

Law of God

purpose: To show that the moral law of God is a transcript of His Character; it is eternal, unchanging, and is the embodiment of Divine love.

***Introduction-** We learned about the gospel and the Spirit of God, which comes into your life and begins to write God's law in your heart and mind. Let's look at the basic moral requirements that God's Spirit begins to write on your life. What is the law of God about?

Exodus 20:1-17 (may give as homework)

- 1-4 speak of our relationship to God
- 5-20 speak of our relationship to others
- **Transition:** So God spoke the law in Exodus 20, now He writes it down and gives it to His people.

Exodus 24:9-12

- Vs. 12- Hebrew word "Ha" meaning "the", the phrase reads, the tablets of the stone. "The" specifies a specific stone. The commandments were written on the sapphire stone mentioned in vs 10.

Numbers 15:37-41

- Blue tassels were to remind them of the commandments.
- Sapphire stone is blue!
- **Transition:** What is the significance of blue sapphire stone? Go to next...

Ezekiel 1:22-28

- God's throne is made out of sapphire stone.
- The 10 commandments are made out of the very stuff that the throne of God is made of!
- **Transition:** What did God tell Israel to do with the 10 commandments? Put them in a box (ark of the testimony). What was the function of the box in the sanctuary? It was God's throne.

Exodus 25:8-16

- Verse for the above transition ☺
- Build Me a box and put My testimony in it. (It was an earthly throne for God.)

Exodus 31:18

- The testimony of God is the 10 commandments.

Exodus 25:17-22

- God promised to meet with them over the ark of the covenant- His presence would be there.

Psalms 80:1

- God dwells (is enthroned) between the cherubim.
- God governs the earth in the same way that He governs the Heavens.

Revelation 11:19

- Temple of God in Heaven contains the ark of the covenant

Deuteronomy 4:13

- The covenant is the 10 commandment law.

1 Corinthians 3:16

- I am God's temple and His Spirit dwells in me. God wants to put the law on the heart of this earthly temple (me)!

Hebrews 10:15-17

- God wants to write His law on my heart and mind.

Isaiah 14:12,13

- Satan wants to take God's throne.

Revelation 14:12

- But the last day people of God will keep the commandments of God.

Matthew 6:9-13

- Jesus' prayer is that God's will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. He is praying for the law of God to be written on the heart of people (earthly temple), as it is written on the heart of his temple in heaven (ark of the covenant).
- God has one consistent will. He does not change.

Matthew 5:17-30

- I have not come to abolish the law, but to fulfill it!
- God is calling us to do the will of God on earth, as it is done in heaven.

appeal: Is there anything that would keep you from putting your trust in Christ, so that you can receive the Spirit and the Spirit can write the law of God in your heart? Would you like to have the law of God written in your heart and your mind?

- Yes- then kneel and pray for them
- No ☹

defend it:

The law was done away with at the cross.

- Ask for a Bible text.
- Matthew 5:17-30

Not under the law, but under grace (Romans 6:14)

- Amen, I agree with you!
- Ask, what does it mean to be under grace?
 - Under grace means saved by grace. Under law means saved by the law.
 - Telling saved people to keep God's law is very different then telling people to keep God's law in order to be saved.
 - God begins the 10 commandments by saying He has saved us. In response, He wants us to keep His law.
 - God's law is not the way of salvation. God's grace is.

Christ is the end of the law (Romans 10:4)

- Acc. to this text for what purpose is Christ the end of the law? For righteousness.
- Acc. to this text *for whom is Christ the end of the law?* For all who believe.
- Christ puts an end to a specific function of the law for believers. Believers do not use the law to gain righteousness, righteousness comes from Christ.

Died to the law / Released from the law (Romans 7:4,6)

- All three of these are true:
 - I died to the law (died with Christ on the cross)
 - I am released from the law
 - I serve the law (Romans 7:25)
- Read Paul's argument. He had to be divorced from the law and married to Christ in order to serve the law.
- Leviticus 18:5