

## **THE WRONG SAVIOR PT. 4**

# THE 2 COMMANDMENTS



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***Matt. 22:35 Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying,***

***Matt. 22:36 Master, which is the great commandment in the law?***

***Matt. 22:37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.***

***Matt. 22:38 This is the first and great commandment.***

***Matt. 22:39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.***

***Matt. 22:40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.***



- Many erroneous doctrines today fail to recognize the deity of Jesus Christ because of their flawed understanding of Him. He was much more than a prophet. *1John 5:12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.*
- Unfortunately many are present victims of spiritual abuse and hypocrisy perpetrated by the hands of a Christian. This offense has turned their hearts cold toward the true Christ and His teachings. *Heb. 12:15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;*
- Some even desire to live under the law of God to escape the personal responsibility of living according to Christ's teachings. *Rom. 8:3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:*



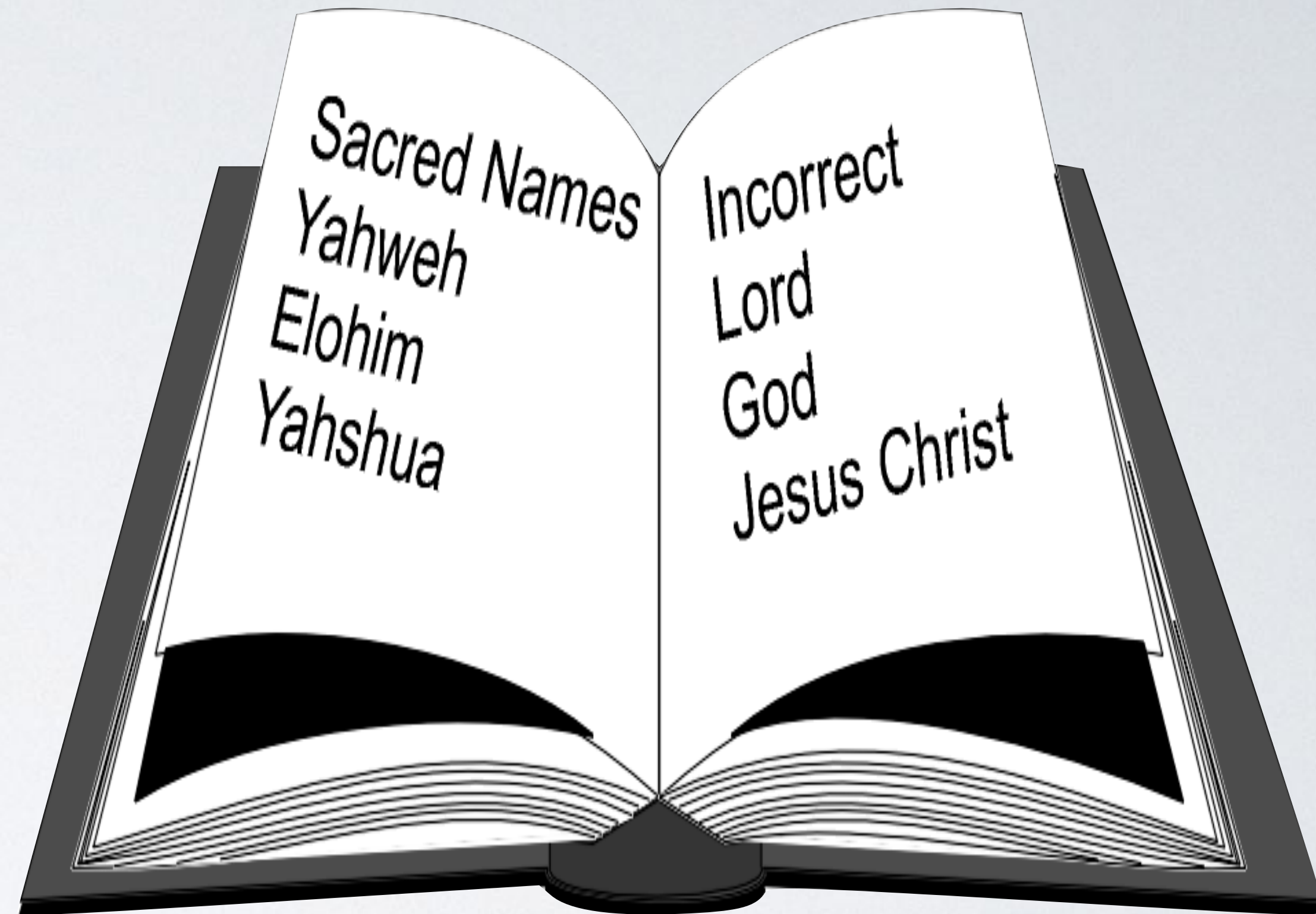


- When Christ's enemies questioned Him about the law to make Him validate its prevalence, Christ turned the tables on them and put the focus on their behavior. *Matt. 23:3 All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not.*
- To love the Lord with all thy heart, soul, and mind means that knowing the entire law is not important, but love covers a multitude of sins. *Prov. 10:12 Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins.*
- If you truly love Him, even when you err you will be sorrowful and desire to do better because of your love for Him. This action replaces the punishment with grace because of love. *2Cor. 7:10 For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.*





- **Loving your neighbor as yourself is such a powerful statement. It makes sin impossible without consequences.**  
*1John 4:20 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?*
- **Even if the Israelite priests atoned for your transgressions with the blood of an animal, the consequences of sin would always remain because someone was hurt by your actions.**  
*Heb. 10:4 For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.*
- **Jesus died to pay for our sins, but the anger and hurt from being sinned against is still an issue for the victims of it. The long term effects of sinning against others is why Jesus said that the whole law can be hung on these two.**  
*Gal. 5:14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.*



Summary



The Sadducees and Pharisees in Jesus' day were very similar to our modern day "law keeper" doctrines. They make the law of more importance than the salvation of the soul. Law keepers spend all of their time finding fault and defending their stance. They are more focused on punishment for not following the law than their love for others! Law keeping doctrines are prevalent today because people do not want to follow an authority, but they would rather follow the law so they won't be responsible for righteous living. This practice precipitates hypocrisy! They quote the law but treat others badly. They can recite the law and still abuse, fornicate, curse people, and be racist toward other people groups! They appear righteous by reciting the law and wearing Old Testament garb but inwardly they are filled with hatred and unforgiveness. They want the law but shun Christ because His grace would force them to extend grace to those that hurt them! They claim to be following God's way by adhering to the law, but they are really denying God's way!

God's way is in Christ Jesus. He is the manifestation of grace for the law and because He is the fulfillment of the law, He can sum the law up in His own actions that He exemplified. He told us to follow His example. Love God with everything and love your neighbor the same as yourself. Though the law taught us God's position on things, Christ taught us how to please God in spite of our flaws and errors. As long as we follow Christ, we can please God.



*John 1:6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.*

*John 1:7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.*

*John 1:8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.*

*John 1:9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.*

*John 1:10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.*

*John 1:11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.*

*John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:*

*John 1:13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.*

*John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.*

*John 1:15 John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me.*

*John 1:16 And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.*

*John 1:17 For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.*