

Two Tablets -----Two Hearts

The Ten Commandments are found in our Bibles at Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 5. The account of the second writing (after the first tablets are broken) is found in Deuteronomy 10. Why did God use two stone rocks to write his standard of living for the human race? I understand the permanency of stone--but why two? If the writing with his finger was say in 8-point instead of 12-point, maybe all 10 commands would have fit on one stone tablet. Certainly it would have been an easier load for Moses to carry up and down Mount Sinai. In fact, when Moses busted the first set of the possibly granite carved instructions, God made Moses chisel another pair of stone tablets for an exact re-make like the first set. So two tablets must have some significance--but what or why? Maybe, this statement in Deut 6.5 will give us the answer: "These commandments that I give to you today are to be upon your hearts."

The human heart is our source of life. One can be born without an arm or leg, born without hearing or speech, but one cannot be born without a heart. This vital organ, the heart, is known to have four chambers. The two upper chambers are called the left and right atria and the two lower chambers are called the left and right ventricle. Physicians commonly call the right atrium and right ventricle the Right Heart and the left atrium and left ventricle the Left Heart. Simply put, as I understand, the Right Heart is concerned with the collection of blood and the Left Heart, the pumping of blood to the body. Even more simply stated, the Right Heart is about input and the Left Heart is about output. Kind of like having two hearts. So what does this have to do with two stone tablets? The first four commands are about our relationship with God. They are summed up by Jesus when he said that the greatest of all commands is to love God with all of our heart.... Love, however, does not initiate from man or woman. Love comes from God. God is love and God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit whom he has given us (Rom 5.5). So, assuming the first four commands were written on the first stone, we have the input. Love is supplied as we obey the One and Only God, serve the One and Only "I AM" and Him alone, honor His name (Jesus) above all names, and keep holiness for His Sabbath Rest. Just like the Right Heart is about input, so the First Tablet is about input.

The last six commands were also summed up by Jesus when he said about the greatest command...and the second is like unto it--Love your neighbor as yourself. Now we have the output. The life-giving, life-supplying, flow of Love comes into our hearts from our Father above (input) and we in turn enter and create Loving relationships (output) with our spouse, our parents, our children, our relatives, our friends the stranger, and even our enemies. Just like the Left Heart is about output, so the Second Tablet is about output. "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." 1John 4

Blood and Love flow in with immeasurable and unending supply; Blood and Love flow out and human hearts are forever changed. Calvary is the source, the Cross is the supply. Two Tablets for Two hearts? "We show ourselves to be a letter of Christ, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts." 2Cor3.3 Yes! Two Tablets for Two Hearts. sj/0214

