

Exodus 20:1-21
The Law Shows Us Our Rebellion & Our Savior
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Sermon Outline

Notes

I. Law & Promise

A. The Law of Moses

Exodus 19:4-5

⁴ You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵ Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession...

B. Abraham (Gen. 15)

Galatians 3:15-19a

¹⁵ To give a human example, brothers: even with a man-made covenant, no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified. ¹⁶ Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, "And to offsprings," referring to many, but referring to one, "And to your offspring," who is Christ. ¹⁷ This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. ¹⁸ For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise.

¹⁹ Why then the law? ...

Key Idea

God added the law here at Mt. Sinai so that Israel's sin would increase, putting the true nature of their rebellion on clear display. This served as the perfect preparation for Jesus who is the fulfillment of the Law.

II. Why Was the Law Added?

A. To Prepare Us for Jesus!

Galatians 3:19, 22

¹⁹ Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made...

²² But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

Romans 5:12-21

¹² Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— ¹³ for sin indeed was in the world ***before the law was given***, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴ *Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses*, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. ...

¹⁸ Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹ For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. ²⁰ **Now the law came in to increase the trespass**, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, ²¹ so that, as ***sin reigned in death***, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 3:19-20

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since ***through the law comes knowledge of sin***.

B. To Show Us Jesus

1. The LORD Reveals His Character in the *10 Commandments*

a. **1st Four:** The LORD is Holy!

Exodus 20:2-11

² “**I am the LORD your God**, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

³ “You shall have **no other gods** before me.

⁴ “You shall **not make** for yourself a **carved image**...

⁵ You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a *jealous God*, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷ “You shall not **take the name of the LORD your God in vain**, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

⁸ “**Remember the Sabbath day**, to keep it holy.... ¹¹ For in *six days* the **LORD** made heaven and earth... and *rested on the seventh day*.

b. **Last Six:** Made in His image

Exodus 20:12-17

¹² “**Honor your father and your mother**, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³ “You shall **not murder**.

¹⁴ “You shall **not commit adultery**.

¹⁵ “You shall **not steal**.

¹⁶ “You shall **not bear false witness** against your neighbor.

¹⁷ “You shall **not covet** your neighbor’s house...

2. The 10 Commandments Point to Jesus

Hebrews 1:1-3

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³ He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he

upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high...

Matthew 5:17-20

¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to *fulfill them*. ¹⁸ For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law **until all is accomplished**. ¹⁹ Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, *unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.*

Key Idea

God’s law, OT & NT, helps us see the true nature of our rebellion against God so that we would find Jesus who is the fulfillment of the Law.