



Lesson 9

God Gives His Law

Exodus 19:1-20:21; 24:3-8, 12-18

LAW

vs.

GOSPEL

GOD'S WORD

Reveals God's **expectations**, the basics of right and wrong, and the **punishment** for failing to keep the Law perfectly.



Shows

Our

Sin

Sin = Lawlessness (1 John 3:4), therefore the Law defines and identifies sin.

Law works as

Curb (Romans 2:14)

Mirror (Romans 3:20)

Guide (Psalm 119:105)

GOD'S WORD

Reveals God's "Good News" for sinners, the message of salvation, how God has redeemed and reconciled us through Christ Jesus.



Shows

Our

Savior



Law written perfectly in the hearts of Adam and Eve was left as a remnant after the fall into sin
= “The Natural Knowledge of the Law”

God’s written Law:

- 1) **Civil Law** – the day-to-day laws necessary in a sinful society; Israel was a theocracy. These no longer bind us because now God rules through His representatives on earth. We no longer live in a theocracy.
- 2) **Ceremonial Law** – the laws that governed Old Testament worship (Sabbath Day, Day of Atonement, Passover, etc.). These were foreshadowing Jesus and all that He would do. They were pictures of what was to come, but they are completely fulfilled by Jesus, His life, and His work. Therefore, they no longer need to be observed.

3) **Moral Law** – The basics of right and wrong as declared by God. These are unchanging and for all time—God does not change. The moral law is summarized in the Ten Commandments.

First giving of the written Law = Mt. Sinai to Moses, Exodus 20

Second giving of the Law = review of law via Moses before his death, Deuteronomy 5

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Exodus 19:1-20:21

On the third new moon after the people of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that day they came into the wilderness of Sinai. ² They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, ³ while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, **“Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: ⁴ ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. ⁵ Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; ⁶ and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.”**

⁷ So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ⁸ **All the people answered together and said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do.”** And Moses reported the words of the people to

the LORD. ⁹ And the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I am coming to you in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and may also believe you forever.”

When Moses told the words of the people to the LORD, ¹⁰ the LORD said to Moses, “Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their garments ¹¹ and be ready for the third day. For on the third day the LORD will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people. ¹² And you shall set limits for the people all around, saying, ‘Take care not to go up into the mountain or touch the edge of it. Whoever touches the mountain shall be put to death. ¹³ No hand shall touch him, but he shall be stoned or shot;^[a] whether beast or man, he shall not live.’ When the trumpet sounds a long blast, they shall come up to the mountain.” ¹⁴ So Moses went down from the mountain to the people and consecrated the people; and they washed their garments. ¹⁵ And he said to the people, “Be ready for the third day; do not go near a woman.”

¹⁶ On the morning of the third day there were thunders and lightnings and a thick cloud on the mountain and a very loud trumpet blast, so that all the people in the camp trembled. ¹⁷ Then Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God, and they took their stand at the foot of the mountain. ¹⁸ Now Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke because the LORD had descended on it in fire. The smoke of it went up like the smoke of a kiln, and the whole mountain trembled greatly. ¹⁹ And as the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him in thunder. ²⁰ The LORD came down on Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain. And the LORD called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.

²¹ And the LORD said to Moses, “Go down and warn the people, lest they break through to the LORD to look and many of them perish. ²² Also let the priests who come near to the LORD consecrate themselves, lest the LORD break out against them.” ²³ And Moses said to the LORD, “The people cannot come up to Mount Sinai, for you yourself warned us, saying, ‘Set limits around the mountain and consecrate it.’” ²⁴ And the LORD said to him, “Go

down, and come up bringing Aaron with you. But do not let the priests and the people break through to come up to the LORD, lest he break out against them.”²⁵ So Moses went down to the people and told them.

20 And God spoke all these words, saying,

² “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. (motivation for law-keeping before the law was ever given)

So he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights. He neither ate bread nor drank water. And he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the **Ten Commandments**. (Exodus 34:28)

And he declared to you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, that is, the **Ten Commandments**, and he wrote them on two tablets of stone. (Deuteronomy 4:13)

And he wrote on the tablets, in the same writing as before, the **Ten Commandments** that the LORD had spoken to you on the mountain out of the midst of the fire on the day of the assembly. And the LORD gave them to me. (Deuteronomy 10:4)

Exodus 20:3-17 – The Ten Commandments

Roman Catholic/Lutheran Numbering	Non-Lutheran Protestant / Evangelical Christian Numbering
<p>First ³ “You shall have no other gods before^[b] me.</p> <p>⁴ “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing</p>	<p>First ³ “You shall have no other gods before^[b] me.</p> <p>Second ⁴ “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing</p>

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Second

⁷“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

Third

⁸“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

Fourth

¹²“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

Fifth

¹³“You shall not murder.

Sixth

¹⁴“You shall not commit adultery.

Seventh

¹⁵“You shall not steal.

Eighth

¹⁶“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Ninth

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Two “Tables” of the Law

And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. Commandments 1-3

And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Commandments 4-10 (Matthew 22:35-39).

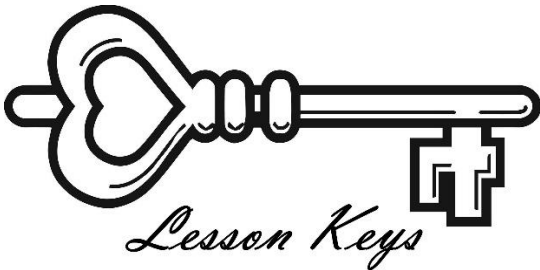
Love Fulfills the Law

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. (Romans 13:8-10)

Exodus 24:3-8, 12-18

³Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the rules.^[a] And all the people answered with one voice and said, “All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do.”⁴ And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel.⁵ And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD.⁶ And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar.⁷ Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient.”⁸ And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.” . . . The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.”¹³ So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God.¹⁴ And he said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them.”¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain.¹⁶ The glory of

the LORD dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. ¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.



- 1. The unchanging Law still in effect.**
- 2. Sin is lawlessness so the law defines sin and exposes it and then our need for a Savior.**
- 3. The people's promised faithfulness to the law covenant...and their utter failure to come.**
- 4. The purpose of the Law, the need for the Gospel.**