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Key Text:

“Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.”—Romans 7:12

Summary:

We often think of the law of God as a list of what we can and can't do, forgetting that before there was a law, there had to be a Lawgiver. Knowing the attributes of the Lawgiver will change our understanding of the law and will make us more aware of the intent for which God gave the law to us.

Structure:

1. Introduction.

2. Who is our Lawgiver?

- a. Our Lawgiver is love.
- b. Our Lawgiver is holy.
- c. Our Lawgiver is sovereign.
- d. Our Lawgiver is just, righteous and fair.

3. What is the relationship of God to the law?

- a. The law, as a mirror, reflects God in a moral and ethical way.
- b. A limited reflection.
- c. The image of the ruler.

4. What is the intent of publishing the law?

Review Questions:

1. What practical direction does Proverbs 12, verse 27 give for following this study of the Ten Commandments?

2. How does David express his high esteem of the law of God? Why did he esteem the law so highly?

3. When we think of the law, we often feel uneasy. Why is that? See Romans 8, verses 7–8.

4. Why does Pastor Vergunst say, “Love is the essential attribute of God around which all other attributes revolve”?

5. What are the reactions of Isaiah and of the angels, in Isaiah 6, verses 1 to 5? Why?

6. What can you learn from considering that our Lawgiver is sovereign?

7. What is the relationship of God to the law?

8. Are the law and the gospel opposites? Explain.

9. Does the law change over time? Why or why not?

10. Why should we think of God's law positively rather than negatively?

Further Application:

1. Meditate on Psalm 18. How does this Psalm show David's knowledge of God's attributes?

2. Think of all that God requires of us, and consider that he doesn't require anything other than what is according to his own character. How should this guide us?

3. In what way can the law be called “a mirror of God”? What do we see of God in that mirror? How do we see ourselves if we look into that mirror?
