## **LAYERS OF THE LAW**Part Three

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Do you have a goose? Do you have a golden egg? Have you ever had a goose? Have you ever had a golden egg? If you're anything like me, you've never had a golden egg, you've never had a goose. So, if I were to say to you, don't kill the goose that lays the golden egg, would it be permissible for you to say to me, that doesn't apply to me? I don't have a goose, I don't have a golden egg.

Actually if you said such a thing, it would really be a foolish statement. Because what I just said to you has nothing to do with a goose or a golden egg. No, it's an old proverb and it alludes to a principle that applies to every human being on the planet. It basically says...don't kill a golden opportunity. Don't burn a bridge that you might want to go across one day.

The same thing applies the moment you tell a Christian that you believe in keeping the law of God. They immediately tell you, ahh... that's the Old Testament. That doesn't apply to New Testament Christians. You'd be shocked and surprised by the battle we get here at First Harvest Ministries from Christians, not sinners—but Christians who believe that we're dragging everybody back to the law.

And nothing could be further from the truth. In just a moment, we are going to begin part three of our series of lessons entitled The Layers of the Law. Now if you've not watched the first or the second segments, you're going to be missing a vital foundation to understanding the law of God. You can go to our website at <u>firstharvest.tv</u> and find the two previous videos to watch. If you've already watched them, then welcome back!

I'm Shane Vaughn from First Harvest Ministries. It is my delight and my honor to welcome you and talk to you about the law of God. Before we get started, I began understanding the law of God about six years ago, in the year 2009. Before that year, I was like the typical, nominal Christian. I did not believe that the law of God was any longer in effect.

I believed, like many of you still believe, that Jesus Christ fulfilled the law, and in so doing, abrogated, or did away with, or finished the law of God. And I took that scripture that tells us that he nailed the handwriting of ordinances to the cross—I believed all of that just like many of you. But, as I proved in the first two parts of this lesson, the law of God has many layers to it.

And in this lesson, I want to get into some of those layers. Now before we do, many of you that are watching me, you might be ministers...maybe you're a preacher, maybe you're a pastor, someone sent you this video and you're watching it to prove us wrong. But I want to encourage you to be very careful because if in fact you do away with the law of God, you're going to do away with your own salary if you get one.

The apostle Paul made it abundantly clear in the book of 1 Corinthians and we're going to look at it real quick before the lesson starts. He made it abundantly clear that ministers should be paid and taken care of by their congregations. He made it abundantly clear. As a matter of fact, look at it real quick before we start today's lesson. Turn with me to the book of 1 Corinthians, and we're going to go where Paul makes it abundantly clear. That's going to be in chapter 9, verses 9-11.

I want you to notice what Paul starts this verse off with. Just the first line. Now remember before we read it, he is speaking to a gentile church, not a bunch of Jewish people, but gentiles, and he is telling them in the first line...

### 1 Corinthians 9:9-11 For it is written in the law of Moses...

Now hold on. This is written probably 30 or 40 years after Jesus destroyed the law of Moses according to Christian theology. This is written about that time period—many decades after Christ got rid of the law of Moses. Here we find Paul not referencing the teachings of Christ when it comes to validating the paying of a minister. He's not reaching over to the sermon on the mount...no, he reaches way back to a part of the Bible that many have torn out—they've completely disregarded. They've believed that the Torah, the Old Testament, the Tanakh, the Pentateuch, is done away with. But Paul...listen to what he says...

# For it is written in the law of Moses, do not muzzle an ox while it's treading out the corn.

Now, remember the goose and the golden egg? And do you remember how my parable has nothing to do with the goose or a golden egg? The same thing applies right here. There was a law of God that was found in the Old Testament that says when you're treading out the corn and the oxen is working, don't muzzle him and not let him reap the benefit of his work. But this story has nothing to do with an ox or a muzzle or corn.

It has to do with the principle behind that letter of the law. It has to do with the mind of God being revealed in paradigms and parables and pictures and stories. This is what Paul is referring to—is a story from an old testament, but it was very

much the written law. Evidently Jesus did not get rid of this particular law on the cross because Paul is still referencing. And read what he says...

(verse 10) Is it the oxen that God is concerned about? Surely he says this for us... (now notice the next words of this verse...) For this was written for our sakes.

Can I paraphrase that if you don't mind without adding or taking away from. Paul said that the law of Moses, the Torah, the Old Testament, was written for our (the gentile people he's talking to) — he's telling them it was written even for gentile's sake. It was written for all of our sakes. Now here he continues...

## Because when the plowman plows and the thresher threshes, they ought to do so in the hope of sharing in the harvest.

Now this is interesting because the law said in the book of Exodus that the plowman, the oxen, is all to be fed from the harvest. So now Paul reaches over and applies this to the work of a minister, that he should be paid just as well as the oxen should be fed.

Now, it never fails...when you come to the decision that...you know what...I'm going to begin keeping the law of God, you're going to get bombarded. I've already talked about that in previous videos. You're going to get attacked on every hand and you've just got to be ready to deal with that.

And here's why you're going to be attacked. It's very simple. There are some parts of the law of God that seems very unusual to say the least. And this is one of the first dilemmas I had to deal with. And when the lesson starts (which it hasn't... this is an introduction), we're going to open the Bible in a moment, but when I first came to the law of God, and I began to read some of these laws, I just couldn't imagine what meaning they would have.

Let me give you one for an example. It's found in Exodus 21:22-25.

### **Exodus 21:22-25**

If men are fighting and strike a pregnant woman and she gives birth prematurely, but there's no serious injury, the offender must be fined whatever the woman's husband demands and the courts allow. But if there's a serious injury, you are to take a life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, and bruise for bruise.

In other words, an eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth. When we read that, and there's another verse that I won't take time to read, but it talks about if you beat your slave...it's okay as long as you don't take his life. These are hard things to deal with. Or how about if your children don't mind you, you take them to the gate of the city...you kill them...you stone them. What??

These laws we've got to deal with because I'm going to be honest with you—it's going to be hard for you to preach "obey the law of God" if we don't deal with some of these hard-to-understand verses of scripture. So, get your Bibles and let's get ready to dive right in!

Hey! Do me a favor. If you're receiving from this ministry, I want you to give to us, not money, many of you do that, but that's not what we want. I'm asking you to share this teaching on your social media platforms. Help me get this message out, would you?

Alright, get your Bibles and let's start this study shall we?

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14 million...that's the number of children that have died from AIDS and HIV. And many more millions have died from other sexually transmitted diseases. Do you know how many children today are in prison, in insane asylums and drug rehabilitation centers because of divorce and the devastation of the family? No, we don't know. I've researched it and we don't get a concrete number, but sufficeth to say the multiplied millions.

Do you know how every bit of this could've been stopped—never have happened? Do you know how? Yes, it's one of the ten commandments...thou shalt not commit adultery. Now, did God just sit up in his armchair in heaven one day and from his arbitrary mind decide — I need to come up with some new laws for those people down there and make their life more miserable for them?

Now, you might laugh about that, but did you know that's how people truly feel about the law of God? They feel that it's arbitrary, it's controlling. There's one thing Satan is not good at doing. He's not good at convincing people that God is not real. All they have to do is look up, look around, watch the perfection of creation. It's sort of hard. Only a fool believes that.

But I'll tell you what he's very good at — convincing people that God is cruel. Convincing people that God is unfair and that God is not involved in your daily lives—he doesn't care about you. Now at that, he is phenomenal, his success rate through the roof.

God did not say thou shalt not commit adultery so that he could bridle the fun, the enjoyment of healthy sexual activity. God created sex. Sex is pleasurable. And most healthy people enjoy the results of it which are children, grandchildren, our progeny. But God knows what we do not know and that is our nature.

He knows that without the confines of a covenant or the agreement of a covenant, then he knows without one shadow of a doubt, that we will destroy our own selves if we don't protect our children from the ravages of sexually transmitted diseases and divorce and remarriage and remarriage and remarriage.

So, therefore, he tells us not what he wants us to do, but what he knows must be done to preserve our society. So, in religion, the very existence of a law gives way to the temptation towards legalism. Now, legalism is very real, I've met them, They've come to our church. They've walked in our presence. And a legalist takes the law of God and destroys everybody that's not keeping it.

Now, in the book of Titus (Titus 3:9), Paul gives Titus some clear direction. He says to avoid foolish questions and genealogies and contentions striving about the law...for they are unprofitable and...(notice what else he says they are), they are vain.

Now I started these series of lessons trying to explain to you the very nature of God. In the book of Jeremiah I read the scripture for you where God desires for us to know his name and his character. And the first character trait he gave us in the book of Jeremiah was that he said that I am loving and I am kind. If anybody is practicing the love of God, they're going to have within them the nature of the law of God.

The law of God is not meant to control you. The law of God is meant to give you freedom in this life. You would never think that the 55 mph speed limit is there to control you—it's there to protect your life. It's there because you're too dumb most the time to protect your own life. God set his law in place, not for salvation, but for sanctification, and for a lifestyle that would give to you the life that he desired for you to have.

The law of God is just as, if not more, beautiful than the love of God. Because the law is the written expression of his love for us. Yahshua, Jesus, his son, is the fleshly embodiment of that law because he lived it to a tee. He kept that law. So if you don't think that the law of God is the love of God, then Jesus, Yahshua, is not the love of God either because he was the Torah, or the word, or the law, made flesh.

So we have to be very careful when we get into the law of God not to become a legalist. The Jewish people did not understand the meaning behind many of the laws of God. They took them at face value. That's called the letter of the law. And they have argued for generations, for centuries, on what you can and cannot do on the Sabbath day. And I keep the Sabbath. I preach the Sabbath. And if you're a commandment keeper you'll do the same thing.

But they do it in a way that many of you Christian folks have begun to do. They don't understand the meaning behind the Sabbath, so, therefore, they're way too focused on the *how* of the Sabbath rather than the *why*. The moment you get caught up in the technicalities of the how rather than trying to understand the tendencies of the why, you will always be a legalist.

I want to take you to the words of Christ in the New Testament.

#### Matthew 5:17-18

Don't ever think that I have come to destroy the law, or the prophets. I have not come to abolish them, but to fulfill them.

Now that word *fulfill* is a little misleading there and I'll explain why in a moment.

## (verse 18) I tell you truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest jot or tittle will by any means disappear from the law...

Now he tells you when the law will be abolished as we know it today. When heaven and earth disappear. Do you know when that's going to be? Never. Never. I know some of you have been taught that there's going to be a new heaven and a new earth, but that is not what the Bible says. There's going to be a renewed heaven and a renewed earth. I'll put these scriptures here for you to look up: Eccl 1:4, Ps 37:29, Ps 104:5, and Isaiah 45:18. The Bible says they will never pass away. So, until such a time, the law will never, ever pass away.

### ...until everything is accomplished.

Is everything accomplished now?? Has the Lord Jesus returned and set up his Father's kingdom on earth as he promised to do? No. Do you know why? Because everything is not accomplished.

But some awkward problems come up when you begin to talk about the law of God...when you try to live by the words of Christ and his Father's law. For example, the law of God forbids the intermingling of cotton and wool. Did you know that? As a matter of fact, I think I might be breaking that law right now (ha ha)... I think this jacket may be linen and well something else (?). But,

technically I'm breaking the law of God. So how do I justify that if I'm so determined to keep the Sabbath day and the holy days and clean and unclean animals? I'm going to explain to you. Stay tuned.

There's a strong temptation in all of us to answer all those questions that people throw at us. We want to have an answer, but remember what Paul said in the book of Titus when he told them not to argue over these things. He said because they are vain. Most of the time, people want to argue because of vanity. They just want to be right. They don't want to listen. I've been there. You've been there. They just want to be right. We have to avoid that temptation.

You have to know for yourself that you have done like David. That you have "taken thy law oh God, oh Yahweh, and *meditated on it day and night*". Not just reading the letter of it, but stopping and meditating and saying...Holy Spirit reveal to me the why behind the how, reveal to me *your* thinking when you gave us this law, what is the general principle for my life today?

Now because of this vanity, the Jews created what's called the Mishnah and the Talmud which are arguments about the law. And if we're not careful in the church we'll do the same thing. We don't call it the Mishnah or the Talmud, but we argue over the nuances and the trivialities and the minutia of the law—rather than living by the *Spirit* of that law, the principle behind the letter.

Why is it that we play hopscotch through the Old Testament? This is a question that someone sent me on Facebook. Why do we play hopscotch throughout the Old Testament? What do I mean by that? I'm going to read the question for you. He said, ya'll pick up this law and drop the other law right next to it. And I thought about that and I asked the Lord, why do we play hopscotch...why do we keep this one and not this one about my clothes (cotton and wool)?

What is the criteria that we should use? This is an honest question that I've asked the Lord. What is the criteria that we should be using to decide which laws we will keep and which ones we will ignore? Because the truth is everyone of you—you ignore certain of those laws. Even if you follow the Mishnah, the Talmud, the Kabbalah or whatever, straight to the letter, you're still missing a few of them. I promise you that—did you eat a cheeseburger (meat and dairy) lately?

What is the criteria? How do we decide which ones we're going to keep? Because there's not one of you watching me right now that would honestly say that we should discard the Old Testament law 'thou shalt not steal'. Nobody, not one of you would say that, right? When it comes to a law that requires a blue tassel hanging from your clothes called the tzitzit, then all of a sudden we will find a bunch of dissenters that say, oh no, we don't have to do that. I don't do that. Now

I do wear them on occasion to symbolic services, but I don't wear them everyday. And yet the law requires I do. So the very one that said "thou shalt not steal" is a good law, is the very one that says, no, we don't need to do that.

So I'm going to ask you...where is your dividing line and how do you determine it? Some people that I know, and I've been a part of those people, have tried to solve this problem by making distinctions in the law of God. The first one I met, a group of people, they make a total distinction between the ten commandments and all the other laws. And they're sincere in doing that. Then you have another group that feels there's a difference in the law of Moses and the law of God even though God gave the law of Moses to Moses—all of a sudden it became Moses' law. Then you have another group of people...most Christians that separate the *moral* law from all the other laws. And then another denomination teaches that all of the law was nailed to the cross including the ten commandments—everything went to the cross.

It's tempting to ask...do I have to do this??...rather than "what does this mean"? Many of you watching me right now, you have watched my teachings and you will always send me an inbox message or an email and say, brother Vaughn, do I have to do that to be saved? That's the wrong question. The question should be...how would it be pleasing to my heavenly Father if I did that? Now you're moving beyond the legalism and you're moving into the relationship between you, God and his law.

Why did God say that? I want you to ask that question every time you read a law that you do not understand. Why did God say that? If you read a law and say I can't see any way to apply that law in the 21st century, in the here and now, that's fair enough. That is a fair statement. For example, we keep the holy days don't we? But do you know that you're supposed to go to Jerusalem to keep them according to the law? And we don't do that. How do we justify that?

I think the natural question that you need to ask after you ask "how does that apply to my life and why did God say that"...is why was this law given in the first place? Now what I'm trying to teach you is an approach to the law, the questions you need to be asking.

Question #1... Why did God say that? Question #2... Why was this a law in the first place? What problem was that law dealing with in that culture and in that society? I love what Proverbs 4:7 says...

### Proverbs 4:7

Wisdom is supreme, therefore, get wisdom, though it cost all you have get understanding.

In these series of lessons, the first two, this one, and however many more there are, I want you not to get the law. I want you to get *understanding* ... of God, his name, his person, his thinking. Well how do I get to know his thinking? He reveals it to you through his law and through his son, and his son was the physical embodiment of his law. Get understanding. That should be your prayer today.

Now, many people watching me, you obey the law of God the best you can to the letter without an understanding of it. That's admirable. But that's not desirable. It's admirable. You're doing your best and I'd much rather see that than someone totaling disregarding the law of God. You're halfway there. Obedience is better than sacrifice. But obedience with understanding will lead you out of legalism and lead you into relationship with your heavenly Father through applying his law to your life.

Go with me to my favorite scripture in these series of lessons. Jeremiah 9:23-24. You'll hear me read this scripture in every one of these lessons because this is the bedrock scripture that I love.

#### **Jeremiah 9:23-24**

Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom, or the strong man boast of his strength, or the rich man boast of his riches, but let him who boasts, boast about this, that he understands and knows me.

Did you hear? Understands me. How do we understand God? Through the law. Here's a secret that I found that has helped me with these daunting questions about the law. #1 - I have a basic assumption that I approach the law of God with, every single one of them, all 613 that are mentioned in Torah. My "magnifying glass" that I read through, my "glasses" that I read through, is this:

### God gave to man no bad law.

You have to start your study of the law understanding that he's loving and kind and that not one law that comes from a loving and kind God could be bad! That's where you start your study. Let that be your filter that, okay, I'm looking at a law that looks bad, I don't understand it, it makes no sense to my western mind, but I know the giver of the law, I understand him. So, therefore, I know he gave no bad laws.

If you're watching me and you are an atheist or an agnostic and you don't believe in the goodness of God, then this point will not settle with you. But if you're watching me and you're a man or woman of faith, then you have to assume that God would not or did not ever give man a law that was bad for him. Even the laws that look questionable, that look to be non sequiturs, out-of-place.

#2 - The second filter that I study the law through is this: that the law of God is not *arbitrary*. I get the impression that some people think that God sat down (like I said earlier) and just made up a bunch of laws. That would be an arbitrary, dogmatic God, one that just gets a kick out of making laws...he's a legislature all to himself. And all he does all day and everyday is come up with new laws for us to follow. They think that God said if it's fun I'm going to make a law against it.

But, nothing could be further from the truth. You see, the Bible, the Torah, the law, from front to back is God's instruction book for man. I want you to always remember that. The law is not for your salvation. The law is for your *sanctification* - which is your life style that you live. And if you happen to live that life style in compliance with the law of God, then you will live a life pleasing to God. We call it a life of holiness.

So what do we do with verses like Exodus 21:20?

#### **Exodus 21:20**

If a man strikes his male or female slave with a rod, and he dies at his hand, he will be punished. If, however, he survives a day or two, then nothing will be done.

Really? Slavery? God...it's okay, really? Yes, but...only if you understand the non-American version of slavery and what it was in those days. You're a slave today, did you know that? Do you go to work? Do you punch a clock? You're a slave trust me. So, these verses, if you just take them out of context, and just throw them out there, I can show you a mean, arbitrary God that gave a bad law. But that's impossible.

So now I've really got to do something more than read that. I've got to meditate on the law of God now. I've got to say, heavenly Father, help me with this. Show me why you gave that law. And then you see why he gave it, which was to protect the life of this slave. It was a good law. It was to encourage slave owners not to kill their slaves. It was protecting life.

You can look at it one of two ways. But when you get in the Spirit and you know you have a good God and you know he gives no bad laws and you know he's not arbitrary, then you can start meditating more intently into the law. It was David that said, show me marvelous wonders in your law.

Here is my question when I first read that verse. How could God take such a callous view of a human being and treat them like chattel, as property? Why would God do that? Do you want something more surprising than that? That was part of the *written law*. And if Jesus didn't nail *that* law to the cross, then which laws did he nail to the cross?

You want answers, don't you? I do too. The problem is, you only get the wrong answers because you're asking the wrong questions. Let me give you an example. If you're a man watching me, do you still beat your wife? You can only answer yes or no. There's no in-between. Do you still whip your wife? If you answer yes, we've got problems. If you answer no, then you're telling me that at one time you did whip your wife. You see, it's a wrong question. We get wrong answers when we ask wrong questions.

What do I mean about wrong questions? Here's one of them. Brother Vaughn, is the Old Testament, the law of Moses, still binding upon the Christian today? There's two problems with the semantics of your question. Number one, you've got to define to me what the law of Moses is verses the law of God. But then you've got to answer the question...what does "binding" mean?

Let me ask you a question. Does the commandment that says "honor your father and your mother" (which means honor authority) ... is that binding upon the Christian today? You see, it's a misleading question because you don't really know what "binding" means. Your question tells me that you are placing a weight of salvation upon the law that God never intended to be there.

The law was never given for salvation. The law was given for sanctification, to set God's people apart from the world. And then we have to ask, is it ceremonial law, is it moral law, is it civil law and is it the law of Moses? What law is it? Don't place a weight on the law that God did not place there.

So, to answer that we've got to go over to what Paul said earlier about the ox treading out the corn. Is that still binding upon the Christian brother Vaughn? Well, evidently Paul thought it was or he wouldn't have alluded to it. And then pulled it into a gentile church and said to them that he had the authority to receive tithe and offering from them. Really Paul?? Where do you get that authority from? From Jesus? No. From where? He tells you where. From the law of Moses. So is the law of Moses still binding, or no?

Now, a legalist reads that verse that Paul mentions about the ox and the muzzle and he will go out to his barnyard and make sure that when he is treading out the corn, not the okra or the tomatoes, just the corn, that he's not going to muzzle that ox! But at the same time, he doesn't pay his laborers. That's a legalist. He

obeyed the letter of the law. Actually, God didn't say don't muzzle the ox if you're treading out the okra, did he? This is a carnal mind. The letter of the law killeth. The Jews fell in love with the letter of the law. Not going to muzzle the ox that treads out the corn, but we're not going to pay the preacher—that's legalism. You missed the point of the law. You were so busy keeping the letter, treading out the corn, but then you'd put the muzzle on the ox when you're treading out the okra. Or you wouldn't pay your workers when the entire law about not muzzling the ox was...don't work people without paying them.

You missed the point because you're a legalist. All's you see is a law and an arbitrary law and you're going to obey it to the letter bless God!! And yet you missed the whole point. That's why you have to *meditate* on the law day and night. Why did God give it? What's the principle behind it? And how does it apply to us today?

Let me give you another example. So you have a commandment keeper, a legalist that will not mix wool and linen together because the law of God said to do it. But he's sleeping with his neighbor's wife. That's a legalist. Uh, we must learn to honor the depth, the layers of the law of God.

Now, then you have the other man that totally disregards the law of God—says it's nailed to the cross. It's all the blood of Jesus. I don't have to do anything—no flesh is justified by the law. You wind up in the same ditch that the legalist winds up in. Out of balance with the beauty of the law. Both men have desecrated the law of God. Don't be guilty of that. Meditate on the law of God. Look for the layers of it, the meaning behind why God gave it in the first place.

Here's a perfect example. Let's read another law that makes absolutely no sense. And we could say that it's not binding upon the Christian today. Read it with me in the book of Deuteronomy 22:8.

### Deuteronomy 22:8

When you build a house, make a parapet around your roof so that you may not bring the guilt of bloodshed on your house if someone falls from that roof.

Alright, the law of God says brother Vaughn, when we build a house we've got to build a parapet all the way around that roof, and bless God, in my house, we're going to do it the Bible way!! Go ahead, no harm building a parapet around your roof. Unless you stop and think on *the layers of the law*. And you understand why God give that law. Because the roofs in Israel, even to this day, are not pitched roofs like ours here in America. We have slanted roofs that nobody can really get upon without special tools. But not so in Jerusalem. Even today, in the

cool of the evening, they climb stairs and they go sit on their roof. Why? The're flat. So the children would go on top of the roof and play. Guests would go on top of the roof and sit up there. And guess what would happen if you didn't put a protective fence around that roof? Somebody would fall and lose their life.

So it looks like an arbitrary law doesn't it? But again, a good God doesn't give bad laws. This law was for the protection of life just like the slavery law was for the protection of life. But they were given in the perspective of the days in which they were given. We don't need parapets around our roofs anymore. So if I don't put a parapet up, am I a law-breaker? No. As long as I keep the principle of the law, the spirit of the law.

What is the spirit of the law? Protect life. Now what if I build a deck and that deck's out over a cliff and if somebody were to fall off they would die? Then the law of God says I need to put a fence up to protect life. Are you seeing this?

Now what happens when the law of the parapets falls under the category where it belongs as a civil law in the Old Testament? It's not a moral law. They say it was nailed to the cross. So did Jesus really nail to the cross my need to protect life? That's what you say when you say he nailed it to the cross. He did away with the law of God. The law of God is good Paul said. It is holy.

But notice what else Paul said—it is spiritual. And if you've got a carnal mind, you will only read the letter of the parapet...you will go build a parapet around your roof and not try to protect the unborn in the abortion clinic because you're a legalist. God is looking for law-keepers that will go one step beyond. That's what Jesus did. That's what Yahshua did. He fulfilled the spiritual law...the spirit behind those laws. That's why he told them, yes you shall not commit adultery but desiring your neighbor's wife was the spirit behind that law. Oh, that we might be like him.

In the next lesson, we're going to begin dissecting each of these laws and see how they apply to our lives. Thank you for watching and thank you for your desire to please God and to live according to his instructions for your life. I want to leave you with these words. Have you ever bought a new car and opened the glovebox. What were you looking for when you opened the glovebox? You were looking for the instruction manual. Now when you read that instruction manual, who wrote that manual? The creator of the car. They know all about it. And they're giving you instructions...when to change the oil, when to rotate the tires. Are they trying to control you? Are they trying to make your life miserable? No. They're trying to make sure the life of the car delivers what it's intended to deliver.

God created you for greatness and the only way you can deliver that greatness is when you are abiding by the Spirit of the Law that's always in existence and will never go away. Did you know that's why we keep the Sabbath day? Not to be saved because we are...not saved but changed, being transformed, we're being renewed and, therefore, we understand the why behind the Sabbath and we keep it out of love for our heavenly Father who created the Sabbath day.

Would you stay with us? We're going to get deeper and deeper and deeper. Share this message if it was a blessing to you! God bless you!

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