



Times of Worship

Sunday Bible Classes: 9am

Sunday AM Worship: 10am

Sunday PM Worship: 5pm

Wednesday Bible Study: 7pm

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O How I Love Your Law (Part I)

In my quest to read through the Bible this year, I am hitting the tedious part in part of the reading where in the past I gave up. The part where God tells Moses the Law for the Israelites. In times past I would skim through this section rather quickly not really paying attention to the details. We are under a new and better covenant and so many of these rules don't apply to us anyway. So what good is there to spend time reading and thinking about the "boring part" of the book of Exodus and on into Leviticus?

For the next few weeks, I want to try and demonstrate just how rich this section of the Bible is to us under the new covenant. The Psalmist who wrote **Psalm 119** spends 176 verses describing how he loves God's law. In **verse 97** the Psalmist writes, "O how I love your law, it is my meditation all the day." It would do us well to slow down and really read God's laws to the Israelites and meditate on them. Why? A reason is to learn and understand better about the One who wrote the Laws.

You can learn a lot about someone by the rules they they enforce. If someone is really strict about making sure their children do not put the elbows on the table while they eat, you can imply proper eating etiquette is important to them. If a parent makes a

Week of February 12

Attendance

- ♦ **AM Service** - 61
- ♦ **PM Service** - 39
- ♦ **Wednesday Service** - 41

Contribution

- ♦ Weekly Budget \$2,400
- ♦ Contribution - \$2,906

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

- ♦ Clark Ferguson (3/8)
- ♦ Betsy Morgan (3/8)

Calendar Items

Women's Bible Study Tuesday at the building at 11a (Romans)

Song Learning Class next Sunday afternoon at 4pm

Next Men's Meeting is February 26th at 4pm at the building

Today's Lessons

- ♦ Brother Carswell will bring us the lesson this morning
- ♦ David Conquers Jerusalem

Midweek Bible Study

- ♦ Luke 10:25 - 11:13

rule that you have to vacuum your room twice a day, you can imply cleanliness is important to them.

With these thoughts in mind, I will spend the next few weeks looking at some of the Laws God commanded the Israelites to follow. Many of these laws have to do with treating your neighbor as yourself. It shows us how God's people were to be holy and different from the other nations around them. It also gives us a lot of great principles in how we should treat our neighbors as we shine our light in this dark world we live in.

Notice with me God's command in **Exodus 22:1** - "If a man steals an ox or a sheep and slaughters it or sells it, he shall pay five oxen for the ox and four sheep for the sheep." One of the Ten Commandments was "You shall not steal." (**Exo 20:15**) God's command tells us how God feels about stealing from one another. By stealing an ox or a lamb, he was to pay the man back up to five times over. You would think he would just have to give him an ox for an ox or a sheep for sheep.

By making the demands so high, it would hopefully keep a lot of Israelites from ever stealing from their neighbor. An ox was a great resource for an Israelite doing a lot of farming. The ox was the original John Deer tractor. A sheep would be a great resource for its wool. You can make clothes and coats that would be very handy to have in the winter months especially.

King David knew this command when he was confronted with a situation by Nathan the prophet. Nathan told him about a wealthy man who took the only lamb from someone else and killed it. David's reaction was the wealthy man deserved to die but said, "He must make restitution for the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing and had no compassion." (**2Sa 12:6**) Nathan then told him, "You are the man." This command is for a lot more than sheep or oxen.