

JESUS > THE OT LAW *(Even The 10 Commandments)*

THREE KEY CONCEPTS

THE LAW:

Joshua 1:7-8/ Exodus 20:1-26 & 21:1-ff

- ✓ The 613 laws found in the **FIRST FIVE** books of the Bible

THE PURPOSE OF THE OT LAW:

John 5:39/ Galatians 3:24

- (1) To point us to **JESUS**
- (2) To restrain **SIN**

THE POWER OF THE OT LAW:

James 2:10/ Galatians 3:10 & Deuteronomy 27:26/ Romans 3:20/ Hebrews 7:27-28

- (1) It could not make us **RIGHT WITH GOD**
- (2) It could only **TEMPORARILY COVER OUR SINS**

THE PASSAGE

Hebrews 8:1-13

SOMETHING TO TAKE HOME

- (1) Jesus' new covenant **COMPLETELY REPLACED** the old covenant.
Hebrews 7:13/ Matthew 5:17-20 & 48
- (2) Salvation has always been by **FAITH** not **WORKS**.
Galatians 3:6/ John 3:16/ Galatians 2:16
- (3) Faith without works is still **WORTHLESS**.
James 2:26/ Ephesians 2:8-9/ 1 John 2:3-6

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Food for Thought for the week of March 25, 2018

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. The purpose of the 10 Commandments has been misunderstood over time and this misunderstanding has been passed on in churches and homes. As we grow more in our faith and understanding of God's word, we have the opportunity to help family and friends more closely align with God's truth. How does Deuteronomy 6:1-9, 24-25 (which follows immediately after the 10 Commandments written out in [Deuteronomy 5](#)) help us better understand how to apply the principles of these commandments in our lives?

Deuteronomy 6:1-9 New International Version (NIV)

Love the Lord Your God

⁶ These are the commands, decrees and laws the Lord your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, ² so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the Lord your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life. ³ Hear, Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, promised you.

⁴ Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ⁵ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ⁷ Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ⁸ Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ⁹ Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

Deuteronomy 6:24-25 New International Version (NIV)

²⁴ The Lord commanded us to obey all these decrees and to fear the Lord our God, so that we might always prosper and be kept alive, as is the case today. ²⁵ And if we are careful to obey all this law before the Lord our God, as he has commanded us, that will be our righteousness."

What actions does God want the people to take in the Deuteronomy passage and how do they still apply to us today?

2. The Pharisees were the most religious people of their time and serve as a great example of having faith but not necessarily a "saving faith." How does Jesus' response to the Pharisees in [Matthew 23](#) further illustrate how we can have faith but miss the mark on having a saving faith?

3. In contrast to the seven woes we read in Matthew 23, Jesus gave us eight Beatitudes to show how we can live a life that demonstrates authentic faith. As you read through Matthew 5:1-11, jot down how the eight Beatitudes differ from the seven woes and then answer the following questions.

Matthew 5:1-11 *New International Version (NIV)*

Introduction to the Sermon on the Mount

5 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ²and he began to teach them.

The Beatitudes

He said:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

⁵ Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

⁷ Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

How would you explain each of the beatitudes to someone who was brand new to Christianity?

Which beatitude is most challenging for you to live out in your own life?

How do the Beatitudes relate to being “salt and light” in Matthew 5:13-16?

Matthew 5:13-16 *New International Version (NIV)*

Salt and Light

¹³“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.