

FROM FREEDOM TO DISASTER

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The human race was given a short list of moral and ethical priorities that would guarantee them a sustainable life, full of blessing and longevity... happy in mind and safe in life. These were called the '**Ten Commandments**'. They were much more than a list of religious rules. They catered for spiritual and physical health and safety. They are the only sustainable guide for moral and ethical behaviour... they define social structure for relationships, and they explain the spiritual purposes of creation and worship for everyone.

The 10 Commandments as they stand today:  still active.  cancelled.   badly compromised.

 You shall have no other God's before me. Basic training for mental purpose, health and loyalty.	  Thou shalt not kill. Abortion and Euthanasia (VAD) now legal
 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven images. Worship requires obedient discipline, not invention.	 Thou shalt not commit adultery. Same principal as first commandment.
 Thou shalt not speak lightly or insult God's name. Keeps speech and purpose clean and respectful.	 Thou shalt not steal. Respect for other people's lawful property.
 Remember the Sabbath day and keep it Holy. Weekly day of spiritual reality & day of physical rest.	  Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour. Lies are theft of truths.
 Honour your father and mother. Respect follows a Godly pattern and keeps order.	 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's goods. Contentment creates stability and happiness.

Failings and troubles increase bit by bit as God's laws are abandoned. Of the original 10 commandments only 3 remain unlawful in western culture (law), and of those 3 only **one** is still entirely supported by Law.

Cultural directions that work.

The following verse summarises what is missing in our culture and why there are so many needless problems. It is no wonder when Jesus was asked to summarise all the Old Testament law (10 commandments), he had a single sentence for how people should treat each other. **MAR 12: ...31** And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt **love** (care & serve) **thy neighbour as thyself**. There is none other commandment greater than these.

The end result of our current culture is very clearly observed through the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah.

The problems of Sodom. **EZE 16:49** Behold, this was the **iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride, fulness of bread** (self-centred contentment), and **abundance of idleness** (lack of thankfulness) was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the **poor and needy** (greed and selfishness).

JER 23:14 I have seen also in the prophets of Jerusalem an horrible thing: they **commit adultery**, and **walk in lies**: **they strengthen also the hands of evildoers**, **that none doth return from his wickedness**: they are all of them unto me as Sodom, and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah. Unavoidable destruction is coming.

Cultural failure is a step-by-step destruction sequence.

The progression to evil. **JAM 1:13** Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: **14** But every man is tempted, when he is **drawn away of his own lust**, and **enticed** . **15** Then when **lust hath conceived** , it bringeth forth **sin** : and sin, when it is **finished** , bringeth forth **death**. This clearly explains the slow progress of good through to evil.

When corruption is allowed, more corruption follows.

We are now governed by hypocrisy and deceit at every level. **MAT 23:27** Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. **28** Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity. Speaking against religious and political classes alike.

Where corruption abounds, blessing can also abound.

Where sin abounds so does God, **2COR 9:8** And God is able to make **all grace abound toward you**; that ye, always having **all sufficiency** in **all things**, may **abound to every good work**: **9** (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the **poor**: his righteousness remaineth for ever. *God still responds to good.*

From disaster to freedom.

Killing the messenger... not the message **ACT 2:22** Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by **miracles** and **wonders** and **signs**, which **God did by him** in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: **23** Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

& How to serve God. **38** Then Peter said unto them, **Repent**, and be **baptized** every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive **the gift of the Holy Ghost**.