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9/11 11:00 a.m.	Tom Mejeur	Marion Seventh-day Adventist Church
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The Law of God

We don't have to look very far to find someone who wants to be free from laws. While we have a lot of laws in place to help make society safer for everyone, there are certainly some laws that feel punitive to one group while perhaps favoring another group. Sadly, man's laws will always be flawed even at their very best.



Darryl Bentley

But on the other hand, our loving, Creator God has put a system of laws in place that both reflect His character and bring happiness to those who embrace His teaching. Some well-intending Christians claim that God's moral law has been done away with. Yet Jesus Himself declared, "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled." **Matt 5:17, 18 NKJV.**



In other words, as Jesus lived a perfect life honoring the moral law, He did not negate it. His life was in perfect harmony with every aspect of the moral law, and He set the perfect example for us in how to trust the Father in helping us obey the law as well. No, we cannot keep the law on our own, but with the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit we too can keep and honor God's law.

Not only is God's moral law still binding for Christians today, we know that it was the foundation for humanity from the beginning. Back in Genesis we have the story of Cain and Abel. When Cain's offering was not acceptable to the Lord, he became angry and murdered his brother. The Lord said, "If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it." **Gen 4:7.**

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David Bolduc

President’s Perspective “God’s Law”

I was recently driving between our new station, WMJC, near Hickory Corners, MI and our translator in Kalamazoo. While driving on a winding road, I was passed by a hot rod pickup. The road in that section had a double stripe indicating it was a No Passing Zone. Apparently driving the posted speed limit wasn't fast enough for my hot rod friend, and the lines on the road didn't apply to him.



Sometimes in this life, we act as if God doesn't have a clue as to what is going on in our lives and we justify “crossing the lines”. Fortunately for my hot rod friend, no one was coming, and he passed safely.

Before our world was created, God had implemented a rule of law to govern the Universe. Jesus often referred to it when He spoke to the people as “the Kingdom of Heaven”. Jesus underlined the defining principles of the Kingdom of Heaven in **Luke 8:21** “to hear the Word of God and do it.”



In the Ten Commandments, the words “hear” and “do it” are implied in each commandment. The phrase “Thou shalt not” combines the principles of hearing and doing. The first word in the fourth commandment “Remember” implies recalling something important that has been heard. The first word in the fifth commandment “Honor” implies recalling with respect, something someone has done.

Jesus often used parables to teach the principles of the Kingdom of Heaven. Many times Jesus said that although the people heard His words, they didn't act on them. He often used a parable to avoid the heated confrontations the religious leaders took so much pleasure in. The principles of the Kingdom of Heaven are found within each of His parables.

Just about everyone will say they want to go to Heaven when Jesus comes. A good citizen observes all of the laws of the land. If we want to live in the Kingdom of Heaven, we need to live our lives as if we are living in that Kingdom now. May God help us observe the principles of His Kingdom here and not cross the lines He has given us.





We are sad to report that Linda Gallimore, wife of our Associate Speaker, Jay Gallimore, passed away August 5th. She was a great supporter of STR and its ministry. She had

a lung removed due to cancer 17 years ago. We are very grateful for God's gift of those additional years. Surviving her is her husband, daughter, son and extended family. She also leaves a little Chihuahua named Sami.



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We were in the U.P., on the beach at the Two Hearted River. Our cell phones couldn't get a signal, our GPS, the same. But, Strong Tower Radio (WIHC) was broadcasting loudly and clearly throughout the area!



Howlin' Sad News

It's with a heavy heart we report Keegan, our mascot, passed away after an extended illness. We are very sad, and yet thankful God gave him a good life! Everyone that met him, loved him; he was a great STR ambassador!! We will miss him. Jilane Fenner, our Public Relations Director shared him with us all. In the fullness of time, she may get another dog who could become our new mascot.



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If the Lord did not have a moral standard, then He could not have told Cain that sin was lying at the door. The fact that Cain was guilty of murder, assures us that God did have moral standards from the very beginning.

Later on, when the Children of Israel sojourned in the wilderness, they needed a fresh reminder that the Lord had a standard of morality for our relationships with Him and those around us. Thus, God wrote down His law on tablets of stone using His own finger **Deut 9:10**. Those tablets- well, the second set that were made after Moses threw down the first ones—were eventually laid in the ark of the covenant as a symbol of being the foundation of God’s relationship with us.



Ultimately, we should ask ourselves the question, “What motivation would someone have for not wanting to obey God’s law?” Some might say, “The law of God is too restrictive or that keeping the law is legalism.” But, consider this, what part of not serving other gods is legalistic? What part of not worshipping idols is legalistic? What part of not taking God’s name is legalistic? What part of honoring your parents, or not committing adultery, or not stealing, or not lying, or not murdering folks is legalistic? When put to the test of simple logic, these arguments fall flat for lack of reason.

The truth is that there is nothing legalistic about wanting to honor our God and the people He has placed in our lives. Jesus reiterated the foundational truth about the moral law when He was confronted by the truly legalistic Pharisees of His day. They posited the question, “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?” **Matt 22:36**. Instead of being drawn into their trap, Jesus simply took them back to the biblical foundation given many years before. “Jesus said to him, ‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.” Essentially, Jesus was summarizing the Decalogue.



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The first four commandments fall under the “first and great commandment” and the last six of the commandments are represented by “the second”. Truly, Jesus valued the moral law and wanted His followers to embrace both the letter and the spirit of the law.

We will be blessed when we embrace God’s law. Not only does it draw our minds back to the loving God who created us, but it gives us guidance on how to live around other people. What would crime rates look like if everyone chose to put God first in their lives? What would crime rates look like if we all loved our “neighbors” like we love ourselves? I can’t speak for you, but I want to live next door to people who love God and those around them. And while we cannot force our neighbors to embrace God’s law, we can certainly model it in our own lives.

In closing, consider this promise found in the book of James. “But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does”

James 1:25. May each of us embrace that precious liberty and live our lives to glorify the God who loves and saves us. Amen!

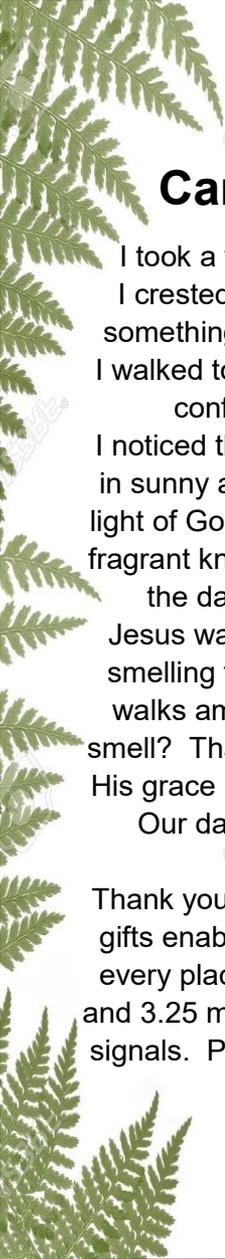


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Can You Smell the Ferns?



Kam Ferguson

I took a walk in the forest behind our home and as I crested a small ridge into a meadow, I smelled something unexpected: crayons, like I had used in childhood. I walked toward the bracken ferns and the smell strengthened, confirming my suspicion: I was smelling the ferns. I noticed that shaded ferns didn't have much scent while those in sunny areas did. It reminds me of how those walking in the light of God's Word are cleansed from sin and led to diffuse the fragrant knowledge of Jesus in every place. Those who walk in the dark are not and do not. **1 John 1:6-7, 2 Cor 2:14**

Jesus wants His children to walk in His light and be a sweet-smelling fragrance of service, both in word and deed. As He walks among the trees of His planting, what aroma does He smell? That of trees rehabilitated into trees of righteousness by His grace (**Isa 61:3**), or a leafy, unfruitful fig tree? **Luke 13:6-9**

Our daily choice to surrender to the Holy Spirit's leading determines the type of tree we are.

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