Exodus #49 The Moral Law

Lesson #1

"Introduction: Law and Gospel"

"Each professor across the western world knows for certain that every college freshman entering the fall term believes one thing for certain: 'All truth is relative'."

- * Unlike any other body of instruction in the Old Testament, the Ten Commandments are given *twice*.
- * The Commandments are given by the Lord *directly* to the people ("face to face," Deut. 5:4).
- * They are the *first* piece of legal material and *separated* from the statutes and ordinances.
- * The Commandments are written by the finger of God on stone.
- * They are placed in the ark of the covenant.

The Moral Law (Ten Commandments)

Ceremonial Law

Civil Law

Psalm 119:160

"¹⁶⁰ The sum of Thy word is truth, and every one of Thy righteous ordinances is everlasting."

Psalm 119: 151, 152

"¹⁵¹ Thou art near, O LORD, and all Thy commandments are truth. ¹⁵² Of old I have known from Thy testimonies, that Thou hast founded them forever."

Romans 2:14-15

"14 For when Gentiles who do not have the Law do instinctively the things of the Law, these, not having the Law, are a law to themselves, ¹⁵ in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness, and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them,"

Romans 2:1

"1 Therefore you are without excuse, every man {of you} who passes judgment, for in that you judge another, you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things."

Romans 2:14

"¹⁴ For when Gentiles who do not have the Law do instinctively the things of the Law, these, not having the Law, are a law to themselves."

Romans 3:23

"23 For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,"

I John 3:4

"⁴ Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness."

Romans 3:20

"20 because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law {comes} the knowledge of sin."

"Listen to the typical gospel presentation of today. You'll hear sinners entreated with words like, 'accept Jesus Christ as your personal Savior', 'ask Jesus into your heart', 'invite Christ into your life', or 'make a decision for Christ.' You may be so accustomed to hearing these phrases that it will surprise you to learn none of them is based on biblical terminology. They are the products of a watered down Gospel. It is not the Gospel according to Jesus.

Galatians 3:22-24

"22 But the Scripture has shut up all men under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. ²³ But before faith came, we were kept in custody under the law, being shut up to the faith which was later to be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the Law has become our tutor {to lead us} to Christ, that we may be justified by faith."