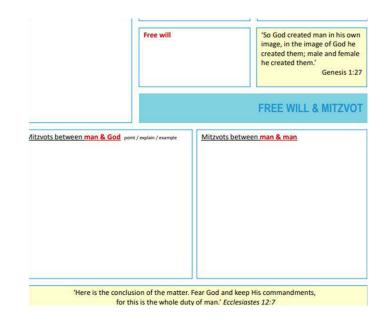
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God has given Jews the mitzvot so that they know how to use their God-given free will – hence there are rewards and punishments

UNDERSTAND AND EXPLAIN

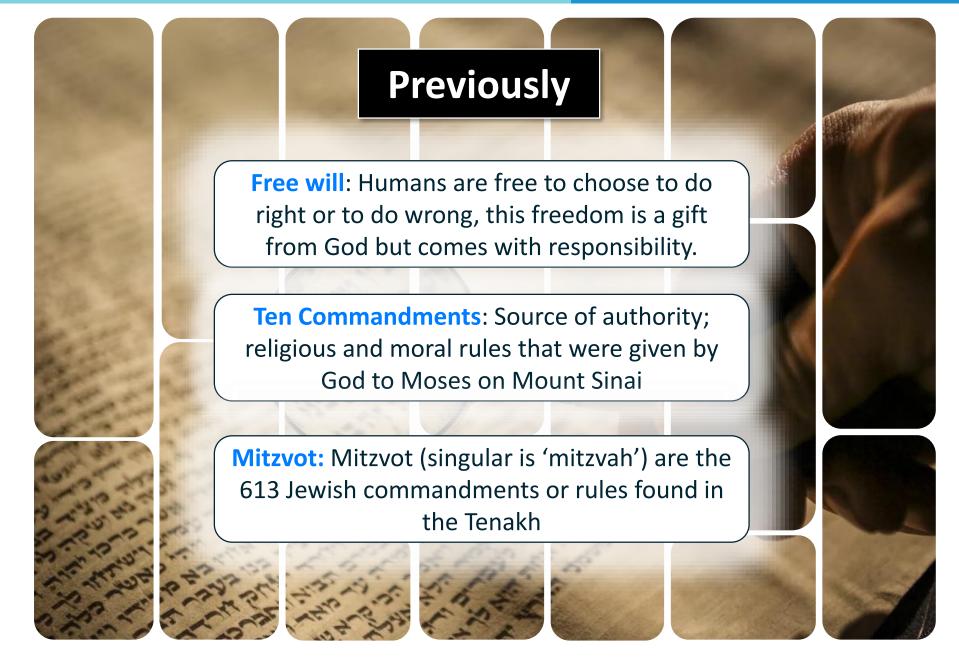
- Understand the relationship between free will and mitzvot
- Understand the different types of mitzvot: between humans & God; between humans
- Understand the importance of mitzvot





Moses Judaism Beliefs and Teachings





Teaching...

One way of thinking of the **mitzvot** is as 'positive' and 'negative' rules:

There are **248 positive mitzvot**, which explain what Jews should do. These rules are known as mitzvot aseh.

There are **365** negative mitzvot, which explain what Jews should not do. These rules are known as mitzvot ta'aseh.

Alternatively you can divide the **mitzvot** up like this:

Some of the laws are judgements and the reasons for keeping them are obvious, for example "do not kill" these are known as *mishpatim*. Others are statutes, they are a attest of faith because it could be argued that there is no real reason for them to be followed other than God commanded it: for example, Jews must not wear a garment of wool and linen fabrics together.

Teaching...

When we think of the word "command" it often has negative connotations. But to the Jews, these commandments lead to a blessed life.

"See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse—the blessing if you obey the commands of the Lord your God that I am giving you today; the curse if you disobey the commands of the Lord your God and turn from the way that I command you today..."

Deuteronomy 11:26-28

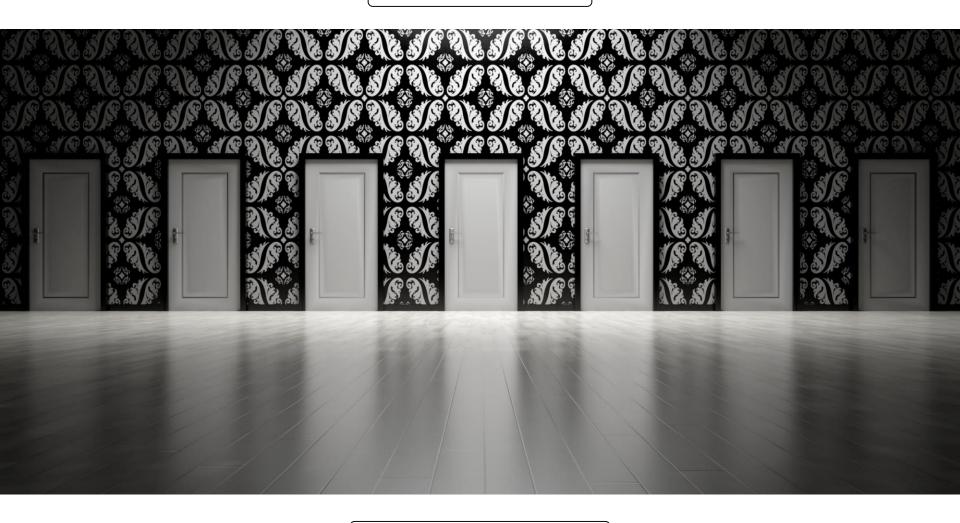


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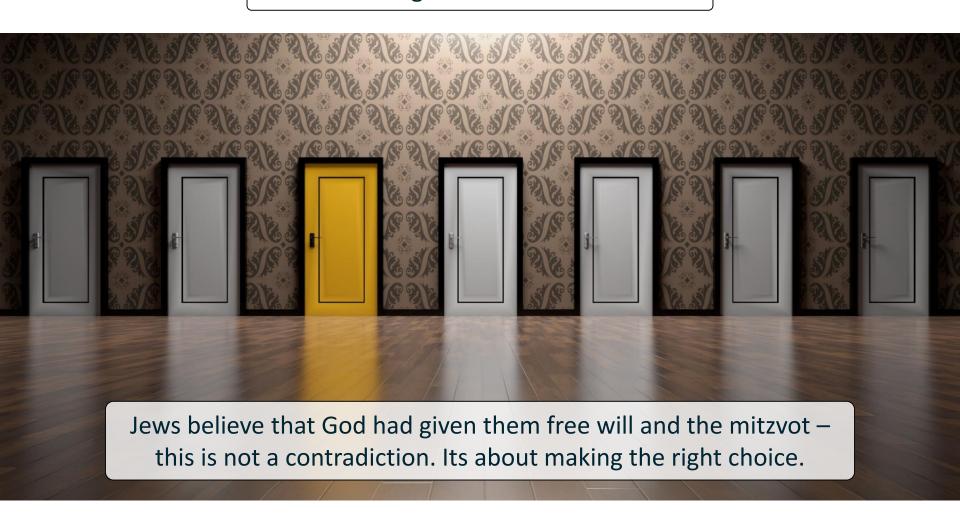
What is **free will**?



Ability + responsibly

Free will & Mitzvot Judaism Beliefs and Teachings

How can God give **free will** and **mitzvot**?



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TEN COMMANDMENTS

- 1. I am the LORD your God
- 2. You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make idols.
- **3**. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain
- 4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

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Mitzvot between man and God

The Mitzvot give guidance on issues such as dietary laws, worship, festivals and rituals.

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TEN COMMANDMENTS

The Mitzvot give guidance on issues such as family life and how to live as a member of their community

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These govern our relationship with each other

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- **5**. Honour your father and your mother.
- 6. You shall not murder.
- 7. You shall not commit adultery.
- 8. You shall not steal
- **9**. Do not bear false witness
- 10. Do not envy.