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# Main Point

God's Law governs all humanity  
and all *of* humanity including  
families and all that touch them.

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Remember why it was given.

# **To reveal the holiness and glory of the LORD.**

**Deuteronomy 4:7-8**

For what great nation is there that has a god so near  
to it as is the LORD our God whenever we call on Him?  
Or what great nation is there that has statutes  
and judgments as righteous as this whole law  
which I am setting before you today?

**Isaiah 42:21**

The LORD was pleased for His righteousness' sake  
To make the law great and glorious.

# To reveal our unworthiness.

**Exodus 19:5**

Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, **then** you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine.

**Deuteronomy 27:26**

Cursed is he who does not confirm the words of this law **by doing them.**

**James 2:10**

For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all.

# To point us to the Savior.

**Galatians 3:22**

But the Scripture has shut up everyone under sin,  
**so that** the promise by faith in Jesus Christ  
might be given to those who believe.

Are you entrusting your life to Christ for  
salvation from the curse of your sin?

**To instruct us in righteousness  
for the imitation of the LORD.**

**Ephesians 5:1**

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children.

**Romans 7:12**

So then, the Law is holy, and the commandment is holy  
and righteous and good.

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# The LORD spoke and wrote these words!

Deuteronomy 5:22

These words **the LORD spoke** to all your assembly at the mountain from the midst of the fire, of the cloud and of the thick gloom, with a great voice, and He added no more. **He wrote them** on two tablets of stone and gave them to me.

The Law is given by God, not by man.

Men may debate among themselves  
about the wisdom of their legislation,  
but no man may debate with God  
about the wisdom of His.

God's Law has authority over every person and over everything that is *of* the people.

Every organization, institution, administration, jurisdiction, etc.

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**Psalm 47:2**

For the LORD Most High is to be feared,  
**A great King over all the earth.**

If we accept the myth of a sacred/secular separation, we will abdicate our responsibility to advocate for the King's law in the square that belongs to Him.

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Romans 13:1 and 4

For **there is no authority except from God**,  
and those which exist are established by God.

...for it is a minister of God to you for good.  
But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear  
the sword for nothing; for **it is a minister of God**,  
an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil.

There is no such thing as legislation  
apart from morality!

The question is not  
“should we legislate morality”, but  
“whose morality should we  
legislate”.

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These were duties of vital importance to the community, yet marriage is held above them as *more* important.

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When a man takes a new wife, he shall not go out with the army nor be charged with any duty; he shall be free at home one year and **shall give happiness to his wife** whom he has taken.

In most cases, one year would have been enough to begin a family.

why does God command such care for marriage and family?

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Family is the foundation upon which  
God set society.

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We should consider again the vital  
importance of marriage and family  
in God's plan for society!

If we keep eroding the foundation,  
how long before the structure falls?

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In what ways have our cultural conceptions about marriage and family shaped how we think about this question?

What adjustments should a couple make in the first year of marriage?

Do we value marriage and family enough to allow for and encourage these adjustments.

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Are we making the family  
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Did you know that as of 2016,  
**adultery was still illegal in 21 states** with  
penalties as high as one year in prison!

# Conclusions

Do you love the Law of God and see it as life-giving to our world and culture today?

Are you living as though aspects of life can exist and function apart from God's rule?

Is Jesus *your* King and Master of all of your life?