

Reader's Digest (Summary)

God's Promise Gen. 12:1-3 Abraham
Israel's Problem Ex. 1:8-14 Egypt
God's Provision Ex. 14:13 Exodus
Israel's Preparation Ex. 19-20 Law

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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. 3You shall have no other gods before Me. 4You 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.

—Exodus 20:1-4 ESV

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. 8"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy... 12"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. 13"You shall not murder. 14"You shall not commit adultery. 15"You shall not steal.

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16"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. 17"You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

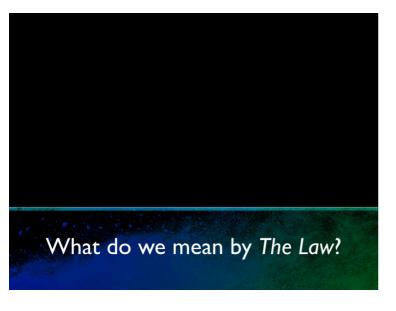
—Exodus 20:7-8, 12-17 ESV

IO Commandments

I-4 = Orientation toward God

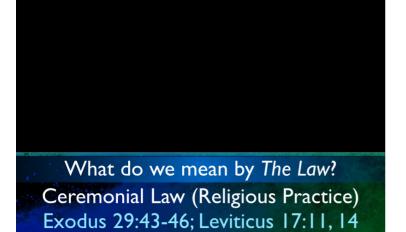
5-10 = Orientation toward man

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What do we mean by *The Law?*Moral Law (Personal Conscience)
Exodus 20:1-17

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What do we mean by The Law?
Civil Law (Social Justice)
Exodus 21:23-24

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¹Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved.

²For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. ³For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. ⁴For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. —Romans 10:1-4 ESV

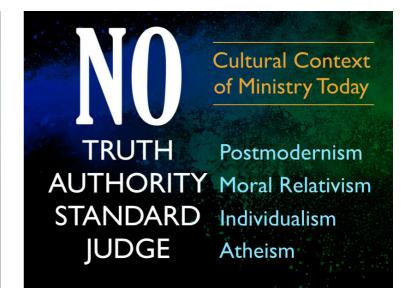
What is the purpose of The Law?

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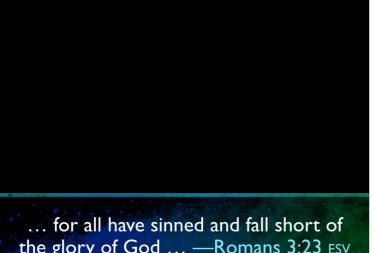
Our Failure, God's Faithfulness and Forgiveness

For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it for you on the altar to make atonement for your souls, for it is the blood that makes atonement by the life.

—Leviticus 17:11 ESV



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the glory of God ... —Romans 3:23 ESV

How do we relate to The Law?

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¹⁷Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished... 48 You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect. —Matthew 5:17-18, 48 ESV

¹⁰For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them." 11 Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by faith." 12But the law is not of faith, rather "The one who does them shall live by them." ...

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—for it is written, "Cursed is
everyone who is hanged on a tree"—

14so that in Christ Jesus the blessing
of Abraham might come to the
Gentiles, so that we might receive the
promised Spirit through faith...

19Why then the law?...

²¹Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. ²²But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

—Galatians 3:10-14, 19a, 21-22 ESV

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All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.—Isaiah 53:6 ESV

⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

—Galatians 4:4-5 ESV

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All Christian living becomes gratitude-based, not guilt-motivated.