

Sermon Notes

Exodus – The Revealing of God’s Glory and His Design for the Chosen

“Introduction: The Moral Law” – Exodus 20

I. Introduction.

A. The problem today.

1. Society’s lack of absolutes.
2. Amoral.
3. Reisinger: “The church is to blame for this.”

B. Note uniqueness of the Commandments.

1. _____.
2. _____.
3. _____.
4. _____.
5. _____.

C. A proper understanding of the commandments.

1. The relationship between Law and Gospel.
2. The relationship between Justification and Sanctification.
3. Today we will focus on Law and Gospel.
Next week: Justification and Sanctification.

II. Law and Gospel

A. What is the Law?

1. The Bible speaks of “the law” in three senses.
(It could also refer to the whole of the Pentateuch.)
 - a. The Moral Law
 1. The Ten Commandments (Ex. 20, Deut. 5).
 - b. The Ceremonial Law
 1. Leviticus and Exodus
 2. Example: Lev. 7:1-6
 - c. The Civil Law
 1. Exodus and Deuteronomy

2. Example: Deut. 21:18-21

B. Our series focus – The Moral Law

1. It is eternal.
 - a. Psalm 119:160, 151-152
2. Imposed upon Adam.
 - a. Placed upon the heart – Romans 2:14-15.
3. At least two ways men testify to it.
 - a. Universal moral judgment – Romans 2:1.
 - b. Men’s consciences – Romans 2:14.
 1. C.S. Lewis
4. No one is able to keep the Moral Law.
 - a. Romans 3:3
 - b. Sin is lawlessness – I John 3:4
 - c. Knowledge of sin comes by means of the law
– Romans 3:20

C. What is the Gospel?

1. Improper uses of the term.
2. What it is not.
3. John McArthur.
4. Gospel means “good message” or “good news.”
 - a. Mark 1:1
 - b. Converse of the Law
 - c. Righteousness apart from the Law – Romans 3:19-21
 - d. Romans 1:16-17

D. Summary

1. The Law as our tutor
 - a. Galatians 3:2-24
2. The Law cannot save us; it can only show us our need to be saved.
3. Law and Gospel.
 - a. The two-sided coin
 - b. Error in the church
 - c. Thomas Watson