

THE SEASONS OF THE CHRISTIAN CALENDAR

Advent: Anticipation

Christmas: Incarnation

Epiphany: Revelation

CYCLE OF LIGHT GOD with us

Lent: Crucifixion

Easter: Resurrection

Pentecost: Ascension

CYCLE OF LIFE

GOD for us

Trinity: Magnification

Ordinary Time: Mission

Christ the King: Conclusion

CYCLE OF LOVE

GOD
in us

WE ARE HERE



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GERARD MANLEY HOPKINS, 1877

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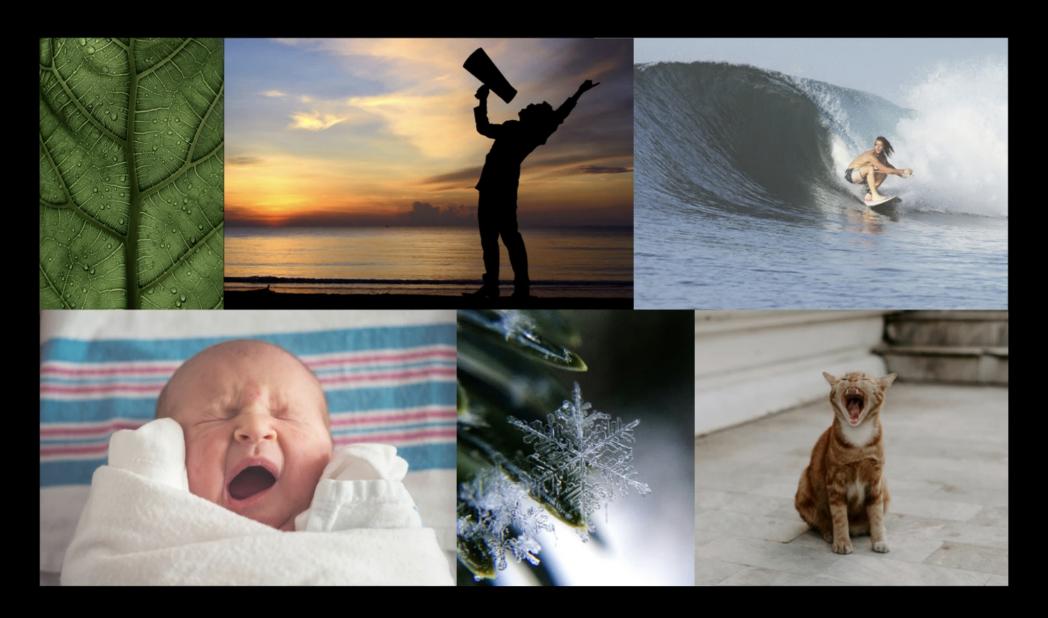
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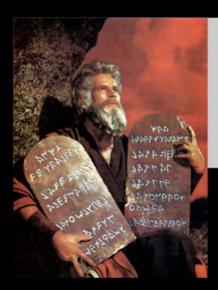






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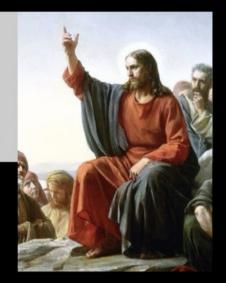


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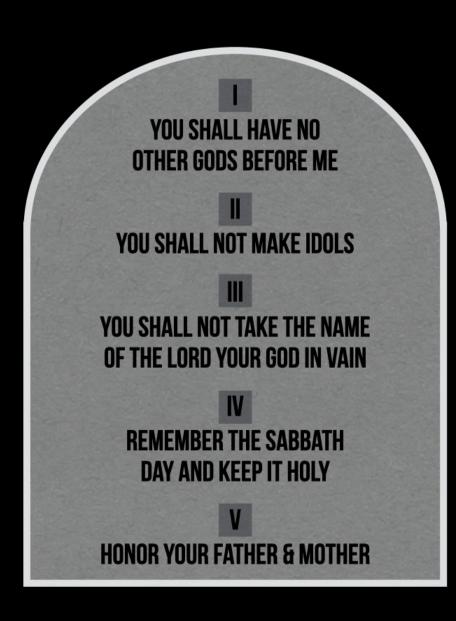
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THE TEN COMMANDMENTS



VI
YOU SHALL NOT MURDER
VII
YOU SHALL NOT STEAL
IX
YOU SHALL NOT READ

YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS

X
YOU SHALL NOT COVET

EXODUS 20:18-19

¹⁸ When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance ¹⁹ and said to Moses, "Speak to us yourself and we will listen.

But do not have God speak to us or we will die."



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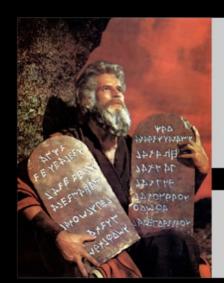
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MATTHEW 7:28-8:1

²⁸ When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, ²⁹ because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law. ¹ When Jesus came down from the mountainside, large crowds followed him.



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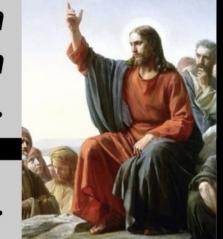
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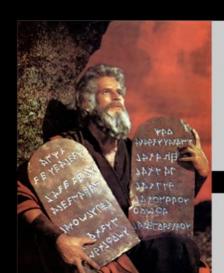
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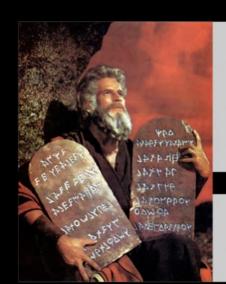
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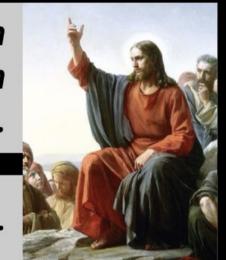
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MATTHEW 5:13-16

13 "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. 14 You are the light of the world.

A town built on a hill cannot be hidden."



MATTHEW 5:13-16

15 "Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."





