

## The School of Biblical Law

### Introduction to Law and Grace

#### Lesson Nine: "God's Testimony in The Ten Commandments #2"

God brings forth a testimony or a witness of Himself, His throne, and His ways to man to reveal the eternal realm. The Hebrew word for testimony is *eduwth* (Strong's #5715), meaning a witness, recorder, to duplicate or repeat.

1. The Ten Commandments were called tablets of Testimony (Ex. 31:18) that were placed inside of the Ark of Testimony (Ex. 25:22) that was set inside the holy place in the Tabernacle of Testimony (Ex. 38:21).
2. Psalm 19 reveals two sure witnesses: creation and the Law. The Codified Law is a more sure *eduwth* than creation can offer through nature.

Moses was given the Codified Law at Mount Sinai.

Codified Law means a fixed standard or morality written in the form of a code.

3. The Codified Law reflected God's unchangeable holy nature, moral rectitude, perfect determination of all that is righteous and all that is sinful. God's Law is God's eternal nature.

His Law is found eternally within Him and emanates from His throne. (Ps. 33:5; 97:2; Duet. 32:4)

- For His earth-throne to be a sure *eduwth*, the Codified Law would need to be present.
- Every Israelite king was required to make a copy of the Law and store it in his throne (Deut. 17:18-20).

Israel was the only nation to be given God's Codified Law by which they would build their sociopolitical order and which would, consequently, serve as a model or *eduwth* for other nations to emulate. (Deut. 4: 5-8, "Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the LORD my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it. Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people. For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the LORD our God is in all things that we call upon him for? And what nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day?"

4. Codified Law is superior to natural law.

Natural law is suppressed in unrighteousness by the sinner (Rom. 1:18-21).

If natural law revealed a detailed ethical blueprint for sociopolitical development, why haven't nations discovered it yet?

Even Adam and Eve, who had the law written on their hearts, were given the Codified Law in the words, "Do not eat."

The promise that the New Covenant would give man a new heart (Jer. 31:33; Ez. 11:19-20) does not mean that man will outgrow the need for a Codified Law but rather that man's nature will again become compliant to God's eternal witness of His throne, His holy nature, and moral standards.