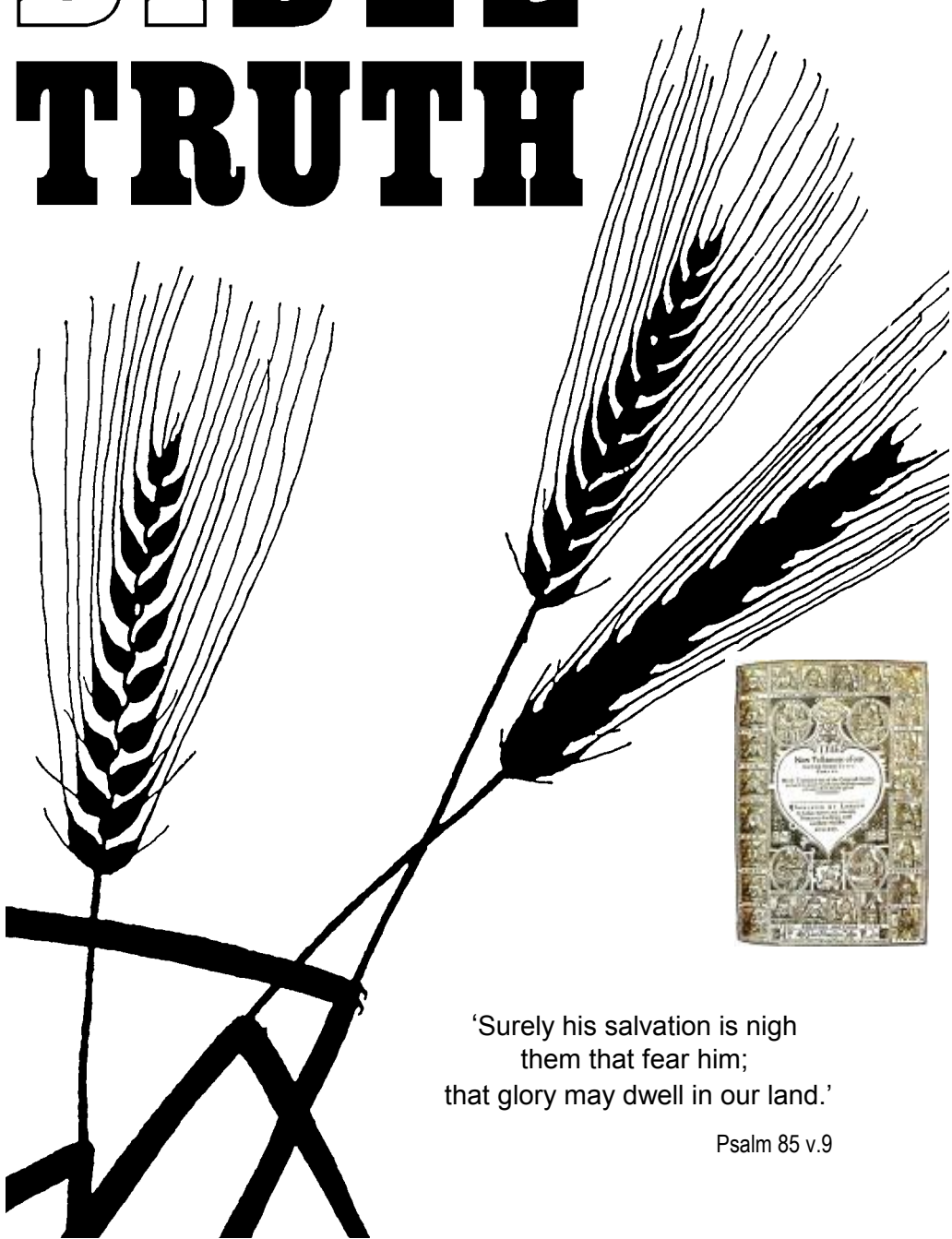


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‘Surely his salvation is nigh
them that fear him;
that glory may dwell in our land.’

Psalm 85 v.9

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

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The Apostle Paul advised us, 'For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself' (see Galatians ch.5 v.14, Matthew ch.19 v.19 & Mark ch.12 v.31). He was not saying that the law was ended, but that in the end, our obedience of the law would lead to a true love for our fellowman. In fact, this is an Old Testament concept, for Paul was actually quoting from the Law in Leviticus ch.19 v.18 when he said this. The Apostle quoted favourably from the Mosaic Law dozens of times in contexts reaffirming its continuing relevance for Christians and would not have done so if the Law was abrogated and meant to be forgotten. Read Romans ch.3 v.31 for the Apostle's view of the continuance of the Law for Christians. Every one of the Ten Commandments from the Old Testament is reaffirmed in the New, as outlined below.

1. '... Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, ...' - Matthew ch.4 v.10
'God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth.' - John ch.4 v.24
2. '... dearly beloved, flee from idolatry.' - 1 Corinthians ch.10 v.14
3. '... Swear not at all; ...' - Matthew ch.5 v.34 'But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.' - Matthew ch.5 v.37
4. 'There remaineth therefore a rest [sabbatismos] to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he [Jesus] also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.' - Hebrews ch.4 vv 9-11
5. 'Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; ... That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.' - Ephesians ch.6 vv 1-3
6. 'Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him. - 1 John ch.3 v.15
7. '... I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.' - Matthew ch.5 v.28

8. 'Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with *his* hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.' - Ephesians ch.4 v.28
9. 'Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.' - Ephesians ch.4 v.25
10. '... covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; ... For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolator, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.' - Ephesians ch..5 vv 3 & 5

The Ten Commandments as Rhymed in McGuffey's Reader used in Early American Homes and Schools for Generations.

1. Thou no gods shalt have but me.
2. Before no idol bend the knee.
3. Take not the name of God in vain.
4. Dare not the Sabbath day profane.
5. Give to thy parents honour due.
6. Take heed that thou no murder do.
7. Abstain from words and deeds unclean.
8. Steal not, for thou by God art seen.
9. Tell not a wilful lie, nor love it.
10. What is thy neighbour's do not covet.
