

SUN TZU—STRATEGIST on PHYSICAL WARS

Sun Tzu, Chinese military general in the 5th century BC (544-496 BC), wrote the book ***The Art of War***. He was an expert in **physical** warfare, strategy, and tactics.

Though Sun Tzu was just concerned with outwitting his “enemies” in **physical wars**, his “battle-tested” analysis and observations hold true for many earthly wars, battles, and even modern day business and athletic competitions.

Sun Tzu’s strategy, planning, personal preparation, and plain common sense are even applicable to our study of **spiritual war** with the evil spirits—our enemies.

Sun Tzu says:

“All warfare is based upon **deception**.” —Chapter 1:18

“There has never been a protracted [prolonged] war from which a country has benefited.” —Ch. 2:6

“The **supreme art of war** is to [by diplomacy, negotiation skill] **subdue the enemy without fighting**.” —Ch. 3:6

“He will win who knows **when to fight** [offense: attack] and **when not to fight** [defense: protect].” —Ch. 3:17

Know yourself and know who (or what) you’re fighting:

- “If you know the **enemy** and know **yourself**, you need not fear the result of a hundred battles.
- If you know **yourself** but **not the enemy**, for every victory gained, you will also suffer a defeat.
- If you know **neither the enemy nor yourself**, you will succumb in every battle.” — Ch. 3:18

Applied in spiritual warfare, that would mean:

- A Bible-obeying Christian, knowing himself and his spiritual enemies, would win numerous battles.
- An unspiritual person, who doesn’t take spirits (God or evil spirits) seriously, wins only half of his battles.
- An atheist or unspiritual, unsaved, secular-educated scientist would lose every **spiritual** battle.

“**Victorious warriors win first** [plan, strategizes mentally] and **then** go to war [physically executes the battle plan], while **defeated warriors** go to war first [impulsively] and then seek to win [physically, chaotically].” —Ch. 4:15

“Every **battle is won before** it is fought.” - Short version
In other words (in Christians’ spiritual warfare):

Every battle is won [prayerfully, strategically, spiritually] **before** it is fought [physically, spiritually].

“If the battle cannot be won, do not fight it.” —Ch. 10:23.
Never fight against Omnipotent God, **you’ll never win**, rather fight alongside Him. The Lord always wins.

STRATEGY against EVIL SPIRITS in SPIRITUAL WAR

- **Pray, plan**, have **faith**: “Every battle is won **before** it is fought,” says Sun Tzu. **Plan** before **action**.
- **Let the Lord fight for you**: Ask God to help you in a spiritual battle. Aid from Him guarantees a win: just like little David defeated the giant Goliath. David said, “**The battle is the Lord’s**” (1 Sam. 17:47).
- **Don’t become God’s or Israel’s enemy**: Omnipotent God always wins. Defiance guarantees a lost. Israel is unconquerable, for the Lord guards her.
- **Obeys your Commander** (Christ): Blessing follows obedience; and curse follows disobedience.
- **Use the Bible—your best defense and offense**: “Sword of the Holy Spirit” inflicts spiritual wounds on the demoniac spirits and their human accomplices.
- Use your **significant advantage** over an evil spirit: Humans can **sin, repent, be forgiven, and cleanse!** However, obstinate fallen angels and unrepentant human sinners are destined for defeat and Hell.

We must fight SPIRITUALLY, not just PHYSICALLY

*“For though we walk in the flesh, we **do not war** according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal [physical] but [spiritually] mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ” (2 Cor. 10:3-5).*

“For I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from his [God’s] love. Death can’t, and life can’t. The angels won’t, and all the powers of hell itself cannot keep God’s love away. Our fears for today, our worries about tomorrow, or where we are—high above the sky, or in the deepest ocean—nothing will ever be able to separate us from the love of God demonstrated by our Lord Jesus Christ when he died for us” (Rom. 8:38-39 TLB).

Chapter 4: Know Yourself—Know your Enemy

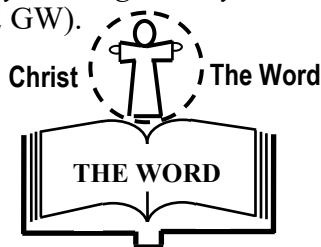
KNOW YOURSELF—as CHILD of GOD

This chapter of our study covers knowledge of yourself and your spiritual enemies.

Know your character, limitation, capability, weakness, strength, and faith. “*Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not **know yourselves**, that Jesus Christ is **in** you?*” (2 Cor. 13:5).

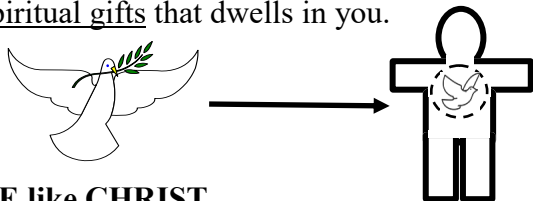
“*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me*” (Phil. 4:13). Know your **Comforter Holy Spirit** and **Advocate Christ**. **READ, KNOW, DO, LIVE the BIBLE**

Let “**The Word**” guide you into all truth. Study, analyze, decipher, and judge all things by the **Bible**. It is your “eye glass” to see the “seen” and “unseen” universes you live in. “*Desire God’s pure word as newborn babies desire milk. Then you will grow in your salvation*” (1 Peter 2:2 GW).



BE FILLED with the HOLY SPIRIT

Permit the **Holy Spirit** to live within you. “*The **Spirit of truth** ... he dwelleth **with** you, and shall be **in** you ... He will **teach you all things**, and bring to your remembrance all things that I [Christ] said to you ... He will **guide you into all truth***” (John 14:17, 26; 16:13). Exercise the **Fruit of the Spirit** and all **spiritual gifts** that dwells in you.



BE like CHRIST

Ask Jesus for forgiveness of your sins. Be clean before him, so you may interact with your Savior without sin or hesitation.

The goal of your Creator is to save you and grow you into a “**child of God**.” You must be like the **Son of God** to live in sinless Heaven. Be considerate of others. Avoid sin. The Spirit helps you to think, love, and behave like Jesus.

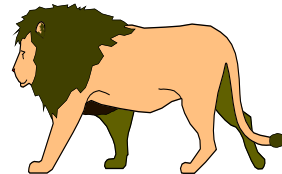
KNOW your ENEMY—Devil, Fallen angels

Your enemies are very powerful and intelligent. Your enemy the Devil surely knows all about your weaknesses and tendency. Evil spirits study you like coaches evaluate their opponent’s athletes. Thus, even the odds by knowing your enemies—read the Bible. Know their weaknesses.

Identifying a **problem** is a prerequisite to solving it. We must concede an evil spirit as a **real problem**, not just treat him as invisible nothing, as secular scientist might do. We can’t fight them like beating an empty air. We must know about evil spirits: their history, goals, strategies, traits, strengths, weaknesses, behaviors, and destiny.

Merciless LION MENTALITY

“*Be vigilant; because your adversary **the devil** walks about like a **roaring lion**, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith*” (1 Pet. 5:8-9).



Violence and **death** are the **ways of the Devil**. Sinners get ahead in life in this world by having a devilish attitude (selfishly exploiting others). The survival is of the fittest and violent. Carnivorous predators and criminals excel and rule here.

SATAN is a HABITUAL CRIMINAL

Satan is the “murderer from the beginning” and “father of lies.” He is an incorrigible, obstinate sinner that won’t change his ways for the better—for himself and others. At the end of this life, he’ll be imprisoned for 1000 years. Afterwards, the Apex criminal goes on “probation,” but commits more crimes; then the recidivist evildoer gets “life without parole” in Hell.

FIGHT the ENEMY like CHRIST DOES

Christ is an example of how a “**child of God**” should fight the Devil and evil spirits. Be like the **Son of God**. Fight like Him. Pray like Him. Talk daily with your Abba Father like Him. Use the Scripture (spiritual sword) against evil spirits. A saint who copies Jesus will be victorious, too.



SPIRITUAL ART of WAR

We are in the midst of a spiritual war: Good spirits against evil spirits—our archenemies. All mankind should unite and rally against fallen angels, but they don't. Satan fooled many to do his dirty work. He armed his collaborators with lethal arsenals of sin to spur our demise.

On the opposite side, God has equipped His saved children with spiritual gifts to fight in the spiritual war. From our old worldly ways, we depended on force and violence to fight. So, "*turning the other cheek*" when punched is abnormal to us. But for saints, it's the new way of combat, not by martial arts, swords, or guns. We nonviolently and patiently lead people to our Savior. Guiding a sinner to repentance and salvation defeats the demons! Strange war?

An emphasis is on the word "**others**." Love involves others (from me to others—giving). Sin drains others (them to me—exploiting).

The objective of our spiritual warfare is to save human souls from going to Hell. The war is on a spiritual level. We must be **armored** and equipped spiritually to fight effectively.

SPIRITUAL ARMOR of CHRISTIANS

10-11 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with **truth**, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

15 And your **feet** shod [shoed, covered] with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

17-18 Take the helmet of salvation [protect your mind], and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God ... Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication [plea] for all saints. (Eph. 6)

WHOLE ARMOR of GOD

Saints must be equipped and suited in supernatural armors to fight in this spiritual war.

HELMET of SALVATION

Protect your mind with the blood of Christ. "*The Lord is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?*" (Psa. 27:1).

BREASTPLATE of RIGHTEOUSNESS

Protect your heart with righteousness. "*For with the heart one believes unto **righteousness**, and with the mouth confession is made unto **salvation***" (Rom. 10:10).

SHIELD of FAITH

Have faith in Jesus, who is "*the author and finisher of our **faith***" (Heb. 12:2). "*We walk by [**spiritual**] faith, not by [**physical**] sight*" (2 Cor. 5:7). "*The just shall live by **faith***" (Rom. 1:17). "*This is the victory that has overcome the world—our **faith***" (1 John 5:4).

BELT of TRUTH

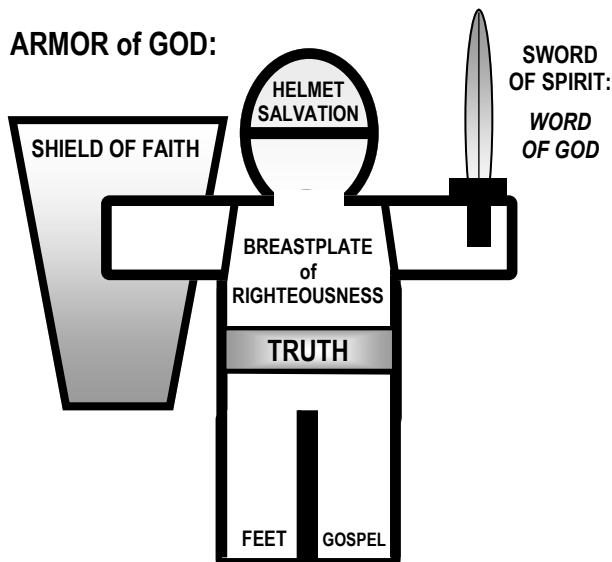
Surround yourself with the Truth (Christ). "*Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, **the truth**, and the life*" (John 14:6). Belt holds the sheath for the sword and other accessories. All we say and do must hang (based) on **truth** and **fact**.

SHOES of GOSPEL

Travel, preach, teach, and spread the Gospel. "*How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!*" (Rom. 10:15).

"**No weapon** formed against you shall prosper [succeed] ... This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord" (Isaiah 54:17).

ARMOR of GOD:



DAVD and GOLIATH: Juxtapose opponents

*"A champion went out from the camp of the Philistines, named **Goliath**, from Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span [over 9 foot] ... The Philistine said, 'This day I defy the armies of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other.' On hearing the Philistine's words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified"* (1 Sam. 17:4-16).

GOD gives GOLIATH into DAVID'S hand

Who wins a battle depends on who calls for God's help. David did, but not Goliath, who depended physical weapons of sword and spear. *"David said to the Philistine, 'You come to me with a sword ... But I come to you **in the name of the Lord** of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the **Lord** will deliver you into **my hand**, and I will strike you and take your head from you ... that all the earth may know that **there is a God** in Israel ... Then all this assembly shall know that the Lord does not save with **sword** and **spear**; for the **battle is the Lord's**, and He will give you into our hands.'*

*So it was, when the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, that David hurried and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine. David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone; and he slung it and struck the Philistine in his forehead ... David prevailed ... and killed him. There was **no sword** in the hand of David. Therefore David ... took his [Goliath's] **sword** and drew it out of its sheath and killed him, and cut off his head with it. When the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled. Now the men of Israel and Judah arose and shouted, and pursued the Philistines as far as the entrance of the valley and to the gates of Ekron*

... David took the head of the Philistine and brought it to Jerusalem" (1 Sam. 17:45-54).

The battle didn't just have two combatants, but also involved God and spirits. A physical David got help from the Almighty God, who warned the evil spirits (Goliath helpers) to stay out of the fight. Not even powerful angels can compete with God. Goliath fell into David's (and God's) hand, and got defeated. *"It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God"* (Heb. 10:31).

UNDERSTANDING SPIRITUAL WAR

The spiritual war is strange and misunderstood. Things are not what they seem. Here a defeat can be a victory. A victory, a defeat. Death can lead to an eternal life. Fighting with love? Very odd!

On Christ's side, ultimately the aim of victory is saving souls and bringing them to Heaven. On the Devil's side, it is getting people to Hell.

God says to those ignorant of Torah (Law): *"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge ... you have forgotten the **law [Torah]** of your God"* (Hos. 4:6). So, read and know the Bible.

TRUTHS about SPIRITUAL WAR

- The enemy wins by sin (lie, cheat, steal, kill).
- Human **sins**, but **forgiven** upon repentance.
- War with God won't be won by evil spirits.
- God always wins (in war, battle, trial, etc.).

WAR OUTCOMES: LL, LW, WL, WW

- War physically **lost**, spiritually **lost**.
- War physically **lost**, spiritually won.
- War physically **won**, spiritually **lost**.
- War physically **won**, spiritually won.

LL	WL
LW	WW

The best outcome is always **spiritual victory**.

War (LL)—physically **lost**, spiritually **lost**

A physical war was **lost** in a battle between the Hebrews and Philistines. King Saul tragically died of suicide by his sword. Saul **lost** the battle both physically and spiritually (**lost** his soul).

War (LW)—physically **lost**, spiritually **won**

Physical war was **lost** by Christ, yet He **won** spiritually. He was defeated by a mortal death on the cross. Yet thereafter He was **victoriously** resurrected. In Rome, Christians were thrown to the hungry lions, yet they soon went to Paradise. Arriving and living in Heaven is a **huge victory**.

War (WL)—physically **won**, spiritually **lost**

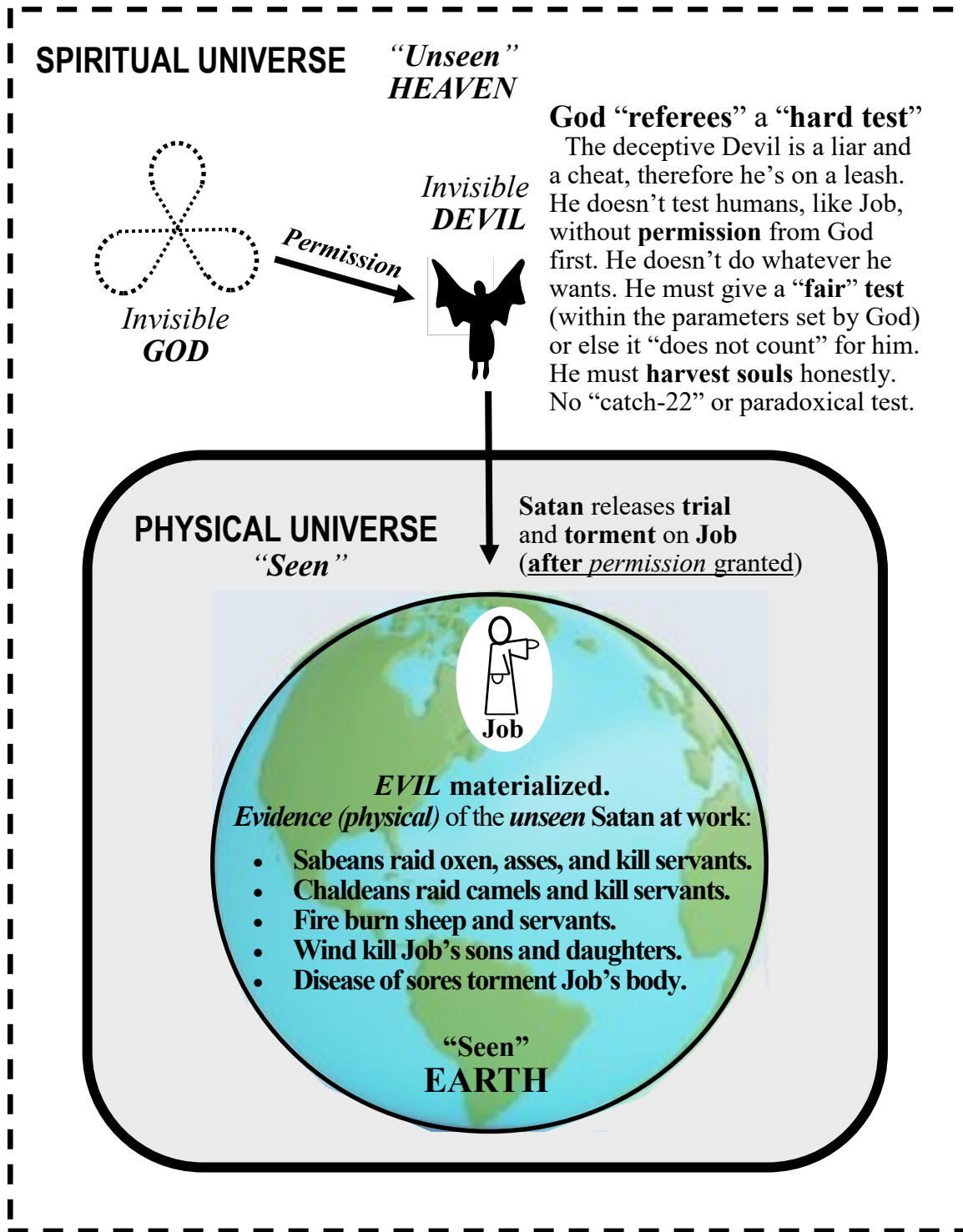
Physical wars are **won** using a predatory style of merciless, vicious, and lethal attack on foes. Yet souls are **lost** spiritually. Numerous unrepentant warriors weren't ready to meet the Lord during World War I and II. Many atrocities and carnage, done by soldiers and airmen bombers, will condemn them to Hell on Judgment Day.

War (WW)—physically **won**, spiritually **won**

Messiah defeats all his enemies. *"The God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed ... it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms [world empires], and it shall stand forever"* (Dan. 2:44). The Prince of Peace will reign over Christ-like citizens forever.

GOD-ANGEL-HUMAN INTERACTION

The testing of Job



Human testing, by Satan or other fallen angels, must be a limited, impartial "fair test."

JOB—INNOCENT, UPRIGHT MAN

*"There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was **Job**; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared [respects, honors] God, and eschewed evil. There were born unto him seven sons and three daughters. His substance was ... [7000 sheep, 3000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen, and 500 donkeys], and a very great household; so that this man was the greatest of all the men of the East" (Job 1:1-3).*

GOD GRANTS TEST of JOB by SATAN

The Job story illustrates an interaction of intelligent beings: God, angel, and human. Satan can't do whatever he wants to humans. He must "play" (test) within an unbiased preset rules. The Lord was the "**referee**," so to speak.

*"Now there was a day when the sons of God [angels] came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them. The Lord said unto **Satan**, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it ... The Lord said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job ... a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought? Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land. But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face ... The Lord said [**gave permission**] unto **Satan**, Behold, all that he hath [**possession**] is in thy power; only upon himself [**his body**] put not forth thine hand" (Job 1:6-12).*

JOB'S POSSESSIONS DESTROYED

"There came a messenger unto Job, and said, The oxen were plowing, and the asses feeding beside them: The Sabeans fell upon them, and took them away; yea, they have slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. There came also another, and said, Thy sons and thy daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house: There came a great wind ... and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead, and I only am escaped" (Job 1:14-19).

JOB worshiped GOD, NOT cursed Him

*"Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped, and said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the **Lord gave**, and the **Lord hath taken away**; blessed be the name of the Lord. In all this **Job sinned not**, nor charged God foolishly" (Job 1:20-22). "Though He [God] slay me, yet will I trust Him" (Job 13:15).*

Evil spirits are very powerful and intelligent. If they are completely let loose, they can easily annihilate all mankind in a short time. But God has put some limits on testing (e.g., the Devil worked within God's parameters when testing Job). The first test was about Job's **possessions** but not Job's body. In the next test, Satan was permitted to strike Job's **body**, but not his **life**.

Job persevered through his trials and did not sin against God. The Lord restored his losses and even doubled his livestock: 14,000 sheep, 6,000 camels, etc. *"So the Lord blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning ... He had also seven sons and three daughters ... In all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job: and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren. **After this** lived Job an hundred and forty years [140], and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, even four generations" (Job 42:12-16).*

DEVIL ASK CONSENT to TEST SIMON

Accuser Satan asks permission to test each one of us. God permits testing to strengthen the weak and to bring an indecisive person to a decision. *"The Lord said, 'Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift [vet] you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have **returned** [repented, rejuvenated] to Me, strengthen your brethren'" (Luke 22:31-32).*

NO TEST BEYOND our CAPABILITY

The Lord permits testing only up to a certain point. Test must be fair, else there'd be much cheating and conniving by mischievous devils. *"No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it" (1 Cor. 10:13).*

The Law—Commandments

THE LAW—THE COMMANDMENTS

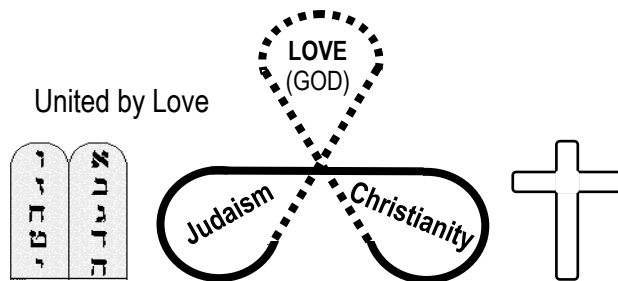
God gave **Aseret HaDibrot** (in Hebrew), “ten statements,” on two tablets to Moses at Mount Sinai. The 10 Commandments are only few of the 613 mitzvot of **the Law**. It told the Hebrews how to live with people and God.

JUDAISM-CHRISTIANITY BOND

The Jews try to live by the **Law**, while the Christians try to live by **Love**. On the surface there seem to be no commonality, but a deeper analysis shows there is, by the Word of God: “**Love is the fullness of Torah**” (CJB). “**Love is the fulfilling of the Law**” (Rom. 13:10). The ultimate goal of the **Law** is **love**. To **love** is to do the **Law**. To obey the Law is to love your neighbors and your God. The New Testament love fulfills the Old Testament Law (Torah) requisite of loving humanity and God.



The **Law** is like a tree; **love** is its fruit.



As the Law and love have a lot in common, so do the Jews and Christians. **Christianity** and **Judaism** are based on **LOVE**.

“**Love [God] is the fulfilling of the Law.**” God Himself (as Christ) fulfilled the **Law** by **Love**.

GOD sets the LAW, BELIEVERS just agree

“The world” and unbelievers resent hearing the Gospel. They get very upset when preached to about sin. But a preacher, teacher, or rabbi is merely reciting the messages from God.

Laws bring order to people’s interactions. Traffic law warns: “School Zone 15 MPH.” Since God made His creatures with free-will, saints can only bring attention to the sign posts (“Don’t kill.” “Repent.” “Wrong way.”) on a sinner’s road. There’s no forced obedience. One chooses, then lives with the consequence.

God is the one who set up good rules for His creatures. **Christians** just agree with **Him**.

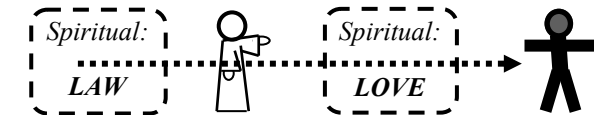
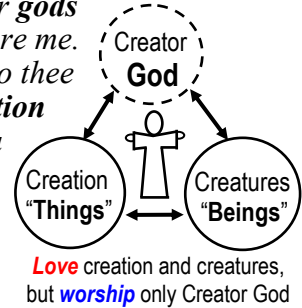
TEN COMMANDMENTS

The first **three** commandments refer to **God**. The next **six** is interacting with our **neighbors**. The last **one** is about our personal **self**.

Commandments: (From **Exodus 20:1-17**)

God [Adonai] spake all these words, saying:

1. Thou shalt have **no other gods** [angelic creatures] before me.
2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image [creation —physical idol] ... Thou shalt not bow down to them, nor serve them ...
3. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy **God [Creator]** in vain...
4. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.
5. Honour thy father and thy mother ...
6. Thou shalt not **kill**.
7. Thou shalt not commit **adultery**.
8. Thou shalt not **steal**.
9. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.
10. Thou shalt not **covet**.



“**The law is spiritual** ... Love [spiritual] worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore **love** is the fulfilling of the law” (Rom. 7:14, 13:10).

TWO greatest COMMANDMENTS

Jesus simplified the many commandments (613) to two. He said, “‘**Love the Lord your God with all your heart ... soul ... mind.**’ This is the first and greatest commandment. The second is like it: ‘**Love your neighbor as yourself.**’ All the **Law** and the Prophets **hang on these two commandments**” (Matt. 22:37-40).

Love is the end product (fruit) of **the Law**. Our Creator desires love between all His creatures.

The commandments are rules for humans to love God, human neighbors, and self.

In this Bible numerology, number **1** refers to a **unit** (self), **3** relates to **God** (Trinity), **6** is a **human** number. To memorize, think of the numbers **1, 3, and 6**. They add up to **10**.

Love for God, Neighbors, and Self

GOD'S LAWS—ALL based on LOVE

Love is positive interaction with **others**. Laws are for the benefit of mankind. Symbiotically, if you **love** (do good to) **others**, all mutually benefits.

LOVE GOD: Commandments 1 to 3.

1. A command not to worship creatures, that includes fallen angels, animals, humans, emperors, Pope, Mary, Antichrist, etc. The “God of gods” deserves all the glory. The Most High God isn’t second to evil spirits (“gods”).

2. A warning not to worship creations, which includes things made by the Creator God or by human handiwork (idols). Creations are stars, sun, planets, Venus, Jupiter, moon, statues, motifs, trophies, gold, silver, money, etc.

3. A caution not to make foolish vows or say careless profanity using the name of God, which is holy.

LOVE NEIGHBORS: Commandments 4 to 9.

These rules tell humans **not** to interact negatively with other people. **Sin** causes **division**, ruining human bonds.

4. The Sabbath serves as a fellowship between God and man. On worship day (Jewish Sabbath or Christianity Sunday), we focus on the Lord God and spiritual things (love, hope, faith, truth, etc.). The House of God is our “spiritual school” and “spiritual hospital.”

5. The children are to honor their parents. Growing kids need to respect their parents’ wisdom. The father and mother speak from experience. Youths should learn and apply their parents’ wise teaching.

6. **Murder** began with Satan. **Lust** begets **sin** that begets **death**; e.g., promiscuous women advertise themselves to men that stirs sexual lust. Then men chase them, creating a vicious cycle of lust. A rapist’s **lust** begets wanted pregnancy that begets abortion (**death** of a baby). Avoid abortion by exercising wisdom and self-control.

7. **Adultery**, sin with non-spouse, causes mistrust and divorce. It ruins the husband-wife bond, marriage, family, and children. “*God joined the two people together. No person should separate them*” (Matt. 19:6 ICB).

8. **Stealing** causes a loss to a person who put time and effort into earning an object or wage. A lazy man resorts to thievery to get things free, not earn them.

9. The **Devil** is the Father of Lies. Don’t be like him and be a false witness. If your neighbor depends on you to tell the truth and you **lie**, then you betrayed a trust.

LOVE SELF: Commandment 10.

10. In the **self** is where thoughts originate. Some think good thoughts and others evil (covet). **Lust** begets **sin** that begets **death**. If a demonic spirit is in us, we try to **extract** evil, which is why victims self-mutilate, self-abuse, or even self-harm—suicide (**death**). Thus, **self-love** is vital, though it sounds selfish. **Self-control** is very important.

YOUR ENEMIES are FALLEN ANGELS

SPIRITUAL CREATURES



Evil Angelic Beings

YOUR ENEMIES are not HUMANS

PHYSICAL CREATURES

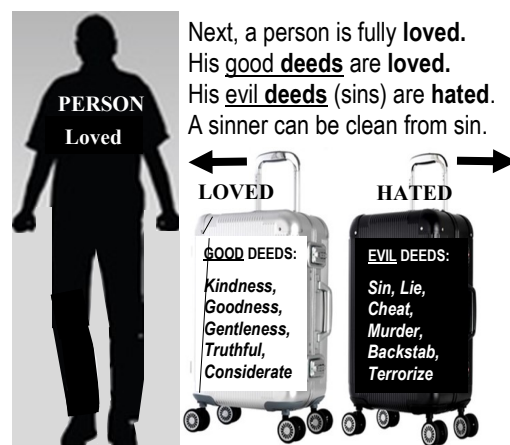


Human Beings

SO, LOVE YOUR FELLOW HUMANS:



First, separate a person from his deeds:



Next, a person is fully **loved**. His good deeds are **loved**. His evil deeds (sins) are **hated**. A sinner can be clean from sin.

Love the person **unconditionally**, even if he is a bad father, white, yellow, red, black, disabled, abortion surgeon, serial killer, Jihadist, or Stalin.

This shows how **God** loves a **human**:
He **forgives** the **sin** (deed),
but **saves** the **sinner** (person).