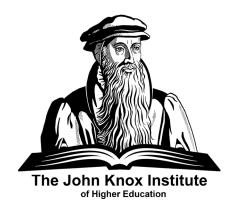


Lecture #18 The Law in Eternity



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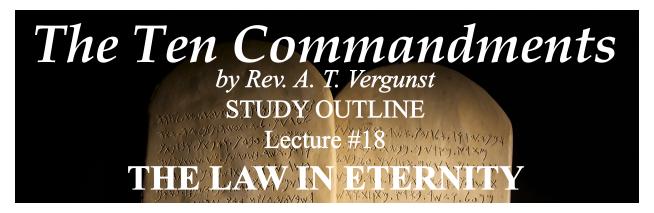
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The Ten Commandments

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Lecture Title:

The Law of God in Eternity

Key Text:

"For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled."—Matthew 5, verse 18

Summary:

What will the status be of God's law when he has gathered his elect into the new heaven and new earth? Is God going to replace the law then? Is it going to be rewritten or adjusted to a new world, or will the original law still be in place? We see now that after studying the Word of God on this question, the original law that was written on the heart of Adam and Eve, and lived out briefly in the time of perfection in Paradise, will still be the law that will govern humanity, redeemed and renewed, in the new earth. We consider seven evidences for this statement. The study should also deepen our understanding of its main intent of obedience that God calls us to, and that is to love like him, like Jesus. It should also convince us of how impossible it is for us to be saved by our own doing. We need the Lord Jesus Christ.

Structure:

- 1. Introduction.
- 2. Seven evidences that show the law in eternity as the abiding and eternal law for God's redeemed people.
 - a. God wrote with his own finger the law on two tables of stone.
- b. God's Word records his covenant promise to his elect church in Jeremiah 31, verses 31 through 34.
- c. God's Word records Jesus' emphatic teaching about the permanency of the law of God in Matthew 5, verse 18.
 - d. God's Word prophesies the coming of a new heaven and a new earth.
- e. God's Word gives us more about the condition of the new world in Isaiah 11, verses 6 through 9.
 - f. God's Word defines the final purpose of salvation to be complete holiness.
 - g. God's Word records that Jesus is today exalted as the Head of his church.
- 3. Conclusion.

Review Questions: 1. What was the original intent of the holy law of God?
2. What is the relationship of the law to holiness and to love?
3. How does the fact that God wrote the Ten Commandments with his own finger support the view of the law in eternity?
4. What do the verses in Jeremiah 31, verses 31 to 34, say about the promise to the elect church?
5. How does the Lord Jesus emphasize the permanency of the law?
6. What is meant by the words "new heaven and earth"? Who will dwell in there? How does it show evidence for the law in eternity?
7. How do we understand the prophecy in Isaiah 11, verses 6 to 9? Is it speaking about the condition of a heavenly zoo?
8. Where do we see that God's Word defines the final purpose of salvation to be complete holiness?

9. How does the truth of Jesus as the Head of the church relate to the law in eternity?
10. What should our expectation be as we prayerfully ask God to use these lectures in our hearts?
Further Application:
1. Meditate on this lecture's theme with the Heidelberg Catechism, Questions 114 and 115.
2. As you have finished this module on <i>The Ten Commandments</i> , reflect and write down your learning experience. Did it help you learn more about the law of God? Have any parts encouraged the renewing of your mind and heart?

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