

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Published @ 2017 Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd

ISBN 9780649218165

The ten commandments by George Jackson

Except for use in any review, the reproduction or utilisation of this work in whole or in part in any form by any electronic, mechanical or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including xerography, photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system, is forbidden without the permission of the publisher, Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd, PO Box 1576 Collingwood, Victoria 3066 Australia.

All rights reserved.

Edited by Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd.
Cover @ 2017

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, re-sold, hired out, or otherwise circulated without the publisher's prior consent in any form or binding or cover other than that in which it is published and without a similar condition including this condition being imposed on the subsequent purchaser.

www.triestepublishing.com

GEORGE JACKSON

**THE TEN
COMMANDMENTS**

The Ten Commandments



The Ten Commandments

By George Jackson, B.A.

New York Chicago Toronto

Fleming H. Revell Company

Publishers of Evangelical Literature

1898

TO
W. H. ROLLS : H. WATERWORTH
J. E. DIXON : E. A. FRENCH
F. R. WATSON : T. W. JAMIESON
MY COLLEAGUES, PAST AND PRESENT
IN THE WORK OF
THE METHODIST MISSION, EDINBURGH

PREFATORY NOTE

ALL that it is necessary to ask the reader to note by way of Preface is that the following chapters were delivered as a course of Sunday Evening Sermons to my own congregation during the months of last winter, and that, though they have since been entirely re-written, they still remain what they were originally, sermons, not essays.

G. J.

EDINBURGH, *October* 1897.

INTRODUCTORY

'And God spake all these words, saying, I am the Lord thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.'—EXOD. xx. 1, 2.

INTRODUCTORY

OF the unique position once held by the Ten Commandments among the most religious people in the world, one fact is a sufficient illustration: within the Holy Place was the Holy of Holies, wherein once a year the high priest entered alone to offer up sacrifices both for himself and the people; within the Holy of Holies was the sacred ark; and within the ark, shrouded in the innermost sanctity of the Holy Place, were the two tables of stone whereon the divine finger had traced the eternal law. Could anything indicate more clearly the reverence paid to the Decalogue by the Jews, or declare with more solemn emphasis that the end of all religious observances is the keeping of the commandments of God?

But Christ having come (as the writer of the Epistle to the Hebrews says), the minister of a new and better covenant, it was no longer possible that the commandments should be to the Christian all that they had once been to the pious Jew. Yet are we not to-day in danger of undervaluing the Ten Words, and of thinking that, because Christ has come, therefore they have lost for us all their deep significance? One can