

## Where is God's moral law summarized?

And He said to him, "Why are you asking Me about what is good? There is *only* One who is good; but if you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments" (NASB; Matthew 19:17).

Exodus 20:1-17; Deuteronomy 5:6-21

# God's moral law is summarized in the ten commandments.

(Adapted from *Westminster Shorter Catechism*, Q. 41)

*When we had miserably defaced the law of nature originally written in our hearts, so that many of its commands were no longer legible, it seemed good to his infinite wisdom and mercy to transcribe and copy out that law in the sacred tables of the Scriptures. . . . And the Decalogue, or Ten Commandments, is a summary, or brief epitome of the law, written by the immediate finger of God, and contracted into an abridgment not only to ease our memories but to gain our veneration; for . . . commands best befit majesty (Ezekiel Hopkins, an Exposition of the Ten Commandments).*

