

-The Law Is But a Transcript of God's Character-

You see, any change in the law of God would make it less than perfect. Being a perfect law, it can never be altered! That is the truth Jesus spoke when He said, *"It is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one tittle of the law to fail."* Luke 16:17

God's Law is the **only** surety of everyone's freedom and safety!

But, the Law is **also** given by a loving Creator for another reason: *"...By the law is the knowledge of sin."* Romans 3:20 I *"...I would not have known sin except through the law."* Romans 7:7

The law cannot give us power to overcome sin or remove guilt. The penalty for a broken law is death! *See: Romans 6:23*

It was because of His love for His Father's that Christ was able to keep the commandments. *"...I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love."* John 15:10 **and** Jesus asks us to show our love for Him by keeping His commandments: *See: John 14:15*

If God's law could have been abolished or changed, Jesus would not have needed to die for the human race. Calvary would not have been necessary!

But, God could not ignore guilty man's sins and He couldn't change His law! So sinful man needed a Saviour. We thank God for His love in consenting to give us His only-begotten Son to die as our substitute! God is good, **all** the time!

THE VOICE OF PROPHECY SPEAKS

WHAT BIBLE PROPHECYSAYS ABOUT YOUR FUTURE

Lesson #9

WHAT HAPPENED TO RIGHT OR WRONG?

Unpleasant as the fact may be, crime is out of control! Crime is big business! Students bomb their schools and kill their teachers. Even small children use guns to kill others. Cult murders, terrorists bombings, rapes, embezzlements and government corruption.

Why all the lawlessness? What happened to moral decency?

Children love to imitate, yet who or what is their example? Fathers cheat on their taxes, mothers seek abortions, and both parents cheat on each other! The children see it all!

Many schools don't support or teach moral living. Many feel that they have outgrown the Bible's moral standard! Even some churches today are teaching that God's standard of right and wrong no longer applies. His commandments, they say, have been abolished or they are impossible to keep. As a result many people follow their own desires, and society is reaping a harvest of broken homes and violent crimes. *"They sow the wind, and reap the whirlwind..."*-Hosea 8:7

The important question is: Who determines when a situation is right or wrong? Is there no standard outside of

ourselves? The Bible says we are not good judges of right or wrong: *“There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.”* Proverbs 16:25 *See: II Tim. 4:3,4.*

God gave the Ten Commandment Moral Law to Moses on Mt. Sinai which was written with His own fingers. *See: Exodus 31:18* However scripture testifies that God’s Moral Law existed before the creation of the world, because Satan and his fallen angels were expelled from heaven for their rebellion against heaven’s government. *See: Rev. 12:7-9* **But**, there were angels who were loyal to God *See: Ps. 103:20* Adam and Eve had a knowledge of God’s law in Eden for they felt the emotions of shame and guilt after they sinned. *See: Genesis 4: 6,7.* This had to be true at that time because Romans 4:15 says, *“Where no law is, there is no transgression.”*

Abraham knew and obeyed the law of God long before the law spoken on Mt. Sinai and God blessed him and his descendants, *“because Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes and My laws.”* –Genesis 26:5

Joseph met the temptation of Potiphar’s wife and did not commit adultery because he knew God’s standard of right or wrong. *“How can I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?”* Genesis 39:9

And the children of Israel after their exodus from Egypt, just a few weeks **before** Mt. Sinai were rebuked for breaking the Lord’s Sabbath, *“And the Lord said unto Moses, ‘How long refuse you to keep my commandments and my laws? So the people rested on the seventh day.’”*

Exodus 16:28,30. You see, the fourth commandment was recognized **before** Mt. Sinai.

GOD’S LAW IS THE ETERNAL STANDARD OF RIGHT FOR THE UNIVERSE!

No harmonious, happy, safe society can function without rules, laws or guiding principals. Nature itself has laws! Yet, not only is it important to know God’s commandments but we must also respond favourably. *“It is not those who hear the law who are righteous on God’s sight, but it is those who obey the law who will be declared righteous”* Romans 2:13

The motive should be based upon the goodness and grace of God towards us, *“If you love Me, keep my commandments”* John 14:15 *See: Matthew 22:37,38-40.*

On these two principles hang all the law and the prophets!

- The 1st four commandments = love for God
- The last 6 commandments = Love for fellow man

Estimates indicate that there are more than 35 million laws drafted by man to control human behaviour. However, in ten principals, God has provided a code of conduct that covers all human behaviour. *See: Ps. 19:7,11*