



ACTS

Apache Christian
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CONCLUSION

WHAT DOES GOD SAY ABOUT ALL THESE COMMANDMENTS?

He says, "I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, ***punishing*** the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of ***those who hate me***, but ***showing love*** to a thousand generations of those ***who love me and keep my commandments.***"

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

God threatens to punish all who transgress these commandments.

Therefore ***we should fear his anger and not disobey*** what he commands.

But ***he promises grace and every blessing*** to all who keep these commandments.

Therefore we ***should love and trust in him and gladly obey*** what he commands.

THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS THE BEGINNING OF WISDOM

GENESIS 6:6-8

The LORD saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time. The LORD was grieved that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain. So the LORD said, "***I will wipe mankind, whom I have created, from the face of the earth--*** men and animals, and creatures that move along the ground, and birds of the air-- for I am grieved that I have made them." But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD. (NIV)

ROMANS 6:12-23

Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, ***as instruments of wickedness***, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness. For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace. What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey-- whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you wholeheartedly obeyed the form of teaching to which you were entrusted. You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness. I put this in human terms because you are weak in your natural selves. Just as you used to offer the parts of your body in slavery to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer them in slavery to righteousness leading to holiness. When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness.

What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (NIV)

- How dangerous is it to disregard God's law and his threats of punishment?

GOD'S LAW WARNS US OF THE SERIOUSNESS OF SIN.

WE LOVE HIM WHO FIRST LOVED US

PSALMS 32:1-11 OF DAVID. A <MASKIL.>

Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit. When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. <Selah> Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. ***I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD"-- and you forgave the guilt of my sin.*** <Selah> Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be found; surely when the mighty waters rise, they will not reach him. You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance. <Selah> I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you. Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you. ***Many are the woes of the wicked, but the LORD's unfailing love surrounds the man who trusts in him.*** Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart! (NIV)

GALATIANS 3:11-13

Clearly no one is justified before God by the law, because, "The righteous will live by faith." The law is not based on faith; on the contrary, "The man who does these things will live by them." ***Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us,*** for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree." (NIV)

- Discuss how cursed Jesus was just because of you.

GOD'S LAW HELPS US UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE JESUS DEATH ON THE CROSS.

TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART

JOHN 15:1-10

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while ***every branch that does bear fruit he prunes*** so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ***Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.*** "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. ***This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit,*** showing yourselves to be my disciples. "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. (NIV)

EPHESIANS 2:10

For we are God's workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus to do good works,** which God prepared in advance for us to do. (NIV)

- For what purpose did God create and save us?

GOD'S LAW GUIDES US IN OUR LIFE AS DISCIPLES OF JESUS.