

Topic: God the Lawgiver

Aim: To examine how the law reflects the nature of God in its blessings to us

Know: The law reflects God's grace, love and justice.

Feel: Appreciate the holiness of the law even as God is holy

Action: Accept the teachings of the law to benefit from its protections in Christ.

Introduction

Think through some of history's worst despots. How did the laws they passed reveal the kind of people they were? In this sense, the law reveals the character of the lawgiver. What, then, does God's law reveal about God? When we understand God's law as a hedge, a protection, something created for us, for our own good, then we come to understand more about what God is like.

Statement: **The law reveals God's holiness and also our sins**

Read: Exodus 19: 16; 20: 18-21

Meditate: Vertical relationship

Question: How does the law reveal God's grace and also our sins?

Share in twos: Horizontal relationship

Application: What are your emotions as you read the law?

Statement: **God's law existed before sin.**

Read: Genesis 2: 16, Genesis 4: 8; Job 1: 8

Meditate: Vertical relationship

Question: What do these verses imply about the operation of the law before sin?

Share in twos: Horizontal relationship

Application: Does laws of health operate before sickness or after sickness?

Statement: The Sabbath existed before the first Jew.

Read: Genesis 2: 1-3; Exodus 5:5

Meditate: Vertical relationship

Question: What makes the Sabbath a blessing before sin and after sin?

Share openly with your teachers

Application How has the weekly Sabbath rest been a blessings to you?

Statement: The law reveals God's message of grace and of redemption.

Read: Jeremiah 31:31- 33

Meditate: Vertical relationship

Question: How is God's grace revealed in verse 33?

Share in twos: Horizontal relationship

Application: How does law reveal to you the need for God's grace?

Summary points:

1. The law reveals God's holiness and also our sins
2. God's law existed before sin.
3. The Sabbath existed before the first Jew.
4. The law reveals God's message of grace and of redemption.

General application

1. Is obedience the fruit of love or is love the fruit of obedience?
2. What would your life be like without the law of God?
3. Why does it say that God wrote His laws in stone but that Jesus wrote the people's sins in the dust?