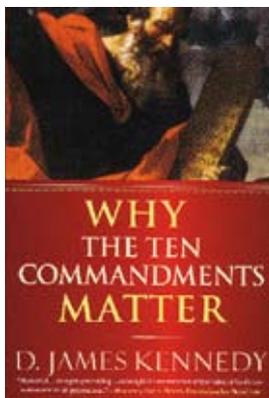


Sabbath and Jubilee

Richard H. Lowery
Chalice Press, Missouri,
2000
162 pp., \$18.99

Sabbath and Jubilee provides an in depth study of the Sabbath and Jubilee passages of both the OT and NT. In the introduction

Lowery points out the crisis in modern society and from there starts his investigation of the Sabbath as a possible remedy. The main part of the book is dedicated to laying out the rich social, economic, political, and cultural context of the biblical world about the Sabbath and the Jubilee. Lowery argues that these concepts spring from the ground of social solidarity, economic justice, and God's joyous purposes for creation. In the last chapter of he returns to the initial question and points out the contemporary relevance of the Sabbath and the Jubilee. The book provides a good overview of the issue and introduces the major concepts involved. Lowery's 19th century methodology might at a few instances be irritating to the modern, critical reader.

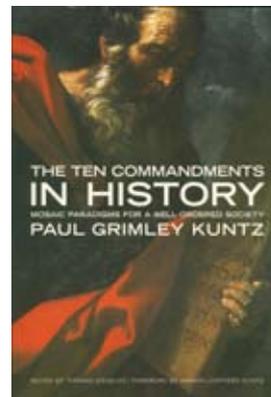


Why the Ten Commandments Matter

D. James Kennedy
Warner Faith, New York,
2005
188 pp., \$12.99

Dr. D. James Kennedy believes many of the so-

cial ills that plague America today---from an exponentially rising divorce rate to the violence in our schools---stem from society's ever-increasing distance from the Ten Commandments. In each case, obeying one or another of these ancient rules would have prevented the tragedies. "Sin is not only destroying individual lives and individual health, it is mercilessly bludgeoning the family in America." Dr. Kennedy looks at the Ten Commandments and shows how they are, in fact, a prescription for a happier life---and a guide for a safe and productive society.

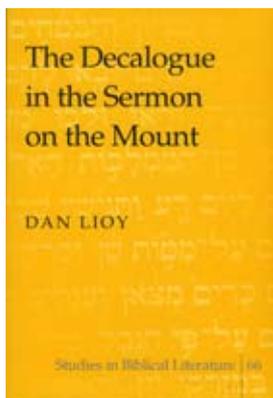


The Ten Commandments in History

Paul Grimley Kuntz
William B. Eerdmans
Publishing Company,
Grand Rapids, 2004
226 pp., \$24.00

Paul Grimley Kuntz passionately argues here that the Ten Commandments are universal principles of social order that have to be applied in concrete circumstances in order for their meaning to be fully understood. In a nearly seamless discourse about the tradition of the Ten Commandments, Kuntz engages the thought of more than twenty philosophers from antiquity to modernity, showing how great minds adapted the Decalogue to the needs of their particular age. Among the figures treated in the book are Philo, Aquinas, Hobbes, Locke, Kant, Jefferson, Pascal, and Nietzsche. By demonstrating the crucial role of the Decalogue in the history of ideas, Kuntz

hoped that readers would find a new reverence for the Ten Commandments and once again value their place in civil society.



**The Decalogue in the
Sermon of the Mount**

Dan Lioy
Peter Lang, New York,
2004
331 pp., \$35.95

In this book, Dan Lioy investigates the biblical concept of the law and conducts a thoroughgoing analysis of the Decalogue and the Sermon on the Mount, paying particular attention to the connection between these two great bodies of biblical literature. The result is a comprehensive work that argues for the enduring relevance of the moral law. This volume is appropriate for personal study and is also suitable as a college and seminary text.