

Law, Grace, and Citizenship

Labor Day Conference—2012

Session #5 (2 Sep): "King or Savior, Law or Grace?"

I. REVIEW & TRANSITION

II. MORE SAMPLES OF SOCIAL JUSTICE IN SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES

5th & 7th commandments: family and marriage

major concept #3: man's sexual nature is profoundly different from the rest of creation

major concept #8: self-government and family-tribal government failure in antediluvian civilization led to civil government lethal authority after the flood judgment

5th commandment

Ex 21:15-17

6:4-9, 20-25 teaching

14:1-21

16:18-18:22 socio-political leadership

Society is the "greater family"; respect for socio-political authority begins in the family

16:18-17:13 judges

17:14-20 kings (add-on, see 1 Sam 8).....18:1-8 priests.....18:9-22 prophets

21:1-23 family as the socio-political bulwark

21:15-17 family inheritance

21:15 first-born son

21:16-17 son of unloved wife

Could not be based upon vindictiveness, pettiness, and family favorites.

Double portion conveyed to the son responsible for caring for his parents

21:18-21 execution of rebellious sons

21:18 not obey. . .chastened him. . .not heed them

Children supposed to learn authority before joining society as an adult.

21:19 take hold. . .to the gate. . .

21:20 stubborn. . .rebellious. . .pays no attention. . .glutton. . .drunkard

21:21 all the men of his city shall stone him. . .put away evil. . .all Israel shall fear. . .

7th commandment

22:13-30 Violations of God's design of the Man and Woman (see Deut series for details)

22:22 adultery

22:23-24 fornication involving a fiancée

This involved a fiancée, not just any girl. Both are stoned.

22:25-27 rape of a fiancée

22:28-29 raped single girl (22:28-29)

Leviticus 20

20:9 assault upon parents

20:10-21 sexual sins

20:13 as an abomination (only sin called that)

6th commandment (center of the chiasm)

21:1-9 unsolved murder

21:3 heifer not worked (higher value--all its future labors)

21:4 flowing with water neither plowed nor sown

21:22-23 execution protocols

21:22 deserving of death. . .hang on a tree

21:23 shall not defile the land. . .hanged one is accursed of God

Paul refers to this protocol in Galatians: **Gal 3:13-14**

III. SOCIAL JUSTICE & JESUS CHRIST

Basic truths:

- The 2nd Person of the Trinity, the Son = Yahweh of OT Law so we must not be Marcionites (2nd century heretic who separated OT and Paul's God). Jesus as KING & as SAVIOR (2 distinct roles)
- Here enters the gospel of grace amid talk of "social justice" but now we know what real social justice is and therefore see our hopelessness before it. LAW & GRACE

Kingdom Offers to Israel ==> problem of "deep evil" (justice bigger than the sphere of human society)

Offer #1 Exodus to Sinai

Offer #2 40 years later on Plains of Moab (Deuteronomy)

Offer #3 Jesus' **Mark 1:15 ==> Matt 23:39**

4 momentous acts: resurrection, ascension, session, sending of HS

Offer #4 Peter's offer **Acts 2 (Joel 2) & Acts 3**

New Light on the battle for social justice: Jesus on the high ground

Major concept #6 Satan is god of this world (cosmos) and has raised a doxological issue in history so *it's a two-front war: redemption and doxological justification*:

Logic:

1. Man is the ordained creature to have dominion over the earth (**Gen. 1:26-28**--major concept #2))
2. Satan became the god of this world and has legal claim over man as co-rebel (major concept #4 and #6)
3. Jesus is the first man to "pass" the forensic challenge and in a surprise move has been given authority not only over the earth but also over the heavens (**Heb 1:1-5; Phil 2:6-9**)
4. God the Father exercised grace to send His Son BUT the cross had to be perfectly defensible against every forensic challenge of Satan (**John 16:11**)
5. Jesus now is "waiting" for a remaining conquest before reigning as King (**Ps 2**) and is functioning in a priestly role (**Ps 110**).

Jesus is SAVIOR before He is KING; His GRACE fulfills the LAW

IV. CONCLUSION