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THE TEN WORDS
The Ten Commandments
Exodus 20:1-17

EXPOSITION OF THE COVENANT

TABLET 1 (20:3-12)

1. Subject: religion
2. Focus: man's relation to God
3. Motive: God to be loved
4. Demand: Piety
5. Vision: upward look
6. Development: thought (3-6);
word (7); deed (8-12)
7. Watchword: "The Lord thy
God"
8. Position: internal religion (3-7)
 - (a) unity of God—no other gods
(3)
 - (b) spirituality of God—no
images (4-6)
 - (c) majesty of God—no
profanity (7)
9. Position: external religion
 - (a) worship of God—no neglect
of the Sabbath (8-11)
 - (b) honor of God's
representatives - father and
mother (12)

TABLET 2 (20:13-17)

1. Subject: morality
2. Focus: man's relation to God
3. Motive: neighbor to be loved
4. Demand: probity
5. Vision: outward look
6. Development: deed (13-15);
word (16); thought (17)
7. Watchword: "Thou shalt not"
8. Position: external morality (13-
16)
 - (a) sanctity of life—no murder
(13)
 - (b) sanctity of marriage—no
adultery (14)
 - (c) sanctity of property—no
theft (15)
 - (d) sanctity of character—no
slander (16)
9. Position: internal morality
sanctity of the heart—no
covetousness (17)