

"On the Law (Part Five)"

Don C Harris

What Should We Do?

What if the Law says you are to make blood sacrifices? How will you comply with that? I have heard this asked by those who maintain that the law is not for us today. I must ask, "Do you feel you should do that?" Christ has not only made all the sacrifices that are necessary for our redemption; HE WAS the only true sacrifice for our redemption to whom all the sacrifices in the Old Testament were a shadow looking forward. Never the less, the laws of sacrifices have passed away no more than the Commandments have, they were both satisfied and fulfilled forever in Christ. Should you continue to try to satisfy what God has stated is perfectly satisfied? Absolutely not! Not because it is not necessary but because it has already been perfectly satisfied.

Christ made it plain that not one jot or tittle will pass away until all is fulfilled. Some say that all was fulfilled in Christ. How did he fulfill it? By living it. How was it fulfilled in Christ? By making a way for us to live it, too. Forgiveness, atonement, and sanctification were only dreams to the Old Testament characters. Yet now, through Christ, they are realities to us. He makes it possible for us to fulfill the law ourselves by empowering us to resist sin, by giving us insight to its inception in us and by forgiving us when we fall short. His atonement keeps us until the day he will make us anew for his Kingdom.

What Should We Not Do?

It is certain that we should not be blatantly disobedient to His Law. This immediately demands line drawing. Some are more than willing to draw the line at the Ten Commandments. I am suggesting that the code by which we should live is even more than the ten - and more than the 600- plus in the Old Testament. Where do we draw the lines?

One line of demarcation that is readily apparent is operations INSIDE the Temple. It is made clear that these actions were to be carried on by the Priest alone. When anyone other than the consecrated Priests attempted to carry out these ordinances they were considered blasphemous acts.

It is safe to build upon the premise that we are the Temple of God. In the Scriptures, the doctrine is well established that Christ came to sit as High Priest in the Temple of the Lord. This Temple is in us. This Temple is the body of Christ.

Zechariah 6:12-13, "And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD: Even he shall build the temple of the LORD; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both."

- John 2:19-21, "Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up ... But he spake of the temple of his body."
- 1 Corinthians 3:16-17, "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?... for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are."
- 1 Corinthians 6:19, "What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?"
- 2 Corinthians 6:16, "And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people."

It is simple to make the connective parallel between the Temple and the present-day body of Christ. One will also be able to see that all of the blood sacrifices occurred INSIDE the Temple. This clearly is satisfied in Christ, not only as the High Priest, but also as The Sacrifice as well. It should be obvious now that we are not held to accomplishing any of the Law pertaining to sacrifice, as all this activity was carried on INSIDE the Temple, the dwelling place of God and His High Priest. These acts are done once, eternally, by Jesus the Messiah. Any action toward sacrifice is an insult to Christ's work within us.

So we see that the Laws of Sacrifice have not been abolished; they have been thoroughly and eternally satisfied in Christ Jesus. As He said in Matthew 5:17, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil."

I am suggesting that we learn the nature of God and live in a way that does not offend Him in the least. Does this mean we shouldn't do anything to displease God -- no matter what it is? Yes. What love is proved or shown by getting away with minimums? How would we feel if our spouse said their intention was to live in such a way as to do what they wanted but not so much as to put the marriage in jeopardy? How can we hold our will so dear, and yet consider ourselves as servants of the most high God? How can we consider ourselves friends of Christ when He plainly said in John 15:14, "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you."

There are no answers for those who are looking for a way out of obedience.

There is no hope to offer those who are fully aware of their lack of holiness and make no effort to correct it. Here, I address a select group of those redeemed and thankful, whose desire is not only to serve but also to please the Father and be considered a Friend by Christ. Christ's love and His Father's acceptance come through obedience. This is supported throughout the Scriptures and is undeniable by any honest reader of the Bible.

John 14:21, "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him."

To be continued...

Friendly,

Don C Harris

Hey, Don:

THINKER IN TEXAS: I just listened to your teaching on the name of God and also on false doctrine which is really good. I have a question about the teaching yesterday on idle words. My understanding from your program is that idle words are words spoken that have no authority. In other words, God did not tell someone to speak those words. So let's say, I am speaking with someone, and I give that person my opinion. Is it okay to do that, as long as I make it clear, that I am giving my opinion? Do idle words also apply to other conversations? I have always been confused about this, as I thought maybe Jesus was talking about what we call "small talk". Please clarify as to what idle words are in our everyday lives. I hope this makes sense. I am watching you every morning on GLC from Odessa, TX.

• REPLY FROM DON: It is great to hear from you. I appreciate your feedback. In answer to your question as I see it, idle words take in two main areas; one is carelessly speaking for God and the other is our verbal testimony to the world. As a prophet (speaking prophetically) we have responsibility to be truthful and accurate. So your assessment of speaking without authority is correct. I wouldn't worry so much about chit-chat or sarcasm; I have given both those categories a lot of thought. However, words we don't mean, or even our thoughts (masked by proper words) can reveal our wickedness. Jesus spoke judgment upon people who use idle words (i.e., by your words you'll be justified, by your words you'll be condemned; and for every idle word you speak you shall be judged.) Our condemnation of others can lead to our own condemnation. Our

language is a gift from God no other animal on earth has this ability. It should not be taken lightly. Primarily, we are judged by the life we live; secondarily, we are judged by what we say. A life of idleness will not be taken seriously; likewise, if you use idle words, your words won't be taken seriously. Our witness - People will justify us and/or condemn us because of our words (whether we mean them or not.) God knows our heart but people do not. All in all we should be very careful about what we say and strive that none of our words ever can be called idle words for any reason. Jesus is saying, (more perfectly the scripture should be written), "We will be judged by the life we have communicated to someone else." This communication should never be done with idle words. By the way, it's not clear that Jesus is saying that God will judge us by these words, but certainly the people who hear them will. This is in the vein of 'salt losing its savor'; Jesus is warning us that no one will believe what you say. The key to avoiding idle words in your life is to place 10 seconds between what someone says to you and what you say to them. You are about to embark on the most difficult journey of your life; as the Scriptures say, "the tongue can no man tame" - but, with God all things are possible.

THINKER IN VA: ...As always thank you for any and all material you send me. This being the "season", can you tell me the best sources for info on santa claus, the tree, and the pagan ornaments that go with it. I have a lot of facts, but I need more sources. Thanks.

• REPLY FROM DON: The Scriptural reference is Jeremiah 10; if you want an external source try the Church of God International "Holidays or Holy Days?". A broader look at paganism influence in Christianity is Hislop's book called "The Two Babylons". The origin of Christmas is not something I've spent much effort to discover; the important thing is to not let judgment rise in your heart toward people who are attempting to love our Savior and God. Those who are seeking truth will be led by their Teacher into all Truth, in time.

ThINKer's Thoughts:

(Are you thinking red ink? ...I'd like to hear from you!)

My husband and I watched your video on GLC on Monday, 11/19/19. The entire video was great, but I especially benefited from your discussion of the instructions of Jesus to the leper after he was healed (Mark 1:43-45). I had never realized that the man who was healed had not correctly followed Jesus' instructions, and thus had interfered with Jesus' plan. I thought, how many times have I been too busy talking and also interfering with the plans/instructions of the Holy Spirit. Thank you for this teaching. I am looking forward to your next videos.

~ ThINKer in TX

Busy Tabernacles. I marvel at how you make time to handle such a busy ministry. Since 2009, I have been wondering and encouraged by Mr. Don's strength. I know God is with him. His team is also very wonderful. I would love to meet everyone some day!

~ ThINKer in Nigeria

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Thank you for your programs. I watch on GLC and KAZQ.

~ ThINKer in NM

Thank you for sharing your insights to the scriptures that reveal the heart of God. I'm appreciate all that you do to cause me to think more deeply about the gentle and great God we serve and hope to see one

day!

~ ThINKer in NM

With his love. What an amazing aspect of our Heavenly Father that is being presented in the Great Pyramid. I did not know of the Tabernacles YouTube until receiving your last Ezine.... Look forward to viewing all your presentation during Tabernacles. Hope you are rested and feeling well. Thank you for all your work to help your listeners better know our truly awesome Lord.

~ ThINKer in TX

Thank you Don Harris. I have been listening on TRI Radio and also on GLC ["Words of Jesus" series - 9:30 AM/PM MT]. I understand the necessity on keeping the 10 Commandments, especially the Sabbath Day, now more than ever... It's as easy as that! I'm working on my salvation with fear and trembling, but still need to work on giving more time for listening to the "voice" of GOD. Thanks again.

~ ThINKer in NM

Your presentations of "Two or Three Witnesses" during the Feast of Tabernacles were awe-inspiring and informative. Truly our God is awesome! Thank you, thank you for all your time and effort to make these presentations available and for extending them a longer period of time.

~ Internet ThINKer

Thanks so much for the "Words of Jesus" programs. What a wonderful much-needed counter-balance to the "clichés and junk", heaven or hell, emotion and imagination stuff that's becoming so prevalent, and terribly misleading. The twice-a-day is perfect for my schedule [10:30 CT AM/PM]. The double-dose really beings the Truth home. You've been a bright light. For what it's worth...I've advocated strongly for your continuing presence on GLC. The program is a real GOD-SEND. Thanks and blessings.

~ ThINKer in TX (Lubbock - NEW)

I am not ashamed to say, "Don Harris is a Man of God and I am glad you are My Brother!"

~ ThINKer in NM

Hi Captain. Not sure if you're reading texts or not. I'm missing you and you're not even gone. Keep in touch with me when you can.

~ ThINKer in NM

...Satan has so much control over this world, we have to do all we can to ensure TRUTH is being heard. ...I've always been a fighter and as such, I now encourage you to fight! Time marches on and waits for no man. Know there are those of us who truly care.

~ ThINKer in NM

Even though I might not say it, I appreciate all you do. Richly blessed is how I feel having a brother just like you.

~ ThINKer in PA

It is so comforting to hear about others testifying. This somehow makes me want to just ask the Father to hear our desire for people to be made safe. I also push through each day. God bless you Mr Don. Warm regards.

~ ThINKer in Nigeria

I think, [last month] one of the best RLEzine ever. Your words are like my leash hooked to the seat belt of life. Someone in OREGON thanks God for you.

~ ThINKer in OR

Hello old friend. We're sorry you're going through this rough patch. Not a day goes by that we don't apply the sound doctrine you taught us and we're better for it. Enormous thanks for shaking us loose from the programming. We are lifting you in prayer. You've a lot left to do yet.

~ ThINKer in SC

From Don's Desk...

In November, I suffered a set-back in my health (a stroke or series of TIAs) which have forced revisions to my ministry. My current symptoms include paralysis in my right side, vision problems, dizziness and difficulty speaking. A preacher with no voice, is of little use. (No place to go but up.) I am using this time to complete pending projects, including the web-site upgrade for Think Red Ink Ministries. I exhort you to continue to implement the 3-step plan to "Think Red Ink".

- 1. Keep the Commandments.
- 2. Never violate your conscience.
- 3. Take time every day to hear the voice of God.

It is my hope that you will continue to support TRI ministry, as there are many who have not yet heard the message of The Word of God (*spoken by Jesus*) to His people.

Friendly, *Don*

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