

The Messenger



“... How beautiful are the feet of those who bring glad tidings of good things!” Romans 10:15

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Why Did the Catholic Church Delete the Second Commandment?

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

FROM CATHOLIC BIBLE	FROM CATHOLIC CATECHISM
1. You shall not have any other Gods beside me.	1. You shall not have other Gods besides me.
2. You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters beneath the earth; you shall not bow down before them or worship them.	2. ??
3. You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain.	3. You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain.
4. Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.	4. Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.
5. Honor your father and mother.	5. Honor your father and your mother.
6. You shall not kill.	6. You shall not kill.
7. You shall not commit adultery.	7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.	8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.	9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male or female slave, nor his ox or ass, nor anything else that belongs to him.	10A. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
	10B. You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.
New American Bible, Exodus 20:4-17	Catholic Catechism for Adults, Page 276

In 787 A.D., The Second General Council of Nicea
Approved The Veneration of Icons & Statues. (Idol Worship)

Deut. 4:2 + Rev. 22:19

“WOULD YOU STUDY THE BIBLE . . . IF”

by Paul Johnson

William McPherson had a charge of dynamite go off in his face. He lost his eyes and the feeling in parts of his face. He realized how much the Bible meant to him, and he needed its strength greatly. He could not read it in Braille because of his artificial hands. He tried to place his lips on the dots but they were numb. He found that he could use his tongue to decipher the Moon Type system of dashes. The metal left his lips and tongue bleeding and very sore, but he prayed to God to help him to continue to learn just one letter of the alphabet. In the 65 years that followed he read the Bible through four times with his tongue.

Would I study the Bible if the same thing happened to me that happened to Mr. McPherson? Would I have the desire, the intense desire, to know God’s will that I would go through what he did to learn? I wonder if I would not rather have decided, “I can’t ever read the Bible again.”

Would I study the Bible if I had to get up an hour earlier each day to work it into my busy (?) schedule? Or miss my favorite TV program if, at that hour, I remembered I hadn’t studied my Bible for the day . . . and wouldn’t have time afterwards?

Would I study the Bible (I wish I hadn’t heard of that McPherson fellow) if I didn’t feel just right or if I had had a hard day at work or if I was just too tired? (I wonder how that fellow learned to read with his tongue?) Or, would I study even though I was a slow reader, and it took me all day just to read one or two chapters?

Would I study the Bible on occasions when the saints were assembled (Sunday morning, Wednesday night, etc.) if I had to go without supper till after services or walk or drive several blocks to get there?

How many “ifs” keep you from studying the Bible? Is this matter of no importance to you at all? If it is, then do something about it. That McPherson fellow – I guess his example will haunt me the rest of my life.

News and Notes:

Remember to check the prayer list for those with ongoing spiritual weaknesses and physical illnesses.

“...Pray for one another...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.” James 5:16