

## **THE TEN DAYS OF AWE** prepares us for Yom Kippur

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From the Yom Truah sounding of the shofar, we enter this year's Ten Days of Awe.  
In these days we suggest to focus one day at a time with The Ten Words of Shemot 20.  
Each morning we will post for that day.

### **Thoughts for meditating within each of The Ten Words:**

The Ten Words is The Summary of The Covenant between God and His Children.  
The Covenant guards God's Creation.  
Our focus this 10 days is God as our Creator.

Bereshit opens with our Creator introducing Himself as The Creator.  
His first communication with us is as our Creator.

There is a Creator and I am created.  
It would be Wisdom for me to learn the creation that I am from The Mouth of The Creator.  
All of us have discovered together what He has disclosed to us in the Hebrew of Genesis 2:8; 2:10 and 2:15 together with God's definition of tov in Chapter One. It is what we know from these two chapters that we meditate upon within The Ten Words as a summary of The Covenant which guards The Creator's Creation.

God called Avraham to make of him a Family of Families and to make a Covenant with him for the creation of humanity to be able to be known. God testifies to all of us about Avraham in these words:

"Abraham heard in My Voice  
and guarded My protective guards,  
My mitzvot, My chukim, My toroot."

From the way that Abba worded this testimony about Avraham we can know for sure that God taught Avraham his protective guards.  
Note that God calls His mitzvot, His chukim, and His toroot the protective guards.

Avraham understood what these protective guards guarded.  
He understood what happens if we guard the protective guards.  
He understood what happens if we do not guard the protective guards.  
Therefore, he guarded God's Protective Guards, His mitzvot, His chukim, and His toroot.  
This Family of Families, God formed to be a Nation. A Nation that is a Family of Families to live and to guard The Covenant of Mt. Sinai. This Covenant shows us how to live as the humanity that God created humanity to be. The human relationships defined and guarded. And displayed from the Geography of The Land of Israel in the midst of the families of all the earth.

This Covenant guards the true knowledge of the humanity that God created humanity to be from generation to generation.

From these thoughts we spend these 10 Days within The Ten Words.

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We suggest that each day you re-read this intro and then read that day's verses from Shemot 20.

## **Understanding The Grammar of The Ten Words: Shemot 20**

The imperative form is a command form.

The Ten Words are NOT in an imperative form.

The grammatical construction of The Ten Words:

The Hebrew word *lo* "not" plus a future form = you will not.

1<sup>st</sup> of the Ten Words : There will not be to you other gods upon My Face.

you will not commit adultery

You will not steal

You will not murder

You will not, etc.

You will not, because it is not who you are.

Walking within Covenant Faithfulness, you will not \_\_\_\_\_.

These behaviors describe what it looks like to walk within Covenant Faithfulness.

These are truths that describe the reality of you when walking in Covenant Faithfulness.

This is also instructive about the reality of who you are as new creation humanity.