

A Study of the Ten Commandments And Today's Moral Crisis

Introduction Lesson 2: The Relevancy of Ten Commandments

THE IMPLICATIONS of the LAW expressing God's Character:

Implication 1. When we break God's law, we are making a direct assault on God Himself.

Implication 2. The law is perpetually binding,

When we see the eternal reality of God's Law, we understand that God's Law was in effect even before it was formally given.

THE QUESTION: Is The Law Binding Today?

God's law is still binding today! His standard has not changed, any more than His character has changed.

The New Testament makes a number of statements that **seem** to set aside the Old Testament law.

(John 1:17; Romans 6:14; Galatians 3:25; Galatians 5:18)

On the other hand, the New Testament also **seems** to claim that the law remains in effect. (1 Corinthians; Luke 16:17)

The distinction between three types of laws:

Moral Law, Civil Law, Ceremonial Law

The **moral law** is summarized in the Ten Commandments. It is the righteous and eternal standard for our relationship with God and with others.

The **civil law** consisted of the laws that governed Israel as a nation under God.

The **ceremonial law** consisted of regulations for celebrating various religious festivals and for worshiping God in His sanctuary.

So much for the law. But what about the gospel? It is our breaking of the law that helps us see our need for the gospel. The more clearly we see what God's law requires, the more obvious it becomes that we cannot keep its commands, which is exactly why we need the gospel.