

L7: The Blessings & Curses of the Law

Sermon Intro: Review/Summarize

- The Gospel of God
 - Witnessed & manifested
 - Justification with and without the law
 - Possessing the blessedness of Abraham & David
- The Old & New Testaments
 - Death & Condemnation
 - "spirit" & Righteousness

Sermon Preview:

- Various Confusing Contexts:
 - The Blessings & Curses of the Law
 - The Condition of the Law
 - Physical life and death
 - The Recompense of Reward
 - The Condition of the Reward
 - Reward or loss

Sermon:

The Blessings & Curses of the Law

- **Leviticus 26:1-46**
 - :3-13 - Blessings
 - :14-39 - Curses
- **Deuteronomy 28:1-68**
 - :1-14 - Blessings
 - :15-68 - Curses
 - :65-67 - "none assurance of thy life"
 - Deut. 30:15-20 - blessing/curse; life/death; good/evil
 - Josh. 24:14-23 - now in the land through conquest
- The primary context in which life and death are spoken of under the law isn't eternal life or eternal death, but rather the first death and prosperous life in the

land.

- The point of the law is that they will not be able to do the commandments to prolong their days for all eternity.

- **5 Courses of Punishment**

Course of Punishment	Leviticus 26 Outline	Scriptural References of the Courses of Punishment
1st COP	Lev. 26:14-17	Judges 1:1-1 Samuel 15:35
Interlude		1 Samuel 16:1-1 Kings 11:43
2nd COP	Lev. 26:18-20	1 Kings 12:1-22:53
3rd COP	Lev. 26:21-22	2 Kings 1:1-10:31
4th COP	Lev. 26:23-26	2 Kings 10:32-16:20 (Isa., Jer.)
○ 5th COP	Lev. 26:27-46	2 Kings 17:1-25:30
	1st Installment	Assy/Baby Captivity (Isa. - Hag.)
	2nd Installment	Medo/Persian Captivity (Zech. - Mal.)/(Ezra, Nehemiah, & Esther)
	3rd Installment (a)	Grecia Captivity - Pine Away/Long Continuance (Job, Psalms, Pro, Ecc., SoS)
	(b)	Grecia/Rome Captivity - Matthew - John
	4th Installment	Assy/Baby Captivity - Hebrew - Revelation

- **Ezekiel 21:26-27**

- "overturn" - 1st installment
- "overturn" - 2nd installment
- "overturn" - 3rd installment
- "it" - the royal diadem on Israel
 - "shall be no more" - times of the Gentiles (Luke 21)
- "until He come whose right it is" - Christ promised (1st coming)
 - At the end of the 3rd overturning
- "and I will give it Him"
 - Ps. 2 based upon the resurrection
 - Go retribute it!

- **Deut. 6:24-25**

- Deut. 6:1ff - to do them in the land
 - "days may be prolonged"
 - "increase mightily"
- "our righteousness"

- **Jeremiah 23:6-8**

- "THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS"
- Jer. 33:16
 - "The LORD our righteousness"

- Contrast - Isa. 26:18
- **Luke 1:70-79**
- **Ezekiel 18:1-32**
 - A proverb being spoken in Israel (another in Ezekiel 12:22)
 - :2 - what mean ye?
 - Not a proof text for justification by faith plus works
 - There is no mention of faith in these verses
 - "the law is not of faith" (Rom. 4)
 - :2 - "concerning the land of Israel"
 - Israel's righteousness in the land
 - :2 - "the fathers have eaten sour grapes"
 - The fathers, those before
 - "the children's teeth are set on edge?"
 - Its our fathers fault that the 5th Course of Punishment is coming upon us
 - Ultimately, condemning God and justifying themselves
 - :4 - "Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine:"
 - "the soul that sinneth, it shall die."
 - Gen. 2:7 - "soul" - soul gives animation, life, breath to the inanimate form of man
 - Breath will be taken away
 - The law we know designed to make this appear - Paul didn't come up with this concept, nor did God have him reveal it to him for the first time in history, rather, the law was making sin appear.
 - They were all going to die - the law intensifies the matter and they die under the law.
 - Reiteration of Leviticus 26 & Deut. 28
 - The soul that sins dies and is the reason the children's teeth are set on edge
 - It's the children's fault of where they are - not the fathers

The Recompence of Reward

- **Hebrews 11:24-27 & 1 Peter 1:1-9 (reward = praise, honour, glory)**
 - Matthew 5:1-2, 3
 - The premise of the sermon on the mount

- Psalm 15:1-5 (James picks up where the sermon on the mount left off)
 - James 1:21-25
- :12 - great is your reward
 - :19-20
- :48 - "perfect law of liberty"
 - He taught them the "spirit" that they would be able to do the law
- **Matthew 6:14-15**
 - :9 - "hallowed by thy name"
 - Isa. 8:13-17
 - Eze. 36:23; 38:23;
 - Reciprocal judgment, thus they will not get deliverance
 - They get justification, the forgiveness of sins by faith alone unto eternal life, but if they don't forgive others, then God won't forgive them to get that reward.
 - Matt. 18:21-35
 - Matter of non-deliverance from God's judgments and torments at that time
 - Israel during first 3 plagues, experienced them with Egypt
 - Luke 6:30-49
 - ◇ James 1:21-25
 - James 2:1-13 (:14ff)
 - We have a greater principle today:
 - Eph. 4:32
- **Matthew 24:13**
 - :9-12 = suffering
 - Foundation of this is Matthew 10:22
 - "endureth to the end shall be saved."
 - The gospel of the kingdom of heaven
 - No others were offered this, but provided in view of the gospel of the kingdom and what it offers.
 - The new testament kingdom offers what the old testament could only witness to.
 - They could not endure unto the end (the end of what?), the end times, not the end of their life.
 - :23-42 = all about reward
 - Hebrews 2:1-4
 - (Luke 21:24-36)(Isa. 33:10-15)(Zeph. 1:18, 2:1-3

- Hebrews 3:3-9
- Hebrews 4:1-3

- Need patience - James brings up the patience of Job
- **Matt. 19:16-22** - rich man
 - Luke 18:9 - "certain", :18 - "certain ruler"
 - Trusted in themselves that he was righteous
 - No faith here - so can't be faith plus works
- **Rev. 2:10-11, 3:5**
 - Matt. 10:32-33; Luke 12:8-9
 - Heb. 3:1, 4:14, 10:23

Sermon Conclusion: Review/Summarize

- Two Contexts:
 - The Conditional Life & Death of the Blessings and Curses of the Law
 - The Recompense of Reward