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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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¹And 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

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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

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10 Commandments

1-4 = Orientation toward God
 5-10 = Orientation toward man

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What do we mean by *The Law*?

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Moral Law (Personal Conscience)
Exodus 20:1-17

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What do we mean by *The Law*?
Ceremonial Law (Religious Practice)
Exodus 29:43-46; Leviticus 17:11, 14

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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

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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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TRUTH
AUTHORITY
STANDARD
JUDGE

Cultural Context of Ministry Today

Postmodernism
Moral Relativism
Individualism
Atheism

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... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God ... —Romans 3:23 ESV

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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... ⁴⁸You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect. —Matthew 5:17-18, 48 ESV

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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." ¹¹Now 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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¹³Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us —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?...

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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

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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.

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