

the keeping of it does not save. It does bring many blessings but salvation is the gift of God and is not given on the basis of works but on faith in the Lord Jesus. Be sure your faith is in Him today and that your feet in life are guided by the Word of God. Thanks again for listening and we hope you will be with us tomorrow as we continue working with the law of God. , The great lesson in the first table of the law is to honor God: His Person, His name, His day, His order for life.

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**Lesson # 14**

Deuteronomy 5:17-21

THE LAW OF GOD; THE SECOND TABLE

I. Introduction

Welcome to our continuing studies in the Book of Deuteronomy. We are working in chapters 5-11 where we have a presentation of the basis for Israel's faith. That basis is the law of God expressed by divine revelation at Sinai and given further public hearing by Moses in this present setting. One needs a much deeper study on the meaning and thrust of the law than I can give in these discussions but, as we read in Romans, it is just and holy and good and, as we read in Galatians, by the keeping of it no one can be saved because....among other things, no one can keep it fully. It brings to us in a pointed way the knowledge of sin and that realization forces us to look to God for health and spiritual vitality. The law served Israel as a schoolmaster to bring the nation to Christ and while our situation is a little different, it continues on that way today. By faith in Jesus we are saved, in Him we have kept the law and it now is a guide of health for us in the things that please and honor God. So we do not speak disparagingly of the law but, rather, appreciatively of it. Now there are other aspects of the law, civil and ceremonial applications, etc., but in these chapters we will face that fact that God has a will for His people and that will includes the five laws of the second table on a daily, life-regulating basis.

II. Discussion

5:17....Don't kill...murder is the idea although the term "kill" is also used in a wider sense. But understand that God orders some killing so it is not just the matter of ending life but of ending life for a malicious or worthless cause.

5:18....Don't commit adultery..do not enter into sexual relationships without a life commitment..the term "adultery"....

5:19....Don't steal...See how this is emphasized in Ephesians 4. There are many aspects to stealing and we can elaborate on these for a minute or so.