

Episode #331 We Establish the Law 7: The Sabbath and Parents

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.

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

7. Israel was to highly regard the Sabbath day, like a wife her wedding ring.

Exodus 35:1-3. This was not burdensome in Israel, but it would be in our society. No merchants sold in Israel on the Sabbath, which was a great sign to the other nations. Numbers 15:32-36. We could not do punish anyone like this! But to work on the Sabbath for them was willful disobedience.

8. Israel were the ones in special relationship to God. Deuteronomy 4:7-8. They only were given the Sabbath. Nehemiah 9:13-14. Ezekiel 20:10-12. An engagement ring would be no sign if I gave one out to every woman I know! So the Sabbath was only a sign because God gave it to only one nation.

9. Mark 2:27-28. Some say this spreads it to all mankind because the word “man” is used. Yet “man” is used well over 300 times in the Old Testament referring to Israel only. The Pharisees placed the Sabbath above and contrary to the good of man. Christ was reversing this order.

10. Some today argue that to keep Saturday as the Sabbath is the seal of God, and to keep Sunday is the mark of the beast. They never define what they mean by “keeping” and “observing.” The childish idea put forth is that you keep the Sabbath on the day on which you go to church.

a. There is not a hint in Scripture that the Sabbath was moved to Sunday. I might as well put forth Wednesday! There is no “Christian Sabbath” in the Scriptures.

b. The idea of a “new Sabbath” is foreign to the Word. II Timothy 1:13. We must hold fast the form of words as used in Scripture!

c. The Bible speaks of the first day of the week, but it also speaks of all the other days too. What does it say about the first day? Never that it is now the Sabbath.

d. The “Lord’s day” of Revelation 1:10 is not Sunday. I have just as much right to say it is Tuesday!

11. Romans 14:5-6, Colossians 2:16, Galatians 4:10-11. Our rule today!

E. Exodus 20:12. Honor thy father and thy mother.

1. Another command that could be kept!

2. Had to do with maintaining the family, an incredibly important institution in the ways of God.

3. Ephesians 6:1-3. The same is enjoined upon us. The promise is transferred to the earth, rather than to the land which the Lord their God gave Israel.

4. Could be just a general principle (submission tends to lead to a longer life, away from things that cut life short.) But I would tend to think it refers to LIFE, that eonian life to come. This is one of those things that leads us in that direction.

IV. Paul places importance upon teaching the law lawfully. The Ten Commandments were the ten terms of a covenant God was making with Israel. They were wrong before the covenant was made, and are still wrong for those not in the covenant. There is no “new Sabbath.” This was a sign between God and Israel like a wedding ring, and we have no right to horn in on it. They were to honor parents. This was part of the covenant, but we should do this too, and Paul transfers the promise to us.