

Paul, His Life and Teachings

Paul's Theology

The Law

Lesson 22



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Thanks to Charles Mickey!

Its good to be back



I'm back in the saddle
again
Back where St. Paul is
a friend
Be it Romans,
Corinthians, Galatians
or Philippians
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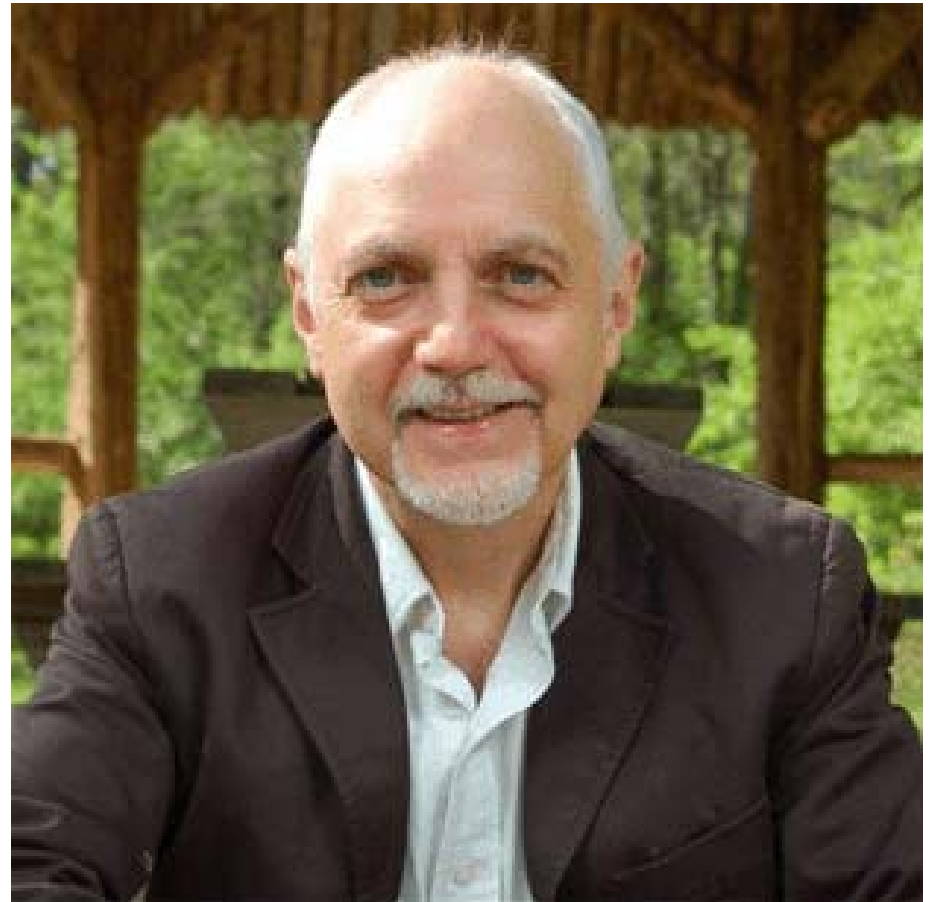
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Thank you to Gene Autry and Phil Keaggy



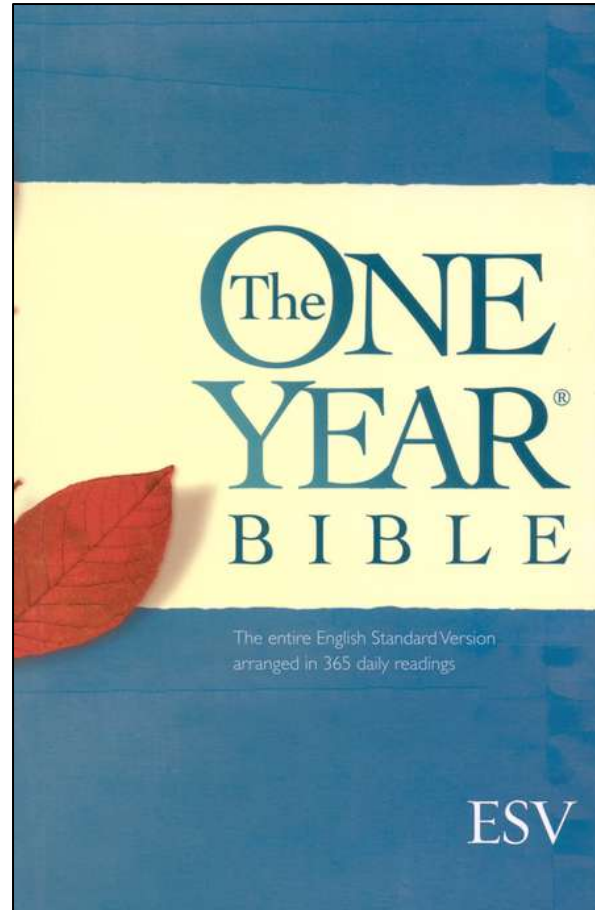
Have you ever tried to read the
Bible cover to cover?



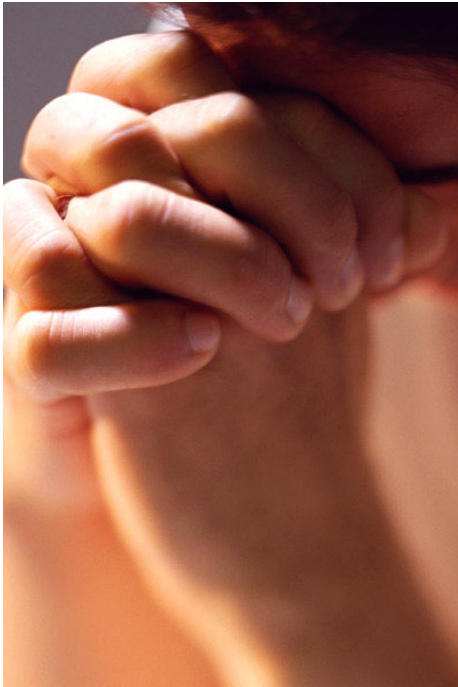
Read through the Bible quicksand



When you decide to read through the Bible:



Our goals - What does Paul say about the law as it applies to:



Christian



Church



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First we must dig deep into the
question:
What is the Law?

“I am the law”

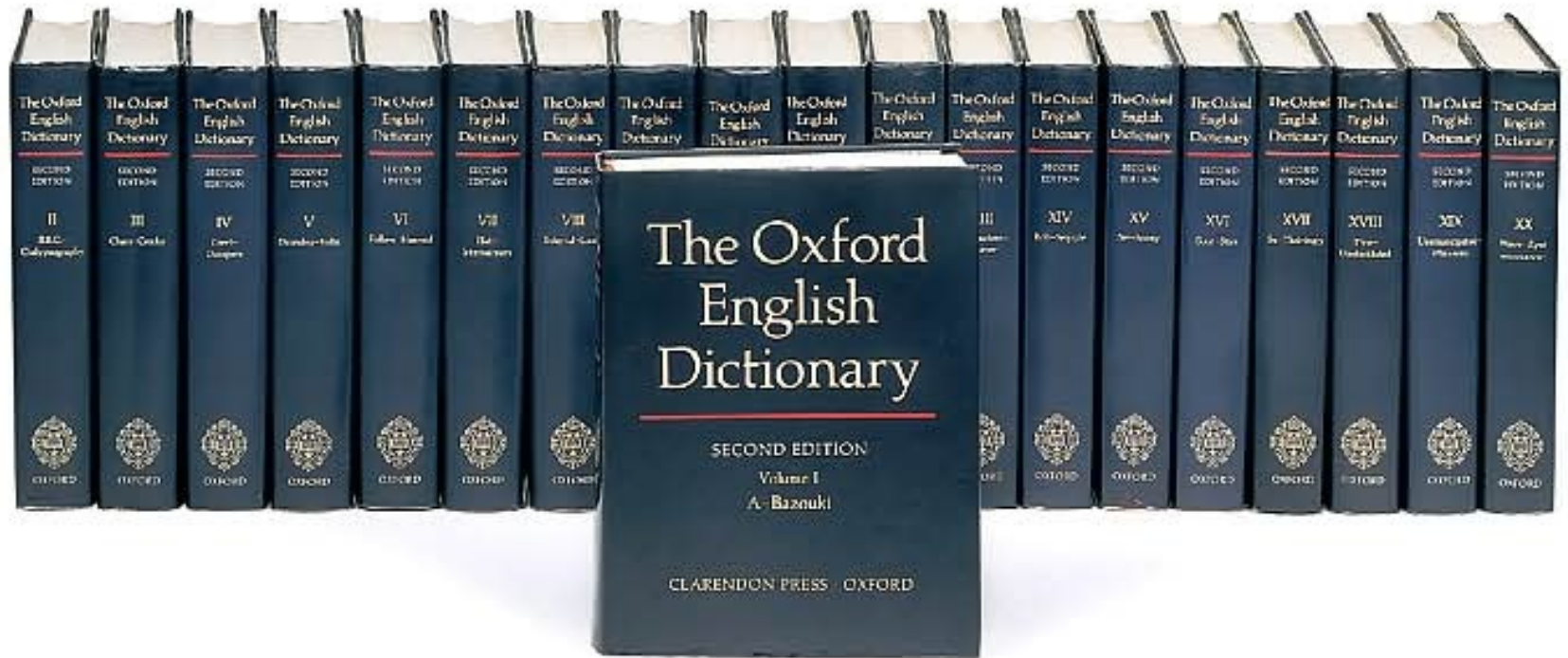


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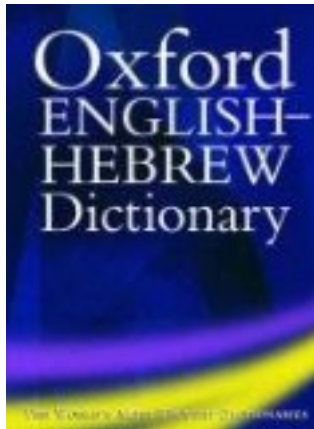
In English, “law” can be quite broad



Six Pages!

For most, the “law” is a code or set
of rules to live by





The word translated
“law” is “*Torah*”

The core meaning is
“**instruction**”

“Instruction” is broader than “rule”

Hebrew Bible

Torah
“Law”

Nevi'im
“Prophets”

Ketuvim
“Other writings”

“Instruction” is broader than “rule”

Hebrew
Bible

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy

Torah
“Law”



So the Hebrew
“Torah” law
included stories!

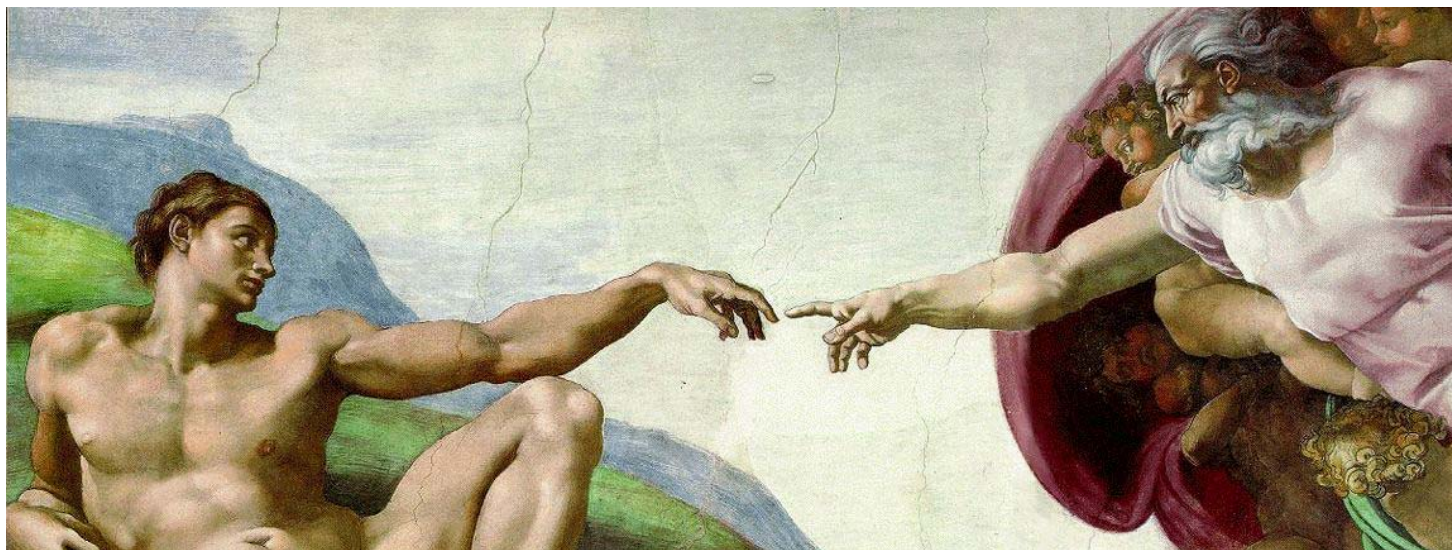
The stories were
also “instructions”

A word on Old Testament studies and our approach

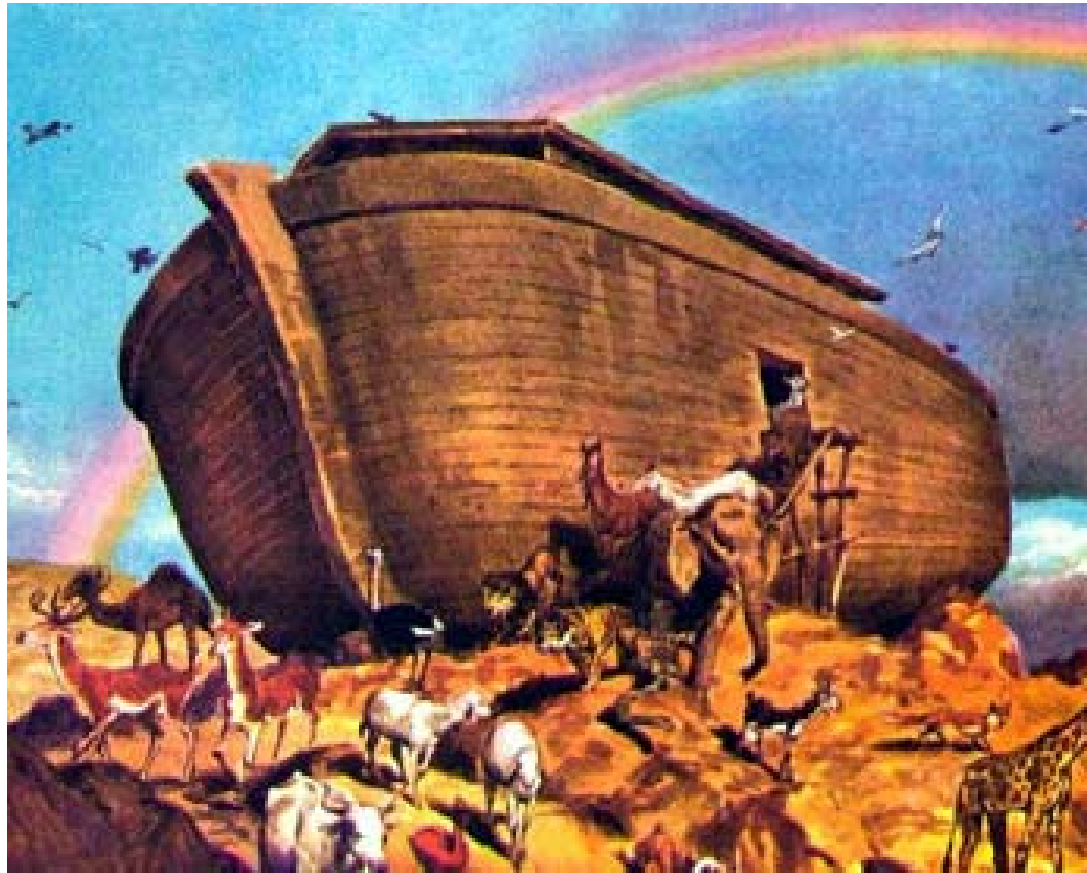
Let us examine the Old Testament Torah



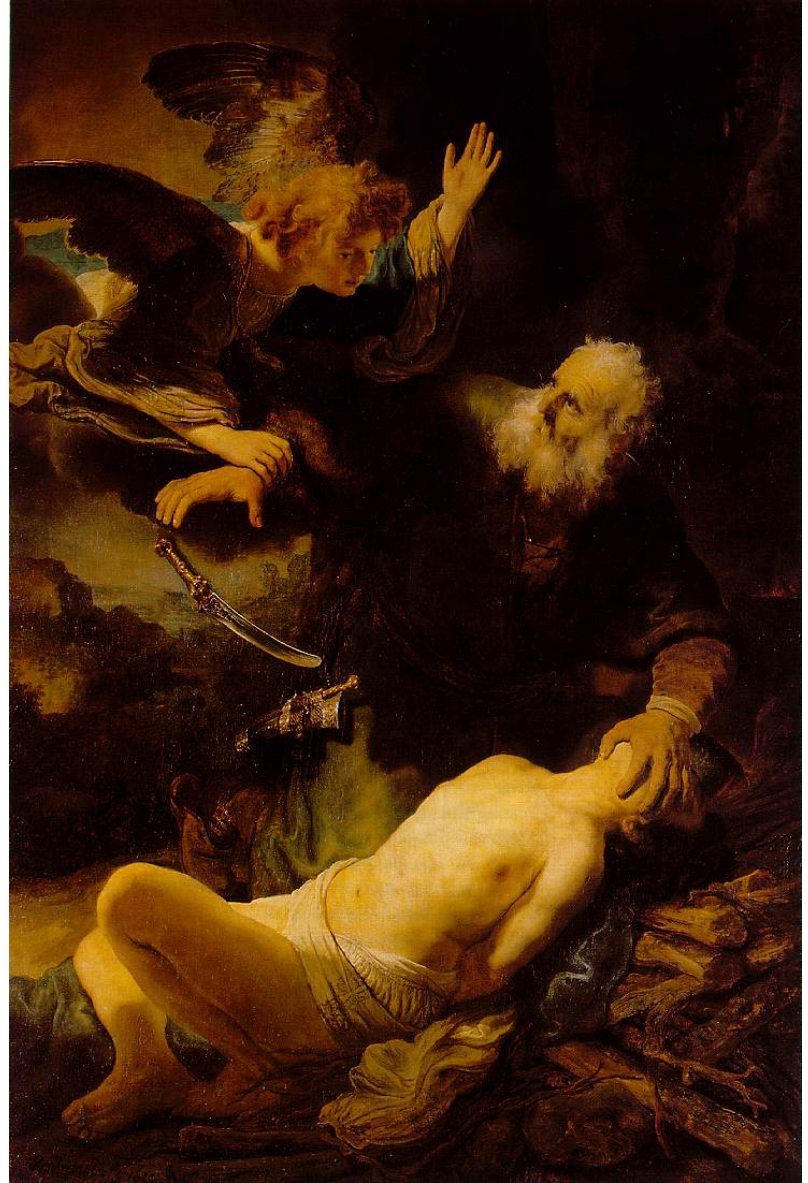
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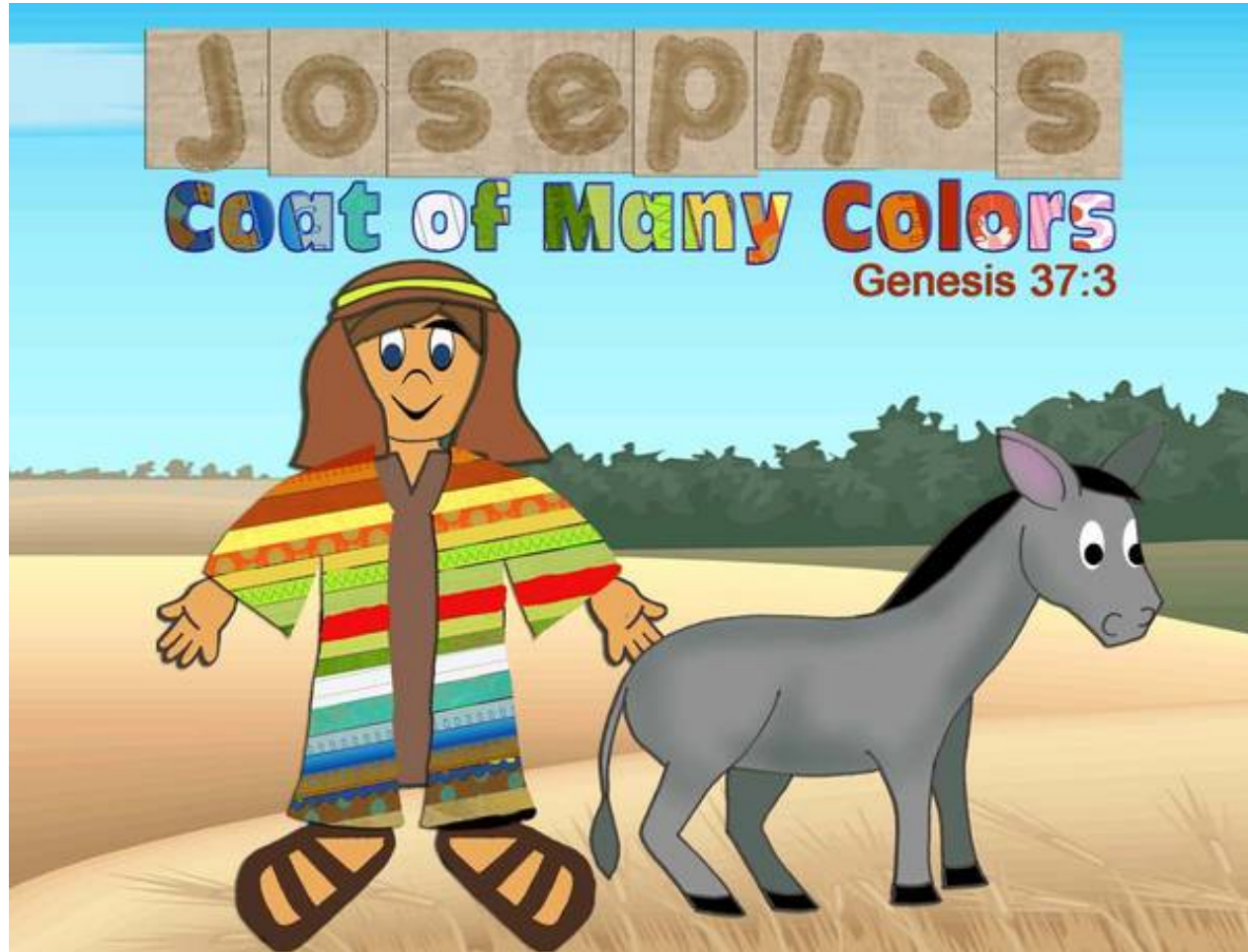
Genesis



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Exodus



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Exodus



Israel is
called into
“covenant”

Exodus

-- called into
“covenant”


1. God's act of
divine grace

“You yourselves have seen ... how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself” (Ex. 19:4)

Exodus

-- called into
“covenant”

1. God’s act of
divine grace



2. Israel’s response of
obedience

“Now therefore, if you will indeed obey
my voice and keep my covenant...”
(Ex. 19:5)

Exodus

-- called into
“covenant”

“If you will indeed obey my voice... you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples... you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.”
(Ex. 19:5-6)



3. Resulting blessings

Exodus

-- called into
“covenant”

1. God’s act of
divine grace

“When the time comes for me to punish,
I will punish them for their sin” (Ex.
32:30-35 (NIV))



3. Resulting blessings




4. Violations bring curses


Exodus

-- called into
“covenant”

1. God's act of
divine grace



2. Israel's response of
obedience



3. Resulting blessings



4. Violations bring curses

God gives the Ten Commandments



Exodus

-- called into
“covenant”

1. God's act of
divine grace



2. Israel's response of
obedience



3. Resulting blessings



4. Violations bring curses



Exodus

-- called into

1. God's act of divine grace

"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery" (Ex. 20:2)

2. Israel's response
obedience

3. Resulting blessings

4. Violations bring curses



Exodus

-- called into
“covenant”

1. God's act of
divine grace



2. Israel's response of
obedience

3. Result

“You shall have no other
gods before me ... You
shall not ...”

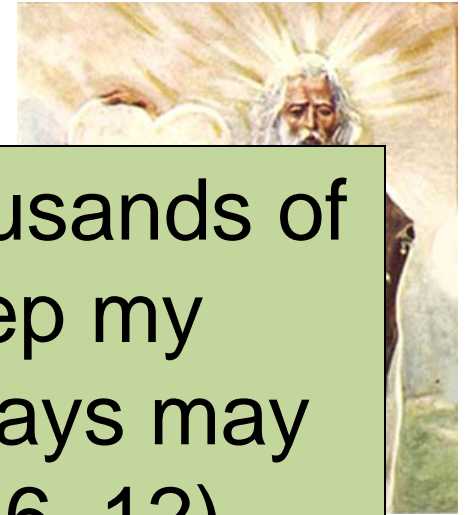
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Exodus

-- called into
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1. God’s act of



“Showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments ...that your days may be long in the land” (Ex. 20:6, 12)

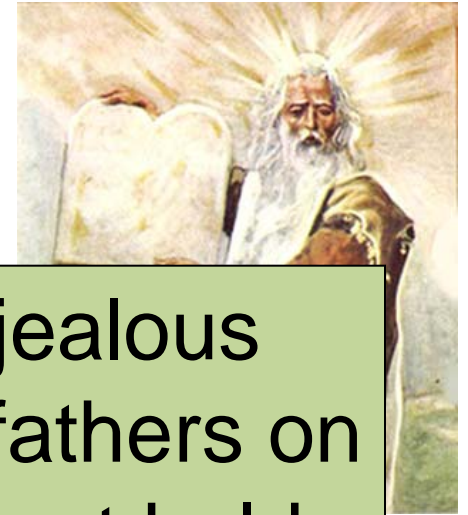
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Exodus

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1. God’s act of
divine grace



“I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children ... the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name...”

(Ex. 20:5, 7)

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Exodus

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Exodus



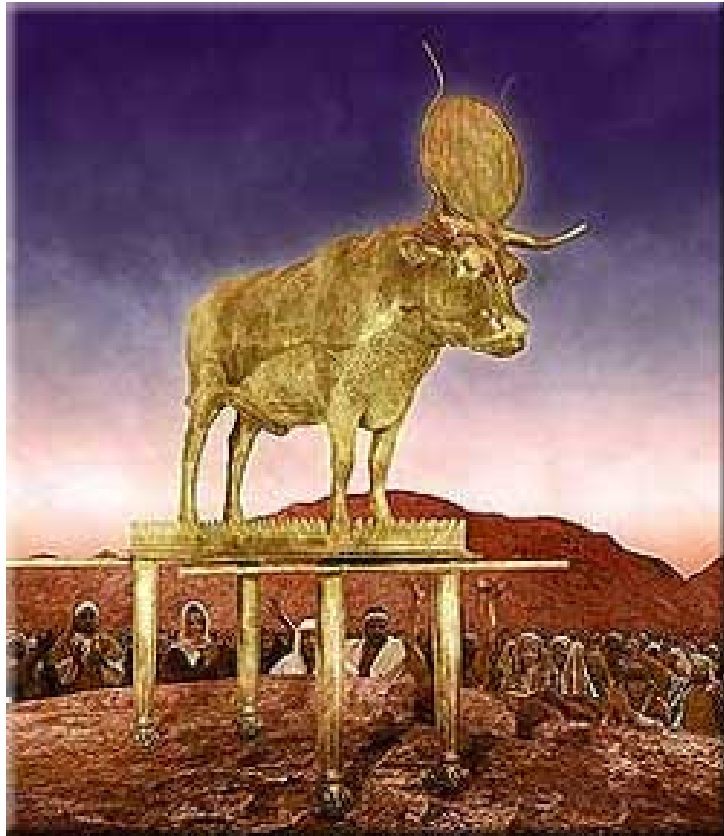
Additional
moral
principles
(Ex. 20-23)

Exodus



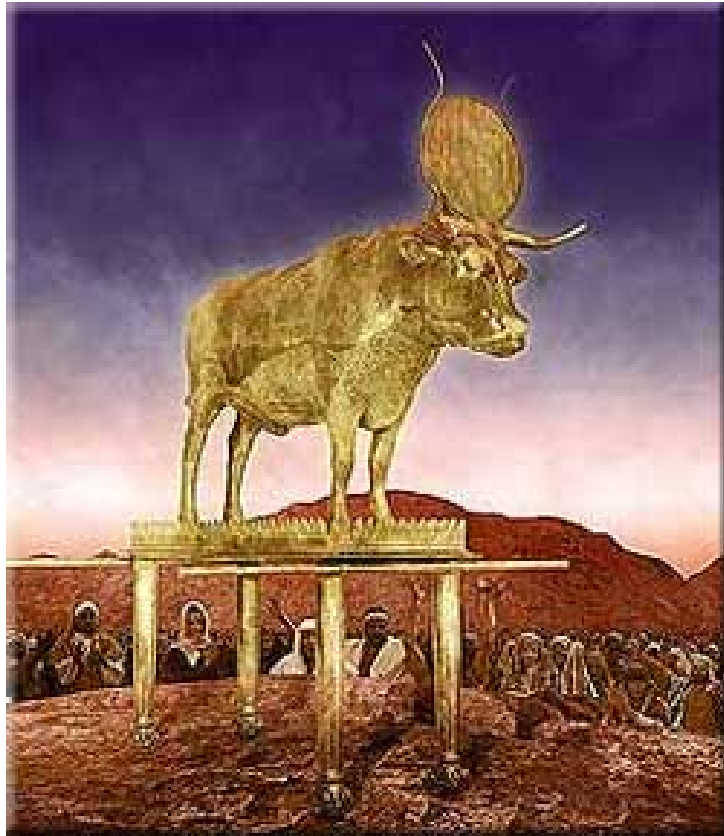
Instructions
for Worship
(Ex. 25-40)

Exodus



Disobedience
and Golden
Calf
(Ex. 32-34)

Leviticus and Numbers



Sacrificing
Priesthood
and Worship

Deuteronomy



Moses'
commentary
on the law

By The Way

The “Torah” did not have all of
Israel’s laws

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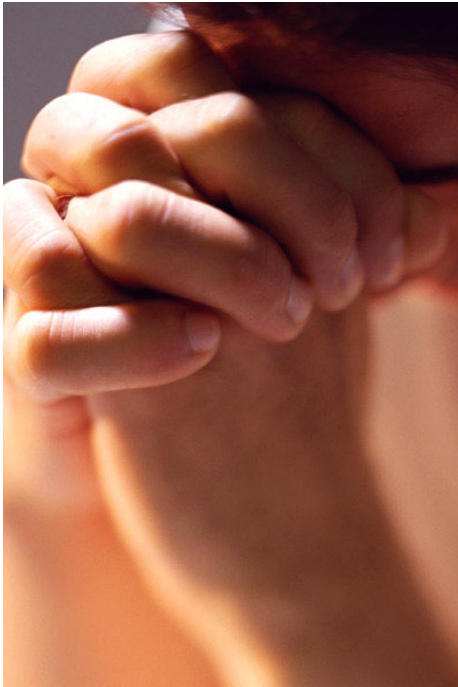
By The Way

Similarities and differences with
other legal systems

By The Way

Some laws were compromises,
others were absolute ideals

Our goals - What does Paul say about the law as it applies to:



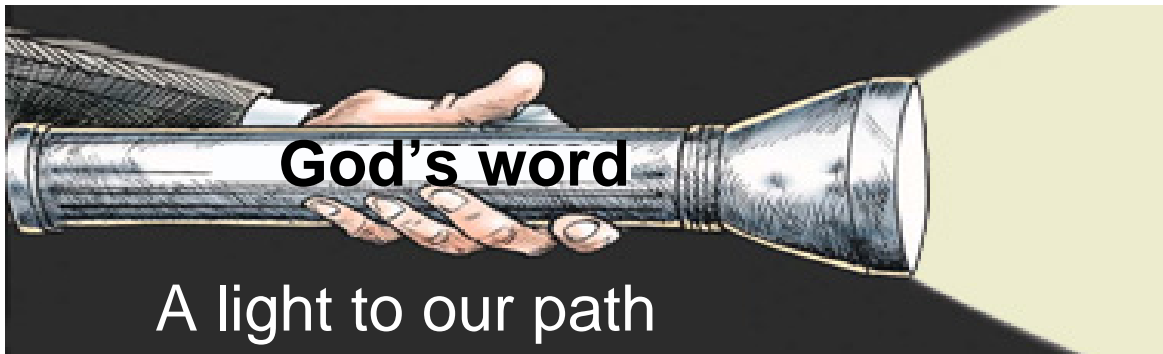
Christian



Church



Country



A light to our path

Points for Home

*“Genesis... Exodus... Leviticus...
Numbers... Deuteronomy”*

Read some of each
section for next week

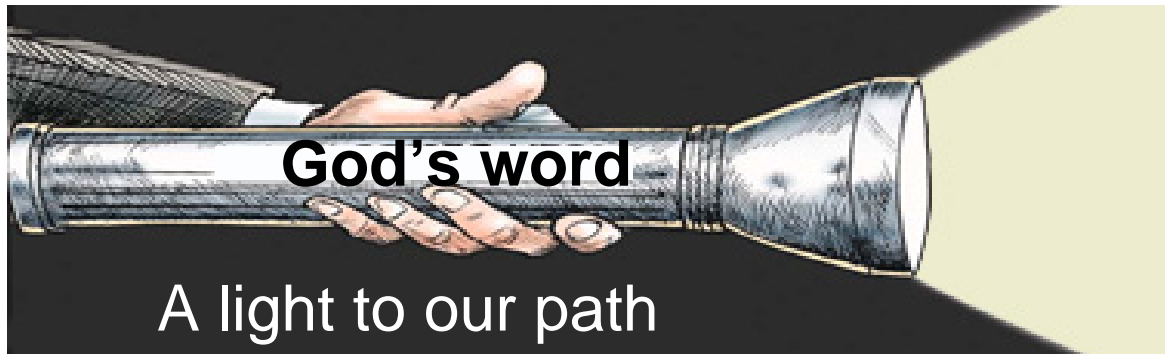


Points for Home

“The son of the free woman was born through promise” (Gal. 4:23)



God promised ...
How can we still be
“normal”?



A light to our path

Points for Home

“Does he not speak entirely for our sake”
(1 Cor. 9:10)



God uses the tools from
your life, if you let him!