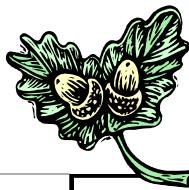


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QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

What image comes to mind when you think of God's law? Could there be something really good and life-giving about God's law that we're missing?

Why is it that we often want to choose one attribute of God over the others? What would the world and your life be like if He were only gracious but not just? Or only just but not gracious? Why do we need Him to be both?

In what ways do our modern-day "gods" (idols) demand sacrifices of our time and money? Why do people sacrifice health, family, and time for these gods?

The law reflects God's character, and God's reaction to Israel's sin and Moses' pleading gives us a glimpse of His holiness and mercy. In what ways should our hearts mirror Moses' as we plead for people who do not know Christ?

SERIES: God's Story - Part 1
NEXT WEEK

The Land: God's Place for His Covenant People

- Joshua 1:1-9
- Judges 2:11-19
- Ruth 4:14-17

The Law: God Gives the House Rules

Exod 34:1-9; Lev 19:1-2; Deut 6:4-5; Num 14:11-19

God's giving of the law is an act of grace (Exodus 34:1-9)

1 The Lord said to Moses, "Cut two stone tablets like the first ones, and I will write on them the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke. 2 Be prepared by morning. Come up Mount Sinai in the morning and stand before Me on the mountaintop. 3 No one may go up with you; in fact, no one must be seen anywhere on the mountain. Even the flocks and herds are not to graze in front of that mountain." 4 Moses cut two stone tablets like the first ones. He got up early in the morning, and taking the two stone tablets in his hand, he climbed Mount Sinai, just as the Lord had commanded him. 5 The Lord came down in a cloud, stood with him there, and proclaimed His name Yahweh. 6 Then the Lord passed in front of him and proclaimed: Yahweh—Yahweh is a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in faithful love and truth, 7 maintaining faithful love to a thousand generations, forgiving wrongdoing, rebellion, and sin. But He will not leave the guilty unpunished, bringing the consequences of the fathers' wrongdoing on the children and grandchildren to the third and fourth generation. 8 Moses immediately bowed down to the ground and worshiped. 9 Then he said, "My Lord, if I have indeed found favor in Your sight, my Lord, please go with us. Even though this is a stiff-necked people, forgive our wrongdoing and sin, and accept us as Your own possession."

Scriptural Cross-References

2 Tim 2:13 Ps 103:1-14 Num 14:18 Nahum 1:3

The law is a reflection of God's holy character (Lev 19:1-2; Deut 6:4-5)

(Lev 19:1-2) The Lord spoke to Moses: 2 "Speak to the entire Israelite community and tell them: Be holy because I, the Lord your God, am holy.

(Deut 6:4-5) 4 "Listen, Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is One. 5 Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

Scriptural Cross-References

1 Peter 1:13-19 Leviticus 17:11-12 Rom 6:23 1 Peter 4:8

The law guides the people of God in reflecting His character (Num 14:11-19)

11 The Lord said to Moses, "How long will these people despise Me? How long will they not trust in Me despite all the signs I have performed among them? 12 I will strike them with a plague and destroy them. Then I will make you into a greater and mightier nation than they are." 13 But Moses replied to the Lord, "The Egyptians will hear about it, for by Your strength You brought up this people from them. 14 They will tell it to the inhabitants of this land. They have heard that You, Lord, are among these people, how You, Lord, are seen face to face, how Your cloud stands over them, and how You go before them in a pillar of cloud by day and in a pillar of fire by night. 15 If You kill this people with a single blow, the nations that have heard of Your fame will declare, 16 'Since the Lord wasn't able to bring this people into the land He swore to give them, He has slaughtered them in the wilderness.' 17 "So now, may My Lord's power be magnified just as You have spoken: 18 The Lord is slow to anger and rich in faithful love, forgiving wrongdoing and rebellion. But He will not leave the guilty unpunished, bringing the consequences of the fathers' wrongdoing on the children to the third and fourth generation. 19 Please pardon the wrongdoing of this people in keeping with the greatness of Your faithful love, just as You have forgiven them from Egypt until now."

Scriptural Cross-References

Heb 11:6 Eze 20:30-38 1 Peter 1:3-9

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