

## **Bible/College Class 2025 08 31**

Read Matthew 22:35-40, and the Bible passages referenced below.

### **The 10 Commandments, The Law of God.**

#### **Foundational for all of Scripture.**

The revelation of God's good pleasure, the foundation of the Gospel, and the standard for the Christian's Obedient Walk.

#### **I. THE LAW: THE REVELATION OF GOD'S GOOD PLEASURE.**

##### **A. The Lord Jesus Christ's Assessment of the Law:**

###### ***Foundational to the Entire Body of Revealed Truth.***

1. The Living Word, Jesus Christ: -
  - gave the Law verbally at Mt. Sinai. Act 7:38.
  - inscribed with His own finger in tables of stone.
2. The entire body of revealed truth flows out of the Law! Matthew 22:37-40.

##### **B. The Law in its Original Form: -**

1. This law was written upon Adam's heart. Rom 2:15.
2. The Law as given at Mt. Sinai: 8 x "Thou shalt not..."

##### **C. The Law: God Reveals the Purpose of Man's Creation.**

1. Man: Created a relational being by a relational God.
2. Man: Created with unique faculties to know, love, and obediently serve His Creator. Romans 7:25.
3. Man's sacred obligation: To respond in love to God's revelation of love—toward Him & men.

##### **D. The Two Tables of the Law Focus on God The Son.**

1. The 1<sup>st</sup> table's requirement: To love God *as He has revealed Himself in His Son*. John 1:18. John 3:16.
2. The 2<sup>nd</sup> table's requirement: To love our neighbour, *created in the image of God's Son*. Mark 12:30-31.
3. Obedience to the Law: Rendering supreme honour to the Son of God's love. John 5:23, Peter 1:17.

##### **E. The Law: The Eternal Standard of Moral Conduct.**

1. The eternal transcript of the mind of an Eternal God—who loves His Son! Mark 1:11, Peter 1:17.
2. God's holiness: His utter and infinite devotion to the glory and honor of His Son. Psalm 89:35.
3. The Law: The eternal norm of conduct for the redeemed—to honour God's Son by honouring His Law.

#### **II. THE LAW: THE FOUNDATION OF THE GOSPEL.**

##### **A. Fallen Man: Required to obey God's Law Perfectly**

##### **B. Sinful man, as a Law-breaker, James 2:10.**

1. Inclined to hate God and his neighbour.
2. Our transgression of the Law provokes God to infinite wrath. Ezekiel 18:20. Galatians 3:10.

##### **C. An Offended Lawgiver Provides forgiveness for Law-breakers!**

1. The Ceremonial Law: God's *gracious* revelation of His Law—a schoolmaster to Christ. Gal. 3:24.

##### **D. The Wonder of the Incarnation—the Word Made Flesh.**

1. The Lawgiver is the Law Keeper—the Holy One! Psalm 40:7-8.
2. The Lawgiver willingly becomes the Substitute for Lawbreakers.
  - Willingly permitting Himself to be treated as a Lawbreaker. 2 Cor 5:21. Gal 3:13.
3. On the cross: The Lawgiver secures redemption (forgiveness) for Lawbreakers. Col. 1:20.

##### **E. The Gospel: Good News for Lawbreakers!**

1. Christ has obeyed the Law perfectly Rom 3:31. and has paid the penalty of the Law exhaustively, and has silenced the curse of the Law eternally.

#### **III. THE STANDARD FOR THE CHRISTIAN'S WALK**

##### **A. The Blessed Fruit of the Cross: 1 Corinthians 1:30.**

1. Justification: Complete pardon of Lawbreakers.
2. Sanctification: Transformed into Lawkeepers.  
Sinners who come to Christ & become like Christ!

##### **B. Obedience to the Law: The Believer's Expression of Love for their Savior**

1. Christ's emphasis on the connection between loving Him and obeying Him. John 14:15,21,23 .
2. Honouring His written Word honours Christ, The Living Word. Mat 7:21 1 John 5.
3. Answer to the purpose for which we were created.

##### **C. The Confession of the Genuine Believer: "Oh, How Love I Thy Law!" 1 John 2:3-5, Psalm 119:97.**