

Lovin the Law – No Other Gods

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Revelation 12:3-4a (NIV) – “Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on its heads. Its tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth”.

2 Timothy 4:3-4 (NIV) – “For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths”.

2 Timothy 4:2,5 (NIV) – “Preach the word: be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke, and encourage – with great patience and careful instruction” – “But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry”.

Exodus 20:1-3 (NIV) – And God spoke all these words: “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me”.

Exodus 19:20-22 (NIV) – The Lord descended to the top of Mount Sinai and called Moses to the top of the mountain. So Moses went up and the Lord said to him, “Go down and warn the people so they do not force their way through to see the Lord and many of them perish. Even the priests, who approach the Lord, must consecrate themselves, or the Lord will break out against them”.

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Exodus 19:16-19 (NIV) – “On the morning of the third day, there was thunder and lightning, with a thick cloud over the mountain, and a very loud trumpet blast. Everyone in the camp trembled. Then Moses led the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. Mount Sinai was covered with smoke, because the Lord descended on it in fire. The smoke billowed up from it like smoke from a furnace, and the whole mountain trembled violently. As the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke and the voice of God answered him”.

Psalm 29:4 (NIV) – “The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is majestic”.

Exodus 20:18-20 (NIV) – When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance and said to Moses, “Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or we will die”. Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning”.

“The majority of church-goers today soundly reject all prophetic warnings of a coming storm. Indeed, the American church today is the most blatant ‘feel good’ church in all of history” – **David Wilkerson**

Matthew 6:24 (NIV) – “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money”.

“An idol is anything more important to you than God, anything that absorbs your heart and imagination more than God, and anything that you seek to give you what only God can give” – **Tim Keller**

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1 John 5:18,21 (NIV) – “We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the One who was born of God keeps them safe, and the evil one cannot harm them” – “Dear children, keep yourselves from idols”.

Matthew 22:37-40 (NIV) – Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind’. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself’. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments”.

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV) – “God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God”.

“The great message of the Christian faith is, therefore, that we are free from the Law’s condemnation in order that we may be able to fulfill its obligation by the power of Jesus within us. My obedience therefore is not legal, but inspired by love and empowered by God’s Holy Spirit. Does New Testament grace allow a lower standard than Old Testament law? The standard under grace is higher!” – ***Alan Redpath***