

Daniel



Lesson 10-The Law of God's Kingdom

Focus: God's Law

- ❖ **It was said of the Persian's Laws "...no decree or statute which the king establishes may be changed" (Daniel 6:15)**
 - *If that could be said of the laws of men, which, as we know, actually do change fairly often to suit the needs of growing populations, changing governments, and times, **WHAT THEN should we say of the Law of God?! Would the all perfect, all seeing, timeless God—who lasts from generation to generation—ever change his moral laws for all mankind?? Let's find out what the word of God says...***
- ❖ **Are the Ten Commandments of God changeable? (Psalm 111:7,8)**
 - **Does God ever change? (Malachi 3:6)** *"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8).*
 - **What does Jesus tell us? (Matthew 5:17-19)**
 - Jesus came *"...to **magnify the Law** and make it honorable" (Isaiah 42:21). Jesus said much to magnify God's commandments in His Sermon on the Mount (ref. Matthew 5).*
 - *"The Law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul..." (Psalm 19:7)*
 - *Keep in mind: the Ten Commandments were **written in Stone with the finger of God (twice!!)** (ref. Exodus 31:18). **The Ten Commandments are the only portion of the Scripture that was directly written by the "finger of God!"** (Everything else in the Bible, God inspired the Prophets to write down as they were guided by His Spirit. In every case, the prophets have told the people to **OBEY the Ten Commandments of God**)*
 - **Israel was in captivity for the very reason that they had broken, ignored, disregarded, and dishonored the Ten Commandments!!** (They were therefore dishonoring God and spurning His great love towards them).
- ❖ **What are God's Commandments built on? Are they arbitrary or is there an eternal purpose in them? (Matthew 22:37-40)**
- ❖ **What are the Ten Commandments? (Exodus 20:1-17)** *On whose authority are they given? (v.1) No doubt, Jesus himself speaks of these words when He says, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by **every word that proceeds from the mouth of God**" (Matthew 4:4).*
 - 1. _____ (v.2,3)
 - 2. _____ (v.4-6)
 - 3. _____ (v.7)
 - 4. _____ (v.8-11)
 - 5. _____ (v.12)
 - 6. _____ (v.13)
 - 7. _____ (v.14)
 - 8. _____ (v.15)

- 9. _____ (v.16)
- 10. _____ (v.17)

- ❖ **Can we ever just pick and choose from the Ten Commandments? Is it okay for us to keep nine of them, and choose to break just one of them? (James 2:10-12)**
- ❖ **Can we possibly earn our salvation by just keeping the commandments apart from Jesus? No!** *“We are saved by grace through faith; it is the gift of God. Not of works, lest any man should boast” (Ephesians 2:8,9).*
- ❖ **What is the purpose of the Law of God? *The Law points out sin!!*** *“Sin is the transgression of the Law...[the breaking of the law]” (1 John 3:4). Like a mirror the law merely points out the sin (or dirt) in our lives. But, the Law itself cannot cleanse us (just like a mirror cannot). It requires the blood of Jesus Christ to cleanse us from all of our sin (1 John 1:7). We need Jesus! The Law points out our sin so that we go to Jesus for cleansing, then out of love for Him, we choose to obey and keep his commandments by His holy grace (John 14:15). The Law always existed, even before Mount Sinai, when the tables of Stone were given. The Sabbath existed from Creation (Genesis 2:1-3). It was a sin for Cain to kill his brother Abel (Genesis 4). It was a sin for Joseph to commit adultery—therefore he did not do it (Genesis 39:7-9). Even Abraham kept all the commandments and laws of God, though he was saved by faith too (Gen. 15:6; 26:5).*
- ❖ **Does God’s grace ever do away with God’s law? (Romans 3:31)** *Not possible the Bible says. Being saved by grace means that we desire to establish and uphold the Law! Doesn’t the Bible say that we are “...not under the Law, but under grace” (Romans 6:14,15)? Surely it does. But Paul says, that does not mean we can break the Law of God’s commandments—that would be sin (for which Jesus had to die to pay a high price)! We are not to sin!! An Example: A man is speeding on a motorcycle. A police officer pulls him over. The officer says, “You were speeding!” The man says, “Please have mercy on me today, sir!” The Officer says, “Okay, you can have it.” “Thank you sir,” the man says back. Now he is under GRACE, not the law. If he was under the Law he would be paying the ticket because he was speeding! But, now should he peel out and speed down the road?!! –because he’s “under grace”?? Certainly not! That cop would catch him and lock him up! He’s “under grace,” therefore, he should obey the Law with even more thankfulness and carefulness than before.*
- ❖ **The faithful church of Jesus Christ in the last days will keep all of God’s commandments. The Bible tells us that Satan hates the church who keeps all of God’s commandments (Revelation 14:12; 12:17).** *All of the Apostles teach us to obey God’s commands; James, Peter, Paul, John, etc. Jesus himself taught us to lovingly obey all of God’s commandments! In the New Covenant the Bible speaks of, it tells us that Jesus wants to write his commandments “in our minds and in our hearts” so that we know and love the Law of God...so that we obey from the heart (Hebrews 8:10). Jesus doesn’t just want it to be written in stone, but actually to be in our hearts and minds.*
- ❖ **What does Jesus say His faithful followers will do at every time in history? (John 14:15, 21)**

Question (s) for the Heart:

Is it your desire to lovingly obey and keep the Ten Commandments, out of love for Jesus? _____