

## How About the Original Set?

- I. You shall worship no other god (For Yahweh is a jealous god).
- II. You shall not make molten gods.
- III. The Feast of Unleavened Bread shall you keep in the month when the ear is on the corn.
- IV. All the first-born are mine.
- V. Six days shall you work, but on the seventh you shall rest.
- VI. You shall observe the Feast of Weeks, even of the first fruits of the wheat harvest, and the Feast of Ingathering at the year's end.
- VII. You shall not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leavened bread.
- VIII. The fat of my feast shall not remain all night until the morning.
- IX. The first of the first fruits of your ground you shall bring unto the house of the Yahweh your God.
- X. You shall not seethe a kid in its mother's milk.

--- Exodus 34 ---

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The words on the tablets of the most ancient biblical account do not match any of the modern versions. If we include the version in Deuteronomy 5, we would have a 5<sup>th</sup> set. If our political system allows just one of the versions of the Ten Commandments to be displayed on public property, wouldn't that be an endorsement of a particular religious group's religious belief?

The question of whether any version should be displayed is secondary to this question -- **Why do different religious groups have different versions of Ten Commandments?**

It also doesn't take much time to discover that Christian and Jewish groups have very different understanding for the words written on the two tablets, i.e., "God" and "Shabbat" (Sabbath). Many groups neither participate in the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Feast of Weeks or the Feast of Ingathering – nor know anything about them. **Do you?**

*Powerful people use issues that divide and polarize people to accomplish their political goals.* Don't get caught up in all of the heated political rhetoric. Instead, **increase your spiritual power** by learning about the biblical and spiritual heritages that produced multiple versions of the two tablets that hold a special place in the lives of billions.

*Come study with others who value factual information above institutional creeds and doctrines – or unexamined traditions.*

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## Should the Ten Commandments Be Displayed on Public Property?



The Ten Commandments became the subject of heated debate in 2003 when a Alabama Supreme Court Justice refused to obey a federal court order to remove a Ten Commandments monument from the rotunda of the state supreme court building. This issue is being cited by many groups as an example of a concerted campaign to erase any mention of God or religion from the public square in America.

One very famous Christian leader said, "Christians everywhere simply must make a bold stand for God's righteous standard." Before you get too emotionally involved in this heated debate, you might want to answer one very important question first: *Which set of 10 Commandments should be displayed on public property?*