

What would a government be without law and order? Well, look around our world today and you will get a glimpse of what that could be. The rise in incarceration, fear of terrorism, rampant theft, indefensible murder rate, failing marriages, international conflict, and perpetual war, are symptoms of the rejection of God's Perfect Law. The entertainment industry have dramatized and sensationalized the corrupt. In all forms and on all levels, we have become desensitized and accepting of that which emphasizes open rebellion against God's Law.

The dismantling of society is the direct result of rejecting God's Perfect Law. However, the issue is not God's *Perfect* Law, it is the imperfect heart of humanity. Sinful man is incapable of keeping a sinless Law.

Since the entrance of sin, every effort on the part of humanity to live in harmony with God's Law, has fallen short of fulfilling God's ideal. Yet, the appeal from a loving Savior is, "If you love Me, keep My Commandments." John 14:15 (NKJV).

How can imperfect humans live in harmony with God's Perfect Law? Of ourselves we are incapable and will always fall short of fulfilling God's purpose. The good news is, Jesus provides the power through which we can live-up to a standard far superior to our nature. When God's Law is honored, the heart is renewed, the character is refined, and the life reflects the reality that God Perfect Law reveals God's Perfect Love.

THE NATURE OF GOD'S LAW

Psalms 19:7 - The Law of God is perfect.

Exodus 20:1-17 - The Law of God was written by God not man. God's Law is comprised of Ten Commandments. **Exodus 34:28 Deuteronomy 5:22** - God added nothing more to His Ten Commandments. Proverbs 6:23 - The Commandments are a lamp and the law is a light. Romans 3:20 God's Law does not save us, it reveals our condition.

1 John 3:4 - Sin is the violation of God's Law.

James 2:12 God's Law leads not to bondage but to liberty.

James 1:25 God's Law is the perfect law of liberty. Romans 7:12 God's Law is holy, just and good.

Psalms 119:35, 77 - God's Law is a delight and it guides those that follow Him.

Psalms 111:7-8 - God's Law is sure and eternal.

THE IMPACT OF GOD'S LAW

- Those that do God's will honor His Commandments. Psalms 40:8 1 John 2:3-5 Those that do not keep God's Law are void of truth. Genesis 26:5 Abraham kept God's Law long before the Jews existed. - God's Commandments are kept out of love for one another. **Romans 13:8.9** - The Ten Commandments have never been abolished. Matthew 5:17-19 Matthew 15:3 - Tradition is not more important than God's Holy Law. **Matthew 19:17** - Those that are saved will Keep God's Commandments. Mark 7:7-9 - Man's doctrines cannot replace God's Commandments.

THE APPLICATION OF GOD'S LAW

Ecclesiastes 12:13.14 - God's Law is the standard of Judgment.

James 2:12 God's Law will judge our actions.

Romans 3:31 - Faith does not give us license to ignore God's Law. Romans 4:15 - The presence of sin proves that God has a moral Law. 1 John 5:3 - God's Law is not a burden but an expression of His love.

Romans 6:15 - Those under grace must still honor God's Law. **Hebrews 10:16** God's Law is written in our hearts and minds.

THE CONCLUSION ABOUT GOD'S LAW

1 Corinthians 7:19 - God's Law is not specific to any one class or nationality. 1 John 2:3-5 God honors the prayers of those that honor His Law. Proverbs 28:9 - God does not honor our prayers when we ignore His Law. **Revelation 12:17** Satan is angry with those that keep God's Commandments. Revelation 14:12 - God gives His saints power to honor His Commandments. **Revelation 22:14** None but those that Keep God's Law will enter heaven.

John 15:10 We follow the example of Jesus in obedience to His law.

John 14:15 We keep God Commandments out of love for Him.