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God Rules Over the People

Chapter

Exodus 32–34

The Broken Ten Commandments

Today's Lesson:



1. To understand that we are sinners who cannot keep the holy laws of God.

2. To understand that we, as sinners, were saved through the broken body of Jesus.

Open Your Heart



Have you ever experienced your love being trampled and broken by your loved ones?

Have you tried to give them your love again by adding more love to the broken love?



Understanding Today's Lesson

When the Israelites arrived at Mt. Sinai after crossing the Red Sea, God called Moses to Mt. Sinai and made a covenant with the Israelites. God stated that the Israelites would be blessed if they kept His laws. However, when the Israelites saw that Moses delayed coming down from the mountain, they made a golden calf and idolized it. When Moses saw their idolatry, his anger became hot, and he cast the tablets out of his hands and broke them. This explains how sin and the holy law cannot coexist. If the tablets were not broken, then the Israelites who sinned against God would have been destroyed like the broken tablets. Ultimately, because of the love that God had for the Israelites, the stone tablets were broken and destroyed instead of sinners. Likewise, because the Lord took the place of sinners and was broken on the cross, we who are sinners can now live. Originally, the place where the Lord had died was the place where sinners like us had to die.

After the original tablets were destroyed, God gave the Israelites new stone tablets, along with the tabernacle and sacrificial laws. This signified that sinners cannot be saved by keeping the law, but only through the love and grace of God. The Bible tells us that man cannot be justified by keeping the law. The law only serves to convict sinners of their sin and lead them to Jesus Christ. Jesus came to earth as it was written in the Old Testament, and He fulfilled the "love" that the law ultimately required. And those who believe the gospel will possess that love. Now, those who have received salvation are no longer under the law, but rather live a life of fulfilling the new commandment: "love one another." This can only be accomplished through the love of Christ Jesus.

Notes:



Memorizing Bible Verses

knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

(Galatians 2:16)



Meditate

On These Verses

1. After you have meditated on the following verses, give a title of the verse or write a short summary of the verse. Also, write down things you have felt about the verse, or other verses that it has reminded you of.

(Luke 10:25–28)

(Galatians 3:10–11)

(Galatians 3:23–27)



Changing

Directions

Exodus 33 writes of the story of the Israelites who repented of their sin of idolatry so that they could restore their relationship with God. Read Exodus 33:1–17 and answer the following questions.

1. God said that He would lead the Israelites, who sinned against Him, to the land of Canaan. However, He said that He would not be with them. Write down the reason why God said this after reading verses 3 and 5.

2. God said that He would lead the Israelites to Canaan, the land flowing with milk and honey. However, none of the Israelites rejoiced, but rather mourned and did not put on their ornaments. Why do you think they responded to God in such a way?

3. What did the people of Israel do when Moses went into the tabernacle to face God as a mediator? Also, what usually happens in the tabernacle? Read verses 6–10 and fill in the blanks below.

Verse 6: The children of Israel stripped themselves of their () by Mount Horeb.

Verse 7: Everyone who () the LORD () to the tabernacle.

Verse 8: So it was, whenever Moses went out to the tabernacle, that all the people (), and each man () at his tent door and () Moses until he had gone into the tabernacle.

Verse 10: All the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the tabernacle door, and all the people () and (), each man in his tent door.

4. Moses sincerely gave an intercessory prayer to God for the people of Israel. Read verse 14 and write down what God told Moses.

5. Moses and the Israelites desperately wanted to walk with God rather than to enjoy His promised blessings. Do I truly desire to walk with God? If so, write down the things I need to get rid of in my life.



Applying

The Word to My Life

For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.
(James 2:26)

1. Please write down how you will apply what you learned today throughout this week.

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3.)

2. Look back and reflect on how successful you were at applying last week's lesson.



Praying

To Live According to the Word

Let us give thanks to the Lord for the grace that He gave us by taking our sins and dying for us. Let us reflect on our daily lives to see if we have repetitive sins that we need to throw away; we must not hinder the things that the Lord wants to accomplish through us. Let us ask for His help regarding these things.



Our Story

Seeing vs Observing



There are times when you see something you never noticed on a very familiar street. It is because you passed by it without giving it much attention.

Likewise, if you just read the Bible without much attention, you will not be able to remember what you just read as soon as you close the Bible. You must closely observe what you read in the Bible so that you don't miss or forget the important words in the Bible. Just reading the Bible is different from paying close attention to what you are reading.

These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so. Therefore many of them believed, and also not a few of the Greeks, prominent women as well as men. (Acts 17:11-12)

If There Is No Empty Space

There once was an alcoholic who repented and came back to the Lord. After receiving salvation, he was able to finally quit drinking alcohol with the help of God. However, it was not as easy as it sounds. One day, when he was walking by a bar and saw the drinks on the shelf, he could not resist drinking. At that moment, he saw a sign on the milk store across from the bar saying, "Unlimited milk for \$5." He ran into the milk store and drank until he couldn't drink any more. When he came out of the milk store afterward, he was not tempted to drink the alcohol because he had drunk more than enough milk. There was no space for the alcohol.

If our hearts are filled with the Holy Spirit and the things of God, then the worldly things will not have any place in our hearts. Let us leave no empty space in our hearts so that Satan cannot use us for his purpose.





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