

## WHY THE LAW OF MOSES IS STILL VALID TODAY

### Part 5: The Blessings for remaining Obedient and the Curses for disobedience

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*Ex 15:26 And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee.*

*Le 26:3 If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them;*

We come now to the part of the series that everyone loves to hear about; the blessings for remaining obedient to God's Commandments.

I have touched upon the Second Table of the Law in the first part of this series on the Ten Commandments. These 6 Commandments are relatively self-explanatory. Obey your parents (this includes those appointed over you). Do not commit murder. Do not commit adultery (which we showed earlier in its fullness). Do not steal. Do not lie. Do not covet your neighbor's things.

All these are understood even by the very young.

Therefore, I decided to keep the focus on the First Table of the Law of Moses; what it means to love God.

4 commandments that are woefully neglected.

I could very well have listed all 613 mitzvot, or Commandments. Yes. There are 613 different commandments in the Law of Moses that are broken down into 10 sub categories. I will leave the reading to you, who have been blessed by this series. It is important to know the Law so that you can understand Grace and why Grace is Grace.

Now, to the benefits of remaining obedient to the Commandments and the statutes.

#### **Webster's 1828 Dictionary**

#### **commandment**

#### **COMMANDMENT, n.**

1. A command; a mandate; an order or injunction given by authority; charge; precept.

Why do ye transgress the commandment of God. Matt. 15.

This is the first and great commandment. Matt. 22.

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another. John 13.

2. By way of eminence, a precept of the decalogue, or moral law, written on tables of stone, at Mount Sinai; one of the ten commandments. Ex. 34.

3. Authority; coercive power.

I do not believe any definition could be more clear than what has been declared above.

The benefits are thus:

Ex 18:23 If thou shalt do this thing, and God command thee so, then thou shalt be able to endure, and all this people shall also go to their place in peace.

Ex 20:6 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

Ex 23:25 And ye shall serve the LORD your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee.

Le 18:4 Ye shall do my judgments, and keep mine ordinances, to walk therein: I am the LORD your God.

Le 18:5 Ye shall therefore keep my statutes, and my judgments: which if a man do, he shall live in them: I am the LORD.

De 7:12 ¶ Wherefore it shall come to pass, if ye hearken to these judgments, and keep, and do them, that the LORD thy God shall keep unto thee the covenant and the mercy which he sware unto thy fathers:

De 7:13 And he will love thee, and bless thee, and multiply thee: he will also bless the fruit of thy womb, and the fruit of thy land, thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep, in the land which he sware unto thy fathers to give thee.

De 7:14 Thou shalt be blessed above all people: there shall not be male or female barren among you, or among your cattle.

De 7:15 And the LORD will take away from thee all sickness, and will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which thou knowest, upon thee; but will lay them upon all them that hate thee.

De 11:8 ¶ Therefore shall ye keep all the commandments which I command you this day, that ye may be strong, and go in and possess the land, whither ye go to possess it;

De 11:9 And that ye may prolong your days in the land, which the LORD sware unto your fathers to give unto them and to their seed, a land that floweth with milk and honey.

De 11:10 For the land, whither thou goest in to possess it, is not as the land of Egypt, from whence ye came out, where thou sowedst thy seed, and wateredst it with thy foot, as a garden of herbs:

De 11:11 But the land, whither ye go to possess it, is a land of hills and valleys, and drinketh water of the rain of heaven:

De 11:12 A land which the LORD thy God careth for: the eyes of the LORD thy God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year.

De 11:13 And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day, to love the LORD your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul,

De 11:14 That I will give you the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil.

De 11:15 And I will send grass in thy fields for thy cattle, that thou mayest eat and be full.

De 28:1 ¶ And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:

De 28:2 And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.

De 28:3 Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field.

De 28:4 Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.

De 28:5 Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store.

De 28:6 Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out.

De 28:7 The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways.

De 28:8 The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

De 28:9 The LORD shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, and walk in his ways.

De 28:10 And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the LORD; and they shall be afraid of thee.

De 28:11 And the LORD shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the LORD swore unto thy fathers to give thee.

De 28:12 The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.

De 28:13 And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them:

De 28:14 And thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them.

And thus, these are the blessings that the Lord GOD will bless you with if you diligently keep His Commandments.

***Le 26:14 ¶ But if ye will not hearken unto me, and will not do all these commandments;***

***Le 26:15 And if ye shall despise my statutes, or if your soul abhor my judgments, so that ye will not do all my commandments, but that ye break my covenant:***

***Le 26:16(a) I also will do this unto you;***

This is after the giving of all the Commandments. Lest you be left with only a portion of all that God has said; leaving you blind and ignorant of the curses for NOT keeping His Commandments...

***Le 26:15)b) I will even appoint over you terror, consumption, and the burning ague, that shall consume the eyes, and cause sorrow of heart: and ye shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it.***

*Le 26:17 And I will set my face against you, and ye shall be slain before your enemies: they that hate you shall reign over you; and ye shall flee when none pursueth you.*

*Le 26:18 And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins.*

*Le 26:19 And I will break the pride of your power; and I will make your heaven as iron, and your earth as brass:*

*Le 26:20 And your strength shall be spent in vain: for your land shall not yield her increase, neither shall the trees of the land yield their fruits.*

*Le 26:21 And if ye walk contrary unto me, and will not hearken unto me; I will bring seven times more plagues upon you according to your sins.*

*Le 26:22 I will also send wild beasts among you, which shall rob you of your children, and destroy your cattle, and make you few in number; and your high ways shall be desolate.*

*Le 26:23 And if ye will not be reformed by me by these things, but will walk contrary unto me;*

*Le 26:24 Then will I also walk contrary unto you, and will punish you yet seven times for your sins.*

*Le 26:25 And I will bring a sword upon you, that shall avenge the quarrel of my covenant: and when ye are gathered together within your cities, I will send the pestilence among you; and ye shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy.*

*Le 26:26 And when I have broken the staff of your bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall deliver you your bread again by weight: and ye shall eat, and not be satisfied.*

*Le 26:27 And if ye will not for all this hearken unto me, but walk contrary unto me;*

*Le 26:28 Then I will walk contrary unto you also in fury; and I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins.*

*Le 26:29 And ye shall eat the flesh of your sons, and the flesh of your daughters shall ye eat.*

*Le 26:30 And I will destroy your high places, and cut down your images, and cast your carcasses upon the carcasses of your idols, and my soul shall abhor you.*

*Le 26:31 And I will make your cities waste, and bring your sanctuaries unto desolation, and I will not smell the savour of your sweet odours.*

*Le 26:32 And I will bring the land into desolation: and your enemies which dwell therein shall be astonished at it.*

*Le 26:33 And I will scatter you among the heathen, and will draw out a sword after you: and your land shall be desolate, and your cities waste.*

*Le 26:34 Then shall the land enjoy her sabbaths, as long as it lieth desolate, and ye be in your enemies' land; even then shall the land rest, and enjoy her sabbaths.*

*Le 26:35 As long as it lieth desolate it shall rest; because it did not rest in your sabbaths, when ye dwelt upon it.*

*Le 26:36 And upon them that are left alive of you I will send a faintness into their hearts in the lands of their enemies; and the sound of a shaken leaf shall chase them; and they shall flee, as fleeing from a sword; and they shall fall when none pursueth.*

*Le 26:37 And they shall fall one upon another, as it were before a sword, when none pursueth: and ye shall have no power to stand before your enemies.*

*Le 26:38 And ye shall perish among the heathen, and the land of your enemies shall eat you up.*

*Le 26:39 And they that are left of you shall pine away in their iniquity in your enemies' lands; and also in the iniquities of their fathers shall they pine away with them.*

And if this doesn't convince you, here is some more.

*De 28:15 ¶ But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee:*

*De 28:16 Cursed shalt thou be in the city, and cursed shalt thou be in the field.*

*De 28:17 Cursed shall be thy basket and thy store.*

*De 28:18 Cursed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy land, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.*

*De 28:19 Cursed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and cursed shalt thou be when thou goest out.*

*De 28:20 The LORD shall send upon thee cursing, vexation, and rebuke, in all that thou settest thine hand unto for to do, until thou be destroyed, and until thou perish quickly; because of the wickedness of thy doings, whereby thou hast forsaken me.*

*De 28:21 The LORD shall make the pestilence cleave unto thee, until he have consumed thee from off the land, whither thou goest to possess it.*

*De 28:22 The LORD shall smite thee with a consumption, and with a fever, and with an inflammation, and with an extreme burning, and with the sword, and with blasting, and with mildew; and they shall pursue thee until thou perish.*

*De 28:23 And thy heaven that is over thy head shall be brass, and the earth that is under thee shall be iron.*

*De 28:24 The LORD shall make the rain of thy land powder and dust: from heaven shall it come down upon thee, until thou be destroyed.*

*De 28:25 The LORD shall cause thee to be smitten before thine enemies: thou shalt go out one way against them, and flee seven ways before them: and shalt be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth.*

*De 28:26 And thy carcase shall be meat unto all fowls of the air, and unto the beasts of the earth, and no man shall fray them away.*

*De 28:27 The LORD will smite thee with the botch of Egypt, and with the emerods, and with the scab, and with the itch, whereof thou canst not be healed.*

*De 28:28 The LORD shall smite thee with madness, and blindness, and astonishment of heart:*

*De 28:29 And thou shalt grope at noonday, as the blind gropeth in darkness, and thou shalt not prosper in thy ways: and thou shalt be only oppressed and spoiled evermore, and no man shall save thee.*

*De 28:30 Thou shalt betroth a wife, and another man shall lie with her: thou shalt build an house, and thou shalt not dwell therein: thou shalt plant a vineyard, and shalt not gather the grapes thereof.*

*De 28:31 Thine ox shall be slain before thine eyes, and thou shalt not eat thereof: thine ass shall be violently taken away from before thy face, and shall not be restored to thee: thy sheep shall be given unto thine enemies, and thou shalt have none to rescue them.*

*De 28:32 Thy sons and thy daughters shall be given unto another people, and thine eyes shall look, and fail with longing for them all the day long: and there shall be no might in thine hand.*

*De 28:33 The fruit of thy land, and all thy labours, shall a nation which thou knowest not eat up; and thou shalt be only oppressed and crushed alway:*

*De 28:34 So that thou shalt be mad for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see.*

*De 28:35 The LORD shall smite thee in the knees, and in the legs, with a sore botch that cannot be healed, from the sole of thy foot unto the top of thy head.*

*De 28:36 The LORD shall bring thee, and thy king which thou shalt set over thee, unto a nation which neither thou nor thy fathers have known; and there shalt thou serve other gods, wood and stone.*

*De 28:37 And thou shalt become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword, among all nations whither the LORD shall lead thee.*

*De 28:38 Thou shalt carry much seed out into the field, and shalt gather but little in; for the locust shall consume it.*

*De 28:39 Thou shalt plant vineyards, and dress them, but shalt neither drink of the wine, nor gather the grapes; for the worms shall eat them.*

*De 28:40 Thou shalt have olive trees throughout all thy coasts, but thou shalt not anoint thyself with the oil; for thine olive shall cast his fruit.*

*De 28:41 Thou shalt beget sons and daughters, but thou shalt not enjoy them; for they shall go into captivity.*

*De 28:42 All thy trees and fruit of thy land shall the locust consume.*

*De 28:43 The stranger that is within thee shall get up above thee very high; and thou shalt come down very low.*

*De 28:44 He shall lend to thee, and thou shalt not lend to him: he shall be the head, and thou shalt be the tail.*

*De 28:45 ¶ Moreover all these curses shall come upon thee, and shall pursue thee, and overtake thee, till thou be destroyed; because thou hearkenedst not unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which he commanded thee:*

*De 28:46 And they shall be upon thee for a sign and for a wonder, and upon thy seed for ever.*

*De 28:47 Because thou servedst not the LORD thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of all things;*

*De 28:48 Therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies which the LORD shall send against thee, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of all things: and he shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, until he have destroyed thee.*

*De 28:49 The LORD shall bring a nation against thee from far, from the end of the earth, as swift as the eagle flieth; a nation whose tongue thou shalt not understand;*

*De 28:50 A nation of fierce countenance, which shall not regard the person of the old, nor shew favour to the young:*

*De 28:51 And he shall eat the fruit of thy cattle, and the fruit of thy land, until thou be destroyed: which also shall not leave thee either corn, wine, or oil, or the increase of thy kine, or flocks of thy sheep, until he have destroyed thee.*

*De 28:52 And he shall besiege thee in all thy gates, until thy high and fenced walls come down, wherein thou trustedst, throughout all thy land: and he shall besiege thee in all thy gates throughout all thy land, which the LORD thy God hath given thee.*

*De 28:53 And thou shalt eat the fruit of thine own body, the flesh of thy sons and of thy daughters, which the LORD thy God hath given thee, in the siege, and in the straitness, wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee:*



*De 28:54 So that the man that is tender among you, and very delicate, his eye shall be evil toward his brother, and toward the wife of his bosom, and toward the remnant of his children which he shall leave:*

*De 28:55 So that he will not give to any of them of the flesh of his children whom he shall eat: because he hath nothing left him in the siege, and in the straitness, wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee in all thy gates.*

*De 28:56 The tender and delicate woman among you, which would not adventure to set the sole of her foot upon the ground for delicateness and tenderness, her eye shall be evil toward the husband of her bosom, and toward her son, and toward her daughter,*

*De 28:57 And toward her young one that cometh out from between her feet, and toward her children which she shall bear: for she shall eat them for want of all things secretly in the siege and straitness, wherewith thine enemy shall distress thee in thy gates.*

*De 28:58 If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that thou mayest fear this glorious and fearful name, **THE LORD THY GOD**;*

*De 28:59 Then the LORD will make thy plagues wonderful, and the plagues of thy seed, even great plagues, and of long continuance, and sore sicknesses, and of long continuance.*

*De 28:60 Moreover he will bring upon thee all the diseases of Egypt, which thou wast afraid of; and they shall cleave unto thee.*

*De 28:61 Also every sickness, and every plague, which is not written in the book of this law, them will the LORD bring upon thee, until thou be destroyed.*

*De 28:62 And ye shall be left few in number, whereas ye were as the stars of heaven for multitude; because thou wouldest not obey the voice of the LORD thy God.*

*De 28:63 And it shall come to pass, that as the LORD rejoiced over you to do you good, and to multiply you; so the LORD will rejoice over you to destroy you, and to bring you to nought; and ye shall be plucked from off the land whither thou goest to possess it.*

*De 28:64 And the LORD shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other; and there thou shalt serve other gods, which neither thou nor thy fathers have known, even wood and stone.*

*De 28:65 And among these nations shalt thou find no ease, neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest: but the LORD shall give thee there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind:*

*De 28:66 And thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear day and night, and shalt have none assurance of thy life:*

*De 28:67 In the morning thou shalt say, Would God it were even! and at even thou shalt say, Would God it were morning! for the fear of thine heart wherewith thou shalt fear, and for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see.*

***De 28:68 And the LORD shall bring thee into Egypt again with ships, by the way whereof I spake unto thee, Thou shalt see it no more again: and there ye shall be sold unto your enemies for bondmen and bondwomen, and no man shall buy you.***

Still not convinced?

***2Ch 7:19 But if ye turn away, and forsake my statutes and my commandments, which I have set before you, and shall go and serve other gods, and worship them;***

***2Ch 7:20 Then will I pluck them up by the roots out of my land which I have given them; and this house, which I have sanctified for my name, will I cast out of my sight, and will make it to be a proverb and a byword among all nations.***

***2Ch 7:21 And this house, which is high, shall be an astonishment to every one that passeth by it; so that he shall say, Why hath the LORD done thus unto this land, and unto this house?***

***2Ch 7:22 And it shall be answered, Because they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, and laid hold on other gods, and worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath he brought all this evil upon them.***

And there is much, much more in the Books of Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel... which if I were to list all the judgements of the LORD against those who rebel against His Commandments and ignore His Statutes; I would be reading for hours and hours.

One final note to convey to you.

Don't be fooled into thinking that "I have common grace, and this is my assurance that I am walking right with God or else I wouldn't have so much prosperity".

This is deception at its finest.

Here is what common grace is, in a nutshell.

***Mt 5:45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.***

God allows wicked men to prosper as well.

Ishmael begat 12 princes and was prosperous. Esau, the same. Same with the children of the land of Canaan before they were utterly destroyed in the time of Joshua.

So does this wicked and adulterous generation have much prosperity.

Don't be fooled. The Ceremonial portion of the Law has been fulfilled. The Kosher Laws have been undone. The Lord Jesus Christ declared these to be true.

The Moral Law will exist until all men are gone from this world. The Judicial Law will remain until all have been judged and sentenced.

As was stated in the first sermon of this series,

***Mt 5:17 ¶ Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.***

***Mt 5:18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.***

So it shall be done.

Let us Pray.

I thank you Father, in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ for Thy Law and the blessings that You have promised for those that keep Thy Commandments and for showing us the curses for those who willfully disobey.

I thank you for granting us the opportunity to hear these things again. May Thy Mercy be upon us.

In Jesus' Name,

Amen.