

I. The glory of the Old Covenant

- A. The glory of redemption
- B. The glory of God's law
- C. Israel: chosen, fallen, forgiven
- D. God's glorious presence
- E. Moses' encounter with God in his glory

II. The terror of the Old Covenant

- A. Seeing God's glory reflected in Moses' face, everyone else is terrified
- B. Obligation – and therefore condemnation (see Leviticus 18:5)
- C. The Old Covenant can only bring death (see Ezekiel 11:19; 36:26)
- D. This is the situation of all mankind

III. The glory of God in the face of Christ

- A. The gospel does not leave us terrified at the bottom of the mountain
- B. To believe the gospel of Jesus Christ is to behold God's glory
- C. How does the new covenant differ from the old? (2 Corinthians 3:7-4:6)

IV. The greatest tragedy: Christians who turn from Christ to the law

- A. Where does your confidence in God's love come from?
- B. Where does your confidence before other people come from?
- C. Stop looking to the Law, and start looking to Christ

V. The purpose of the Law: to lead us to Christ

- A. Jesus Christ and the Law of God (see Romans 3:21-22; 8:1; 10:4; Ephesians 2:14-15)
- B. Is the law unrighteous? No.
- C. Does the gospel lead to wicked behavior? No!
- D. The greatest purpose of the Law is to lead us to Christ (see Galatians 3:24-25)