

## Sermon Outline

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### Principles for Success: Part Two

Much misunderstanding exists in the Christian community about God's law. God's law, as given to Moses, were statements of heavenly truth and wisdom expressed in earthly words to a special people God had chosen as His people. In addition to the Law, the Ten Commandments, God gave His special people statutes, judgments, and testimonies. The statutes and judgments were the specific applications of the Law to Israel and were very detailed. As such, they governed every aspect of the life of the people of Israel.

While the Ten Commandments, being eternal, heavenly truths, apply to all of God's children of all ages, Christians are not under the statutes and judgments because Christians are not Israel. One significant aspect of God's Law in the Old Testament that is seldom seen is that it was as much about God's love and loving God as anything in the New Testament.

#### I. THE SIGNIFICANT BACKGROUND

#### II. GOD CHOSE JOSHUA

#### III. RECEIVING/POSSESSING THE GIFTS OF GOD

A. God Said: *I have given ...*

B. God said: *Every Place That The Sole of Your Foot Shall Tread Upon, I have given*

C. As It Was With The Israelites, It Is With Believers Today

D. To Possess, the Israelites Had to Observe ALL the Law, Obey Josh 1:7

#### IV. THE BASIC ESSENTIALS

#### V. THE LAW AND LOVE

A. What did God Tell Joshua and the People To Do? Joshua 1:8; 24:15-25

B. What Is the Nature of the Law

1. The Law was holy and just and reflected God's nature Rom. 7:12, 14,16

2. The Law expressed God's love for His chosen people

3. The Law provided an opportunity for God's chosen people to love Him and allow God to bless them

4. The Law provided protection and guidance for God's people

C. The Primary Basis of God's Law Is LOVE ! Deut. 6:5-13

God chose the descendants of Abraham, Israel, because He loved them (Deut. 4:37) and God just wanted them to love Him. Deut. 6:5; 10:12; 13:3

1. Jesus interpreted and applied the Law indicating that it is the same in the Old and the New Testaments. Mat. 22:34-40

2. Obedience allowed them to receive God's love. Deut. 7:12-13; 11:13-15

3. The central issue is always *whole-heart-love*. Deut. 4:29; 5:29; 8:10-19

D. What Was the Purpose of God's Law?

Since the Law is holy and just (Rom. 7) and reflects God's nature, man, being an unholy sinner, cannot obey the Law and cannot be justified by the Law. Rom. 3:10-20

1. The Law informs man of God's holy righteousness

2. The Law convicts man of sin Gal. 3:24; Rom. 7:7-11, 13

3. The Law causes man to depend on God's mercy and grace Rom. 3:21-28

God wants to have a *love relationship*, with us!

4. The law protects man from the destructive effects of sin and rebellion! Deut. 30:15-20