The School of Biblical Law

Introduction to Law and Grace Lesson Four: "Three Uses of the Law"

In the Garden, God was establishing His Kingdom on the earth and appointing His ambassadors to manage His Kingdom. Every Kingdom has a government, a constitution or charter of organizing principles, citizens, territories or boundaries, assets or raw materials, and laws by which the Kingdom operates.

The opening chapters of Genesis reveal at least three initial uses of God's Law.

1. The Law sets the standard of right and wrong or the standard of morality.

Law in every culture is religious in origin.

The source of the Law is the god of the system.

There can be no disestablishment of religion.

There is no tolerance in a Law system for another religion.

In the Bible, the Law is the Torah

2. The Law is man's tool for rule and dominion.

Adam was to apply God's Word to Paradise.

Natural man rules creation by proper use of laws.

Deuteronomy 11:12-32 and Deuteronomy 28:1-14 picture dominion by application of and obedience to God's Law.

The Church is commissioned in Matthew 28:19-20 to expand the Kingdom of God by making disciples of God's Word

3. The Law is the judicial standard of judgment.

Adam was to have judged the Serpent and the words of the Serpent by measuring them again the standard that God had already given.

Jesus defeated the Devil's temptation by the use of the Law (Mt. 4:1-11)

- "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God." (Deut. 8:3)
- "Thou shall not tempt the Lord thy God." (Deut. 6:16)
- "Thou shall worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shall thou serve." (Deut. 6:13)

The Law condemns transgressors to wrath and punishment

Deuteronomy 6;4-9, "Hear of Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord; And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. And these words, which I command you this day, shall be in your heart, and you shall teach them diligently unto your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down and when you rise up. And you shall bind them for a sign upon your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. And you shall write them upon the posts of your house, and on your gates." Premise: To embrace God's standard with all of our being is to embrace the One who gave us the standard.