



## GOD'S LOVING COMMANDMENTS • PART 3

**Matthew 22:34-40** *But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" (Exodus 20:1-7; Deuteronomy 5:1-22) Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."*

### 1. The Ten Commandments...

- ...teach us to live in a right relationship with God and with people.
- ...reveal the true Father Heart of God as seen in the "preamble" in Exodus 19:3-6.
  - *I carried you on eagles' wings* — As He delivered Israel from Egypt, so has He delivered us from the bondage of slavery to sin.
  - *I brought you to myself* — He adopted us into His family.
  - *You will be my treasured possession, a kingdom of priests, a holy nation* — He gave us a great purpose and eternal destiny to fulfill.

2. **What was the purpose of the Law?** The Law was *never* intended to save us or cleanse us from our sin. Its purpose was to reveal our fallen nature and cause us to turn to Christ, whose life was given on the cross IN OUR PLACE.

- Romans 7:7 *What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Certainly*

*not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin except through the law...*

- Galatians 3:19-25 *...Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith... The Law pointed us to Christ as the One who is able to fulfill it in us. Hearing Peter's sermon in Acts 2, the people were "cut to the heart" and cried out for salvation! (Acts 2:37-39)*
- 2 Corinthians 5:21 *For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. (Galatians 3:10-14)*

### 3. Jesus did not do away with the Law but He fulfilled it's requirements for us!

- Matthew 5:17-18 *Jesus said, "Do not think that I came to do away with or undo the Law [of Moses] or the [writings of the] Prophets; I did not come to destroy but to fulfill... (AMP)*

### 4. The Law dealt with outward behavior. God sees the heart.

- Jesus stated in Matthew 5:21-48 that God sees our heart, and we are held to a higher standard than obeying external rules. The Pharisees and teachers in Israel taught that, as long as you *did* the right things, you were "holy." However, Jesus told the people that *unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 5:20).*

### 5. The Law is fulfilled when we live life in the Spirit.

- Romans 8:3-4 *For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man, in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit.*



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