

for man. This is foundational not only to Israel's history but to all of the revealed truth in the God and man perspective. In today's discussion I will look at the first table of the law, chapter 5:1-16, and then, as the Lord allows, at the second table or tablet in our next talk.

II. Discussion

5:1-5...A reminder of the historic setting

- v.1...I speak that you may learn, keep, and do
- vss 2-3..it is "our covenant"
- v.4...the Lord talked with you
- v.5...you were afraid but I (Moses) stood between you and the Lord to give this word,

5:6....The ten commandments proceed from here. Each one of them is a study in itself. In this series I will only speak of them in a broad sense. God identifies Himself to the nation so they will recognize His authority and right to give the covenantal decrees.

5:7....You will have no other gods before me!

5:8....You will not bow down to any other worship object or person..because of my character you will not make any other sorts of gods for yourselves.

5:9-10..God underscores His authority with a declaration of His continuing judgment and mercy. There is a numerical speech figure used to show that His mercy is vastly more expansive than the judgments

5:11....You will honor my name!

5:12....You will honor my day

- vs 14 shows the expansive nature of this command
- vs 15 shows that it will now honor the deliverance from Egypt. The significance of the "Sabbath" has taken an important turn. It is an age long principle but will now commemorate a specific thing in the life of the nation.

5:16....You will honor my institution of family...honor father and mother. The necessity of order in family and society is certified in this command.

III. Conclusion

The law of God has never lost its significance but remember...