

Life Lessons
from Book of Psalms

LESSON 3: GOD'S LAW

REFLECTION

Begin your study by sharing thoughts on this question.

1. Think of a particular time when you were challenged or comforted by the Bible. How did that affect your life?

BIBLE READING Psalm 19:7–14

⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul.

The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.

8 The precepts of the LORD are right,
giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the LORD are radiant,
giving light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever.

The decrees of the LORD are firm,
and all of them are righteous.

10 They are more precious than gold,
than much pure gold;
they are sweeter than honey,
than honey from the honeycomb.

11 By them your servant is warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

12 But who can discern their own errors?
Forgive my hidden faults.

13 Keep your servant also from willful sins;
may they not rule over me.
Then I will be blameless,
innocent of great transgression.

14 May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

DISCOVERY

Explore the Bible reading by discussing these questions.

2. In what ways can the Bible change your life?

3. What results from obeying God's commands?

4. List the words that the Psalmist used to describe God's teaching?

5. What attitude should we have toward God's Word?

6. How can sin rule over people?

INSPIRATION

The Ten Commandments tell us not to covet or lust. However, all moral law is more than a test; it's for our own good. Every law which God has given has been for our benefit. If a person breaks it, he is not only rebelling against God, he is hurting himself. God gave "the law" because he loves man. It is for man's benefit. God's commandments were given to protect and promote man's happiness, not to restrict it. God wants the best for man. To ask God to revise his commandments would be to ask him to stop loving man....

In our universe, we live under God's law. In the physical realm, the planets move in split-second precision. There is no guesswork in the galaxies. We see in nature that everything is part of a plan which is harmonious, orderly, and obedient.

Could a God who made the physical universe be any less exacting in the higher spiritual and moral order? God loves us with an infinite love, but he cannot and will not approve of disorder. Consequently, he has laid down spiritual laws which, if obeyed, bring harmony and fulfillment, but, if disobeyed, bring discord and disorder.

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RESPONSE

Use these questions to share more deeply with each other.

7. How does God's teaching demonstrate God's love for us?

8. What blessings have you enjoyed as a result of obeying God's Word?

9. How can we show our love for God's law?