

GOD THE LIFE - GIVER

CATECHETICAL TEXTBOOK SERIES OF THE SYRO - MALABAR CHURCH

3



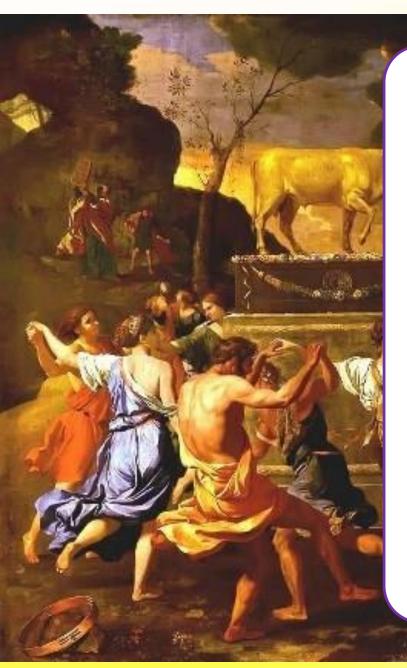
SIN: VIOLATION OF COMMANDMENTS



The Israelites promised that they will keep God's commandments. But they didn't keep word.

When Moses returned from Mount Sinai he saw that they made a golden calf and were dancing around it and worshiping it. Thus they violated God's first commandment itself.





God created man to live a happy life. If we obey God's commandments, we will be happy.

Commandments show us the way to live happily. Besides that when we obey God's commandments we love him too.

We, the children of God, Must obey Gods commandments and live in love.

But those who sin, violates God's commandments (1 John 3:4).

Because sin is violation of God's commandments.

Jesus tells us: Just as I obey my Father's commandments and live in His love, you obey my commandments and live in my love (John 15:10). It is God the Father who gave us the ten commandments. When we obey these commandments we love God.



Jesus is our model. He obeyed His Father's commandments and loved Him and remained in His love. If we obey God's commandments like Jesus and live accordingly, we will be friends of God. When we violate these commandments, we rebel against Him. It is sin. We can contain these ten commandments in two. Love God above all and love your neighbour as love yourself. Hence, it is sin not to love God and man. Our journey of life towards heaven has to move along these two tracks: The love of God and the love of man.





We may be tempted to violate God's commandments. Such instigations are temptations. The same Satan who tempted Adam and Eve, tempts us too. Evil desires, circumstances and influences become temptations. They lead us to sin Hence we fight against them and overcome them.





Satan tempted Jesus too, But Jesus fought against him and defeated him. Jesus has taought us how to conquer temptation. Jesus says: **Be alert, keep awake and pray, so that you will not fall in to temptation** (Luke 22:46).





As Jesus said if we are empowered by prayer, we will be able to conquer Satan and his temptation.

Let us find out the answers

- 1. What is sin?
- 2. What are temptations?
- 3. What are we to do to love God?
- 4. What are we to do to overcome temptations?

Let us pray

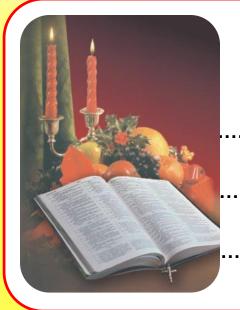
Jesus, who obeyed Father's Commandments, help us to obey Your commandments and love You.





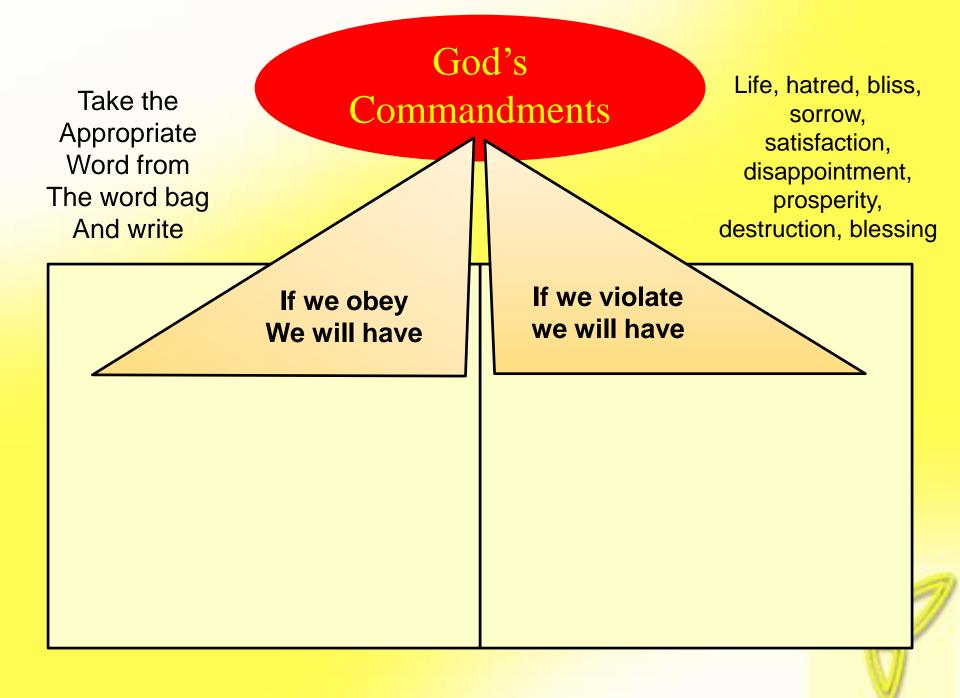
Bible reading

John. 4:7-20



My favorite Bible sentence

.....



LET US SING

The God of love gave us his children Ten commandments for to keep; To help us walk the way of truth, And live a life of joy and peace.

If we strive to keep them daily, Evil we can e'er resist; If we pray, we will be strong, Able Satan's plans to foil.

My decision

Just like Jesus, I will fight the temptation in my life with the power of prayer.

