

THE LAW OF MOSES

THE LESSONS WE LEARN FROM MOSES

"Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments.

~ Malachi 3:4

1. Have You Not Read

- a. We need to know the lessons of history/scripture - Mark 12:26, Acts 28:23
- b. It is common to learn about grace, before law (which does not produce gratitude)
- c. The law is seen as "hard work", grace is seen as a "pass" (e.g gym, diet, pills)

2. Moses

- a. Messenger of God - *"he made known his ways to Moses"* - Ps 103:7
 - i. Ps 90 - thousand years, like grass, secret sins, fly away, number our days
 - ii. *"The Lord spake ... as a man speaketh unto his friend"* - Exo 33:11
- b. Mediator - Ps 106:23, Moses appealed to God for grace - Exo 32:30, 33:11
 - i. Moses appealed to the LORD for grace - Exo 33:12-17
- c. Miracle worker - First healer Exo 4, 34:10, Act 7:35-36, Rev 11:5-6
 - i. He had holy Spirit - Num 11:25, 29
- d. Messiah figure - they followed Moses as they would Christ - Deu 18:18, Acts 3:22-23
 - i. Baby - saved from murder mandate by going to Egyptians - Exo 1:5
 - ii. Death - *"no man knoweth of his sepulchre"* - Deu 34:6, Jude 9

3. The Law of Moses

- a. General ignorance of the Constitution and its justifications: Senate, VP, electors
 - i. Moses law more than just 10, there are 613 laws (248 positive, 365 negative)
- b. Law described life: morning routine (food, cleaning, clothes, grooming), calendar, business, marriage/family, judgments, property, farming, taxes/tithes, money, temple, sacrifices, sickness, rulers, wars; how to treat God, neighbor, poor, foreigners, servants, animals. De 32:47
 - i. Jesus commanded the law be kept - Matt 5:17-19, 8:4, 23:2-3, 28:20
 - ii. Law includes NT commands as circumcised heart, love God, love neighbor.
- c. Law defined a nation: it required a people, in a land, with a government.
 - i. The law cannot be kept without Israel in the land: sacrifices, temple, courts
 - ii. Nations would pattern themselves after the nation of God - Isa 2:2
- d. Law given to Israel: It was not given to Gentiles - Rom 3:19, 9:4
 - i. To be born in Israel meant advantage, blessing, wealth from law - Eph 2:12

4. Our Schoolmaster

- a. The law is good, holy, just - Rom 7:7, 7:12, but could not justify - Acts 13:39
- b. We learn the knowledge of sin from the law - Rom 3:20
- c. We are not under the law, but we learn from it - Rom 3:31, Gal 3:10, 2 Tim 3:16
- d. The law is our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ - Gal 3:13, 24
- e. We do not call ourselves Israel, followers of Moses, or a nation b/c of the law.