

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Date	Morning	Evening
08/10/09 Monday.....	Esther.....07-08	1 Corinthians..07-08
08/11/09 Tuesday.....	Job.....01-02	1 Corinthians..09-10
08/12/09 Wednesday.....	Job.....03-04	1 Corinthians....11-12
08/13/09 Thursday.....	Job.....05-06	1 Corinthians...13-14
08/14/09 Friday.....	Job.....07-08	1 Corinthians.....15
08/15/09 Saturday.....	Job.....09-10	2 Corinthians..01-02
08/16/09 Sunday.....	Job.....11-12	2 Corinthians.03-04

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Our services are as follows:

TIMES OF SERVICE

Sunday Morning Bible Study.....9:30
 Sunday Morning Worship.....10:30
 Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00
 Wednesday Evening Bible Study.....7:00
 Ladies Bible Class 3rd Monday Evening of Each Month.....7:00

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WHEN WERE THE 10 COMMANDMENTS GIVEN?

Jerry McDonald

The following is an email from an email discussion list about who received the 10 commandments first. The question was asked, supposedly, by someone from the church of Christ to a Baptist named David Goldsmith. Goldsmith identifies himself as "Tin." What follows is the question and his answer:

I've been told that Moses copied the Commandments from the Egyptian Book of the Dead and that it is older than the Bible and the Ten Commandments. Is that true? Our preachers couldn't answer this. Can you give it a try?

Tin: That is an old claim. It has come up again recently and making its way around the block again * There are many revisions of the Egyptian book of the dead

THE OLDEST VERSION

*It is older than the Bible--true

*It is only partially Egyptian

*Part is written by early followers of God and and actually anti-Egyptian because...

1.)It states there is only One God and there are no others. He is the Creator of all things. The Egyptians were polytheistic (believed in many gods-as demonstrated in the other part of the Egyptian book of the dead-called "the pyramid texts"

2.)It states the One God is invisible. The Egyptians believed in visible gods

3.)It states that the One God is Spirit and has no human characteristics. The Egyptian gods ate, drank, fought with swords etc etc

The Egyptians edited these out of the oldest version over time because they did not agree with their religion. They left the Commandments in the work

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

The Ten Commandments were NOT first given to Moses. The Bible states that Abraham followed the Law, the Commandments and even the statutes

Gen 26:5 Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.

Abraham lived about 1700 years before the Egyptian Book of the Dead

The Egyptian Book of the Dead copied the Commandments from early believers. It is proof that the Bible is true. Don't get your beliefs from movies like the "Ten Commandments." They may be entertaining but are about as far from the Bible as you can get. No, Moses was not the first to see them. The Egyptian Book of the Dead is not an Egyptian work.

Hope that helps

Mr. Goldsmith bases his entire position on one passage, Gen. 26:5 “*Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.*” To think that what Abraham obeyed was the 10 commandments is to assume something that was never meant to be assumed. God had commandments and statutes and laws long before he gave the 10 commandments, and Abraham kept these, but the 10 commandments were the first written laws from God to man. All laws previous to these were under the patriarchal dispensation of time under which God spoke to the fathers and the fathers instructed the sons.

People compromise the integrity of the Bible because of so-called facts discovered by archaeologists and scientists. The Bible plainly states that God gave the 10 commandments to Moses on Mount Sinai “*And he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments*” (Exo 34:28). Now it doesn't make any difference what discovery archaeologists think they have found, the Bible plainly states that God gave Moses the 10 commandments. He didn't give them to Abraham, he gave them to Moses.

Whenever we start compromising we are never able to stop. If we compromise this, then we have to compromise with the evolutionist. If we compromise with them then we have to compromise with the atheist. From what I have seen, Goldsmith has done just about all of this. He says that belief in evolution won't cost one his salvation, and he says that there are errors in the Bible. Just where do we draw the line? Once compromise has begun we cannot close the door. The best thing to do is just not to open the door of compromise in the first place and then we don't have to worry about how to close it later.

Moses was the first human to see the 10 commandments because he was the first human to receive a written law from God. To deny this is to deny the plain teachings of the Bible, but this is what people do when they find themselves caught up in compromise.

CHURCH NEWS

PRAYER LIST

We need to remember all those who are sick and afflicted in our daily prayers. We need to remember those who are in the nursing homes, and in the military. We also need to keep Doris Pendleton, Ruby Backus, Tex Kinman, Bill and Verna Butler, Lynna Shanks, Verma Long, Connie Gass, Nelta Brock, Cheryl Harris, Janet Patrick, Evonelle Calkins, Elnora Shanks, Dawn Tivoli, Richard Massey, the Bill Habermehl family, Adrian and Jean Swindler,

Nettie B. Shirley, Dixie Stacy, Darrell Conley, and Marvin Howard and his wife in our daily prayers. Sandy Sarchette is having further problems. Let us keep her in our prayers. We also need to remember Danny and Barbara Keeney in our daily prayers.

THOSE TO SERVE August 9, 2009 A.M.	THOSE TO SERVE August 16, 2009 A.M.
Greeters.....Jerry & Thomas McDonald	Greeters.....Tex & Lois Kinman
Announcements.....Jerry McDonald	Announcements.....David Shanks
Song Leader.....David Shanks	Song Leader.....Andy Shanks
Opening Prayer.....Jerry McDonald	Opening Prayer.....Leroy Thomas
Lord's Supper.....David Shanks & Elwood Runge	Lord's Supper.....Jerry & Thomas McDonald
Sermon.....Jerry McDonald	Sermon.....Jerry McDonald
Closing Prayer.....Thomas McDonald	Closing Prayer.....Taylor Shanks
P.M.	P.M.
Song Leader.....David Shanks	Song Leader.....Andy Shanks
Opening Prayer.....Thomas McDonald	Opening Prayer.....Leroy Thomas
Sermon.....Jerry McDonald	Sermon.....Jerry McDonald
Closing Prayer.....Elwood Runge	Closing Prayer.....David Shanks
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY
Song Leader.....David Shanks	Song Leader.....Andy Shanks
Opening Prayer.....Jerry McDonald	Opening Prayer.....Elwood Runge
Devotional.....Thomas McDonald	Devotional.....Jerry McDonald
Closing Prayer.....David Shanks	Closing Prayer.....David Shanks

FAIR HAVEN CHILDREN'S HOME

The items for Fair Haven's Children's Home will be “Cereal,” and “Sugar.”

Sermons for the Next Two Weeks:

The a.m. lesson for August 9, 2009 is “Shadow of the Real.” The p.m. lesson will be “Boldness In Christ.” The a.m. lesson for August 16, 2009 is “What Brings The Wrath of God.” The p.m. lesson is “Pleadings for Onesimus.”

LADIES' BIBLE CLASS

The ladies Bible class will be canceled this month and August as well. It will resume on the third Monday in September.

BUILDING CLEANING

This is the week we clean the building. All who can stay and help with this chore are asked to help out. We will clean after the pm service.