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III-Because

Point- We don't like being just told to do something.

The ten responses

Scripture- The Giving of the 10 commandments

Ex 19-20 Tells the account of how the commandments were first given, and they are called commandments because they are not arbitrary, but also they should be seen as the ten responses, because the opening statement of God is to declare the basis for this desire to follow his word

Exodus 20:2 (NLT) "I am the Lord your God, who rescued you from the land of Egypt, the place of your slavery."

Because.... God has saved us.

We are in relationship, brought about by the action of God to us, this in turn is meant to elicit response by humanity to seek God's will in all things. He has obliged by giving us the ten responses to **who his character** is.

they can be simplified to

1. I am the Lord your God, You shall have no other gods before me.
2. You shall not make any graven images of God.
3. You shall not use the Lord your God's Name in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it Holy.
5. Honour your father and mother.
6. You shall not kill.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor
10. You shall not covet.

Jesus and the ten lepers, who responds?

A similar aspect can be seen in the interaction between Jesus and ten lepers in Luke 17:11-19

11 As Jesus continued on toward Jerusalem, he reached the border between Galilee and Samaria. **12** As he entered a village there, ten men with leprosy stood at a distance, **13** crying out, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!”
14 He looked at them and said, “Go show yourselves to the priests.”^[a] And as they went, they were cleansed of their leprosy. **15** One of them, when he saw that he was healed, came back to Jesus, shouting, “Praise God!” **16** He fell to the ground at Jesus’ feet, thanking him for what he had done. This man was a Samaritan.
17 Jesus asked, “Didn’t I heal ten men? Where are the other nine? **18** Has no one returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?” **19** And Jesus said to the man, “Stand up and go. Your faith has healed you.”^[b]”

In this encounter Jesus is expecting all who were healed to return to praise God, yet only one demonstrated the correct response, 10 people were cured this day, but only one of them was truly healed!

The 11th Commandment.

We may miss the amazing statement of Jesus by giving a new commandment.

"Now, bringing to a climax a theme developed throughout this Gospel, the Evangelist makes it clear that the supreme moment of divine self-disclosure, the greatest moment of displayed glory, was in the shame of the cross. That is the primary reason why the title *Son of Man* is employed here (*cf.* notes on 1:51; Moloney, pp. 194–202). Outside the New Testament, the title is associated with glory (especially Dn. 7; *1 Enoch*); within the Synoptics, the title is as frequently associated with suffering. In John, the two are dramatically brought together." -D. A. Carson,

"The word *love* is used only twelve times in John 1–12, but in John 13–21 it is used forty-four times! It is a key word in Christ’s farewell sermon to His disciples, as well as a burden in His High Priestly Prayer (John 17:26). The word *new* does not mean “new in time,” because love has been important to God’s people even from Old Testament times (see Lev. 19:18). It means “new in

experience, fresh.” It is the opposite of “worn out.” Love would take on a new meaning and power because of the death of Christ on the cross (John 15:13). With the coming of the Holy Spirit, love would have a new power in their lives.”- Warren W. Wiersbe

a) Jesus declares himself as God, not through divine announcement, or through fire and rumble, but through the Word

"Explicit mention of Jesus' impending 'glorification' (vv. 31–32) prompts Jesus to embark on one of the dominant themes of the discourse: his concern to prepare his disciples for his departure. *My children*, he addresses them, fulfilling the paschal role of head of the family".- D. A. Carson,

This is a direct claim to divinity. Ten commandments were written directly by the “Hand of God”, other rules and regulations were given by Moses at God’s request, to teach the people how to live specifically.

"The *new command* is simple enough for a toddler to memorize and appreciate, profound enough that the most mature believers are repeatedly embarrassed at how poorly they comprehend it and put it into practice: *Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.* The standard of comparison is Jesus' love (*cf. v. 1*), just exemplified in the foot washing(*cf. vv. 12–17*)"- D. A. Carson

b) Specific to those who believe

"Orthodoxy without principial obedience to this characteristic command of the new covenant is merely so much humbug.”- D. A. Carson

we need to let our orthopraxy, be informed by our orthodoxy, we need to let our orthodoxy be expressed by our orthpraxy.

Our actions need to match our stated belief.

Implications.

In the OT we have certain rules which are applicable to the people of God only, they include.

Lending Money

Exodus 22:25 (NLT) “If you lend money to any of my people who are in need, do not charge interest as a money lender would.

Treatment of Slaves

Exodus 21:2 (NLT) If you buy a Hebrew slave, he may serve for no more than six years. Set him free in the seventh year, and he will owe you nothing for his freedom.

Who you marry in relation to other nations God says,

Deuteronomy 7:3-4 (NLT) You must not intermarry with them. Do not let your daughters and sons marry their sons and daughters, for they will lead your children away from me to worship other gods. Then the anger of the Lord will burn against you, and he will quickly destroy you.

Definition of Godly leadership (direction for Kings)

Deut 17:14-20 Deuteronomy 17:14-20 (NLT) 14 “You are about to enter the land the Lord your God is giving you. When you take it over and settle there, you may think, ‘We should select a king to rule over us like the other nations around us.’ 15 If this happens, be sure to select as king the man the Lord your God chooses. You must appoint a fellow Israelite; he may not be a foreigner. 16 “The king must not build up a large stable of horses for himself or send his people to Egypt to buy horses, for the Lord has told you, ‘You must never return to Egypt.’ 17 The king must not take many wives for himself, because they will turn his heart away from the Lord. And he must not accumulate large amounts of wealth in silver and gold for himself. 18 “When he sits on the throne as king, he must copy for himself this body of instruction on a scroll in the presence of the Levitical priests. 19 He must always keep that copy with him and read it daily as long as he lives. That way he will learn to fear the Lord his God by obeying all the terms of these instructions and decrees. 20 This regular reading will prevent him from becoming proud and acting as if he is above his fellow citizens. It will also prevent him from turning away from these commands in the smallest way. And it will ensure that he and his descendants will reign for many generations in Israel.

How you treat your bodies.

Leviticus 19:28 (NLT) “Do not cut your bodies for the dead, and do not mark your skin with tattoos. I am the Lord.

Leviticus 19:29 (NLT) “Do not defile your daughter by making her a prostitute, or the land will be filled with prostitution and wickedness.

Love equates to justice.

IN God’s economy we are to the bearers of Justice towards the world, and this justice needs to be demonstrated towards other believers.

1 Corinthians 6:1-3 (NLT) When one of you has a dispute with another believer, how dare you file a lawsuit and ask a secular court to decide the matter instead of taking it to other believers! 2 Don’t you realize that someday we believers will judge the world? And since you are going to judge the world, can’t you decide even these little things among yourselves? 3 Don’t you realize that we will judge angels? So you should surely be able to resolve ordinary disputes in this life.

Love equates to Goodness- From Kindness to Goodness

We understand that the main difference between a believer and non believer, is we have moved from merely accepting the Kindness of God, which demand no reposes from those benefitting (humanity), but everything from those who Give (Jesus), to accepting the Goodness of God, which demand all from those who would experience it!

Love equates to accountability

We are in effect being willing to be held accountable by one another to the prompting and teachings of Jesus through the Holy Spirit. This is the summation of the “11th commandment”, had fast to one another.

Unlike the betrayal of Judas, we now move to a denial, Peter’s Denial.

III- Battle of the bulge- How reliance (resilience) by Easy company was established.

The 101st was in France in December when the Germans launched their offensive in the Ardennes. They were told to hold the vital cross-roads at [Bastogne](#) and were soon encircled by the Germans. E Company fought in cold weather under German artillery fire without winter clothing and with limited rations and ammunition.

Between the days of 1 to 13 January, the company company took control of the Bois Jacques woods in Belgium, between the town of [Foy](#) and Bizory. E Company was assigned was to capture the town of Foy.

The Germans achieved total surprise on the morning of 16 December 1944, due to a combination of Allied overconfidence, preoccupation with Allied offensive plans, and poor [aerial reconnaissance](#). The Germans' initial attack involved 406,000 men; 1,214 tanks, tank destroyers, and assault guns; and 4,224 artillery pieces. These were reinforced a couple of weeks later, bringing the offensive's total strength to around 450,000 troops, and 1,500 tanks and assault guns. Between 67,200 and 125,000 of their men were [killed](#), [missing](#), or [wounded in action](#). For the Americans, out of 610,000 troops involved in the battle, 89,000 were casualties. While some sources report that up to 19,000 were killed, [Eisenhower](#)'s personnel chief put the number at about 8,600. British historian [Antony Beevor](#) reports the number killed as 8,407.

How do you face the full forces of Hell's counter attack?

"Sadly, good intentions in a secure room after good food are far less attractive in a darkened garden with a hostile mob. At this point in his pilgrimage, Peter's intentions and self-assessment vastly outstrip his strength. And so Jesus utters the fateful prediction: *I tell you the truth (cf. 1:51), before the cock crows, you will disown me three times*"- D. A. Carson,

Peter was allowed to walk through his darkest nights, but still he had hope, because he believed in the promises of God,

Matthew 16:15-20 (NLT) Then he asked them, "But who do you say I am?"

16 Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

17 Jesus replied, “You are blessed, Simon son of John, because my Father in heaven has revealed this to you. You did not learn this from any human being. 18 Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means ‘rock’), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it. 19 And I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you forbid on earth will be forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven.”

20 Then he sternly warned the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

I will let you down

God replies “No My Child you were never holding me up!, I hold you up with my victorious righteous right hand, never the other way around, in this relationship, I hold you up”

We see by this first step and will see in future messages how Jesus re-establishes Peter, to prepare him for the task to come, to lead the church forward against the counter attack of Satan. In this dark hour, in this moment of greatest doubt, we will discover the love Jesus has for Peter, and how he lifts him up.

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