

THE LAWS OF GOD

I. The Meaning of Law.

- A. A system of rules, a standard, or principles of conduct.
- B. God has always used laws and always will to:
 - Reveal His will; Regulate life; Rule (administer) in the affairs of the world.
- C. Laws existed before and after the Flood, and before the Law of Moses Gen. 2:16, 17; Gen.9:5,6
- D. The heart of God in His laws Rom. 7:12 & God's laws are always for our good.
 - 1. They do not take away good. They take away evil and keep us from evil. Like the law in the Garden.
 - (a) Freely eat.
 - (b) Do not eat.
 - (c) God had Adam and Eve's best interest in mind.
 - 2. God's laws are always to enhance our relationship to Him and others.
 - 3. God's laws set us free but freedom does not mean against the law (anti-law) or lawless.
- E. Sin started with breaking a law Genesis 2:17
 - 1.1 John 3:4 Sin is transgression of the law (anomia – lawlessness).
 - 2. Lawlessness will abound in the Last Days Matt. 24:12
 - 3. Lawlessness is called the mystery of iniquity already at work 2 Thessalonians 2:7,8.

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II. Lawless cry “legalism” to cloak their lawlessness

A. Legalism is not:

1. Obedience
2. Doing good works
3. Denying ungodliness and worldly lusts
4. Avoiding being conformed to the world
5. Practicing Biblical separation
6. Being careful in following Scripture (walking circumspectly)
7. Holding to the principles of holiness & modesty
8. Sensitivity to your brothers weakness and restraining ones liberty

B. We must let the Bible define legalism