

1. Moral Law

- The perpetual and unchanging holy will of God.
- Binding upon all humanity
- It is a necessary guide for holiness

2. Ceremonial Law

- The law of religious ritual (feasts, festivals, sacrificial system, food laws)
- Particular to Israel
- To keep them distinct AND to point to the Messiah

3. Civil Law

- The law to govern Israel as a society
- Particular to the Nation of Israel
- God's kingdom is the hidden church

The Laws of Life and Justice

1. The Law reveals the immutable character (nature) of God.
2. The Law reveals the will (concerns, desires) of God for His people.

Exodus 21:12-23:19

“Whoever strikes a man so that he dies shall be put to death. ¹³ But if he did not lie in wait for him, but God let him fall into his hand, then I will appoint for you a place to which he may flee. ¹⁴ But if a man willfully attacks another to kill him by cunning,

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you shall take him from my altar, that he may die. ¹⁵ “Whoever strikes his father or his mother shall be put to death. ¹⁶

“Whoever steals a man and sells him, and anyone found in possession of him, shall be put to death. ¹⁷ “Whoever curses his father or his mother shall be put to death.

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¹⁸ “When men quarrel and one strikes the other with a stone or with his fist and the man does not die but takes to his bed, ¹⁹ then if the man rises again and walks outdoors with his staff, he who struck him shall be clear; only he shall pay for the loss of his time,

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and shall have him thoroughly healed.

²⁰ “When a man strikes his slave, male or female, with a rod and the slave dies under his hand, he shall be avenged.

²¹ But if the slave survives a day or two, he is not to be avenged, for the slave is his money.

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²⁷ If he knocks out the tooth of his slave, male or female, he shall let the slave go free because of his tooth. ²⁸ “When an ox gores a man or a woman to death, the ox shall be stoned, and its flesh shall not be eaten, but the owner of the ox shall not be liable.

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²⁹ But if the ox has been accustomed to gore in the past, and its owner has been warned but has not kept it in, and it kills a man or a woman, the ox shall be stoned, and its owner also shall be put to death. ³⁰ If a ransom is imposed on him,

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then he shall give for the redemption of his life whatever is imposed on him. ³¹ If it gores a man's son or daughter, he shall be dealt with according to this same rule. ³² If the ox gores a slave, male or female, the owner shall give to their master thirty shekels of silver,

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and the ox shall be stoned. ³³ “When a man opens a pit, or when a man digs a pit and does not cover it, and an ox or a donkey falls into it, ³⁴ the owner of the pit shall make restoration. He shall give money to its owner, and the dead beast shall be his.

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³⁵ “When one man's ox butts another's, so that it dies, then they shall sell the live ox and share its price, and the dead beast also they shall share. ³⁶ Or if it is known that the ox has been accustomed to gore in the past, and its owner has not kept it in,

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he shall repay ox for ox, and the dead beast shall be his. ^{22:1} “If a man steals an ox or a sheep, and kills it or sells it, he shall repay five oxen for an ox, and four sheep for a sheep. ² If a thief is found breaking in and is struck so that he dies, there shall be no bloodguilt for him,

Exodus 21:12-23:19

³ but if the sun has risen on him, there shall be bloodguilt for him. He shall surely pay. If he has nothing, then he shall be sold for his theft. ⁴ If the stolen beast is found alive in his possession, whether it is an ox or a donkey or a sheep, he shall pay double.

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⁵ “If a man causes a field or vineyard to be grazed over, or lets his beast loose and it feeds in another man's field, he shall make restitution from the best in his own field and in his own vineyard.

⁶ “If fire breaks out and catches in thorns so that the stacked grain

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or the standing grain or the field is consumed, he who started the fire shall make full restitution. ⁷ “If a man gives to his neighbor money or goods to keep safe, and it is stolen from the man's house, then, if the thief is found, he shall pay double.

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⁸ If the thief is not found, the owner of the house shall come near to God to show whether or not he has put his hand to his neighbor's property. ⁹ For every breach of trust, whether it is for an ox, for a donkey, for a sheep, for a cloak, or for any kind of lost thing,

Exodus 21:12-23:19

of which one says, 'This is it,' the case of both parties shall come before God. The one whom God condemns shall pay double to his neighbor. ¹⁰ "If a man gives to his neighbor a donkey or an ox or a sheep or any beast to keep safe, and it dies or is injured or is driven away,

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without anyone seeing it, ¹¹ an oath by the Lord shall be between them both to see whether or not he has put his hand to his neighbor's property. The owner shall accept the oath, and he shall not make restitution. ¹² But if it is stolen from him, he shall make restitution to its owner.

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¹³ If it is torn by beasts, let him bring it as evidence. He shall not make restitution for what has been torn. ¹⁴ “If a man borrows anything of his neighbor, and it is injured or dies, the owner not being with it, he shall make full restitution. ¹⁵ If the owner was with it,

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he shall not make restitution; if it was hired, it came for its hiring fee. ¹⁶ “If a man seduces a virgin who is not betrothed and lies with her, he shall give the bride-price for her and make her his wife. ¹⁷ If her father utterly refuses to give her to him,

Exodus 21:12-23:19

he shall pay money equal to the bride-price for virgins. ¹⁸ “You shall not permit a sorceress to live. ¹⁹ “Whoever lies with an animal shall be put to death. ²⁰ “Whoever sacrifices to any god, other than the Lord alone, shall be devoted to destruction.

Exodus 21:12-23:19

²¹ “You shall not wrong a sojourner or oppress him, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. ²² You shall not mistreat any widow or fatherless child. ²³ If you do mistreat them, and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry, ²⁴ and my wrath will burn,

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and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children fatherless. ²⁵ “If you lend money to any of my people with you who is poor, you shall not be like a moneylender to him, and you shall not exact interest from him.

Exodus 21:12-23:19

²⁶ If ever you take your neighbor's cloak in pledge, you shall return it to him before the sun goes down, ²⁷ for that is his only covering, and it is his cloak for his body; in what else shall he sleep? And if he cries to me, I will hear, for I am compassionate.

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²⁸ “You shall not revile God, nor curse a ruler of your people. ²⁹ “You shall not delay to offer from the fullness of your harvest and from the outflow of your presses. The firstborn of your sons you shall give to me. ³⁰ You shall do the same with your oxen and with your sheep:

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seven days it shall be with its mother; on the eighth day you shall give it to me. 31

“You shall be consecrated to me.

Therefore you shall not eat any flesh that is torn by beasts in the field; you shall throw it to the dogs. ^{23:1} “You shall not spread a false report.

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You shall not join hands with a wicked man to be a malicious witness. ² You shall not fall in with the many to do evil, nor shall you bear witness in a lawsuit, siding with the many, so as to pervert justice, ³ nor shall you be partial to a poor man in his lawsuit.

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⁴ “If you meet your enemy's ox or his donkey going astray, you shall bring it back to him. ⁵ If you see the donkey of one who hates you lying down under its burden, you shall refrain from leaving him with it; you shall rescue it with him.

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⁶ “You shall not pervert the justice due to your poor in his lawsuit. ⁷ Keep far from a false charge, and do not kill the innocent and righteous, for I will not acquit the wicked. ⁸ And you shall take no bribe, for a bribe blinds the clear-sighted and subverts the cause

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of those who are in the right. ⁹ “You shall not oppress a sojourner. You know the heart of a sojourner, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. ¹⁰ “For six years you shall sow your land and gather in its yield, ¹¹ but the seventh year you shall let it rest and lie fallow,

Exodus 21:12-23:19

that the poor of your people may eat; and what they leave the beasts of the field may eat. You shall do likewise with your vineyard, and with your olive orchard. ¹²
“Six days you shall do your work, but on the seventh day you shall rest; that your ox and your donkey may have rest,

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and the son of your servant woman, and the alien, may be refreshed. ¹³ “Pay attention to all that I have said to you, and make no mention of the names of other gods, nor let it be heard on your lips. ¹⁴ “Three times in the year you shall keep a feast to me.

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¹⁵ You shall keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread. As I commanded you, you shall eat unleavened bread for seven days at the appointed time in the month of Abib, for in it you came out of Egypt. None shall appear before me empty-handed. ¹⁶ You shall keep the Feast of Harvest,

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of the firstfruits of your labor, of what you sow in the field. You shall keep the Feast of Ingathering at the end of the year, when you gather in from the field the fruit of your labor. ¹⁷ Three times in the year shall all your males appear before the Lord God.

Exodus 21:12-23:19

¹⁸ “You shall not offer the blood of my sacrifice with anything leavened, or let the fat of my feast remain until the morning. ¹⁹ “The best of the firstfruits of your ground you shall bring into the house of the Lord your God. “You shall not boil a young goat in its mother's milk.

The Laws of Life and Justice

God is radically FOR life.



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God is radically FOR justice.



Exodus 21:12-23:19

²³ But if there is harm, then you shall pay life for life, ²⁴ eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, ²⁵ burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.

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You have a social responsibility toward your neighbors.

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Jeremiah 31:31-34

Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³² not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt,

Jeremiah 31:31-34

my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord.

³³ For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God,

Jeremiah 31:31-34

and they shall be my people. ³⁴ And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord.

Jeremiah 31:31-34

For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

The Laws of Life and Justice

1. Restored relationship with God
2. God's character is being formed in us
3. God's will (desires, concerns) are upon our hearts