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The moral and national laws of Israel from God are divinely brilliant and worth praise.

Why this subject, Pastor?

Easy. I have promised to promote God and His words as long as I live.

Lesson from Sunday ... Glorious Law!

Paul mocked Moses' ceremonial laws as far inferior to the N.T. gospel.

Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and <u>carnal ordinances</u>, imposed on them until the time of reformation.

Hebrews 9:10

But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?

Galatians 4:9

But Paul praised the moral law of the Ten Commandments even in the N.T.

Owe no man any thing, but to love one another; for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Romans 13:8-10

And Paul appealed to national laws as still having validity in the N.T.

For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen?

I Corinthians 9:9

Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law.

I Corinthians 14:34

Before Moses died, he exalted Israel's moral and national laws.

Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the LORD my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it.

Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.

Deuteronomy 4:5-8

And he said unto them, Set your hearts unto all the words which I testify among you this day, which ye shall command your children to observe to do, all the words of this law.

For it is not a vain thing for you; because it is your life: and through this thing ye shall prolong your days in the land, whither ye go over Jordan to possess it.

Deuteronomy 32:46-47

And the LORD commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as it is at this day.

And it shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments before the LORD our God, as he hath commanded us.

Deuteronomy 6:24-25

David exalted God's laws in two important Psalms ... 19 and 119.

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We do not stop with laws of Moses, Genesis – Deuteronomy, for the N.T. often includes the prophets as well.

Matthew 5:17; 7:12; 22:40; etc.

This study will build your faith in God's word ... and His inspired ethics.

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If you want to think like God with the mind of Christ, you must read and apply everything in the Bible.

Psalm 119:128; I Cor 2:16; Heb 5:12-14

Enough introduction!

Let's go!





Seeth a kid in its mother's milk?

Three times God commanded that Israelites should not seethe a kid in his mother's milk.

Thou shalt not seethe a kid in his mother's milk.

Exodus 23:19; 34:26; Deuteronomy 14:21

Why not boil kids in mother's milk?

- 1. To prohibit unnecessary cruelty to animals.
- 2. To make men conscientious of even animals.
- 3. See also a dam with eggs/young (Deut 22:6-7).
- 4. No killing ewe and young same day (Le 22:28).
- 5. Righteous men are kind to beasts (Prov 12:10).
- 6. Such rules against cruelty encourage mercy.
- 7. God is good to all as a witness to all men.





Give a dowry for your wife?

The Bible before the law and under it assumes a dowry from the man in order to wed a woman.

If her father utterly refuse to give her unto him, he shall pay money according to the dowry of virgins.

Exodus 22:17

Why make a lad pay to get married?

- 1. If a lad cannot earn, he deserves no wife.
- 2. If a lad cannot save, he deserves no wife.
- 3. The girl's family should be compensated.
- 4. A worker is gone; children are lad's family.
- 5. It is also a nice punishment for fornication.
- 6. Think! Hindus reverse the rule to great evil.
- 7. Why do Americans make bride's family pay?





One witness to any crime is worthless?

The Bible requires that there be two or three witnesses to any crime, which is great wisdom.

One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth:

at the mouth of two witnesses,

or at the mouth of three witnesses,

shall the matter be established.

Deuteronomy 19:15

What of crimes with one witness?

- 1. God sees more lying witnesses than lax law.
- 2. Accusations without two or more is slander.
- 3. America flushed this law to slander at will.
- 4. The #MeToo fad exists against this easy law.
- 5. Witness of a witness is not a witness. Think.
- 6. A lying witness gets the punishment sought.
- 7. Calling the police is for danger & discovery.





Why have a paddle on your weapon?

Because God is holy, and He did not want to see any unclean thing by easing thyself abroad.



And thou shalt have a paddle upon thy weapon; and it shall be, when thou wilt ease thyself abroad, thou shalt dig therewith, and shalt turn back and cover that which cometh from thee: For the LORD thy God walketh in the midst of thy camp, to deliver thee, and to give up thine enemies before thee; therefore shall thy camp be holy: that he see no unclean thing in thee, and turn away from thee.

Deuteronomy 23:13-14

Does God care about human waste?

- 1. Chamber pots were dumped from windows.
- 2. But Moses gave this order about 1500 B.C.
- 3. The paddle was a shovel to dig and to bury.
- 4. The underground idea is what we do today!
- 5. Spread of disease was terrible, and smell.
- 6. The history of toilets and sewers is precious.
- 7. Honor, hygiene, health belong to the Lord.





No capital punishment for killing at home?

If you were forced in the darkness and adrenalin of a night intruder, you could kill the thief.

If a thief be found breaking up, and be smitten that he die, there shall no blood be shed for him. If the sun be risen upon him, there shall be blood shed for him; for he should make full restitution; if he have nothing, then he shall be sold for his theft. If the theft be certainly found in his hand alive, whether it be ox, or ass, or sheep; he shall restore double.

Exodus 22:2-4

God understands castle doctrine.

- 1. Homeowners were allowed lethal force.
- 2. If they killed the intruder, they were free.
- 3. God's law here did not require threat of life.
- 4. The implication of night made it frightening.
- 5. God created adrenalin and included passion.
- 6. But revenge the next day would be murder.
- 7. Restitution was double or sold into slavery.





Did Moses' law include the diamond rule?

Yes, because it taught that true love of neighbor included rebuking obvious sin in that neighbor.

Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbour, and not suffer sin upon him.

Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the LORD.

Leviticus 19:17-18

Even Moses taught the diamond rule.

- 1. Love was defined as including rebuke of sin.
- 2. Love does not allow sin; it does all to stop it.
- 3. You should do whatever it takes to stop him.
- 4. If you do not rebuke his sin, you hate him.
- 5. This is true love of a brother or a neighbor.
- 6. This is how you love a neighbor as yourself.
- 7. What is the motive to do it? I am the LORD.





What did the law say about baby murder?

It condemned any harm to an unborn child with punishment in kind and to the same degree.

If men strive, and hurt a woman with child, so that her fruit depart from her, and yet no mischief follow: he shall be surely punished, according as the woman's husband will lay upon him; and he shall pay as the judges determine.

And if any mischief follow, then thou shalt give life for life, Eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, Burning for burning, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.

Exodus 21:22-25

Harming unborn child was punished.

- 1. In this case, triggered birth was accidental.
- 2. If mother and baby healthy, husband chose.
- 3. If mother or baby harmed, the same done.
- 4. If a stillbirth, then the violent man killed.
- 5. If sight lost, then the violent man blinded.
- 6. How much worse is intentional abortion?
- 7. How many abortion clinics would operate?





Does God care about my daily wages?

Yes, in case of day laborers, they should be paid as soon as possible, for their heart desires it.

Thou shalt not defraud thy neighbour, neither rob him: the wages of him that is hired shall not abide with thee all night until the morning.

Leviticus 19:13

At his day thou shalt give him his hire, neither shall the sun go down upon it; for he is poor, and setteth his heart upon it: lest he cry against thee unto the LORD, and it be sin unto thee.

Deuteronomy 24:15

You must pay day laborers today.

- 1. God knows hearts of workers add up cash!
- 2. If you hire one, you better care for his heart.
- 3. You better not send him to bed without pay.
- 4. If you contracted for a week, you better pay.
- 5. If you run a business, you better pay quickly.
- 6. How important? God will hear the poor cry.
- 7. How important? God will judge your sin.





Did God require a one-year honeymoon?

Moses commanded new husbands could not have any business travel or military duties for a year.

When a man hath taken a new wife,
he shall not go out to war,
neither shall he be charged with any business:
but he shall be free at home one year,
and shall cheer up his wife which he hath taken.

Deuteronomy 24:5

Cheer Up! One-year Honeymoon!

- 1. Many marriages were arranged. Cheer her!
- 2. One year is so much better than one week.
- 3. War takes men from home, but not a groom.
- 4. Business travel leaves wives alone, not here.
- 5. What a year with a wife cheering you! Not!
- 6. The man cheered his wife! Grow up, guys!
- 7. Seduction inside marriages is the ultimate!





Did Moses' ancient law address trannies?

Moses condemned either sex from putting on the garments of the other sex as an abomination.

The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the LORD thy God.

Deuteronomy 22:5

Transgender is abomination to God!

- 1. Canaan had every kind of sexual perversion.
- 2. So God committed to annihilate them all.
- 3. He denied sexual alternatives in great detail.
- 4. Even cross-dressing as here is abomination.
- 5. But perverse things done today are worse.
- 6. Let's exalt masculine men, feminine women.
- 7. This verse is not girls wearing girl slacks.





What if my job has Halloween decorations?

Elisha, one of the prophets, dealt with such a situation very clearly and with great prudence.

In this thing the LORD pardon thy servant, that when my master goeth into the house of Rimmon to worship there, and he leaneth on my hand, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon: when I bow down myself in the house of Rimmon, the LORD pardon thy servant in this thing.

And he said unto him, Go in peace.

II Kings 5:18-19

Incidental contact with sin is okay.

- 1. This exchange is worth its weight in gold.
- 2. A job may ask a Christian to decorate a tree.
- 3. What if you contract tree removal for gays?
- 4. What if you must document a loan to RCC?
- 5. Naaman's job had him bow to a pagan idol.
- 6. But he feared the true GOD and had to do it.
- 7. What was verdict from heaven? Go in peace.





What did Moses do with infectious diseases?

God required quarantine of such persons outside the camp until they passed rigid proof of health. And the leper in whom the plague is,
his clothes shall be rent, and his head bare,
and he shall put a covering upon his upper lip,
and shall cry, Unclean, unclean.
All the days wherein the plague shall be in him
he shall be defiled; he is unclean: he shall dwell alone;
without the camp shall his habitation be.

Leviticus 13:45-46

God invented quarantine and masks.

- 1. Leprosy is an infectious, contagious disease.
- 2. Lepers had to identify themselves to others.
- 3. They had to loudly state they were unclean.
- 4. They had to wear a mask to cover coughing.
- 5. As long as he had symptoms, he was defiled.
- 6. They had to dwell alone, ultimate lockdown.
- 7. He had to stay away from all other persons.





What about accidental death and revenge?

Yes, God knows the rage that can rise instantly when something happens to family or friend.

Lest the avenger of the blood pursue the slayer, while his heart is hot, and overtake him, because the way is long, and slay him; whereas he was not worthy of death, inasmuch as he hated him not in time past.

Deuteronomy 19:6

Cities of refuge for accidental death.

- 1. What if a man accidentally killed another?
- 2. God ordered six cities of refuge for slayers.
- 3. God knew family or friends might revenge.
- 4. Any man that accidentally did so should run.
- 5. The cities were wisely located for this event.
- 6. Prudent rules would save any innocent men.
- 7. Prudent rules would expose any murderers.





What about using dangerous things?

If there was a tendency for a thing to harm or kill others, the owner or user better be very careful.

If an ox gore a man or a woman, that they die: then the ox shall be surely stoned, and his flesh shall not be eaten; but the owner of the ox shall be quit. But if the ox were wont to push with his horn in time past, and it hath been testified to his owner, and he hath not kept him in, but that he hath killed a man or a woman; the ox shall be stoned, and his owner also shall be put to death.

Exodus 21:28-29

Be prudent with potentially danger.

- 1. An ox can be dangerous, so must be killed.
- 2. But if not know before, the owner is saved.
- 3. However, if known to be pushy, owner died.
- 4. The ox and the owner are both to be killed.
- 5. What value? Driving is use of deadly force.
- 6. If you kill by driving, how will you repay?
- 7. Drivers would be careful with cellphones!





Did the Bible know about kidnapping?

Of course God did, and He had Moses give the law that kidnappers were to die, no matter what.

And he that stealeth a man, and selleth him, or if he be found in his hand, he shall surely be put to death.

Exodus 21:16

Kidnappers were to be put to death.

- 1. If children are told, kidnapping is terrifying.
- 2. But God had a remedy to slow them down.
- 3. Even if they did no harm, they were to die.
- 4. There were no prisons in the Bible. No need!
- 5. If thieves could not pay ... sold into slavery.
- 6. The best cure for crime is harsh punishment.
- 7. A kidnapper is a dead man from the start.





What about modern youth mocking parents?

We know the Bible called for death of children that cursed, smote, or rebelled against parents.

Cursed be he that setteth light by his father or his mother. And all the people shall say, Amen.

Deuteronomy 27:16

Making light of parents got death.

- 1. These curses made fabulous church services.
- 2. When God curses a person, they are to die.
- 3. God's curses are much wider than you think.
- 4. Rolling eyes at parents got death (Prov 30:17).
- 5. There were not too many teenage rebels.
- 6. First authority is parents learn for success.
- 7. America today encourages mocking parents.





Are all laws very strictly black and white?

No, some laws are allowed a little leeway even in the Bible, and our society often does the same. When thou comest into thy neighbour's vineyard, then thou mayest eat grapes thy fill at thine own pleasure; but thou shalt not put any in thy vessel.

When thou comest into the standing corn of thy neighbour, then thou mayest pluck the ears with thine hand; but thou shalt not move a sickle unto thy neighbour's standing corn.

Deuteronomy 23:24-25

Borrowing a little food was allowed.

- 1. There were no golden arches to be found.
- 2. This concept of quantity is called materiality.
- 3. Accountants do not fuss with immateriality.
- 4. However, your local Target has not read this.
- 5. Then what value? Driving 70 in a 65 zone!
- 6. Troopers follow materiality in giving tickets.
- 7. But remember a sin of purloining (Tit 2:9-10).





Can I charge any price for a needed product?

If you have a good crop in a down year for others, you should not withhold supply for higher prices.

There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty.

The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.

He that withholdeth corn, the people shall curse him: but blessing shall be upon the head of him that selleth it.

Proverbs 11:24-26

A fair price is the right price.

- 1. The Bible is capitalist from beginning to end.
- 2. Yet, it limits pricing for things people need.
- 3. Withholding corn here is to raise the prices.
- 4. Selling here is at a price below the possible.
- 5. People (and God) honor fair businessmen.
- 6. A fair price buying or selling is good (Pr 20:14).
- 7. The context of our verse exalts liberality.





Is it ever right to lie?

If you are in a hard or hopeless situation, with one or more lives at risk, lying to save life is okay.

But the midwives feared God, and did not as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the men children alive.

Exodus 1:17

And the woman took the two men, and hid them, and said thus, There came men unto me, but I wist not whence they were: And it came to pass about the time of shutting of the gate, when it was dark, that the men went out: whither the men went I wot not: pursue after them quickly; for ye shall overtake them.

Joshua 2:4-5

Lying can be justified to save life.

- 1. This never happens at home, school, work.
- 2. If you presume on this wisdom, you are evil.
- 3. Midwives lied to Pharaoh. God helped them.
- 4. Rahab lied to her king. God sure blessed her.
- 5. The Bible has many examples. Read slowly.
- 6. God's favorite David has the most examples.
- 7. You never need to do this, so forget it now.





Does the end justify the means?

No, results are not a good measure of right conduct; right conduct is only by God's word.

And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also. And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them.

Numbers 20:11-12

Results can be very misleading.

- 1. God told Moses to speak to a rock for water.
- 2. But Moses smote the rock like other times.
- 3. Water came out abundantly for all to drink.
- 4. But God was angry at Moses for disobeying.
- 5. Moses begged, but never got into Canaan.
- 6. Results can be God's test to obey His word.
- 7. Teachers with miracles are tested by Bible.





What does the Bible say about jealousy?

It had an option for men only to test their wives if they had any suspicion, even without evidence. And the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be defiled: or if the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be not defiled:

Numbers 5:14

Then the priest shall charge the woman with an oath of cursing, and the priest shall say unto the woman, The LORD make thee a curse and an oath among thy people, when the LORD doth make thy thigh to rot, and thy belly to swell; And this water that causeth the curse shall go into thy bowels, to make thy belly to swell, and thy thigh to rot:

And the woman shall say, Amen, amen.

Numbers 5:21-22

Wives owe fidelity to husbands.

- 1. Men owe their sexual purity to God Himself.
- 2. The Bible does not recognize wife jealousy.
- 3. The woman was made for the man, so this.
- 4. With or without cause, God honored men.
- 5. "Thigh" here / elsewhere is a euphemism.
- 6. Wives better think twice about any folly.
- 7. For the pain, an innocent woman conceived.





Could a man disannul a woman's vows?

Yes, in freewill offerings to God, if a father or husband thought it not wise, he could cancel it.

But if her father disallow her in the day that he heareth; not any of her vows, or of her bonds wherewith she hath bound her soul, shall stand:

and the LORD shall forgive her, because her father disallowed her.

But if her husband disallowed her on the day that he heard it; then he shall make her vow which she vowed, and that which she uttered with her lips, wherewith she bound her soul, of none effect: and the LORD shall forgive her.

Numbers 30:5-8

The husband is the head of the wife.

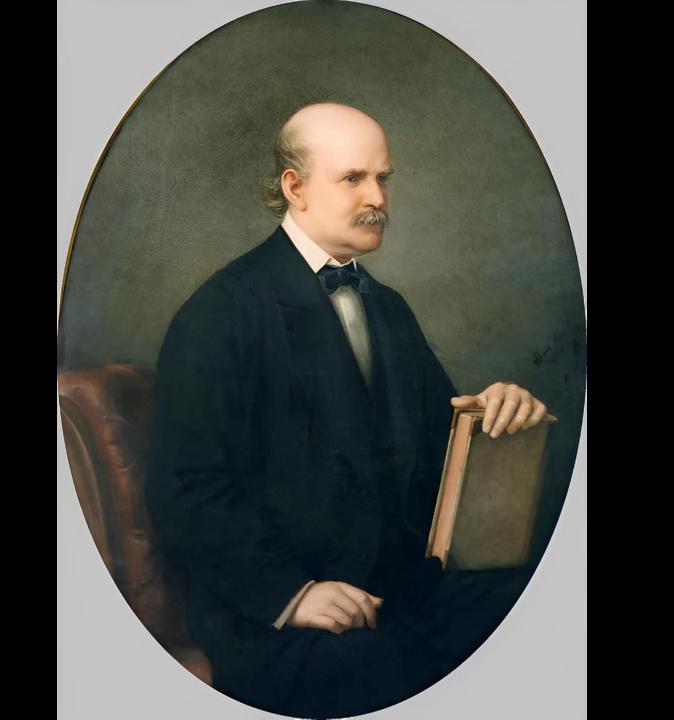
- 1. God over Jesus; He over man; he over wife.
- 2. These are freewill offerings, not Bible duty.
- 3. But a man is between God and her this way.
- 4. By studying God's word we learn authority.
- 5. Daughters cannot vow to God on their own.
- 6. Wives have not right to vow on their own.
- 7. This level of authority crushes "partners."





Is there a "running water" law story?

Yes, thank you for asking, for running water has saved many lives, especially women in childbirth.



And when he that hath an issue is cleansed of his issue; then he shall number to himself seven days for his cleansing, and wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in running water, and shall be clean.

Leviticus 15:13

Basic health was only basic to Israel.

- 1. As the text says, running water truly cleans.
- 2. Death rates in childbirth were bad in Vienna.
- 3. Ignaz Semmelweis had two clinics, one bad.
- 4. The bad used students dissecting cadavers.
- 5. His friend died by being pricked by a scalpel.
- 6. Being a Jew he knew about the verse here.
- 7. He was fired in 1847, died at 47 in asylum.





Is there a "bleeding" law story?

Since the life of the flesh is in the blood, ignorant doctors bled George Washington to death.

For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.

Leviticus 17:11

Basic health was only basic to Israel.

- 1. All men now know that blood is important.
- 2. Ignorant men thought bleeding was helpful.
- 3. At 67, our first president was bled 4 times!
- 4. This was 1799, just 200+ years ago in USA.
- 5. They did not have a clue without the Bible.
- 6. Bloodletting = death in the Bible for Jesus.
- 7. Love your Bible ... even book of Leviticus!

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