

Transcript in Stone

A hand holding a stone tablet with text. The hand is rendered in a textured, yellowish-brown style, and the stone tablet is blue with white text. The background is a textured blue-green.

The Law of God Should we keep it?

Bible Study Pathways Lesson 8

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A Story to Ponder...

Late one particular night, as I was driving home, I was lost in thought about a life threatening crisis my thirteen-year old son was in at the time. As I drove into a small town I began looking for speed limit signs, but not quite fast enough. In the oncoming lane, I saw a police officer just as he made a U-turn, turned on his lights, and pulled in behind me. I realized immediately that I probably was going to get a ticket for speeding. He came to the window and said, "Ma'am you were going 15 miles per hour over the speed limit." I said something about missing the sign and proceeded to pull my driver's license out to hand to him.

"Are you sleepy?" he asked. It was near midnight, but actually I was not falling asleep. I was just distressed about what was going on with my son. I mumbled something to him about my son and his crisis situation, and he asked how old my son was. Then he took my license to scan it. I knew I deserved a ticket, but I still didn't want it. I had enough to worry about right now. Coming back to the window, he stated simply, "This looks good, but slow down so you can take care of your son. You have a good night, ma'am."

Grace, I was experiencing grace.. I knew what I had done was wrong, the law hadn't changed, but I had been forgiven. Now, every time I drive through that small town, I am a very law abiding citizen. I always go the speed limit. I will never forget the kindness of that police officer to a mother in distress. We too are under grace. Christ died to make up for the fact that we have all broken the law; we were a planet in distress. The law could not be changed, but he died in our place to satisfy the claims of the law.



Romans 5:8,9 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.



The transgression of God's law made it necessary for Christ to die a sacrifice, and thus make a way possible for man to escape the penalty, and yet the honor of God's law be preserved. (3SG 295:3)

**Read the History of God's law in
Exodus 20:1-18, Exodus 31:18, and Deut. 10:3-5**



Acts 4:10, 12 Be it known unto you all, ... that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth.. even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

(Also Romans 3:23, 24)



We are saved by what name alone? _____



We are saved by _____ through faith. It is a _____ of God.



Ephesians 2:8, 9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.



We show faith in Christ by our works-- keeping his commandments.



James 2:17, 18 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.



Does Paul say we can break the law now that Jesus died for us? _____



Romans 6:1, 2 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? _____ How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?



Though the law cannot save us, by it is the knowledge of _____?



Rom 3:20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin. (Romans 7:7)



The knowledge of sin shows us our need of a Saviour. The law is like a mirror that tells us we need to wash our face. (James 1:22-25)



Isaiah prophesied that Jesus would do what with the law?



Isaiah 42:21 The LORD is well pleased for his righteousness' sake; he will _____ the law, and make it honourable.



Jesus came not to destroy but to _____ the law.



Matt. 5:17-19 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.



The death of God's only begotten Son upon the cross in the sinner's behalf is the unanswerable argument as to the changeless character of the law of Jehovah.--The Review and Herald, May 23, 1899



What was nailed to the cross? It was those things that were a

_____ of things _____.



Col 2:14-17 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;... Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ. (Eph. 2:15; Compare Lev.23:37, 38; Hebrews 8:5; Hebrews 9:1, 9, 10)



In a crucified Jesus the specifications of the ceremonial law had been fulfilled, but this did not disannul the moral law, which is a transcript of God's character.



Psalm 89:34 My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips. (Malachi 3:6, Heb. 13:8)



After Jesus died and rose again what did John say about the law and sin?



1 John 3:4, 8 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law... He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.
1 John 2:4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." John 14:15



We show God we love him by keeping his commandments.

CONCLUSION

We should never forget Christ's sacrifice for us, and when we encounter the law of the heavenly kingdom, we, with thanksgiving in our hearts, should be good commandment keeping citizens. We can say with the Psalmist, "I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart." Psalm 40:8.