

Paul's Farewell Address and the Ten Commandments

It's interesting to note the subtle connection between Paul's farewell address to the Ephesian elders in Acts 20 with the ten commandments. It is thought that the first four commandments pertaining to man's relationship with God may have occupied one tablet while the remaining six relating to man's relationship with other men were provided on the second.

This is not presented as some kind of "secret Bible code" or mystic inference, but as an application of how the old covenant (Old Testament) served as the basis for the new covenant (New Testament). This is particularly evident in how Paul, perhaps the quintessential New Testament example of someone raised in and completely devoted to the old covenant applying it almost seamlessly into his new walk with Christ. It's an example of the Old Testament law being *fulfilled* in the application of the New Testament.

	<i>Verse</i>	<i>Text</i>	<i>Verse</i>	<i>Text</i>
1st Tablet	Ex. 20:3	You shall have no other gods before Me	Acts 20:21	Solemnly testifying to both Jews and Greeks of repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ
	Ex. 20:4	You shall not make for yourself an idol	Acts 20:23	You...will no longer see my face
	Ex. 20:7	You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain	Acts 20:24	To testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God
	Ex. 20:8	Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy	Acts 20:25	Remember the words of the Lord Jesus
2nd Tablet	Ex. 20:12	Honor your father and your mother	Acts 20:28	Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God
	Ex. 20:13	You shall not murder	Acts 20:26	I am innocent of the blood of all men
	Ex. 20:14	You shall not commit adultery	Acts 20:18	I was with you the whole time
	Ex. 20:15	You shall not steal	Acts 20:34	These hands ministered to my own needs and to the men who were with me
	Ex. 20:16	You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor	Acts 20:27	I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God
	Ex. 20:17	You shall not covet	Acts 20:33	I have coveted no one's silver or gold or clothes