

## Episode #330 We Establish the Law 6: The Name and the Sabbath

I. Paul said in Romans 3:31, “We Establish the Law.” We are not under the law, but with proper teaching, we establish the law in its rightful place. That is what we will be seeking to do through this current series.

II. The Ten Commandments were in fact the ten terms of a covenant God made with the people of Israel. However, we also saw that the things listed in the Ten Commandments were wrong before this covenant was ever made. Those who make a religion out of Christianity make much of these commandments. We obey God through love, not law!

III. The Ten Commandments: The Commandments Themselves.

C. Exodus 20:7. Taking the name in vain.

1. Another command that could be kept!
2. Today, there are many who take the name of “Christian” empty.
3. Means making careless use of the name of God. More than swearing.
  - a. Freeway signs: quotes from God?
  - b. God told me things?
  - c. Telling others God did this and that?
4. We must be careful, for Christians are far more likely to take His name in vain in this way than unbelievers!

D. Exodus 20:8. Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.

1. This command could be kept, especially in Israel.
2. Genesis 2:1-3. No sign here that the Sabbath was committed to man. God did 31 things in the first chapter we don't try to imitate. Why begin with the 32<sup>nd</sup>? A private obeys orders, does not copy the general. God blessed and hallowed this day. For Himself. We have no right to rush in and appropriate His things!
3. For 2,500 years, we have no evidence that any human kept the Sabbath.
4. In giving Israel manna, God taught them a lesson. Exodus 16:4-5. They were to gather only as much as they needed for a day. Exodus 16:20. Those who failed to do this found the manna wormy and stinking. However, on the sixth they were to gather for two days. Exodus 16:23. Moses explained the Sabbath day to them. Exodus 16:25-26. The seventh day the manna did not spoil. But some tried to gather on the seventh day anyway. Exodus 16:28-30. The LORD gave them the Sabbath. To whom? The people of Israel.
5. Exodus 20:8-11 does not set forth the Sabbath to Israel. That had been done about a month before with the manna (Exodus 16:29.) It just regulated it and made it a part of the covenant.
6. Exodus 20:10. The Sabbath is the seventh day. This should settle it for believers, no matter what others may say. But this does not mean the believer of today should attempt to observe it! Exodus 31:12-18. It is a sign between the LORD and the children of Israel, like a wedding ring.
7. Israel was to highly regard it, like a wife her ring. Exodus 35:1-3.

IV. Paul places importance upon teaching the law lawfully. The Ten Commandments were the ten terms of a covenant God was making with Israel, and were wrong before. Believers can take the name in vain when we drag God's name into something He didn't do. The Sabbath was the seventh day, and was a sign between God and Israel, not kept by going to church, not for us. Let us learn from what God has taught in the Bible through the Ten Commandments.