

# The X Commandements

The Whole Booke of Psalms (1621), p. 20-23

John FARMER (ca. 1570-1605)

CANTVS

MEDIVS

TENOR  
or Playnsong

BASSVS

Hark Is - ra - el, and what I say give heed to un - der - stand:

Hark Is - ra - el, and what I say give heed to un - der - stand:

Hark Is - ra - el, and what I say, give heed to un - der - stand:

Hark Is - ra - el, and what I say give heed to un - der - stand:

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S. I am the Lord thy God that brought thee out of E - gypt - land.

A. I am the Lord thy God that brought thee out of E - gypt - land.

T. I am the Lord thy God that brought thee out of E - gypt - land.

B. I am the Lord thy God that brought thee out of E - gypt - land.

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S. I am the Lord thy God that brought thee out of E - gypt - land.

A. Ev'n from the house where-in thou didst en - thral dome live a slave:

T. Ev'n from the house where-in thou didst en - thral dome live a slave:

B. Ev'n from the house where - in thou didst en - thral dome live a slave:

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S. Ev'n from the house where - in thou didst en - thral dome live a slave:

S. None o - ther gods at all be - fore my pre - sence shalt thou have.

A. None o - ther gods at all be - fore my pre - sence shalt thou have.

T. None o - ther gods at all be - fore my pre - sence shalt thou have.

B. None o - ther gods at all be - fore my pre - sence shalt thou have.

No manner graven image shalt thou make at all to thee:  
Nor any figure like to thee shall contertified be  
Of any thing in heaven above, not in the earth below:  
Nor in waters beneath the earth, to them thou shalt not bow.

Nor shalt them serve, the Lord thy God a jealous God am I,  
That punish parents faults unto the third and fourth degree  
Upon their children that me hate: and mercy do display  
To thousands of such as me love and my precepts obey.

The seventh day is set by the Lord, thy God to rest upon:  
No work then shalt thou do in it, ne thou, nor yet thy son,  
Thy daughter, servant, nor handmaid, thine Ox, not yet thine Ass:  
Nor stranger that within thy gates hath his abiding place.

Yield honour to thy parents, that prolonged thy days may be  
Upon the land, the which the Lord, thy God hath given thee.  
Thou shalt not murder. Thou shalt not commit adultery.  
Thou shalt not steal. Not witness false against thy neighbour be.

## Critical notes:

Although the Cantus part mentions John Farmer as the composer, in the Medius part it is Thomas Ravenscroft... (The latter is the general 'editor' of "The Whole Booke of Psalms");  
Text somewhat modernised.

The name thou of the Lord thy God in vaine shalt never use:  
For him that takes his name in vaine, the Lord will not excuse.  
Remember that thou holy keep, the sacred Sabbath day:  
Six days thou labour shalt, and do thy needful works alway.

For in six days God heaven and earth, and all therein did make:  
And after those his rest he did upon the seventh day take.  
Wherefor he blessed the day that he for resting did ordaine:  
And sacred to himself alone, appointed to remain.

Thou shalt not covet house that to thy neighbour doth belong:  
Ne covet shalt in having of his wife to do him wrong.  
Nor his man servant, nor his maid nor Ox nor Ass of his,  
Nor any other thing that to thy neighbour proper is.