

Men's Bible Study: Acts

Week 25

3/2/22

Do you think you have any pharisaical characteristics or tendencies? If so, what are they?

Acts 15:1-2 (ESV)

Acts 15: 5-12 (ESV)

What was the Purpose of the Law of Moses?

1. The Law paints the picture of exclusive salvation

Leviticus 19:19 (NLT), "You must obey all my decrees. 'Do not mate two different kinds of animals. Do not plant your field with two different kinds of seed. Do not wear clothing woven from two different kinds of thread.'"

2. The Law pointed to a set-apart people

Leviticus 19:27 (NLT), "Do not trim off the hair on your temples or trim your beards."

3. The Law proves our sinful nature

Romans 3:19-20 (NLT), "Obviously, the law applies to those to whom it was given, for its purpose is to keep people from having excuses, and to show that the entire world is guilty before God. ²⁰ For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are."

4. The Law provided protection

Galatians 3:23-25 (NLT), "Before the way of faith in Christ was available to us, we were placed under guard by the law. We were kept in protective custody, so to speak, until the way of faith was revealed. ²⁴ Let me put it another way. The law was our guardian until Christ came; it protected us

until we could be made right with God through faith. ²⁵ And now that the way of faith has come, we no longer need the law as our guardian.”