

The controversy: **Commandments in the Bible**

Controversy?

People these days certainly don't like commandments. Don't tell me what to think or do. In the Bible are a series of Commands or things that look like commands. In years gone by people accepted certain commands. The famous Ten Commandments of God were posted in our courts and schools. Those posting have disappeared, yet we still use some of those commands. The problem today is that some commands we like while others we don't. That makes for an interesting controversy.

There is another controversy that right before the Ten Commandments was spoken. Jethro (Moses Father in-law) gave Moses some advice on being judge and jury of the people. He said it was too much work and Moses agreed. The next day Moses appointed 70 men to help him with the judicial work in the Israelite camp. These men became the Sanhedrin of Israel. This group eventually helped decide the fate of Jesus on the cross. If that is not a controversy I don't know what is.

The first five books of the Bible can be called the Law or Pentateuch. In the dictionary "Law" is a system of rules that are enforced through social institutions to govern behaviour. A command is an authoritative direction or instruction to do something. I suppose in both cases it means to Obey an order. We have laws in this country. Do we have commands? Does "You shall not murder" still apply? We have mixed feelings on every other of the Ten Commandments like Adultery or stealing.

In reality we hate it when people command us to do something. Most of us hate to obey. I feel that obey, command, and words like submit are far more indignant than swear words today. Do we have a problem with authority these days? Is it God that bugs people? The Ten

Commandments don't hurt anyone but they do hurt others. Why do people have a problem with that? What do you believe?

Maybe?

What do you believe?

Yes?

What do you believe?

No?

What do you believe?