The School of Biblical Law

Introduction to Law and Grace Lesson Thirty Eight: "Creations Testimony of the Law"

In Romans, chapters 1 and 2, Paul clearly sets forth that God's eternal reality is revealed by the things which He has created. He has stamped his truth onto the creation. "But God's anger is revealed from heaven against all the impiety and wickedness of those who hinder the Truth by their wickedness. For whatever is to be known of God is plain to them; God himself has made it plain for ever since the world was created, his invisible nature, his everlasting power and divine being, have been quite perceptible in what he has made. So they have no excuse" (Rom. 1:18-20 Moffatt's). "When Gentiles who have no law obey instinctively the Law's requirements, they are a law to themselves, even though they have no law; they exhibit the effect of the Law written on their hearts, their conscience bears them witness, as their moral convictions accuse or it may be defend them" (Rom. 2:14-15 (Mofatt's)

1. Evidence is found in creation and in mankind's hearts that the law is written everywhere.

God, as Creator, has given purpose to everything and has designed every creation in such a manner that it may fulfill its purpose.

The design constitutes the order, rules, guidelines, or the laws by which it functions.

What God's design allows is, therefore, right; and what God's design does not allow is, therefore, wrong.

2. Dominion is accomplished through discovery of the design of the creation.

Finding the laws or right way of the design releases the creation's potential, blessing, and fruitfulness.

Conversely, breaking the laws or operating in the wrong way of the design causes abuse, destruction, and death.

3. All people build their systems by laws (Families, sports, social orders, governments).

All nations in every era of time live by laws because the knowledge of law is written on the heart.

The unrighteous repress knowledge of God and His truth but they don't repress the concept of Law.

Unrighteous make laws that suit their corruptions, and they define good and evil so as to give themselves permission to sin.

The more perverted the heart, the more the laws will reflect the repressed truth.

4. In the beginning, the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil (the Law) was planted in the garden and it was testifying to sinless man.

The test to Adam was to see if he would submit to God's Law and acknowledge God's right to be the law-giver OR claim autonomy to make his own law.

He question was never – law or no law? The question has always been – from what source will the law arise? There can be only two sources: autonomy or theonomy.

The kings in the Old Testament were commanded to write a copy of the law and keep it in the throne in order that it might be used as a reference in making civil policy.

The concepts of right and wrong for the believer, for an individual, and for the nations of the earth will either have their foundations in the law of God or in a law that arises from the heart of the lawmakers. The more a people or a culture represses the righteous laws woven into creation and written upon men's hearts, the more they will make laws to accommodate their evil. Evil laws promote evil practices and permit abuse, which yields curses and maladies upon the earth.