

The Ten Commandments - Part 44: Epilogue - Part 1 (4/8/2023)

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We will continue in our series on the Ten Commandments. Officially last week, we formally crossed the finish line in looking at the Ten Commandments; however, we are not exactly done. We still have a little bit more to cover in this journey. I want to bring some things to the table that are quite relevant to this discussion. These are things I want to leave with you as we exit the Ten Commandments series, so we will spend a couple more weeks looking at this subject.

I want to open up today by sharing with you a brief exchange between two men which happened around the late 1800s. One of the men is Mark Twain. This is a thought-provoking interaction, so it is apropos to open up this way today.

Mark Twain, 1835-1910—[A businessman well known for his ruthlessness once announced to writer Mark Twain, “Before I die I mean to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. I will climb Mount Sinai and read the Ten Commandments aloud at the top.](#)

How profound is that! This guy said that before he died, he had to do something spiritually epic, profound, and noble to honor the Lord in a great way. He was willing to travel by land and sea and go to the other end of Earth to the promised land. Upon his arrival, he would climb the highest of heights and trek up Mount Sinai. Once he reached the top, he would read aloud the Ten Commandments by virtually reenacting one of the greatest stories ever told on Earth. This was his plan. It absolutely appeared magnificent.

Mark Twain continued— [“I have a better idea,” replied Twain. “You could stay in Boston and keep them.”](#)

I can feel Twain twitching and saying, ‘Wait a second, I thought the whole point of the Ten Commandments is that you just keep them.’ I bring this story to the table because there are so many Christians that fall into this same trap. They think they have a better way of serving Him and become deaf to what He asked. Can we simplify the whole process and just say, “I need to keep His Commandments.”

The situation described here is the Saul effect. Remember how King Saul won this great battle and had a noble idea to keep the best of the sheep and oxen and offer them to the Lord. He thought it would be a magnificent and glorious day when he honored the Lord with them.

Then Samuel the prophet did to Saul exactly what Twain did to the businessman. Twain destroyed the delusions of grandeur in seconds, and this is what Samuel did to Saul. Samuel told Saul, **“Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice** (1 Samuel 15:22).

We need to stop with the delusions of grandeur and thinking how we are doing awesome things for the kingdom and for the King while we are stepping over the commandments to do it. Some things that have crept into the church are a great example of this. They have a better way of serving the Lord than what He has commanded.

Now, the church celebrates Ishtar rather than Passover. I can't find Ishtar in the Word, but I can find the Passover. His death, burial, and resurrection all took place during the Passover week.

Even though God said that the seventh day was a day of rest, and He sanctified, blessed, and made the seventh day holy, why does the church feel they have a better way of honoring Him by moving that day to the first day of the week? That is extremely problematic.

Let's look at Exodus 20 where we have spent the entirety of our time in the Ten Commandments. Verses 1 through 17 are the holy voice of God where every man, woman, and child heard the commandments from His mouth. Today, we will move on to the next verse and see something interesting as we proceed deeper into the text. There is something specific I want to highlight. I want to take a little bit of time here, so we can get back into the context.

Exodus 20:18a—^{18a} **Now all the people witnessed the thunderings, lightning flashes** (emphasis added).

Most of you have been in thunderstorms where the peels of thunder start ripping through the sky, and lightning darts through the sky, and you run for shelter. As a young man, I was mystified when there was great thunder, and I would feel the heavens shake in my body. I felt it quaking. In this event at Mount Sinai, it wasn't just heaven shaking with the peels of thunder ripping through the sky; the entire mountain was quaking because God descended down on Mount Sinai. Heaven and earth were literally shaking. It reminds me of the prophecy in Haggai where it talks about how God will shake everything that can be shaken. The people were feeling this.

Exodus 20:18b—They also witnessed—^{18b} **the sound of the trumpet** (emphasis added).

This wasn't just a regular trumpet. It's not even Paul Argetsinger (a member of our local community) blowing the shofar, which is, of course, impressive. With all the thunder and lightning flashes, this trumpet blast waxed louder and louder. It didn't decrease; it kept increasing. Can you imagine how scary it would be to have that kind of intensity going on.

Then we read Exodus 20:18c—^{18c} **and the mountain smoking** (emphasis added). Why? Because God descended upon it in fire. The mountain was on fire billowing with smoke.

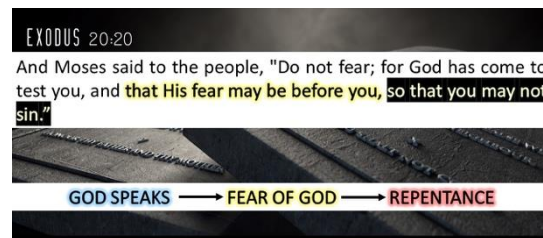
They saw all these things, and how did they respond? Exodus 20:18d—^{18d} **and when the people saw it, they trembled and stood afar off** (emphasis added).

I mentioned at the beginning of this series that this event at Mount Sinai was unparalleled for Israel. They had never experienced anything like this, and that is saying a lot because they were taken out of

Egypt where God pounded Egypt with His power and left it decimated. They didn't go over the Red Sea by boat; God split the Red Sea, and they went over on dry ground. Yet, all those awesome events paled in comparison to coming into the presence of God.

Exodus 20:19—¹⁹ Then they said to Moses (*Moshe*) “You speak with us, and we will hear; but **let not God speak with us, lest we die.**”

Do you know what blows my mind? We just went through all these elements where we know they trembled. They heard the thunder and saw the lightning, the fire, and the smoke, yet they don't ask Moses to make the thunder, the trumpet, or the quaking stop. They only ask for one thing to stop. All the focus and terror are encompassed in the voice of God. That is an awesome thought. The voice of the Lord is powerful. We are told in Psalm 29:9—⁹ **The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth, and strips the forests bare.** This is no joke!



Exodus 20:20a—^{20a} And Moses said to the people, “Do not fear; for God has come to test you, and **that His fear may be before you** (emphasis added).

The whole point of the Lord coming, and every man, woman, and child hearing His voice, was to strike holy fear into their hearts and truly make them tremble. Why? Is God sadistic? Did He just sit back and enjoy this for no purpose but to laugh? It's the exact opposite. There was a divine, holy purpose in God coming to them and terrifying them. This was His purpose as found in Exodus 20:20b—^{20b} **so that you may not sin** (emphasis added).

When God's voice speaks, it produces something called the fear of God. When you fear God, it moves you to obedience and a place of repentance. The Bible is the voice of God and the Word of God. Every person here can have a Mount Sinai experience if you open up His Word. If you open it with your heart and with faith and hear the Word of God, the fear of God will flood into your heart, and you will get the power to move into repentance.

Do you know what champions revival? Do you know what champions repentance? It's specifically the fear of God. The more time you spend in the Word, the more you will see this.

Proverbs 16:6a—^{6a} **In mercy and truth atonement is provided for iniquity;**

As a side note, this is one of my favorite verses in Proverbs because the entire gospel is articulated in this one verse. And when I say “the entire,” I'm saying the full gospel is articulated here. When it says, “**In mercy and truth atonement is provided for iniquity,**” it's explicitly talking about Yeshua. Proof of this is in John 1:17—¹⁷ **For the law was given through Moses (*Moshe*), but grace and truth—or mercy and truth—came through Jesus Christ (*Yeshua*).** Solomon prophesied of Yeshua in this proverb. Yeshua is where true atonement would come, so this proverb is a prophecy of the gospel of Yeshua.

Proverbs 16:6b—Then it says—^{6b} **and by the fear of the Lord one departs from evil** (emphasis added). By the fear of God, you will depart from evil.

Some of you may be struggling with sin and with bondage. Maybe you hit the bottle again, or drugs keep seducing you, or you can't stop looking at stuff on your computer you shouldn't be looking at. I could go down the line of all the different people that are wishy-washy, flip-flopping back and forth; one minute they feel on fire for God, and the next minute they are right back where they were to begin with.

Is this you? Are you struggling and flip-flopping like that? If so, listen to me because this is a scriptural fact: if that is you, you do not have the fear of God. You are relying upon your own emotion, and your own emotion will only take you so far. You might make it for a week, two months, or six months, but if you do not have the fear of God, you will be right back where the devil wants you.

It's only by the fear of God you get the power. True deliverance cannot happen until you fear God because the fear of God will go into the deepest recesses of your heart, and it will change you from the inside. It's not an outward expression; it is an inside change in your heart. You will have complete clarity of the kingdom of God and of the destructive power of sin. And sin will not move you because you fear God. We need to fear God.

Proverbs 19:23a—^{23a} **The fear of the Lord leads to life** (emphasis added).

The fear of the Lord will never lead you to death or to compromise. As you dally about in sin, you don't have fear; you are walking in death. This next Bible passage always kind of gets to me. When the women went to the tomb and looked for Yeshua, the angel said to them, **“Why do you seek the living among the dead?”** (Luke 24:5). It's amazing how we say we are seeking Yeshua, yet we are spending time with the dead as though He will come with us. You will not find Yeshua with the things of the world. Stop seeking the living among the dead.

Proverbs 19:23b—^{23b} **and he who has it will abide in satisfaction; he will not be visited with evil** (emphasis added).

This is about having authentic joy where my joy is not dependent upon the devil, the things of the world, or upon how my life is going. My joy is totally codependent upon Him. How do I get that? We just talked about covetousness and how we need to be content. You can't have that without the fear of God. And guess what? I can't have the fear of God unless I'm spending time in the Word with faith. It's impossible.

Proverbs 23:17—¹⁷ **Do not let your heart envy sinners**—In Psalm 73, Asaph said the same thing: “my feet had almost stumbled; my steps had nearly slipped for I was envious of the boastful.”—**but be zealous for the fear of the LORD all the day** (emphasis added). This is the wisdom of God. We are to be zealous about this.

Some of you might wonder how you are supposed to be zealous for the fear of the Lord. Is it just a thought in my heart? No! Where do you get the fear of God? You open the Bible, and you receive the Word in faith. That cultivates the fear.

Moses reiterated the Ten Commandments in Deuteronomy 5. As you continue to read into Deuteronomy 6, regarding the commandments, it says—⁷You shall . . . talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. ⁸You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You should consume His word all day long. That's how you become zealous for the fear of the Lord all the day.

Psalm 119:120—The psalmist said—¹²⁰My flesh trembles for fear of You—This is holy trembling. I want that. Where did the psalmist get this trembling? From here—**and I'm afraid of Your judgments** (emphasis added).

It sounds like the psalmist read the Word of God. If you read from Genesis to Revelation, you will find the Bible is riddled with passages of judgment. The Torah is filled with the judgments of God. There are examples of God carrying out judgment in Leviticus 18 and 26 and Deuteronomy 19, 27, and 28. The Bible is inundated with examples.

In Isaiah 66, God warned that when you walk in abominations, He will bring your worst fears on you. Talk about living the most hellish nightmare you could ever imagine! Having your worst fears brought on your head! That scares me. I can relate to the psalmist; I'm afraid of Your judgments.

I want to give you a taste of what this looks like. In the book of Isaiah, this is the kind of passage that convinced the psalmist: Isaiah 13:6—⁶Wail—means you are screaming out—**for the day of the LORD is at hand! It will come as destruction from the Almighty.**

This is talking about Judgment Day. Do you know what's scary about this day? There isn't anything you can do to stop it from coming. You don't get to negotiate with the Lord on which day He chooses to the Father's pleasing. He's already selected it.

When it comes, you can't take a rain check. You can't say, "You know what? I really screwed up. I was spending time doing things I shouldn't have. Give me some time, and I'll come back when I get my life together, then you can judge me."

No one can stop it. No one can say, "You know what? Let's just erase the whole judgment thing, Lord. You scheduled it, but let's not do it." You don't get to do that. Judgment is coming.

Isaiah 13:7-9a—⁷Therefore all hands will be limp, every man's heart will melt—I don't care how arrogant or proud you are, you will fall down. There will be fear on that day—⁸and they will be afraid. Pangs and sorrows will take hold of them; they will be in pain as a woman in childbirth; they will be amazed at one another; their faces will be like flames. —this is talking about the wicked—^{9a}Behold, the day of the LORD comes, cruel.

This is a different side of God, and even more specifically, of Yeshua. He is the judge. ²²For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son (John 5:22). I don't typically associate cruelty with the Messiah, but this passage does.

Isaiah 13:9b—^{9b}with both wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate; **and He will destroy its sinners from it** (emphasis added).

It's passages like this that cultivate the fear of God. It gives you perfect clarity of what is coming. It tells you there will be consequences for your actions. You will reap what you sow.

The sad thing is this, and listen to me carefully: when that day comes, there is no hope or mercy for the sinner. There will be no forgiveness of sin for the sinner. According to Matthew 7:22-23, there will be professing Christians on that day crying out to Jesus saying, ²² **“Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?”** ²³ **And then I will declare to them, “I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!”**

In other words, “You did not heed My law. You did not walk in my commandments.” They will plead for their life, and there will be no mercy. There will be nothing but judgment. Now, that scares me.

I understand why the psalmist said that he was afraid of God’s judgment. As you read about the judgments of God, and it gets rooted deep into your heart, it produces righteousness, clarity, and faith.

At the end of the parable of the talents, Yeshua said something we would typically consider out of character: Luke 19:27—²⁷ **But bring here those enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, and slay them before me** (emphasis added).

We are not use to reading about this kind of Messiah, a Messiah whose clothes will be drenched in the blood of the wicked. He puts on garments of vengeance. This is the hellish judgment.

Paul felt the weight of this and said: 2 Corinthians 5:10—¹⁰ **For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.**

This was Paul’s warning. He quoted almost verbatim from Ecclesiastes 12:13-14— where Solomon breaks everything down to the finest point—¹³ **Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: —What is the whole matter? What is the purpose of life? —Fear God and keep His Commandments, for this is man's all.** ¹⁴ **For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil.** This is what's coming.

Paul quoted that passage and then said this: 2 Corinthians 5:11—¹¹ **Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men** (emphasis added). When you think about this, what is the foundation of the gospel? Pay attention to what Paul was saying; it's the judgment. You cannot preach the gospel without preaching judgment. It’s impossible.

Charles Spurgeon, 1834-1892—**When the sinner sees the awful consequences of breaking the Law of God—that he cannot escape the certainty of judgment—he will see his need to put on the Lord Jesus Christ** (*Messiah Yeshua*). (Emphasis added).

Understand what Spurgeon just conveyed: for the gospel of Yeshua to take root in our hearts, you have to first open the door of judgment. That's what gives it its teeth and purpose.

You can tell everyone. “Jesus loves you.”

They say, “That’s nice. And?”

You say, “You don't understand. Jesus loved you so much that he died for you.”

They say, “That sounds noble. That's great. And?”

You say, "Jesus loved you so much that he died for you because he wanted to make atonement for your sins."

They say, "And what does that mean?"

You say, "Oh, I left this detail out. Every sinner is marked for death for—**all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.**" (Romans 3:23)

Now, you have identified the problem. The problem is judgment, and the solution is Jesus, *Yeshua*. Only after you tell them what is coming and that the real problem is we have all fallen and been marked for death will they realize, "I need a Savior. I need help because the wicked will be destroyed."

It's amazing to me that we no longer preach Jesus as a Savior. Think about this. If judgment and hell are not being preached, what are we being saved from? Nowadays, many people preach a Jesus of convenience, a Jesus of accommodation, and a Jesus of affirmation. The design of this Jesus is just to affirm me in my decisions, my lifestyle, and how I choose to live. The Jesus, *Yeshua*, preached by first century apostles, Charles Spurgeon, Leonard Ravenhill, and David Wilkerson was a Jesus who can save you from the certainty of judgment that is absolutely coming.

Listen to me carefully: we need Yeshua as Lord and Savior. When we say Yeshua is Lord, we are saying, "I have submitted to His authority. I will pick up my cross and follow Him. I will obey Him. He is my master; He is my Rabbi; and He is my Lord." Then you confess Him as Savior, saying, "There's no one else that can save me. ¹² **There is no other name under heaven given among men by which I can be saved.**" (Acts 4:12). He is Lord and Savior.

Today, people don't even know what they are being saved from. How could they unless we preach judgment.

Charles Spurgeon, 1834-1892—**When we preach future punishment**—look at this—**by the law...** (emphasis added). The law is what brings judgment. Don't wonder why Satan is trying to take the law out of the equation and say, "There is no law." If there is no law, what is the logical conclusion? There is no judgment. Isn't that interesting? You remove the law, and nobody's preaching the judgment anymore. How convenient.

Charles Spurgeon continued—**the sinner comes to Christ solely to flee from "the wrath to come."** (Emphasis added). Preach it, Spurgeon! This guy is powerful. He has clarity. He has read the Word, and guess what? Spurgeon believed the judgment was coming, and he ran to Christ.

Proverbs 29:18a—^{18a} **Where there is no revelation....** "No revelation" means the Word is not being taught, the truth of God is not being proclaimed, and the law of God is not being manifested, including the judgment.

Proverbs 29:18b—^{18b} **the people cast off restraint** (emphasis added). They fall into total depravity because guess why? There's no fear of God. The Word of God is not preached, the commandments of God are not taught, and the judgment is not laid out before them which we know produces fear. The fear of God has the power to take us out of sin. Destroy that process by taking out the Word and the judgment, and we will be a society that totally falls into ugly depravity. Look out your window, and look at what we're seeing now; it's absolutely disgusting.

Proverbs 29:18c—^{18c} **but happy is he who keeps the law** (emphasis added). We don't need the pharmaceutical industry to make us happy by giving us a bunch of pills that cause all sorts of issues. Happiness is found in the Lord. Happiness is found by giving your heart and life to the Word and allowing the Spirit of God to cultivate the kingdom inside of your heart.

Thomas Jefferson was one of the most important and influential men in the history of this country. Thomas Jefferson served as governor of Virginia for a time. He was the first secretary of state, the second vice president, and the third president of the United States. Much of America was shaped by this man.

I want to share with you a little bit of his writings that is specifically taken out of his notes on the state of Virginia. In his notes, Jefferson talks about the liberties of our nation and expresses a serious concern that he had about its preservation.

Thomas Jefferson, 1743-1826—[Can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis....](#) It's a rhetorical question. This really concerned him. Jefferson loved liberty more than anything. Jefferson identified that there is one foundation to liberty, period. He was worried that if you remove that cornerstone, would liberty stand?

What did Jefferson mean when he talked about the foundation stone of liberty? Was he talking about the First Amendment? If you take away freedom of speech, you don't have liberty. Unfortunately, over the last couple years, censorship is a real thing. Apparently, the government doesn't want you speaking truth. They don't want to hear what people have to say; they want to control the narrative.

Was Jefferson talking about the Second Amendment? A lot of people think there can be no freedom of speech unless you have the Second Amendment, the right to bear arms. The right to bear arms helps you defend liberty.

You can see how Jefferson might consider the first and second amendment as pivotal to protecting liberty, but that is not his interpretation. Jefferson's interpretation for preserving the foundation of liberty is found as we continue—[a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are the gift of God?](#)

Jefferson was saying you cannot preserve liberty unless you take the position that every good and perfect gift comes down from the Father. If the society in America does not acknowledge God as God of Heaven and Earth and acknowledge that the blessing of liberty only comes from Him, Jefferson said that liberty will fall.

Let me tell you what our society has done. They have taken any thought of God out of our schools and our government buildings. They call this separation of church and state. They are offended if there is a display of the Ten Commandments anywhere. There is total offense. They don't want to hear it. They don't want to see God on any level. They want Him out of society, out of the government, and out of the churches.

I'm 100 percent in agreement with Jefferson on this point because I believe liberty is a gift from God, and it is the foundation stone. When you remove the foundation stone, your liberties will be stripped. I can't tell you how many articles I've read just in the last year. I'm not talking about blogs written by

somebody sitting in their house. I'm talking about attorneys. I just got one yesterday from the ACLU saying our liberties are being stripped from us.

Christians are on the opposite side and are paying the price. There are all sorts of things going on, but, of course, the main stream media isn't going to talk about these things. There's a war against liberty, right now, and when you look at Jefferson's words, you understand why. Listen to what he said:

Thomas Jefferson—[Indeed I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just: that his justice cannot sleep forever.](#)

It gave him nightmares that made him tremble. I've read so much of Jefferson's writings, and out of all the things I have read, it is most sobering to hear him say, "I tremble for my country when I realize the judgment of God."

Jefferson shared his authentic fear that God would bring judgment. And He will bring judgment, if in fact, we forget that He is the God of all blessing. Jefferson was worried that our liberties would be destroyed, and he was right on the money. The sad thing is everything Jefferson trembled over—we are living. And the nightmares he had about what could happen in this country—we are living in that generation. Let that sink in.

Psalm 10:12-13 says—¹² **Arise, O LORD! O God, lift up your hand! Do not forget the humble.** ¹³ **Why do the wicked renounce God?** —why are they turning their back on the commandments and turning away from His law? —**He has said in his heart, "You will not require an account."** (emphasis added).

The psalmist is saying when people are in a generation of depravity, like what we read here, and they renounce God, like we see, they don't believe in the judgment. Do you see the cause and effect? True believers that believe in the judgment are moved into righteousness, and those who do not believe fall into total depravity. It's an absolute certainty.

It goes back to the Garden. The devil convinced Eve, "You will surely not die." In other words, no judgment; you don't need to worry; you won't be called to give an account; you will not reap what you sow; nothing will happen.

If you remove the judgment out of the equation, it's over. You have removed the fear, and there's nothing left.

Psalm 119:24—²⁴ **Your testimonies also are my delight**—and I love this—**and my counselors** (emphasis added).

Why do people see a counselor? They have problems, right? Let's just be honest, there's something in their life that is not aligned right. There's something that's vexing them. I'm not talking about counselors only for emotional issues. There are financial counselors and many other kinds of counselors. The point is that when you need help, need to make good decisions, or need to be successful, you need counsel.

The psalmist told us the testimonies, the Ten Commandments, are his counselors. He seeks their counsel in life in making decisions. He's going to ask them (and I say that metaphorically), "What should

I do?" These counselors will never fail you. You will never fail in receiving their counsel. You will be successful every step of the way.

Proverbs 11:14—¹⁴ **Where there is no counsel**—when the Word of God is not spoken, the law of God is not heard, and the society no longer wants to hear it, what happens? —**the people fall**—When we stop taking counsel from our counselors, from the Lord, we will fall. As you read this, I don't need to tell you, America will fall. Just read the Word—**but in the multitude of counselors there is safety** (emphasis added).

If you want peace, safety, blessing, honor, favor, hope, generosity, kindness, morality, and strength in your society, you need the counselors. You need the commands of God, and you need to read about what happens if you don't keep the Commandments of God.

Proverbs 20:18—¹⁸ **Plans**—means “thoughts” in the Hebrew—**are established by counsel**; —pay attention— **by wise counsel wage war** (emphasis added).

You will wage war. You don't get to opt out. Ephesians 6:12—¹² **For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in heavenly places.** Do you want to go into a demonic war, where there are demons much stronger than you, and wage that war without counsel? Wise counsel is the only way you will survive.

I love what Paul said in Ephesians 6:11—¹¹ **Put on the whole armor of God**, and in verse 17, the very expression he attributes to the sword is the Word of God—to go on the attack and to fight. This is why when you get together or when you are in your closet to pray, you better start praying the Word. You better have wisdom and start waging war with what you know has power over the enemy.

Yeshua is a great example. In Matthew 4:2-9, we read that Yeshua went toe-to-toe with HaSatan, the devil. After Yeshua had fasted for 40 days and was hungry, the devil came to Him to tempt Him and said—³ **“If you are the Son of God—with all this infinite power—command that these stones become bread.”** Yeshua went to the Word. This story was preserved for us to show us how to engage in spiritual warfare. ⁴ **But He—Yeshua—answered and said, “It is written, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.”** (Matthew 4:2-4, Deuteronomy 8:3). This is how you wage war.

⁵ **Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ and said to Him, “If you are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: ‘He shall give His angels charge over you,’ and, ‘In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.’”** Yeshua fought Satan with the Word. ⁷ **Jesus (Yeshua) said to him, “It is written again, ‘You shall not tempt the Lord your God.’”** (Matthew 4:5-7, Psalm 91:11-12, Deuteronomy 6:16).

⁸ **Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world. And he—Satan—said to Him, “All these things—kingdoms—I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.”** Yeshua went back to the Word in Deuteronomy 6 and waged war. ⁹ **Then Jesus, Yeshua, said to him, “Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.’”** (Matthew 4:8-9, Deuteronomy 6). This was spiritual warfare.

If you want to fight in the demonic realm and be delivered, you need to have the Word. You need to pray the Word to fight. You need to constantly take the Word in because it will develop the fear of God and bring deliverance. Do you have any idea how powerful the fear of God is? When the fear of God works in your heart, it's not fake. It's a real thing that radically changes you to where you despise the things you used to do. You become terrified that if you continue to do this, you will be destroyed. You get supernatural power and you flee. Without the fear of God, it's all emotional; it's all a bandage; you will not be successful, and you will go right back into your little bondage.

Proverbs 24:6—⁶ **For by wise counsel you will wage your own war, and in a multitude of counselors there is safety** (emphasis added).

We have the Torah, the Prophets, and the writings of the apostles. In the multitude of counselors, there is safety. This is what we need.

I'm going to let Spurgeon, a prolific preacher that impacted the world, close this out today: Charles Spurgeon, 1834-1892—**They will never accept grace till they tremble before a just and holy Law.**

It's interesting how the church manages to divorce the concept of law and grace. They are painted as the antithesis to one another. It has to be one or the other. Either you are a legalist or you are set free under grace. You can't have it both ways.

Spurgeon and other preachers like him married the two concepts of law and grace. He showed the powerful impact of the law. They can't accept grace until they tremble before the law.

Then Charles Spurgeon continued—**Therefore the Law serves a most necessary and blessed purpose and it must not be removed from its place.**

Do not remove it from its place. Do not allow the enemy to remove it from your heart.

Hide His Word in your heart. Why? ¹¹ **Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against you** (Psalm 119:11). Do you see the power? The Word will develop the fear.