

LAW AND MAN

Good Evening Brethren

This is my own small contribution on the subject of the Law or Commandments.

The first question one should ask himself is "What is the subordinate of the other between Man and Law". Obviously Law was created for man and Man was never created for the law. Both the Law and man were made to achieve each its own purpose.

Jesus had this to say about the law (Matt 5:17 "Don't misunderstand why I have come. I did not come to abolish the law of Moses or the writings of the prophets. No, I came to accomplish their purpose. So the one-million-dollar question is, what was the Purpose of the law? I suppose, to bring the human race back to his purpose. So the PURPOSE of the law was to bring back man to his PURPOSE.

By the way the law did not start from Moses but from Adam. So man broke the law right from the beginning. In as much as the law did provide man with an understanding of God's will it failed to make him obey it. The coming of Jesus was a defining moment.

Jesus did not come to remove the law but instead to reveal that law can even get more complicated but still will not achieve the objective of saving man.

"Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill" (Matt 5:17). What is the meaning of the word, fulfill? (It is to Accomplish, Achieve, Realize, Satisfy, Justify) So Jesus come to accomplish and achieve the shortcomings, weaknesses, failures of the law. So in other words Law tried its part and could not ACCOMPLISH.

It could even go further but still fail (Matt 5:21-22 "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.' 22 But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire.

Having said all that Jesus goes on to give another one (1) New and summarizing Commandment (John 13:34-35 34 So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. This commandment was echoed by a law practitioner (Lawyer) in Luke 10:25-28 25 And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" 26 He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?"

27 So he answered and said, "'You shall **LOVE** the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and **LOVE** 'your neighbor as yourself.'"

28 And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live."

ALL LAW IS SUMMARIZED IN LOVE

Even the ten Commandments are summed up in love for God and for the Neighbor (Fellow man not next door neighbor) Matt 22:37-40 37 Jesus replied, "'You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 The ENTIRE LAW and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments." Put in one Word - LOVE

Rom 13:9-10 9 For the commandments say, "You must not commit adultery. You must not murder. You must not steal. You must not covet." These—and other such commandments—are summed up in this one commandment: "Love your neighbor as yourself." 10 Love does no wrong to others, so love fulfills the requirements of God's law.

Love the Lord God Mt 22:37-40
commandments 1- 4Ex 20:1-11

Love your neighbor as yourself..... Mt 22:37-40; Ro 13:9
commandments 5-10 Ex 20:12-17

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