

## Moral Laws II

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## Notes

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## Welcome

It is a pleasure to have you with us this hour. Our endeavor is to worship God in Spirit and in Truth by adhering to the scriptures in all that we do and teach.

If you desire to have a private Bible Study at your convenience, let us know.

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## Nation's Decline in Moral Conduct II

David, the "sweet psalmist of Israel" (2 Samuel 23:1), asked questions: "Jehovah, who shall sojourn in thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in thy holy hill?" Then he revealed the following answers: "He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, And speaketh truth in his heart; He that slandereth not with his tongue, Nor doeth evil to his friend, Nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor; In whose eyes a reprobate is despised, But who honoreth them that fear Jehovah; He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not; He that putteth not out his money to interest, Nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved" (Psalms 15).

Most people desire to obtain the favor of Jehovah: favor being friendly regard, approval. The Apostle Paul spoke of his work as one of reconciling men to God, when he said, "We are ambassadors therefore on behalf of Christ, as though God were entreating by us:

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Thus, the consequences of sin are expressly stated by Isaiah, saying, "Behold, Jehovah's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: but your iniquities have separated between you and your God," (Isaiah 59:1-2). The apostle Paul indicated that, as a result of sin, man is "weak," (Romans 5:6) i.e., without strength, ability, power, or means to come to God. While "we were yet weak, in due season Christ died for the ungodly" (Ibid.). Thus, while man was in this state of weakness, "God commendeth his own love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). Therefore, if you have a desire to obtain favor from Jehovah, you must understand that it is not provided apart from His Son. Nevertheless, there are certain qualities of character that one must possess to dwell in Jehovah's favor, as David revealed in the fifteenth Psalm.

The tabernacle and the holy hill of Zion were places from which the Divine presence and favor of Jehovah was made known. In the weeks to follow (Lord willing), we want to direct our attention to the answers David revealed, i.e., which character traits are essential to sojourn in Jehovah's tabernacle, and dwell in His holy hill. We hope you will join us.

Remember the words of the Apostle John, who said, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God sent not the Son into the world to judge the world; but that the world should be saved through Him" (John 3:16-17). Jesus fulfilled that mission the first time He came. The second time He comes, God "hath appointed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness by the man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead" (Acts 17:31), to which, Jesus said, "for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my sayings, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I spake, the same shall judge him in the last day" (John 12:47-48). ret

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1 Cor. 15:33

### I. What the Scriptures Reveal:

- A. How things OUGHT to be:
  - 1. Lk. 11:42 – "these things ought ye to have done"
  - 2. Acts 20:35 – Elders: "ye ought to help the weak"
- B. Directs Right Human Behavior:
  - 1. Deut. 6:18 – "thou shalt do that which is right"
  - 2. 1 Kgs. 11:38 – Jeroboam: "if thou wilt...do that which is right."

### II. Morality comes from outside of the Physical World:

- A. Isa. 5:20 – To affirm evil exists also affirms good.
- B. 1 Pet. 3:13; 3 Jn. 11 – To affirm good affirms a standard.

### III. God is the Standard of Moral Law:

- A. Gen. 1:1 – "In the beginning God created:" right to establish law.
- B. Jn. 1:1-3, 14 – "All things made through him"
- C. In reference to *Logos*, Philo said, "Since creation, *Logos* binds things together. As the receptacle and holder of ideas, *Logos* is distinct from the material world. At the same time, *Logos* pervades the world, supporting it."
- D. Col. 1:16-17; Heb. 1:3 – "in him all things consist;" upholds "all things by the word of his power," i.e. powerful word.

### IV. Man Should, Therefore:

- A. Rom. 6:17; Eph. 6:6; 1 Thess. 5:15, 21 – "hold fast that which is good"
- B. Deut. 10:12; Micah 6:8 – Turn from moral corruption...

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## Solomon Says

*Walk with wise men, and thou shalt be wise; But the companion of fools shall smart for it.*

*Proverbs 13:20*