

## The Ten Commandments

Our society finds Truth too strong a medicine to digest undiluted.  
In its purest form, Truth is not a polite tap on the shoulder;  
it is a howling reproach.  
What Moses brought down from Mount Sinai  
were not the Ten Suggestions  
. . . they are commandments.  
Are, not were.  
---Ted Koppel

Some people concluded long ago, a cosmic kill-joy must have leaned out of heaven and thought, "Those people are having too much fun. It's time to clamp down. I'm going to lay down the law and make them miserable." Thus the Ten Commandments and God's other rules for life are viewed as impositions -- to make life dreary and dull.

Nothing could be further from the truth. God isn't trying to make our lives miserable. In reality, God saw men and women continually ruining their lives, enslaving themselves to sin and its consequences. So He summarized ten life-directing principles to bring order and harmony to life. They describe how free men and women live. He gave us a great gift, not a great burden. *(adapted from Bill and Kathy Peel's book "Where is Moses when we need him?")*

Some people think that they can break God's rules and get away with it. One only has to listen to some of the psychologist radio call-in shows for a brief time to see that most of the problems people bring, are those that they have brought on themselves by not living within God's principles. You see, we really cannot get away with thumbing our noses at God's laws. What we seem to forget is that the laws were given to protect us, not to limit us. When we don't keep them, we hurt ourselves and others around us.

Think about what we have heard tonight. Discuss it with your parents, and at your house of worship. Learn how God expects us to live, and your life will be blessed in all the ways that really count. Remember that God loves you and cares for you every day of your life. My prayer for you is that you can have the Faith to see his guiding hand in everything you do.

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CALL TO WORSHIP :

Chaplain : In the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen

INVOCATION

The Boy Scout's Prayer (Sung)

Now the day is done; Boy Scouts one by one,  
Bow your head in prayer - to the Lord up there.  
Oh I thank you for this beautiful day, Oh Lord.

Thank you for the mountains, the trees in the lane,  
Thank you for the sunshine that shines through the rain;  
Thank you for this beautiful day.

And as I camp on the trail tonight, and I raise my eyes  
to the moon lit sky,  
and I pray, Oh hear my prayers tonight.  
Lord I thank you for this beautiful day. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Chaplain : If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves. Let us  
confess our sin to almighty God. Let us pray together.

**All : Heavenly Father, we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you or our  
neighbor as we should. We have not kept your command-  
ments as you have taught us. Please forgive us, Father, for  
we approach your throne of grace with penitent hearts and  
in the name of your Son Jesus Christ. All honor and glory  
be unto Your Holy Name. Amen**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON :

Chaplain : Anyone in Christ becomes a new person altogether, the past is  
finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new. Friends, believe  
the good news of the gospel:

All - In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

SCRIPTURE LESSON :

Old Testament : Psalm 139:1-12, 22-24 The faithfulness of God  
Gospel Lesson : Matthew 15:15-20 Sins of the heart

WORSHIP MESSAGE : The Ten Commandments Series  
Thou shalt not Adultery

PRAYER CONCERNS OF THE TROOP

CHAPLAIN'S PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily  
bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us  
not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Scout Vespers  
Tune - Tannenbaum

**Softly falls the light of day,  
While our campfires fade away,  
Silently each Scout should ask;  
Have I done my daily task?  
Have I kept my honor bright?  
Can I guiltless sleep tonight?  
Have I done and have I dared  
Everything to be prepared.**

BENEDICTION

Chaplain : The LORD bless thee, and keep thee:  
The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:  
The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.