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Why Bother?

We teach that the whole Word of God is still true and applicable to all those in the faith today.

This means that the instructions found in Leviticus 11 are just as true today as when they were first written down.

This means that the Sabbath is to be observed today (Exodus 20:8).

However, sometimes, we receive the response "you can't keep the law" and that reasoning becomes the excuse not to do it at all.

Why bother keeping the whole law of God?

People say this with sincerity, but does it really make any sense?

First of all, the primary foundational commandment of the Sabbath is to rest.

How hard is it to rest?

In Leviticus 11, we are told not to eat certain things.

How hard is it not to eat things that we are told are not clean?

Their point is that the law of God is just there to prove you can't keep it.

This is a true statement.

The Law of God is there to point out our sin.

Sin is defined as breaking the law of God (1 John 3:4)

We have all sinned (Romans 3:23).

We will all sin again.

BUT, just because we might not keep the law of God perfectly all of the time, what excuse does that give us to purposely break the law of God all the time?

Simply look at the 10 commandments, you can find these in Exodus 20.

Which ones have you broke?

Maybe you did not break them all physically, but perhaps you broke them in your heart (i.e. Matthew 5:28).

That is still breaking the commandments.

How many can say that they will never break one of the 10 commandments again?

No one.

So then should we say that we do not have to do the 10 commandments because they are too hard to keep and we cannot keep them?

What about loving God or loving others (Luke 10:27)?

Have we ever been guilty of loving ourselves at the expense of loving God or loving others?

Of course…

Have we ever been unloving to someone else?

Of course again…

Will you ever be unloving to someone else again?

Very likely. That will happen.

Should we get rid of the commandments to love God or love others, because they are simply too hard, or because we have a tendency to break them?

Of course not.

Does it make since to break a commandment all of the time just because you might break it some of the time?

Does it make sense to say, "why bother keeping the Law of God, we will just break it because no one can keep it perfectly"

That is the same as saying, "why should I eat, I am just going to get hungry again."

…"or why should I take a bath or a shower? …I am just going to get dirty again."

We should delight in the whole Law of God (Psalm 1:2; Romans 7:22).

The whole law of God is good and perfect (Romans 7:12; Psalm 19:7; James).

The whole law of God is freedom (Psalm 119:44-45; James 1:25).

The whole law of God is truth (Psalm 119:43; Psalm 119:142).

If all of those things are true, then these things are also true.

To not do the whole law of God then is to do something imperfect if the law of God is perfect.

…or do something not good.

To not do the whole law of God…is the opposite of freedom.

To not do the whole law of God…is to do what is false.

Our Creator did not save us from breaking the law of God (sin) through His grace so we can go and break the law of God some more.

Once we come into the faith, and we are promised to be saved by His grace, we should see the whole law of God as an added joy, the perfect way to live out our faith.

We should see the law of God the same way that the author of Psalm 119 wrote of it.

It's not that you have to keep the Law of God, it's that you get to.

We hope that this teaching has blessed you, and remember, continue to test everything.

Shalom

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