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COVENANT PROMISE

Monument #1

God cuts covenant with Abraham, taking the curse of covenant unfaithfulness onto himself.

Genesis 15; Romans 4









COVENANT NAME

Monument #2

The character of God's name is the basis for the saving work he will accomplish which makes it possible for holy God to live among a flammable people.

Exodus 34:6-7; John 1:14-18











COVENANT HOLINESS

Monument #3

God's holiness is revealed both in the Day of Atonement ceremony (1st Question of Covenant) and in the moral purity code (2nd Question of Covenant).

Leviticus 16-17 and 18-20











COVENANT FORGIVENESS

Monument #4

David models for us confession as the path to experiencing the forgiveness we already have in Jesus. Psalm 51; 1 John 1:9





THE TWO QUESTIONS OF COVENANT

1st Question: What makes me acceptable to be in relationship with God?

2nd Question: Having been accepted, how do I live out my relationship with God?



COVENANT LIFE

Monument #5

Practiced in faith out of a gracious heart, the commands of God guide us into the experience of abundant life.

Deuteronomy 5:6-21; 10:12-13; 30:19-20

Matthew 5:21-48



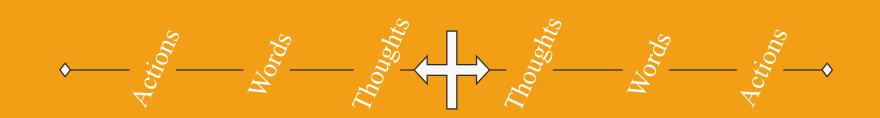




the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ "Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others *to do* the same, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever keeps and teaches *them*, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ "For I say to you that unless your righteousness surpasses *that* of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

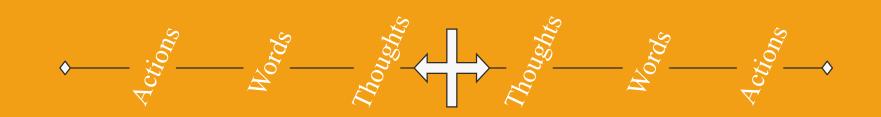
²¹ "You have heard that the ancients were told, 'You shall not commit murder' and 'Whoever commits murder shall be liable to the court.' ²² "But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be guilty before the court; and whoever says to his brother, 'You good-for-nothing,' shall be

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Do not murder! Lay down your life!

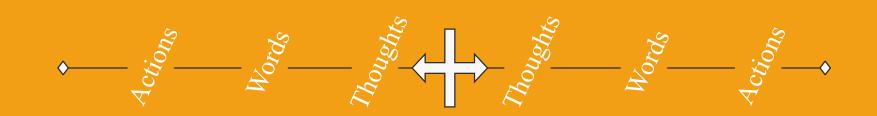
Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends. (John 15:13; 1 John 3:15-16)



Have no other Gods!

Love God alone!

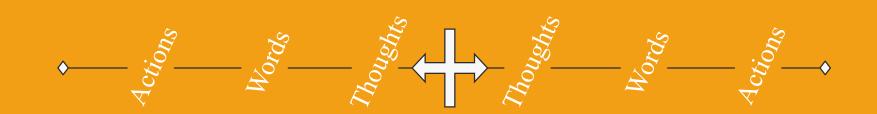
And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your might. (Deuteronomy 4:5; Matthew 22:37)



Make no idols!

Worship God as he has revealed himself!

An hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in Spirit and in truth. (John 4:23)



Do not take God's name in vain!

Seek the will of your heavenly Father!

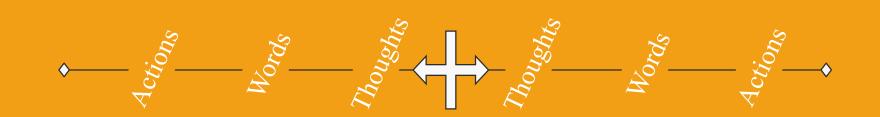
Our Father who is in heaven, holy be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. (Matthew 6:9-10)



Do not rely on the strength of your hands! Keep the Sabbath!

Cease striving and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth. (Psalm 46:10) Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. (Matthew 6:33)

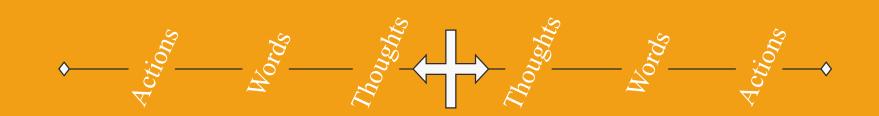
The one who has entered His rest has himself also rested from his works, as God did from His. (Hebrews 4:10)



Do not curse your parents! Honor your parents!

He who curses his father or his mother, his lamp will go out in time of darkness. (Proverbs 20:20)

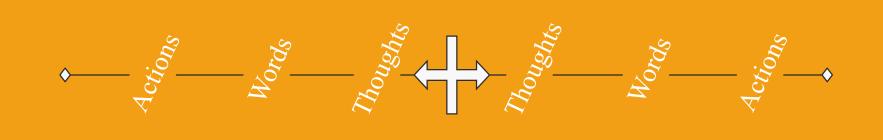
He who assaults his father and drives his mother away is a shameful and disgraceful son. (Proverbs 19:26) Children, be obedient to your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing to the Lord. (Colossians 3:20)



Do not commit adultery!

Love your spouse!

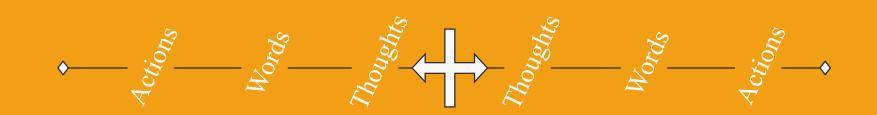
Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave himself up for her. (Ephesians 5:25)



Do not steal!

Give!

Let him who steals steal no longer; but let him labor, performing with his own hands what is good, in order that he may have something to share with him who has need. (Ephesians 4:28)



Do not bear false witness! Speak up for the truth!

Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent. (Acts 18:9)



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Rejoice with those who rejoice. (Romans 12:15)

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