

Law & Grace

Part 1 (Moral Law)

1. Only God can determine the Moral Law.

Exodus 20:1–17 (NASB95)

- 1 Then God spoke all these words, saying,
- 2 “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

2. The Moral Law was given so that we could self-govern.

Exodus 20:1–17 (NASB95)

- 3 **“You shall have no other gods before Me.**
- 4 **“You shall not make for yourself an idol,** or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth.
- 5 “You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me,
- 6 but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.
- 7 **“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain,** for the LORD will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain.
- 8 **“Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.**
- 9 “Six days you shall labor and do all your work,
- 10 but the seventh day is a sabbath of the LORD your God; in it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter, your male or your female servant or your cattle or your sojourner who stays with you.
- 11 “For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and made it holy.
- 12 **“Honor your father and your mother,** that your days may be prolonged in the land which the LORD your God gives you.
- 13 **“You shall not murder.**
- 14 **“You shall not commit adultery.**
- 15 **“You shall not steal.**
- 16 **“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**
- 17 **“You shall not covet** your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife or his male servant or his female servant or his ox or his donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

3. The Moral Law is consistently mentioned throughout the New Testament.

- A. *Have no other gods before Me* (Acts 14:15; John 4:21–23; 1 Tim. 2:5; James 2:19; 1 Cor. 8:6).
- B. *Make no idols or images* (Acts 17:29; Rom. 1:22–23; 1 John 5:21; 1 Cor. 10:7, 14).
- C. *Do not take His name in vain* (James 5:12; Matt. 5:33–37 and 6:5–9).
- D. *Remember the Sabbath Day.* (Matt. 12, Mark 2, Luke 6, and John 5).
- E. *Honor father and mother* (Eph. 6:1–4).
- F. *Do not murder* (1 John 3:15; Matt. 5:21–22).
- G. *Do not commit adultery* (Matt. 5:27–28; 1 Cor. 5:1–13, 6:9–20; Heb. 13:4).
- H. *Do not steal* (Eph. 4:28; 2 Thes. 3:10–12; James 5:1–4).
- I. *Do not bear false witness* (Col. 3:9; Eph. 4:25).
- J. *Do not covet* (Eph. 5:3; Luke 12:15–21).

4. The Moral Law reveals that we are sinners.

Romans 3:20 (NASB95)

20 because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for **through the Law comes the knowledge of sin.**

Romans 7:7 (NASB95)

7 What shall we say then? Is the Law sin? May it never be! On the contrary, **I would not have come to know sin except through the Law**; for I would not have known about coveting if the Law had not said, “YOU SHALL NOT COVET.”

Romans 7:12 (NASB95)

12 So then, **the Law is holy**, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

5. The Moral Law is to be taken seriously.

Ezekiel 14:3–10 (NKJV)

4 “Therefore speak to them, and say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: “Everyone of the house of Israel who sets up his idols in his heart, and puts before him what causes him to stumble into iniquity, and then comes to the prophet, **I the LORD will answer him** who comes, according to the multitude of his idols,

7 For anyone of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell in Israel, who separates himself from Me and sets up his idols in his heart and puts before him what causes him to stumble into iniquity, then comes to a prophet to inquire of him concerning Me, **I the LORD will answer him by Myself.**

9 “And if the **prophet is induced to speak anything**, I the LORD have induced that prophet, and I will stretch out My hand against him and destroy him from among My people Israel.

10 And they shall bear their iniquity; the punishment of the prophet shall be the same as the punishment of the one who inquired,