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When Abimelech restored Sarah to Abraham, he also gave him 1,000 pieces of silver (which was an *enormous sum* of money).

- **Genesis 20:16:** "And unto Sarah he said, Behold, I have given thy brother a thousand pieces of silver: behold, he is to thee a covering of the eyes, unto all that are with thee, and with all other: thus she was reproved."

Joseph gave Benjamin 300 pieces of silver (which was a large **sum** of money in the ancient world).

- **Genesis 45:22:** "To all of them he gave each man changes of raiment; but to Benjamin he gave three hundred pieces of silver, and five changes of raiment."

Under the Mosaic Law, if a man had sex with a woman who was a virgin and wasn't engaged, and was discovered, then he had to marry her (after paying her father fifty shekels of silver, which was a large **sum** of money). He also wasn't allowed to ever divorce her.

- **Deuteronomy 22:28-29:** "If a man find a damsel that is a virgin, which is not betrothed, and lay hold on her, and lie with her, and they be found; Then the man that lay with her shall give unto the damsel's father fifty shekels of silver, and she shall be his wife; because he hath humbled her, he may not put her away all his days."

Naaman was prepared to pay Elisha a *very* large **sum** of

money to be cured of his leprosy.

- **2 Kings 5:5:** "And the king of Syria said, Go to, go, and I will send a letter unto the king of Israel. And he departed, and took with him ten talents of silver, and six thousand pieces of gold, and ten changes of raiment."

Gehazi used a lie to deceive Naaman into giving him a very large **sum** of money. (That ended up going very badly for Gehazi.)

- **2 Kings 5:22-23:** "And he said, All is well. My master hath sent me, saying, Behold, even now there be come to me from mount Ephraim two young men of the sons of the prophets: give them, I pray thee, a talent of silver, and two changes of garments. And Naaman said, Be content, take two talents. And he urged him, and bound two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of garments, and laid them upon two of his servants; and they bare them before him."

Haman promised to pay King Ahasuerus an extremely large **sum** of money in exchange for killing all of the Jews.

- **Esther 3:8-9:** "And Haman said unto king Ahasuerus, There is a certain people scattered abroad and dispersed among the people in all the provinces of thy kingdom; and their laws are diverse from all people; neither keep they the king's laws: therefore it is not for the king's profit to suffer them. If it please the king, let it be written that they may be destroyed: and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver to the hands of those that have the charge of the business, to bring it into the king's treasuries."

- **Esther 4:7:** "And Mordecai told him of all that had happened unto him, and of the sum of the money that Haman had promised to pay to the king's treasuries for the Jews, to destroy them."

When the captain of the guard (Nebuzaradan) freed Jeremiah, he gave him a reward. (This seems to mean he gave him a small **sum** of money.)

- **Jeremiah 40:5:** "Now while he was not yet gone back, he said, Go back also to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, whom the king of Babylon hath made governor over the cities of Judah, and dwell with him among the people: or go wheresoever it seemeth convenient unto thee to go. So the captain of the guard gave him victuals and a reward, and let him go."

The entire Mosaic Law can be **summed** up like this: we must treat other people the way we want to be treated.

- **Matthew 7:12:** "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets."

The soldiers who guarded the tomb of Jesus were bribed with a large **sum** of money to lie about what actually happened.

- **Matthew 28:12-13:** "And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers, Saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept."

Many rich people cast large **sums** of money into the temple treasury. (However, God wasn't impressed.)

- **Mark 12:41:** "And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much."

Since the large **sums** of money that the rich gave weren't significant to them, they weren't significant to God either.

- **Mark 12:43-44:** "And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury: For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living."

It's possible for a poor person to give more in the sight of God than the rich, if the poor give out of their poverty and the rich give **sums** that don't matter to them.

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Abraham purchased a place to bury his wife Sarah for a **sum** of money.

- **Acts 7:16:** "And were carried over into Sychem, and laid in the sepulchre that Abraham bought for a sum of money of the sons of Emmor the father of Sychem."

The chief captain told Paul that he became a Roman citizen by paying a large **sum** of money.

- **Acts 22:27-28:** "Then the chief captain came, and said unto him, Tell me, art thou a Roman? He said, Yea. And the chief captain answered, With a great sum obtained I this freedom. And Paul said, But I was free born."

The commandments can be **summed** up by saying we must love our neighbor as ourselves.

- **Romans 13:9:** "For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself."
- **Galatians 5:14:** "For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself."