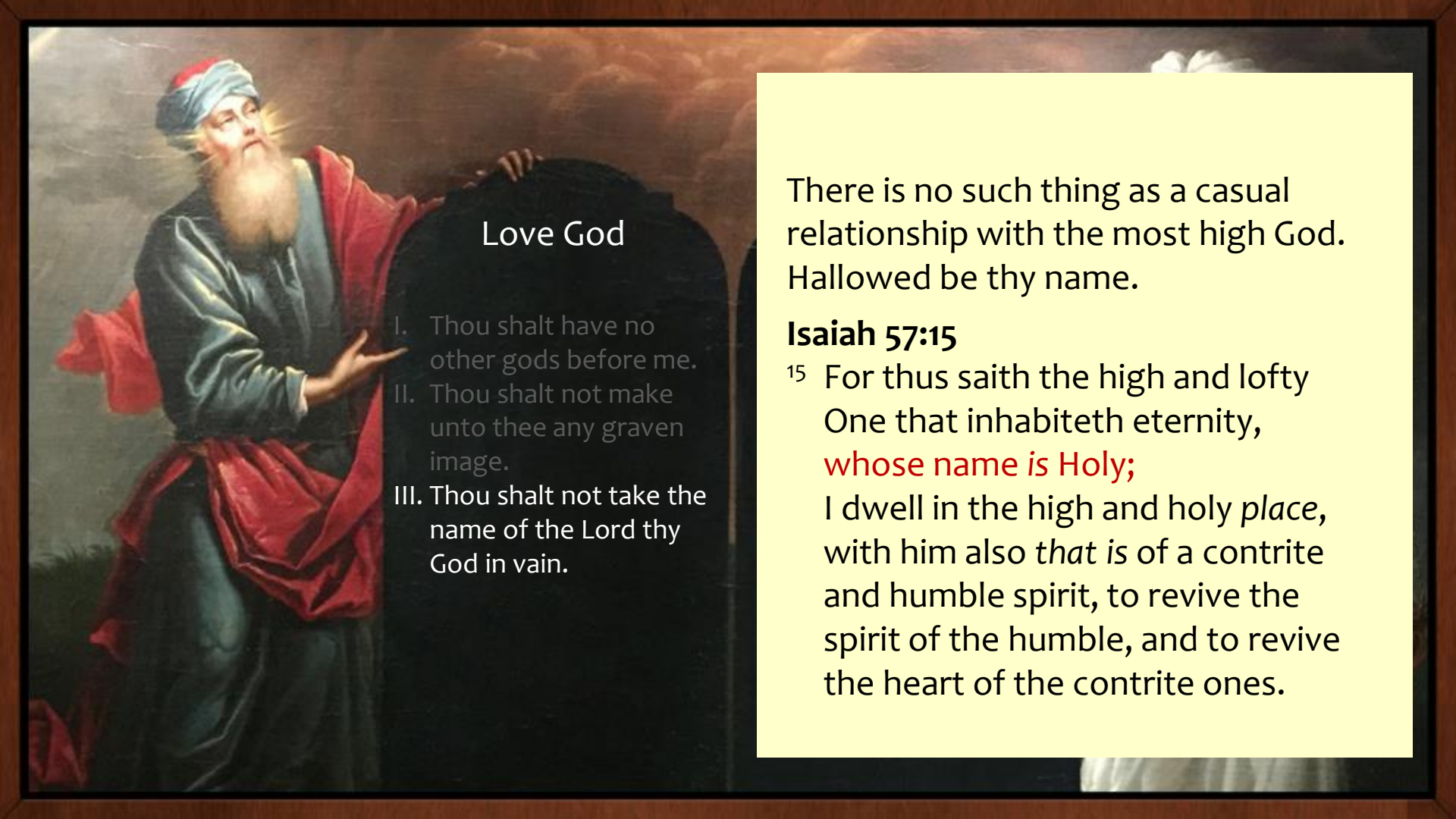
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We marvel at the creation without forgetting that the Creator is vastly superior to his creation.

Romans 1:22-23

- ²² Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,
- ²³ And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.



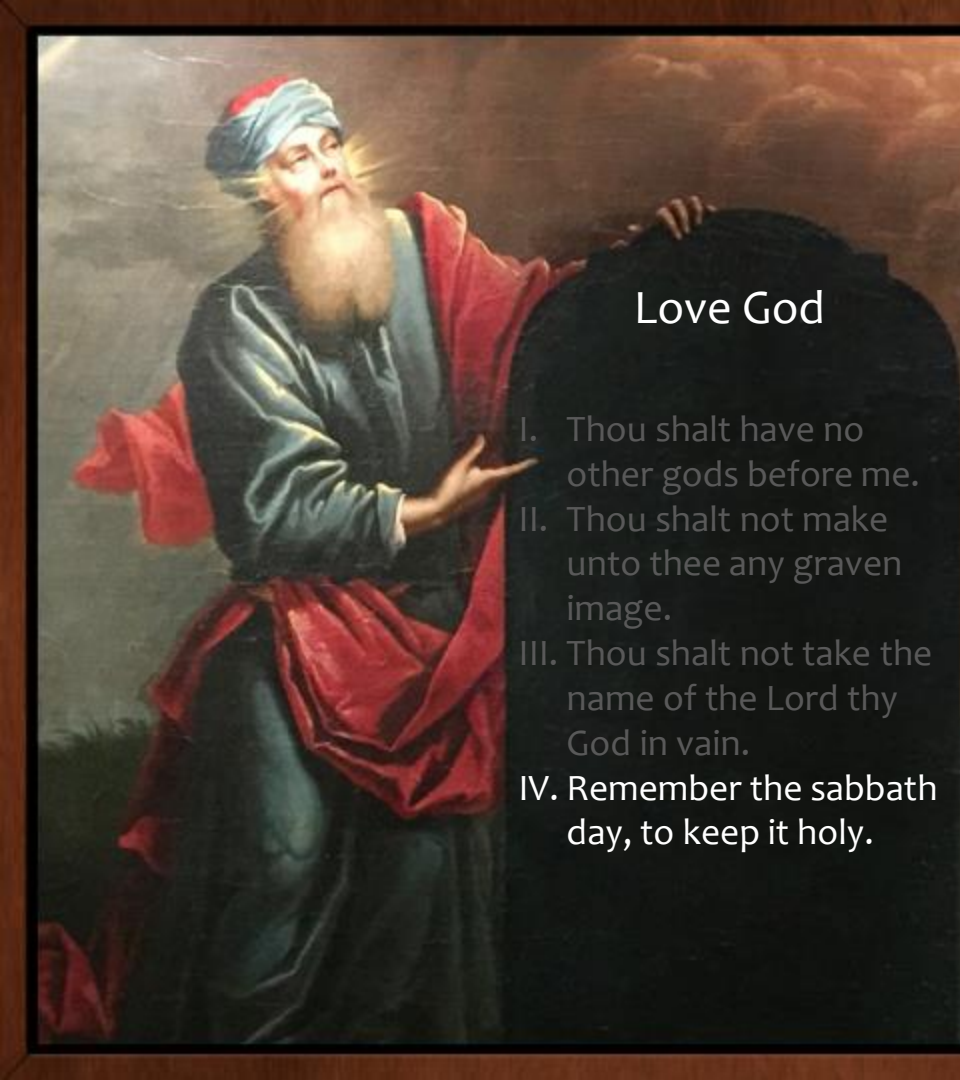
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There is no such thing as a casual relationship with the most high God. Hallowed be thy name.

Isaiah 57:15

- ¹⁵ For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, **whose name is Holy;** I dwell in the high and holy *place*, with him also *that is* of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.



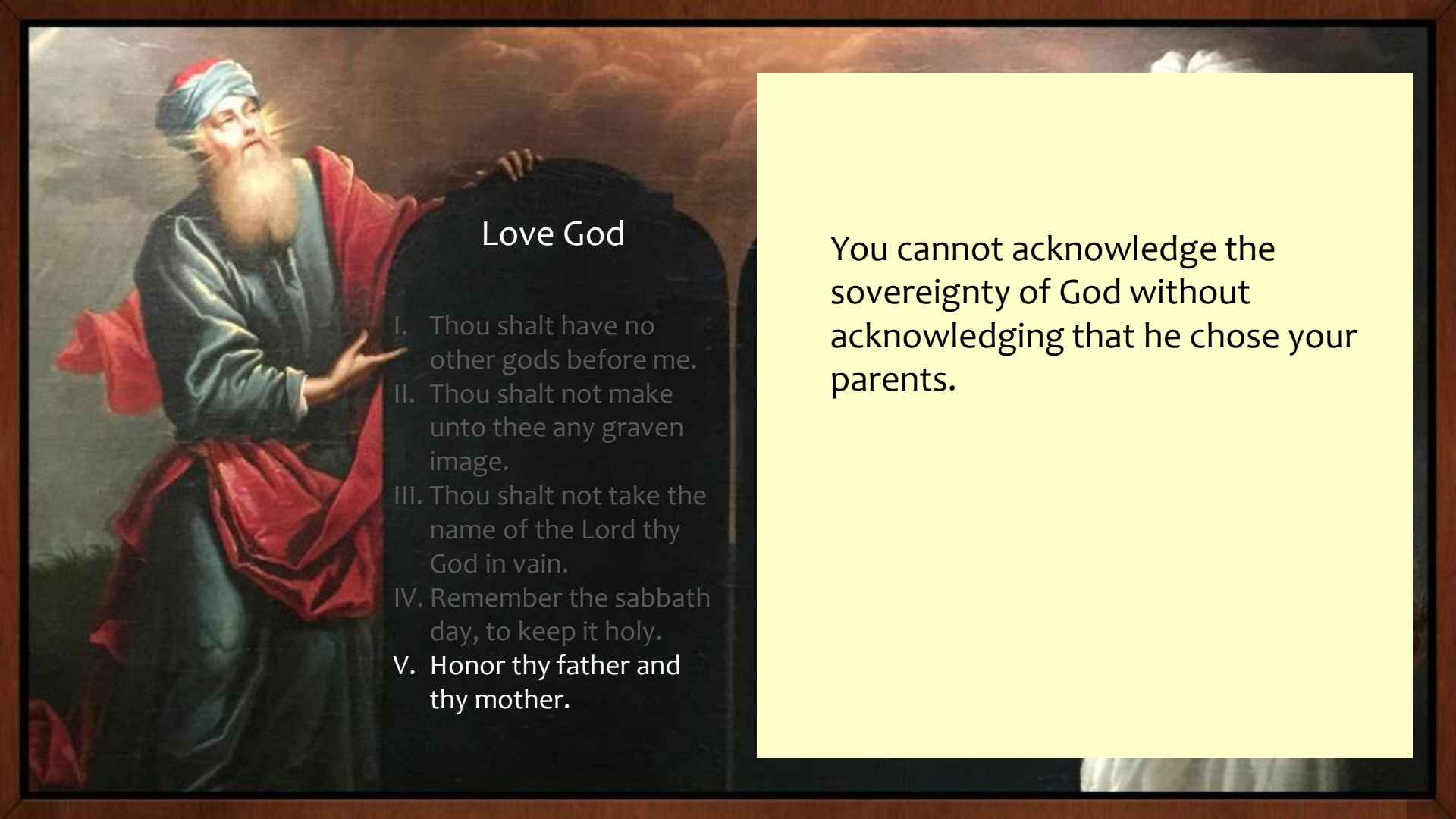
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Our Sabbath rest is found on the cross,
not the calendar.

Hebrews 4:9-10

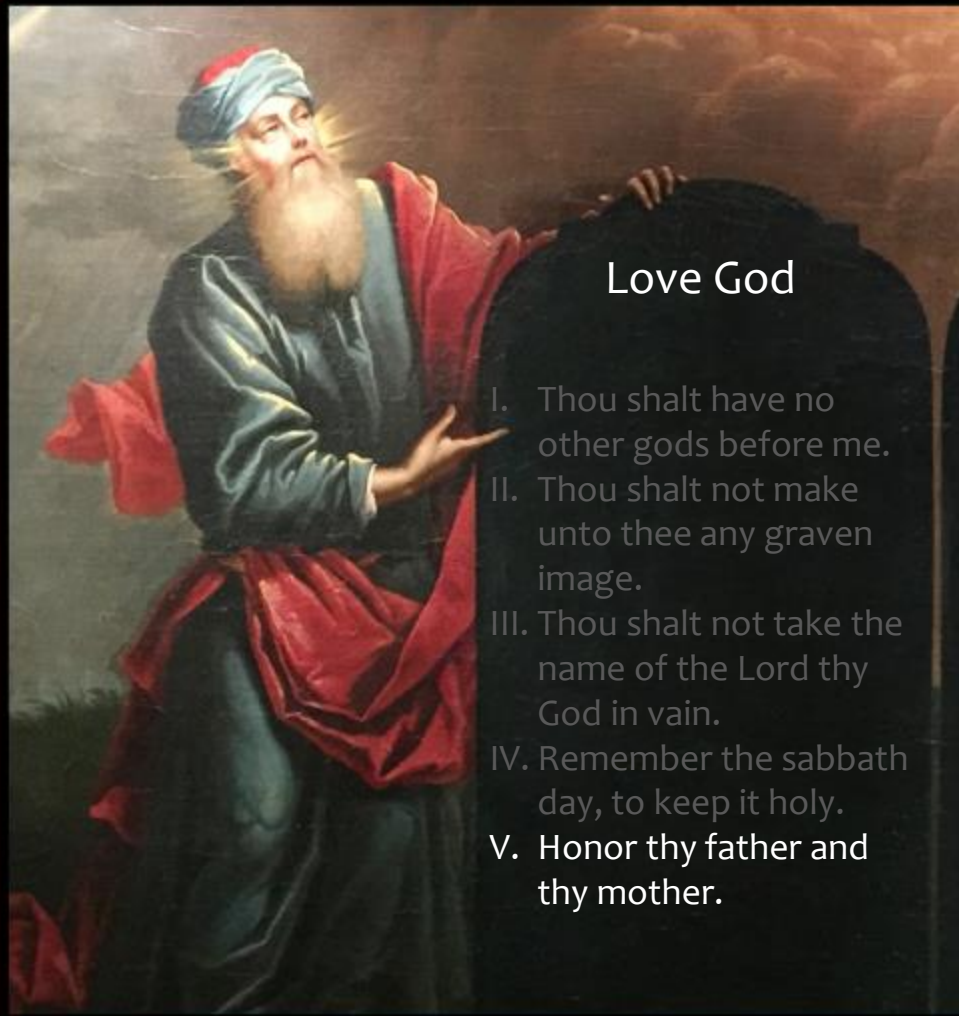
- ⁹ There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.
- ¹⁰ For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God *did* from his.

A painting of Moses, an elderly man with a long white beard, wearing a blue turban and a red robe over a blue tunic. He is holding two large, dark, rounded rectangular objects representing the stone tablets. The background is a dramatic, cloudy sky with warm, golden light. The text is overlaid on the dark area of the tablets.

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You cannot acknowledge the sovereignty of God without acknowledging that he chose your parents.



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This commandment states a promised benefit to those who keep it:

Deuteronomy 5:16

¹⁶ Honour thy father and thy mother, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee; **that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee**, in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

Ephesians 6:2-3

- ² Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;)
- ³ **That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.**

The second 5 show us how to love our neighbor as ourselves:

Romans 13:9

9 For this,
Thou shalt not commit adultery,
Thou shalt not kill,
Thou shalt not steal,
Thou shalt not bear false witness,
Thou shalt not covet;
and if *there be* any other
commandment,
it is briefly comprehended in this
saying, namely, **Thou shalt love
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The 10 commandments are all about love.

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They are never outdated.

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The commandments given to the Children of Israel in the Old Testament taught them the specifics of loving God and their neighbor.

Why then did the Holy Spirit (speaking through Paul) call these commandments “the law of sin and death”?

Romans 8:1-2

- ¹ *There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*
- ² *For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.*



It is because in the Old Testament, a person was condemned for failing to keep even the minutest part – the jot and tittle – of the law.

Galatians 3:10

¹⁰ For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed *is* every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.

James 2:10

¹⁰ For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one *point*, he is guilty of all.



But Jesus redeemed us from the curse of the law. He sacrificed himself to pay “the wages of sin” on our behalf.

Galatians 3:13


¹³ Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us:
for it is written,
Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:



Now the children of God are free to pursue the righteousness of the law – that is to say, the two great commandments – without fear of failure.


Romans 8:1-4

- 1 *There is therefore now no condemnation [no curse!] to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*
- 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.
- 3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:
- 4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.



The 10
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righteousness.

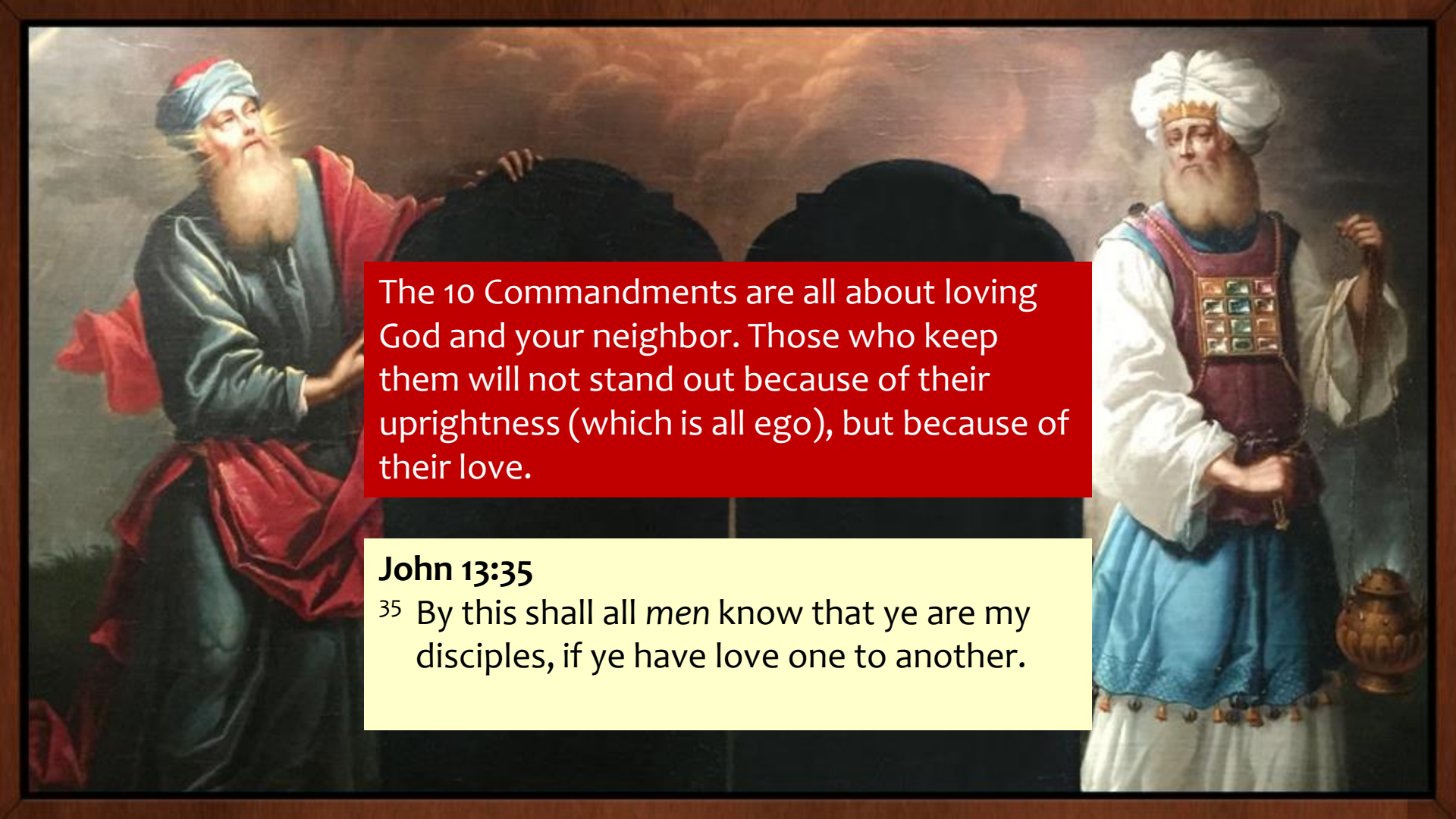
But they do show
us how a righteous
person should live.



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John 15:10

¹⁰ If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.



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John 13:35

³⁵ By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.



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