



**Lecture # 5 Part 2**

# The Ten Commandments, The Laws Governing Man's Duty To Others (Part 6):

## Commandment Six Concerns Man's Life—Never Murder, Exodus 20:13

### The Sixth Commandment Sanctity of Human Life

“Lo Tirtzah” (Exodus 20:13) “Thou shalt not murder”

### DEEPER STUDY # 3

(Matthew 5:17-48) Law— Jesus, Fulfills Law: this Scripture is of critical importance. It is God's Son explaining the law of God.

1. Christ confirmed God's law, all the Scripture of the Old Testament. Christ said He was not destroying *the law or the prophets*. The term “**the law and the prophets**” was a reference to the whole Old Testament. What Christ said was that He, as God's Son, came to fulfill the law; and His teaching was just as binding as the Old Testament law. (See Matthew 5:17-18.)

**Matthew 5:17-18 (NASB)**

<sup>17</sup>“Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill.

<sup>18</sup>For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished.”

2. Christ illustrated God's laws, explaining the broad principles which were and still are to be applied to everyday life. He took a few practical laws and showed how a person was to take the broad principle and apply it to his own daily behavior.

3. Christ condemned the oral or Scribal Law (**condemned it rather strongly**.) When Jesus Christ and the other New Testament writers condemned the law, **it always referred to the oral or Scribal Law, not to God's Law** (see Matthew 5:17-18).

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**(Matthew 5:17-18) Jesus—Fulfills Law:** a person must know that Christ came to fulfill the “law” (*nomon*). Jesus said He was neither contradicting nor destroying the Old Testament Scriptures nor standing against them. He was fulfilling them, completing them, and bringing out what was implied. He was showing what the real meaning of the Old Testament Scripture is, it’s full meaning—all that God intended the Scripture to say. As God’s Son, He is the Revelation of the truth. He is to reveal the true and complete meaning of the Scriptures.

There are several ways in which Jesus Christ fulfilled the law.

**1. Before Christ, the law described how God wanted man to live.** The law was the ideal, the words that told man what he was to do. But Christ fulfilled and completed the law; that is, God gave man more than just mere words to describe how He wants man to live. He gave man the Life, the Person who perfectly pictures and demonstrates the law before the world’s very eyes. Jesus Christ is the Picture, the Living Example, the Pattern, the Demonstration of life as it is to be lived. He is the Perfect Picture of God’s will, the Ideal Man, the Representative Man, the Pattern for all men.

**John 1:14 (NASB)**

<sup>14</sup> “And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

**John 8:45 (NASB)**

<sup>45</sup> “But because I speak the truth, you do not believe Me.”

**Colossians 1:15 (NASB)**

<sup>15</sup> “He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.”

**Hebrews 1:3 (NASB)**

<sup>3</sup> “And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.”

**1 Peter 2:21-23 (NASB)**

<sup>21</sup> “For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps,  
<sup>22</sup> WHO COMMITTED NO SIN, NOR WAS ANY DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH;  
<sup>23</sup> and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting *Himself* to Him who judges righteously.”

**2. Before Christ, the law was only words and rules.** It could only inject the idea of behavior into the mind of a person. It had no spirit, no life, and no power to enable a person to do the law. But Christ fulfilled and completed the law. He was *Spirit and Life*, so He was able to put spirit and life to the words and rules of the law. He was able to live the life described by the words and rules. As such, He was able to inject both the idea and the power to behave into a person's mind and life. It is now His life that sets the



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standard and the rule for the believer; it is His Spirit and life that gives the believer power to obey.

### **Romans 1:1-4 (NASB)**

<sup>1</sup> “Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called *as* an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,  
<sup>2</sup> which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures,  
<sup>3</sup> concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh,  
<sup>4</sup> who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord.”

### **Galatians 2:19-20 (NASB)**

<sup>19</sup> “For through the Law I died to the Law, so that I might live to God.  
<sup>20</sup> I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.”

### **Galatians 5:16-18 (NASB)**

<sup>16</sup> “But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.  
<sup>17</sup> For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please.  
<sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law.”

### **Hebrews 8:10 (NASB)**

<sup>10</sup> “FOR THIS IS THE COVENANT THAT I WILL MAKE WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AFTER THOSE DAYS, SAYS THE LORD: I WILL PUT MY LAWS INTO THEIR MINDS, AND I WILL WRITE THEM ON THEIR HEARTS. AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE.”

### **Hebrews 10:15-16 (NASB)**

<sup>15</sup> “And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us; for after saying,  
<sup>16</sup> THIS IS THE COVENANT THAT I WILL MAKE WITH THEM AFTER THOSE DAYS, SAYS THE LORD: I WILL PUT MY LAWS UPON THEIR HEART, AND ON THEIR MIND I WILL WRITE THEM," *He then says.*”

**3. Before Christ, the law stated only the rule and the principle of behavior.** It did not explain the rule nor the spirit behind the rule. Neither did the law give the full meaning of the rule. The law always had to have an interpreter. But Christ fulfilled and completed the law. He explained the rule and the spirit behind the rule. He interpreted the law. He gave the law its real and full meaning.

### **Galatians 3:23-24 (NASB)**

<sup>23</sup> “But before faith came, we were kept in custody under the law, being shut up to the faith which was later to be revealed.



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<sup>24</sup> Therefore the Law has become our tutor *to lead us* to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith.”

**Romans 3:20-22 (NASB)**

<sup>20</sup> “Because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law *comes* the knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup> But now apart from the Law *the* righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets,

<sup>22</sup> even *the* righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction.”

**4. Before Christ, the law demanded perfect righteousness; it demanded a perfect life.** But man failed at certain points. Man just could not obey the law perfectly; he fell short of perfect righteousness. But Christ fulfilled and completed the law. He kept the law in *every detail*. He secured the *perfect righteousness* demanded by the law. He fulfilled all the requirements, all the types, and all the ceremonies of the law—perfectly. As such, He became the Perfect Man, the Ideal Man, the Representative Man for all men. As the Ideal Man, He simply embraced all men; He embodied the righteousness that man must now have.

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**2 Corinthians 5:21 (NASB)**

<sup>21</sup> “He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

**Hebrews 4:15 (NASB)**

<sup>15</sup> “For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as *we are*, yet without sin.”

**Hebrews 7:26 (NASB)**

<sup>26</sup> “For it was fitting for us to have such a high priest, holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners and exalted above the heavens.”

**1 Peter 1:18-19 (NASB)**

<sup>18</sup> “Knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers,

<sup>19</sup> but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, *the blood of Christ*.”

**5. Before Christ, the law demanded punishment for disobedience.** If a man broke the law, he was to be punished. But Christ fulfilled and completed the law. In fact, He went to the farthest point possible in fulfilling the law. He paid the maximum price and



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showed the ultimate love. He bore the punishment of the law for every man's disobedience; He took the punishment of the law upon Himself. As the Ideal Man, He not only embodies the righteousness that must cover all men, He also frees all men from the penalty of the law. And He makes them sons of God. (Cp. [Romans 8:15-17](#); [Galatians 3:13-14](#); [Galatians 4:1-7](#).)

### [Romans 8:15-17 \(NASB\)](#)

<sup>15</sup> "For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!"

<sup>16</sup> The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God,

<sup>17</sup> and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him* so that we may also be glorified with *Him*."

### [Galatians 3:13-14 \(NASB\)](#)

<sup>13</sup> "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us—for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE"—

<sup>14</sup> in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith."

### [Galatians 4:1-7 \(NASB\)](#)

<sup>1</sup> "Now I say, as long as the heir is a child, he does not differ at all from a slave although he is owner of everything,

<sup>2</sup> but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by the father.

<sup>3</sup> So also we, while we were children, were held in bondage under the elemental things of the world.

<sup>4</sup> But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law,

<sup>5</sup> so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

<sup>6</sup> Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

<sup>7</sup> Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God."

**Thought 1.** Several other passages need to be looked at for a complete understanding of Christ and the law and the believer. (See [Romans 7:4](#); [Romans 7:14-25](#); [Romans 8:2-4](#); [Galatians 3:10](#)).

### [Romans 7:4 \(NASB\)](#)

<sup>4</sup> "Therefore, my brethren, you also were made to die to the Law through the body of Christ, so that you might be joined to another, to



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Him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God.”

### Romans 7:14-25 (NASB)

<sup>14</sup>“For we know that the Law is spiritual, but I am of flesh, sold into bondage to sin.

<sup>15</sup> For what I am doing, I do not understand; for I am not practicing what I *would* like to *do*, but I am doing the very thing I hate.

<sup>16</sup> But if I do the very thing I do not want *to do*, I agree with the Law, *confessing* that the Law is good.

<sup>17</sup> So now, no longer am I the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me.

<sup>18</sup> For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good *is* not.

<sup>19</sup> For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want.

<sup>20</sup> But if I am doing the very thing I do not want, I am no longer the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me.

<sup>21</sup> I find then the principle that evil is present in me, the one who wants to do good.

<sup>22</sup> For I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man,

<sup>23</sup> but I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members.

<sup>24</sup> Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death?

<sup>25</sup> Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, on the one hand I myself with my mind am serving the law of God, but on the other, with my flesh the law of sin.”

### Romans 8:2-4 (NASB)

<sup>2</sup>“For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

<sup>3</sup> For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God *did*: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and *as an offering* for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh,

<sup>4</sup> so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.”

### Galatians 3:10 (NASB)

<sup>10</sup>“For as many as are of the works of the Law are under a curse; for it is written, “CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO DOES NOT ABIDE BY ALL THINGS WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF THE LAW, TO PERFORM THEM.”