

# Paul, His Life and Teachings

## Paul's Theology

### The Law

### Lesson 23



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Did God give you what you need  
this week?

Have you had a good week?

Anyone spend time in court?

Anyone asked a judge to sanction  
you?

The background of the slide is a photograph of a modern, multi-story building with a light-colored facade and large windows. In the foreground, there is a street with a concrete barrier, traffic lights, and a few cars. The sky is blue with some light clouds.

# The Dallas Morning News

One of the new lawyers hired by SMU, Houston attorney Mark Lanier, said Tuesday that the settlement offer was rejected before he joined the case. He said he is prepared to play "hardball" to bring the matter to an end.

"SMU has been overly generous," he said. "You don't negotiate with terrorists, and you don't give in to a shakedown."

# MOTION FOR DISQUALIFICATION AND MOTION FOR SANCTIONS

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PLAINTIFF, §  
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INTERVENOR, §  
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SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY, §  
PERUNA PROPERTIES, INC., §  
UNIVERSITY GARDENS HOMEOWNERS §  
ASSOCIATION, DR. DOUG §  
HALLENBECK, VINH PHAM, ANITA § DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS  
INGRAM, RANDALL POWELL, §  
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## “Disqualify Mark Lanier”

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numbered cause, and files this his Motion for Disqualification, respectfully requesting that the Court disqualify W. Mark Lanier, Esq. and the Lanier Law Firm, P.C. (“Lanier”) as counsel of record in this case, and in support thereof, Intervenor would respectfully show unto the Court as follows:

### I. BACKGROUND

1. On March 24, 2009, attorney Lanier made public statements to the media regarding this case. Among his extrajudicial statements were statements that SMU had offered to pay Vodicka and Tafel more than \$2 million to settle this case. Lanier told the media that the settlement

This week, I needed an introduction of  
someone misusing the law in a way  
that I found offensive



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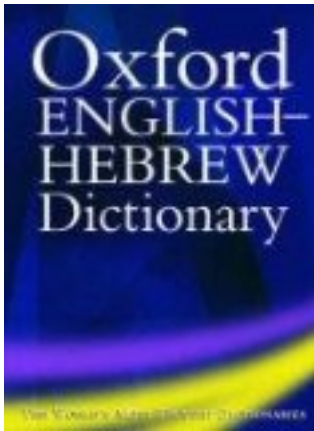
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The core meaning is

“**instruction**”

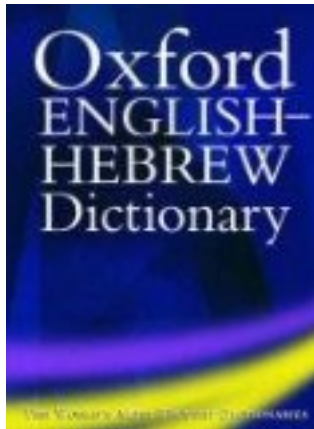
“The teaching [torah] of the wise  
is a fountain of life” (Pro. 13:14)

Hebrew  
Bible

Torah  
“Law”

Genesis  
Exodus  
Leviticus  
Numbers  
Deuteronomy





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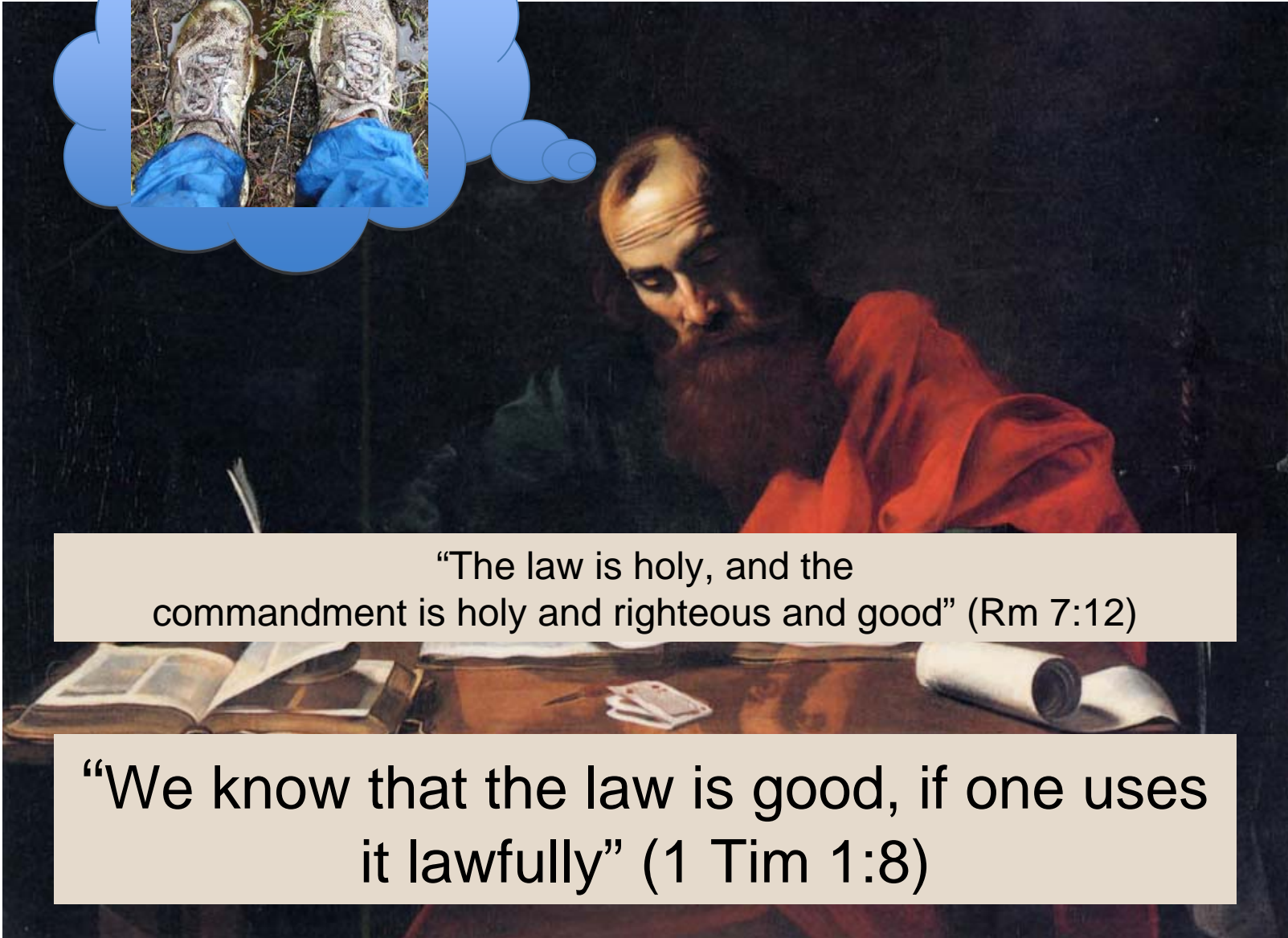
Even muddy shoes are a good thing in the right place!



Was the “Law” nailed to the cross?





A painting of a man with a long, full red beard and hair, wearing a red robe. He is seated at a desk, looking down at an open book. On the desk are several other books, a quill pen, and a scroll. The background is dark and textured.

“The law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good” (Rm 7:12)

“We know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully” (1 Tim 1:8)

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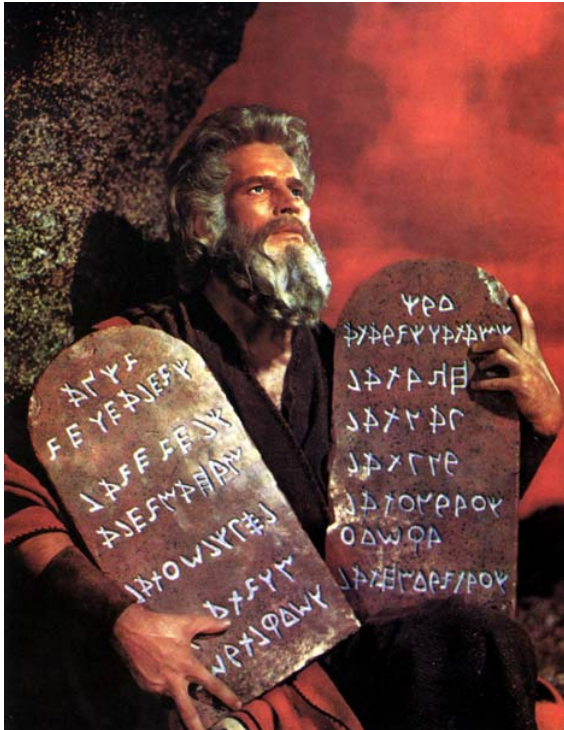
“Speak to the people of Israel...”



“If... then...”  
Blessings  
and curses

If you will keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples

(Ex. 19:5)



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Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant not like the covenant I made when I took them out of Egypt. I will put my law within them and I will write it on their hearts and they shall be my people. (Jer. 31)

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“If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void” (Rom 4:14)

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Nothing is  
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but it is unclean  
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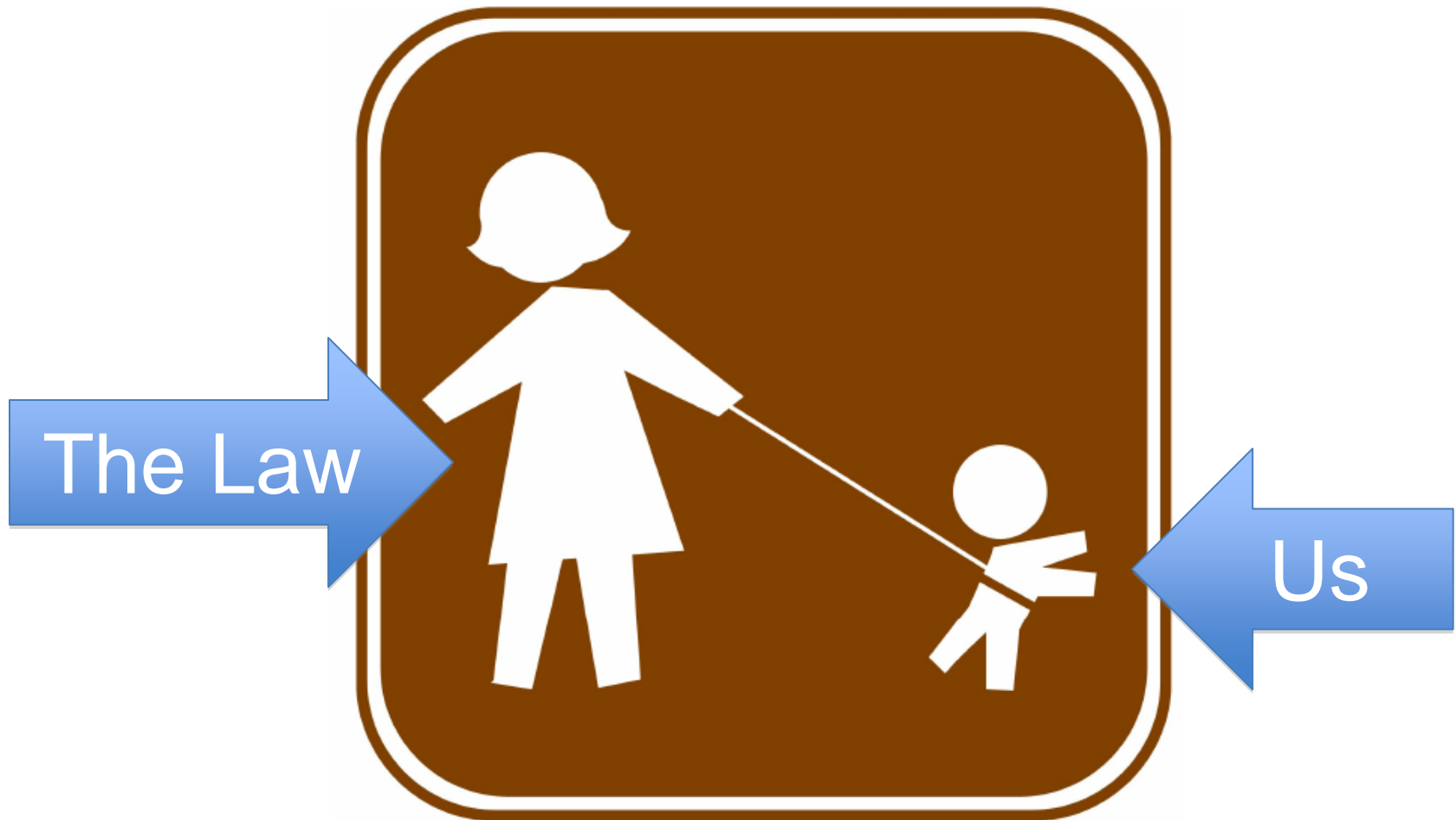
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“If it had not  
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law, I would not  
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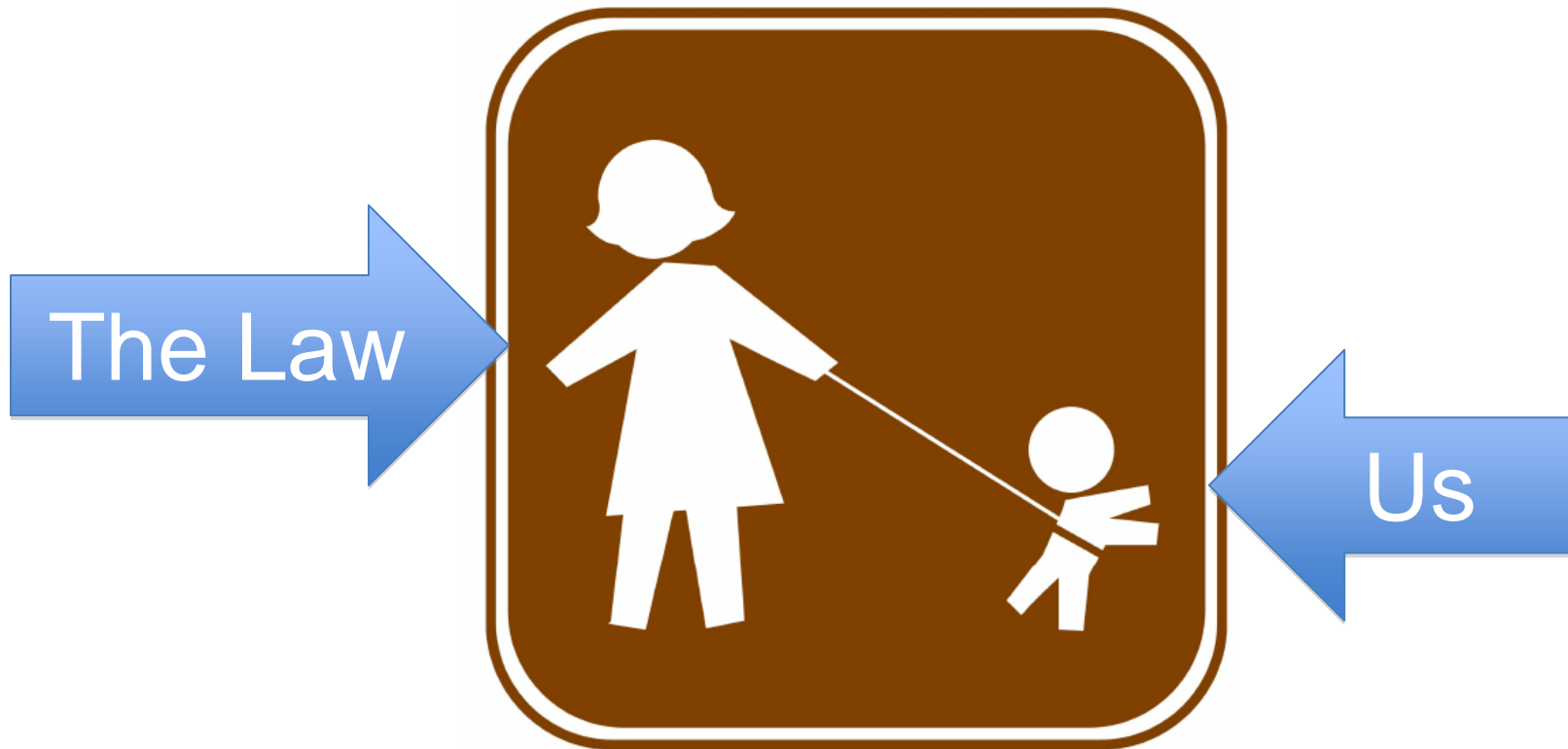
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The law was our “guardian” (*paidagogos*) until Christ came but now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian





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3. The Law functions to lead one to Christ
4. The Torah points to Christ

Our goals - What does Paul say  
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*“instructions”*



Christian



Church



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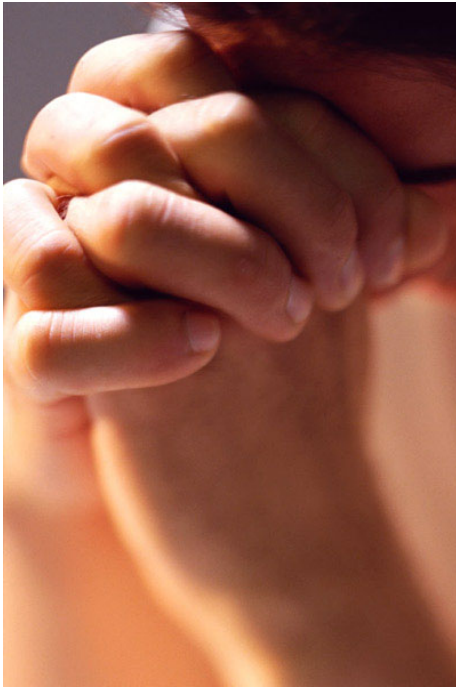
## **The Law is:**

1. A source for teachings for the church
2. The Law teaches holiness that sets the church apart
3. Israel's Promises are fulfilled in Christ and the church



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## **The Law is NOT:**

1. Paul never pushed for the Law as part of government
2. The Law was not Paul's blue print for social structures
3. The Law was not Paul's blue print for the national economy

## **The Law is:**

1. The Law was the proper influence on values for Christians
2. Christians take to values God placed in the law in all aspects of life

Pray for: “kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way” (1 Tim. 2:1-2)

“When one of you has a grievance against another, does he dare go to law before the unrighteous instead of the saints? (1 Cor. 6:1)

“Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God.” (Rom. 13:1)



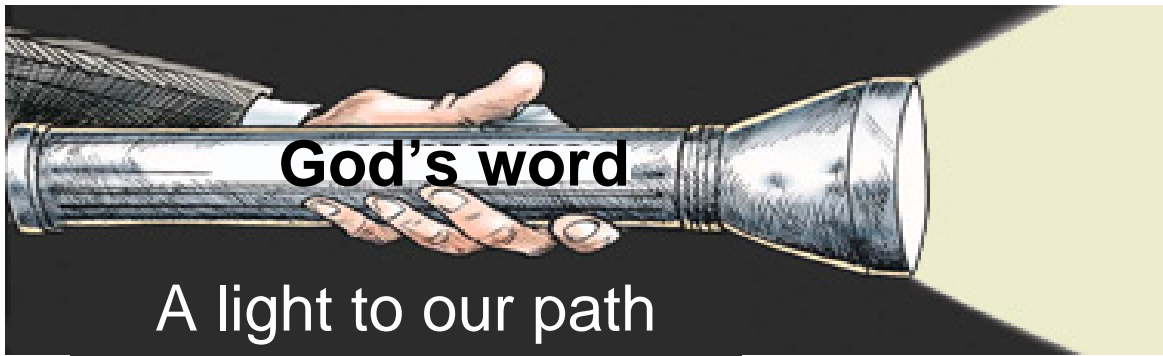
Should we legislate Old  
Testament morality?



For the same  
crimes?

Death  
penalty?

Should the criminal  
penalties line up?



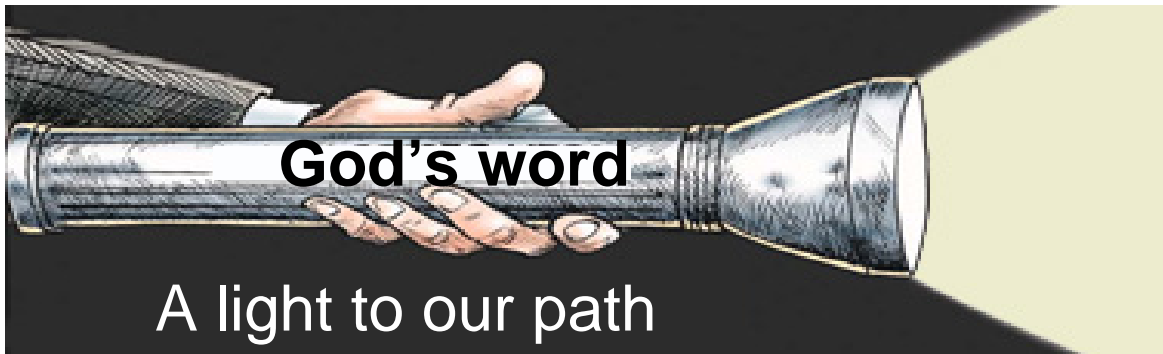
# Points for Home

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*“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets” (Mt 5:17)*



It all comes back to  
Jesus



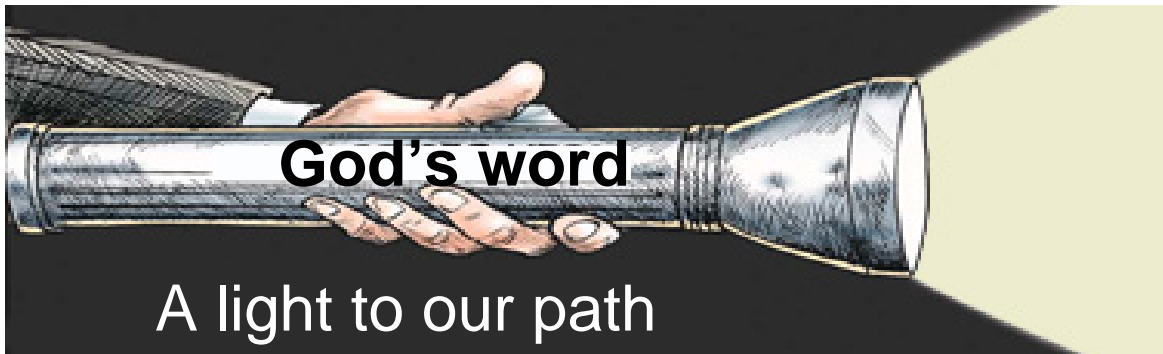
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*“What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace?”*

(Rom. 6:15)



Holiness is a  
blessed opportunity



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*“So the law is holy”* (Rom. 7:12)



Give the Law its  
proper place