

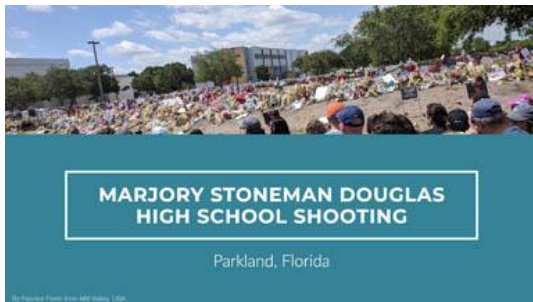


1. The Law Antichrist Hates

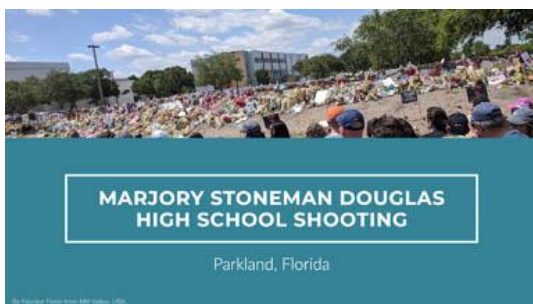
(You can feel free to replace these stories with current events at the time you preach this)



2. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. A middle-aged man enters the Tree of Life synagogue in the Squirrel Hill neighborhood. Worship services were going on at the time. He was armed with a colt AR-15 semi-automatic rifle and three semi-automatic pistols. As he maneuvered from one room to another, he fired at everyone in his path. People barricaded themselves in closets and behind closed doors. Multiple calls are made to 911. Eleven people are killed. Six wounded. A whole neighborhood is turned upside down with pain and grief.



3. Parkland, Florida. Valentine's Day. Everyone is thinking about love, but there's no love on that day when a 19-year-old man enters building 12 at the Marjory Stoneman Douglass High School. He is armed with an AR-15 style semi-automatic rifle and multiple magazines. He activates a fire alarm and indiscriminately fires at students and teachers as they exit the classrooms.



4. He then goes from one classroom to another shooting those who are left. Within six minutes, 17 people are killed and another 17 wounded. Families are devastated. A whole campus is numb. It became the deadliest high school shooting in United States history.



5. Las Vegas, Nevada. A 64-year-old man reserves a couple rooms on the 32nd floor of the Mandalay Bay Hotel overlooking the grounds of the Route 91 Harvest Music Festival on the Las Vegas strip. Over a period of 5 or 6 days, he has stockpiled an arsenal of high-powered weapons in the room, including AR-15 rifles. Amazingly, no one noticed. Then on the night of October 1, when a concert was taking place on the grounds below, he opened fire through the window on the crowd below.



6. He fired more than 1100 rounds of ammunition in a ten-minute period. In that short amount of time, he killed 58 people and wounded 413. If you include those wounded in the ensuing panic and stampede, it brings the total wounded to 869. An hour later, he was found dead in his room from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. His motive was unclear. It was the deadliest mass shooting committed by an individual in United States history.



7. I want to say these are isolated incidents. I want to say they don't happen very often. But you know that's not true. You read the newspapers. You watch the news. You follow social media. It's happening on a regular basis. It's become a normal part of our society in the 21st century. And it causes people to ask the question, why? What's going on? Why does it seem as if our world is falling apart at the seams?

WHAT IS GOING ON?

- 1.2 Million Violent Crimes Every Year.
- 267,000 Robberies Every Year.
- A Burglar Occurs Every 13 Seconds.
- Ten Million People Physically Abused Each Year.



8. Take a look at these statistics. We are told that over 1 million violent crimes are committed every single year just in this country alone. Bloodshed in our streets is a common thing. Shootings in our schools seem to be a regular occurrence—elementary, middle age, high school, and university.

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9. Drug use among teens has become an epidemic. Statistics tell us there are 267,000 robberies that occur every year in the United States. There is a burglary every 13 seconds—can you imagine that? Ten million people are physically abused each year. To put that in perspective that's 20 people every minute.

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10. On top of that, 437,000 people are victims of sexual abuse every year. There is blue-collar crime and white-collar crime. There is street crime and there is corporate crime. Now there's even cyber crime. There's dishonesty, corruption, and intimidation.

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11. Statistics about the family tell us even more. Pornography is a multi-million dollar business destroying marriages and families. Statistics report that half of all marriages in the United States end in divorce or separation. In fact, the United States has the sixth-highest divorce rate in the world, which has resulted in over 11 million single-parent families, with 80% of them being headed by single mothers. And it's not just happening in American society, it's occurring in societies and cultures around the world.

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12. When you look at statistics like this, it tends to get your attention, and you go back to the original question, why is this happening? Why does it seem as if our problems are increasing in scope and magnitude, and we can't do anything about them? Why are the morals of our society continually plummeting to an even lower level?

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13. Many people have asked these questions. In fact, if we were to go around the room and solicit everybody's opinion, most of the things you say would probably be right. But did you know that, in Bible prophecy, God has an answer for us?

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14. In fact, God comes right out and tells us why we are facing these things in the world today. So, I'd like to invite you to take your Bibles and go to the book of Hosea chapter four. What book are we going to? Hosea. Now Hosea is not hard to find. All you do is go to the book of Daniel, where we've been quite a few times, and Hosea is one book forward.



HOSEA 4:1-2

"Hear the word of the Lord, you children of Israel, for the Lord brings a charge against the inhabitants of the land: There is no truth or mercy or knowledge

15. I want to make sure everybody's there because this is one of our key foundational texts tonight. This is God speaking through the prophet Hosea. God is looking down from heaven, and He begins to describe what He sees.

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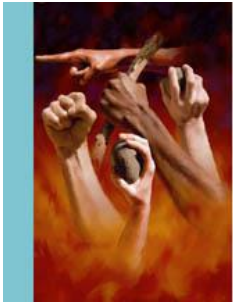


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Let's stop there. As God looks at the people of Israel, He is also seeing what is taking place in the pagan nations around them. As Hosea describes the society of his day, it almost sounds as if he's reading straight from a newspaper or a social media site in the 21st century.



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17. God says He sees lying and stealing and people killing each other with no self-control. Bloodshed upon bloodshed. Sounds a lot like our world today, doesn't it? But what's shocking about this, God is not speaking to the pagan nations who do not know Him. He is talking about His own people, the children of Israel. In fact, in verse six, God comes right out and tells them why they face these problems. God doesn't use symbolism. He doesn't beat around the bush. He's plain, direct, and straight to the point. Let's pick it up in verse six.

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19. *priest for Me." Pay attention to the next phrase. "Because you have forgotten. . ."* what? *". . . the law of your God. . ."*



- Lack of Spiritual Knowledge
- Forgotten the Law of God

20. Now, notice God gives them two main reasons why their society is plummeting. Number one, they have rejected spiritual knowledge. They have turned away from the principles of God's Word and, more specifically, reason number two, God says, you have forgotten the law of your God.



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21. You remember how God, in the Ten Commandments, had given the nation of Israel principles to follow, principles of happiness. God had told them, “If you honor these principles, if you keep these laws, you will have a happy, healthy, and a stable society that will be an example to the rest of the world. Your families will be strong. Your neighborhoods will be strong. But if you turn away from these principles of happiness, you will face pain and sorrow. Things will begin to fall apart.” That’s exactly what happened.



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22. God gave them His law and they turned away from it. God says, “That’s why you are facing these problems in your society.” Do you realize we are running almost exactly parallel to the land of Israel back in Hosea’s day? In our secularized world today, the majority has thrown away the principles of God’s Word. And when it comes to God’s holy Ten Commandment law, the secular world says, “We don’t need that anymore. The Ten Commandments? They’re archaic. Irrelevant. Old fashioned. Modern people don’t need to be guided by such ancient principles.”



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23. As a result, our morals are decreasing, and our societies are plummeting. We find ourselves falling deeper and deeper into degradation and we can’t solve the problem. Why? Because God says we have turned away from His principles of happiness.



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24. God could have just created us and said, “I gave you life, now you’re on your own.” But God says, “Because I love you so much, I am going to give you principles to follow that will bless your life. If you follow them, you will have happiness. If you follow them, you will experience the greatest blessings of life.” But our secular world has rejected them.



25. Now you might say, “Why are we studying this subject in a prophecy seminar?” Here’s what we’re going to discover: God’s law becomes a big issue in the book of Revelation. Did you know that? Revelation describes God’s people at the end of time as those who keep His commandments and have the faith of Jesus. The great crisis that happens at the end of time is going to force people to make a choice between man’s law and God’s law. We’re going to see that in a few minutes.



26. If we want to understand prophecy, we’ve got to know what God teaches about His own law. So, we’re going to spend some time doing that tonight. Let’s put the 10 commandments on the screen and briefly go through them to see if we can find anything that is archaic or irrelevant for our world today.



27. Commandment number one, Thou shall have no other gods before me. That makes sense. Just as we don’t want our spouse to go off with someone else, God wants us to be faithful to Him.

1. Thou shall have no other gods before me.
2. Thou shall have no graven images.

Commandment number two, Thou shall have no graven images. That makes sense because why worship something made of wood or stone when you can have a living God who hears you?



28. Commandment number three, Thou shall not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain. In other words, respect God’s name. Use proper language, not profane language.

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Commandment number four, Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. In other words, God gives us a time to rest and worship Him and grow in our relationship with Jesus. Well, that makes sense. We all need rest, especially in this stressful world.



10 COMMANDMENTS

5. Honor thy father and thy mother.
6. Thou shall not kill.
7. Thou shall not commit adultery.

29. Commandment number five, Honor thy father and thy mother. God wants us to have happy and strong family ties.

Commandment number six, Thou shall not kill. If we only kept that one, this world would be a better place. Can you say, Amen?

Commandment number seven, Thou shall not commit adultery. That's certainly not irrelevant. God knows when marriages fall apart, there is so much pain in a person's life. God wants something better for us than that.



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8. Thou shall not steal.
9. Thou shall not bear false witness.
10. Thou shall not covet.

30. Commandment number eight, Thou shall not steal. Respect what belongs to others. That would make sense.

Commandment number nine, Thou shall not bear false witness. In other words, be truthful about the things that you say.

And lastly, commandment number 10, Thou shall not covet. In other words, be thankful for what you've got. If you're always wanting what somebody else has, you'll never be happy.



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31. So, God has given us these principles of happiness because He loves us. But years ago, back in the early 1900s, most of society thought these commandments were very important. Most of the societies back then in the early 20th century thought that we need to honor those principles of happiness. They were taught in our homes. They were taught in our schools. They were displayed in government buildings. And they were preached from our church pulpits.



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32. But fast forward a hundred years to the early 21st century. All that has changed. There has been a definite shift in thinking and attitude. Now we're not teaching them at home. They're not being taught in the school system. You definitely can't display them in government buildings. And rarely will you hear them preached from Christian pulpits today.

EXCUSES



1. That was for the Jews
2. They are outdated
3. The law was nailed to the cross
4. We're under grace now.

33. In fact, even within Christianity, we often hear things like this, “God’s law is not important anymore. That was only for the Jews.” As if God only wanted the Jewish nation to be happy! Sometimes, within Christianity, we hear, “Oh, the commandments, they’re a bit outdated. They were done away with at the cross. We’re under grace now and we don’t need the Law.” As if to say those principles of happiness aren’t needed anymore.

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34. So, the question we have to ask is twofold. Number one, does the Bible teach those things? But secondly, whether you are a religious person or not, anyone can see that our societies are plummeting. So, question number two is this: if that’s happening, why in the world would this planet want to do away with God’s principles of happiness—and why would the religious world go right along with it?

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35. Here’s what you discover. It is no accident. Did you get that? In Bible prophecy, God warned us that this shift in thinking would happen. Did you know that? In the book of Daniel, God warned us that the spirit of antichrist would be working in this world to try to pull people away from God and to pull people away from His holy law.

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36. I want to take you to a very revealing passage in the book of Daniel. In fact, it’s one of our key passages for tonight. I’d like you to take your Bibles and go to Daniel 7:25. Daniel’s going to tell us why that shift in thinking is taking place because here in chapter seven, the Bible describes the work of antichrist.

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37. God reveals to us what are the things that antichrist will do in this world. Later in this seminar, we're going to spend a whole night on this particular chapter, but just for tonight, I want to scratch the surface by drawing your attention to something that is written in verse 25 about the activities of anti-christ. Don't miss this. It's rather eye-opening.

DANIEL 7:25

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39. Or if you have the King James Version, it says he shall think to change times and laws. We're going to dig deeply into that a little bit later, but for now, here's what I want you to notice. It says that antichrist works against two entities: the Most High and His saints, or His people. And it specifically said he would think to change times and laws. In its context it's talking about God's times and God's law.

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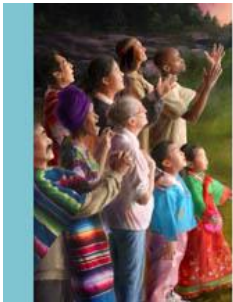
40. So what Bible prophecy is telling us is that the spirit of antichrist will be working in this world to try to turn us away from the Most High God and His laws. And that's exactly what you see happening today. This prophecy is being fulfilled even within the last hundred years as you see a definite change in thinking towards God's principles of happiness.

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- 41.** In fact, I want you to notice what the book of Revelation says about God's law. We've just read in Daniel that antichrist would think to change God's times and God's laws, but now I want you to notice something that the book of Revelation says about God's people at the end of time.

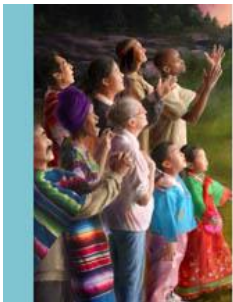


REVELATION 14:12

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- 42.** Notice what the Bible says in Revelation 14:12, "Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus."

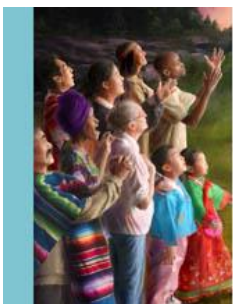
Revelation is describing God's people at the end of time. It is describing God's church in the last days. They are the saints. And the book of Revelation specifically describes them as those who are keeping the commandments of God, because of their faith in Jesus Christ.



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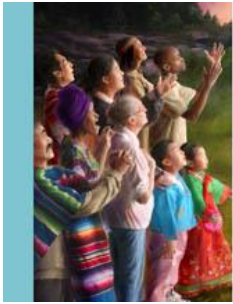
- 43.** If you read just a few verses before that, the third angel of Revelation 14 is warning people about worshiping the beast and his image. We'll get into that a little bit later. But what Revelation is telling us is that in the last days, there will clearly be two groups of people.



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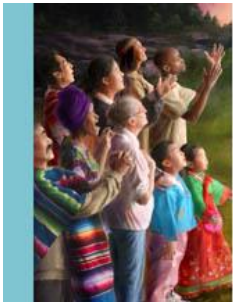
- 44.** One group follows the beast and worships his image. The other group—God's people—keep God's commandments. So, whatever the final crisis involves, Revelation has already told us it revolves around the commandments of God in some way. One group follows man's laws. The other group follows God's law at all costs. So, if we want to clearly understand the issues in the book of Revelation, we have got to know what the Bible teaches about God's law. If we don't, we won't understand the book of Revelation properly.



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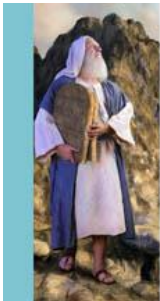
45. Understand, on one hand there are groups that say, "God's law was nailed to the cross. It's not important anymore. And being under grace means that we don't need to observe those principles." Yet, the book of Revelation describes God's church at the end of time as keeping His commandments. So, since there are these two conflicting schools of thought, we have to make sure we understand what the Scriptures teach concerning this subject. If Revelation speaks about it, that means it's important, can you say, Amen?



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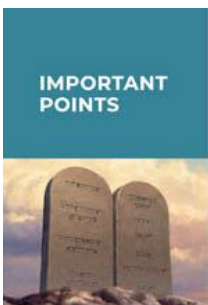
46. We're going to start in the Old Testament and journey all the way to the New Testament and see what God's Word teaches on this subject. That's the way you understand Revelation. Before we go into Revelation and try to fill in the blanks with our own opinions, we've got to start at the beginning of the Bible and get a clear understanding. That's how you let the Bible interpret itself, and that's what we seek to do every night in this seminar.



EXODUS 31:18

"And when He had made an end of speaking with him on Mount Sinai, He gave Moses two tablets of the Testimony, tablets of stone, written with the finger of God."

47. S So, please turn to the Old Testament and we're going to begin this journey in Exodus 31:18. Here's the background. God has just given Moses the Ten Commandments. Two important things are mentioned in this verse. The Bible says: "And when He had made an end of speaking with him on Mount Sinai, He gave Moses two tablets of the Testimony, tablets of stone, written with the finger of God."



- Written On Stone
- Written With the Finger of God

48. Notice two important points are mentioned here. Number one, on what type of material did God put His principles of happiness? You tell me. Yes, stone. He didn't put them on paper or papyrus. He didn't put them on any other material where it could fade or rot away. No, He wrote them on stone.



IMPORTANT POINTS

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49. That ought to tell us something about the permanency that God attaches to His holy law. In fact, when you think about it, we have a figure of speech that we even use in our world today that is very much connected to what we just read here in the Bible. When we want to communicate to someone that something's never going to change, what do we say? "It's written in stone", that's right! It means there's no ending to it. That figure of speech actually comes all the way from the Bible, here in Exodus.



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50. Number two, do you notice what instrument God used to write His law? Yes, His finger. Notice, He didn't use a pen or other writing instrument. He didn't dictate it to Moses for him to write down. God wrote it with His very own finger. Now, think about that for a second. That means that the 10 commandments are the only part of God's Word that God did not trust man to write for himself.



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51. When it comes to the rest of the canon of Scripture, God did not dictate the Bible word for word. No, the Bible says God inspired holy persons of old with divine thoughts which they wrote down in their own words. But when it came to His law, God wrote it with His very own finger. That's how important God's law must be. Some may say, Mount Sinai, that's the beginning point of God's law, right? Actually, no. God's law existed long before this. Notice in Genesis 26:5, Abraham is described as keeping God's commandments.

GENESIS 26:5

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52. The Bible says, "because Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws."

Abraham, known as the father of the faithful, honored the commandments of God. But actually, God's law existed even before Abraham. We can go all the way back to the beginning of this Earth's history, back to Adam and Eve. You say, how do you know that?



53. Let me put a picture on the screen of a well-known Bible story. I want to see if you know what that is. Take a guess. That's right. Cain and Abel. So, let me ask you a question. When Cain killed Abel, was that a sin? Yes or no? How many people agree that's a sin? Let me see your hand. It's not a trick question. Then let me ask you something else.



54. If the Ten Commandments didn't exist back then, how could God punish Cain for something he didn't know was wrong? If "Thou shall not kill" did not exist in the beginning, how could God punish Cain for something he would have been unaware of?

Did God punish Cain? He did. He put a mark on him. He was a wanderer on the earth. So right here tells us that Cain and Abel, and their parents Adam and Eve, were familiar with God's law. God shared it with them orally.



55. You say, "How do you know that?" Back in Genesis chapter two it says that God walked and talked with Adam and Eve in the cool of the evening. They had regular communion together. God shared His principles of happiness with them. It wasn't until the time of Moses that God put these principles on to stone.



56. Do you know why He put them on stone? Because God already witnessed numerous times how apt man is to forget. Think about it. Sometime after Adam and Eve were created, Cain and Abel were born. Sometime later, Cain killed Abel. They forgot God's law.



57. By the time you get only five chapters into the Bible, it says the world was filled with such wickedness God had to destroy it with a flood. They forgot God's law. Not long after that, you read about the Tower of Babel where the world rebelled against God, and God had to confuse their language, why? They forgot God's law.



58. In the time of Moses, because God knows how man forgets, He decided to write it on stone. Amazingly enough, even after that, it only took man just 40 days to forget, because here in Exodus 31 this is the second time Moses goes up to get the commandments.



59. Remember what happened the first time? Moses was gone for 40 days, and when he came down from the mountain, what were the Israelites already doing? Dancing and worshipping around a golden calf. Moses was so frustrated with them because they had heard God speak those commandments from the cloud above the mountain. Moses throws the tablets down and the commandments break—symbolizing, in a way, what Israel had done.



60. But believe it or not, you can actually go even farther back than the beginning of this world. God's law has existed from all eternity because God's law is really a description of His character. The principles of the Ten Commandments are the principles of His government.



- 61.** Who was the very first being to break God’s law? Lucifer. Remember we studied the other night, how Lucifer, Satan, was once a mighty angel in the courts of heaven. But he lost his love for God. He began to deceive the other angels into believing that God was not love. That God could not be trusted. That His law was not important for angelic beings to follow. As a result, Lucifer and the angels that followed him were cast out of heaven because they brought woe and suffering even to the courts of heaven.



1. You shall have no other gods before.

- 62.** When you think about it, Lucifer broke at least three of those commandments. Number one, “Thou shall have no other gods before me”—because Satan wanted to be his own God.

That’s the commandment you and I struggle with the most. You say, “No, I don’t struggle with that one.”



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- 63.** But when you think about the principle behind that commandment, we may not say, “I want to be divine.” We may not say, “I want to sit on God’s throne.” But when we say, “Lord, I know what your Word says, but I’m going to do something else. Lord, I know what your will is, but it’s inconvenient for me”, when I choose to ignore what God says, and do what I say, I am placing myself above God. I am being my own God. It all comes back to self—not having a surrendered heart.



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- 64.** I can assure you, that’s the one I struggle with the most. And probably that’s the one the majority of people in the world struggle with—to say, “Lord, I surrender myself to You. I want to put Your Word and Your truth first.”

That’s why it is important every day to surrender our hearts to Jesus and ask Him to fill us with His Holy Spirit.

EPHESIANS 5:18

"Be filled with the Holy Spirit."



65. In Ephesians 5:18, the Bible says, "Be filled with the Holy Spirit."

In the Greek it is saying to be continually and repeatedly filled with the Holy Spirit. Because the Holy Spirit is who gives us the desire to want to honor God's Law. The Holy Spirit writes that law on our hearts. We honor God's Law through the power of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

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66. Lucifer also broke commandment number nine, You shall not bear false witness. He lied to the other angels about the character of God.

And lastly, he broke commandment number 10. Lucifer coveted the throne of God so much that he was willing to instigate a full-scale rebellion to get it. And so, if turning away from the principles of happiness brought suffering even in heaven—what makes us think that turning away from God's law won't do the same thing here on earth?

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67. You see, Lucifer is conducting the same rebellion here. The more we turn away from the principles of happiness that God gave us from the beginning, the more our societies, our homes, and our neighborhoods will plunge deeper and deeper in trouble. So often the world turns around and blames God for our mess, even though He has given us the principles of happiness from the beginning!

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68. Dear friends, the fact that God gives us His law tells us He loves us so much. We tend to think, God is just being a party pooper. We can't do this, and we can't do that. How many of you have children? Raise your hand. Do you ever tell your children, thou shall not? You may not use those exact words.

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69. We may say, “Don’t do this, don’t do that.” I know that happens a lot in our family. Why do we tell our children not to do something? Because there’s danger involved. We tell our children, “Don’t you dare cross the street without us being there.” Is that because we’re trying to spoil their fun? No, it’s because we don’t want their fun to be spoiled.

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70. As they get older, children understand that when you cross the boundary, there is potential danger in that street. And when they are much older, they come to realize that mom and dad want something better for them. In fact, they want them to have the very best.

That’s how God is. He gives us boundaries, not because He’s trying to keep happiness from us, but because He wants to give us ultimate happiness. He wants to keep us away from the deceptions of the devils that bring heartache into our lives.

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71. What would we say about a parent that says to their child, “You know what? I don’t care what you do. Just go and do whatever you like.” We would say they don’t love their child very much. Then why would we want God to be like a bad parent? Why would we want God to say, “You know what? Go and do whatever you want. I don’t care.” That’s not the way God is. He loves us and He is intimately involved in our lives. So, He gives us the principles of His law. But let's go a little farther.

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72. Thus far, we have only searched the Old Testament. So, let’s go to Matthew 5:17. You should recognize this passage immediately

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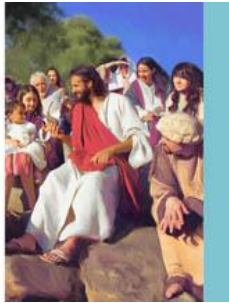


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73. Could someone tell me what chapters five, six and seven in Matthew are all about? What's this passage called? The Sermon on the Mount. This is by far the greatest sermon ever preached. Jesus gave us the principles of Christianity in three simple chapters. He gave us the basic summary of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus and to follow the religion of Christ. And of all the things He could have covered, one of the things that He felt was essential is what our attitude should be toward God's law.

MATTHEW 5:17-18

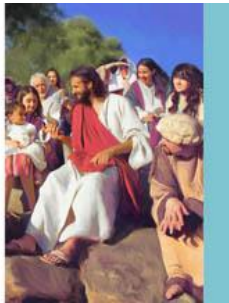
"Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you,



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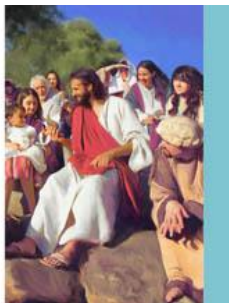


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And then notice verse 19,

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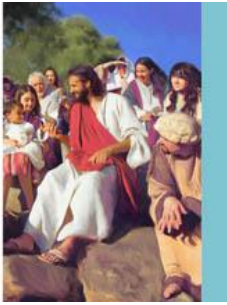
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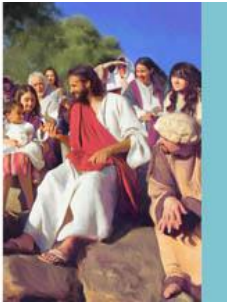
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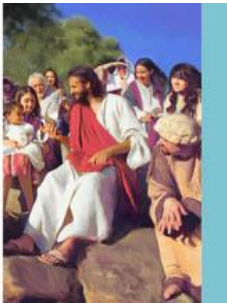
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78. There are a few things here we need to pay attention to in this passage. In verse 17, Jesus said He did not come to destroy the Law or the Prophets. Now that term "the Law or the Prophets" refers to the Old Testament as a whole. But the Ten Commandments are part of that, and Jesus said He had no intentions of destroying it or minimizing it.
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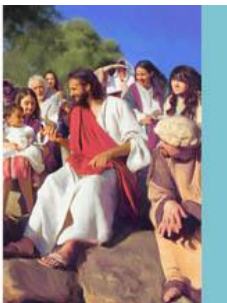
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79. In fact, Jesus goes on to say, "As long as heaven and earth are here, nothing will pass from My law, not even a jot or a tittle." Now, those are not words we use in the 21st century very much. What is a jot or a tittle? It's basically the crossing of a T and the dotting of an I. Just like a legal contract, you've got to cross your Ts and dot your Is. Jesus said, "As long as heaven and earth are still here, we are going to need the principles of His law to have happy, healthy, stable societies, families, and lives."
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MATTHEW 5:19

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80. Now, as a minister, verse 19 really gets my attention. Do you know why? Jesus actually pronounces a woe on anyone who teaches others to ignore His law. I don't want Jesus to pronounce a woe on me. That's a serious thing. He says they will be the least in the kingdom of heaven. That's really a play on words, because they are not going to be in the kingdom of heaven!



81. Now, this highlights a temptation for a minister. You say, what do you mean? I'm going to let you into the heart of a minister for the next minute or two. Is that okay? I'm going to share with you some of the temptations we face. Ministers have a trait of human nature just like many people in our world—we want to be liked. We don't like to have enemies. We don't like to have people criticize us. It hurts.



82. As a result, there are times when we are tempted to say, "You know what? I don't want to preach that part of God's Word because it's too direct. Somebody might get upset with me." We're tempted to choose certain things in the Word of God that won't upset anybody. Don't talk about sin. Don't step on toes. Don't lovingly challenge a church to grow. When you upset people for teaching that which is truth, your church may not grow to be the biggest church in town.



83. Sometimes when truth goes up, attendance goes down. When church attendance goes down, church offerings go down. When church offerings go down, church bills pile up. When church bills pile up, church salaries go down. So, the temptation sometimes for us ministers is to preach those things that will make people love us, and never really address serious subjects.



84. The Word of God tells me I cannot skip some teachings just because they are difficult to hear.



85. It might be easier for me to say, “Don’t worry about the principles of God’s law.” But God says I need to preach the whole counsel of His Word. I realize I do say some things in this seminar that may not be what the popular belief is. But it’s because I take seriously that we need to lift up the Word of God—because it’s His word that sets us free—and it’s His Word that brings us ultimate happiness. Can you say, Amen?



JOHN 14:15

“If you love Me, keep my commandments.”

86. There’s another verse where Jesus sums it up so beautifully. Notice what Jesus says in John 14:15. . . “If you ...” what? “... love Me, keep my commandments.”

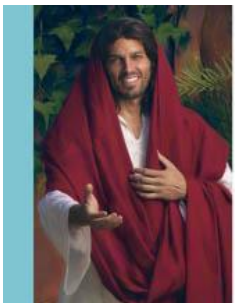
Notice what Jesus did not say. He didn’t say, “If you want to earn your way to heaven, keep My commandments. If you want to be a legalist, keep My commandments. If you don’t believe in grace, keep My commandments. If you want to gain righteousness, keep My commandments.”



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87. He said, “If you love Me, if you appreciate what I’ve done for you on the cross of Calvary, if you recognize I have given you a gift that you could never give to yourself, that I have given you righteousness so that you can enter the kingdom of heaven, if you recognize that, and if you love Me, then keep My commandments!”



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88. We don’t honor the commandments because we’re trying to get saved. We honor the commandments because we are already saved, through the blood of Jesus. It’s our opportunity to show appreciation. And when people see the Holy Spirit living those commandments out in our lives—hopefully in our workplace, in our homes, and in our neighborhoods—people can look at us and see just a little picture of the character of Jesus.



89. (YOU CAN USE YOUR SPOUSE IN THE ILLUSTRATION)

Let's use marriage to illustrate this. My wife is Marquita. You've met her during the seminar. How many believe that I love Marquita? Let me see your hands. Great. Most of you put your hands up. Well, when I married Marquita a few year ago, there were some "laws of marriage" that went into effect, weren't there? When we said, "I do," those "laws of marriage" say that everything I have belongs to her as well. The "laws of marriage" say that I've got to treat her well and be kind to her.



90. The "laws of marriage" say I shouldn't abuse her but should try to support her. The "laws of marriage" say I shouldn't be sleeping around with other women, or going on dates with other women, or even flirting with them. Now do you think that when I get up every morning, I have to pick up those laws of marriage and I say, "I guess I've got to be nice to Marquita, today. I guess I'd better be kind and gentle, or she might divorce me and take everything I have"?



91. Do you think I say, "Oh, I can't flirt with any women in the workplace. Oh, I can't sleep with anybody else. Oh, what a burden it is to love Marquita!" Do you think I say that? Certainly not. I love to honor the laws of marriage, because I am in love with Marquita! Those laws are already written on my heart. It's a natural thing.



92. That's the way it is with God's law, because of what Jesus has done for me. He has died for my sins. He lets His perfect life count for me. His righteousness is put in my record book. When God looks at my mistake-filled life, He doesn't see my sins. He sees the perfect life of Jesus that counts for me, because Jesus perfectly kept God's law when He was on this earth. That perfection counts in my place and, as a result, you and I can be saved. That's why He says, If you love Me, keep My commandments. Love makes all the difference!



- 93.** (If you need to shorten the message, you can go to Romans 3:20 or the appeal)
There's another verse in the New Testament that I almost hesitate to go to, but since I just spoke about sharing the whole counsel of God's Word, I dare not skip it. So, I want you to turn to first John chapter 2 and verse 4. But even as we read it, I want you to understand that I didn't say it, God said it.
Now before I read this, I need to tell you who wrote it. The disciple, John, did. He was known as the disciple of love. But John got very bold in this verse.
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1 JOHN 2:4

"He who says, 'I know Him,' and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him."

- 94.** Notice what he says in first John 2:4. The Bible says: "He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him."

Whew. You talk about cutting like a knife. He utters a profound truth. Was John there, at the Last Supper, when Jesus said, If you love Me, keep My commandments? Yes, he was. Was John there, at the Sermon on the Mount, when Jesus said that nothing will pass from His law until all is fulfilled? Yes, he was.



- 95.** So, John is just reiterating what Jesus said, except using different words. John is saying, "If I claim that I love Jesus, and I am a disciple of Christ, but in my life I purposely and willfully refuse to follow His commandments, then, I'm a liar. There is something not genuine and insincere about my witness."
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- 96.** It's not pleasant to be told that. This is not talking about making genuine mistakes. We all fall. We all sin. And sometimes don't realize it, and have to go back and say, "Lord, please forgive me." That's not what John is talking about here. John is talking about the person who says, "I love the Lord. I see what He has written in His law, but it costs too much. It's inconvenient. I absolutely refuse to follow it, but I still consider myself a disciple of Jesus Christ. I still call myself a Christian." John says, that's not sincere. That's not genuine, because my actions do not match my profession.



97. That doesn't mean I'm saved by my works. When the Holy Spirit lives in us, there ought to be good works in our lives, isn't that correct? Because people should see Jesus in us. But those good works are simply evidence showing that a higher power is living and working in us. The truth is, when you and I do good works, that's not us. We know that human nature left to itself can't do good works. Good works come from God's divine power working through us. Those good works don't save me—but they do show Who is in control of my life.

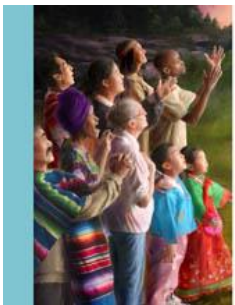


98. Let's go back to the marriage illustration. You've heard me say, "I love Marquita" and "I'm in love with her." But what if, on the off nights of this seminar, you saw me downtown hanging around with other women, my arm around their waists, giving them a peck on the cheek, maybe even walking into a motel with another woman. Then you see me come here professing how much I'm in love with my wife. Would you believe me? No! Why? Because my actions contradict my profession.



99. No matter what's coming out of my mouth, what's coming out in my life is something different. We don't love God the way we want to love Him. We love God the way He wants us to love Him. And He says, If you love Me, keep My commandments.

You might say, "I see that I have not been genuine. I see that I have not been sincere. I see that I need help." All of us need help. That's why we go to Jesus.

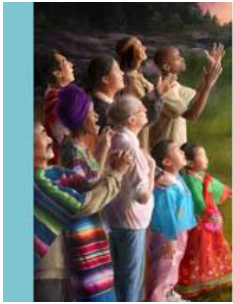


REVELATION 14:12

"Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus."

100. That's why Revelation, at the end of time, describes God's people like this:

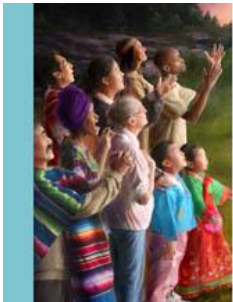
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101. Notice, commandment keeping and a faith relationship with Jesus always goes hand in hand, particularly in the book of Revelation. In these last days, we must choose. Do we follow man's laws or God's laws? Do we go along with the spirit of antichrist that wants to do away with God's law and say it's irrelevant, it's archaic, and it's not important anymore? Or do we follow Jesus Christ who says, "If you love Me, keep My commandments"? There are two voices calling us. Anti-christ says do away with God's Law. Jesus Christ says to love His Law. Whose voice will you follow?



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102. One more verse and then I want to do one final illustration. You may say, "Then what's the purpose of God's law?" Romans 3:20 says it so beautifully.

ROMANS 3:20

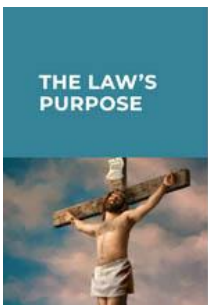
"Therefore by the deeds of the law, no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin."



103. The Bible says:

"Therefore by the deeds of the law, no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin."

In other words, the law can't make me clean. It can't make me perfect and righteous. The job of the law is to show me that I fall short of God's standard, that I have sin in my life, and point me to the One who can take care of that sin, Jesus Christ, the righteous.



That means the law's purpose is to point me to Jesus. The law points me to the cross.

104. That means the law's purpose is to point me to Jesus. The law points me to the cross. Now, put two and two together. That's why the devil hates God's law. That's why he works through the spirit of antichrist to do away with God's times and God's law. Because the devil hates any tool that points people to Jesus or helps them recognize they need a Savior. Antichrist hates any tool that will point people to the cross. So, the easiest way is to try to get rid of it, or let it be lost sight of.



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105. That's why Daniel and Revelation tell us that in the end, God's law is going to be the issue that the great controversy centers on. So, you and I must choose. If we want to follow God tomorrow then, by His grace, we need to choose to follow Him today.



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106. *(To do this illustration you will need a back room to go to, or some type of curtain or backdrop to stand behind so no one can see you, but still hear you. You need to keep your mic on. For this illustration you will need a table on the platform with a bowl of soapy water, a washcloth, a dry hand towel, and a mirror. In the back room or behind the curtain, you will need a paper towel, another mirror, and a jar of Nutella, or a dark paste to put on your face).*



107. I'd like to do my illustration right now. I hope it's one you'll never forget. It comes from James 1:25. I'm going in the back room(or behind the curtain) for about 60 seconds and sin for a while. You will not see me for those 60 seconds.

(Go in a back room off stage or behind curtain).

The seminar is not over yet, so don't get up and leave. I'll be back shortly. I'm just going to keep talking in the mic while I'm back here. I'm going to enjoy a little sinning before this seminar is over.



108. *(Smear your face with Nutella, but continue talking so the audience can hear you).* Can you still hear me? So I am back here, and I am doing some of my dirty deeds and nobody can see. This is a lot of fun, but I fear the news stations might get ahold of this and then tomorrow you'll see the report on the morning news, "Prophecy seminar speaker sins in front of congregation." And there'll be a big scandal about it. Time is almost up. Nobody can see me. Now, I've finished my dirty deed and I'm coming back to the platform.



109. *(Step back out on the platform in front of the audience).* Oh, there is dead silence. But some of you are laughing at me. Would someone be so kind as to tell me why are you laughing? I've got dirt on my face? How many people say I have dirt on my face? Let me see your hands.



110. Well, I've got news for you. I can't see it. How do I know you're not pulling my leg and my face is perfectly clean? What do I need in order to tell if I have dirt on my face? I need a mirror. And lo and behold, there's a mirror right here on the table. So, I pick up the mirror and I look into it. And indeed, I have got dirt on my face.



111. At this point, I've got two choices. I can take the mirror and I can start rubbing my face with it to try to clean this dirt off me. *(Act like you're rubbing your face with the mirror).* Will that solve my problem? No. In fact, it'll make it worse. The other option is, I could say, "I hate this dumb old mirror. This foolish mirror tells me I have dirt on my face. Let's get rid of the mirror." *(Toss the mirror to the side. Don't break it).* Does that solve my problem? No. I still have dirt on my face. But now I can't see it.



112. The mirror can reveal that I am dirty, but the mirror can't clean me. The purpose of the mirror is simply to point me to the One who can cleanse me. And so, the mirror of God's law points me to the cross. It points me to the blood drawn from Emmanuel's veins that can wash me and make me clean!



113. *(Go to the bowl of soapy water and start washing your face).*

And so, we come to Jesus just as we are. With all our sins. With all our shortcomings. With all our mistakes. I take this cloth, representing the blood of Jesus, and I wipe my face. And the Bible says He washes us and makes us clean because of His death on the cross. Ah, it feels good to be clean. How many people say I'm clean? Guess what I can't see it. How do I know you're not lying to me and when I go to Walmart tonight with dirt on my face the clerk will look at me like I'm crazy?



114. What do I need to do to know if I'm clean? I need to look in the mirror. *(Hold up the mirror and look into it).* Yes, I am clean. The character of Jesus is starting to be formed in me. Before I looked in the mirror, did I know my face was clean? No. I am clean because of what Jesus has done for me. The law is the mirror that points me to Jesus.



115. The law shows me where I fall short. But the law also points me to the One who can change me and make me clean--- Jesus.

That's why the devil wants to do away with God's Law, because it shows people they need a Savior and it points people to Jesus.



116. (IF YOU ARE SHORT ON TIME, YOU CAN SKIP THE STORY AND GO RIGHT TO THE APPEAL)

There was a young girl who lived a very wicked, despicable life. She was born to a single mother who worked hard to raise her and give her a good home. She loved this young girl with an unconditional love.



117. But as this young girl grew up, she rebelled against her mother. She got involved in selling drugs and eventually became a hopeless addict. She sold herself to prostitution and stole from her mother to pay for her habit. Whenever her mother refused to give her money for drugs, she would beat her mother and call her all sorts of awful things. She would vandalize her mother's car, damage her furniture, and destroy her china.



118. One night when her mother refused to allow one of her clients to spend the night, she flew into a fit of rage and left home and never returned. Twenty years later she found herself in the hospital with a fatal disease. As she looked back over her life, she was overcome with a sense of guilt and shame that would not go away. She could find no peace. She talked to psychiatrists, counselors, nurses, and even with the chaplain. But she could find no relief from her sense of guilt and shame.



119. Finally she requested to see her mother. When her mother came to her bedside she said, "Mom, I'm sorry for what I've done to you. For all the pain and heartache I've caused you. I've lived a terrible life. Will you forgive me?" She waited breathlessly for her mother's response. Her mother took her by the hand and said, "I know your life has been difficult. But I want you to know I forgive you. You're still my child. And I still love you. In my eyes, you're still perfect."



120. From that moment on, her sense of guilt and shame were gone. The heavy burden was lifted. And she eventually recovered. She had talked with psychiatrists. She had talked with counselors. She had talked with the chaplain. But her mother was the only one could give her peace.



121. Maybe you feel a little like the girl in that story. Each of us might be thinking, “My life is not in harmony with God’s law. I fall so short.” And sometimes the devil throws in our face our faults, our weaknesses, the choices we’ve made in the past, or habits and patterns we wrestle with today.



122. (You can replace this with a short personal testimony if you like).

There was a time in my life when I made some poor choices, and I was wracked with this guilt, shame, and unworthiness. But if we will surrender ourselves to Jesus, He can set us free from these burdens. He did for me and He will for you.

MATTHEW 11:28, CEV

“If you’re tired from carrying heavy burdens, just come to Me and I will give you rest.”



123. Jesus has a beautiful promise for us. In Matthew 11:28, Jesus says: “If you’re tired from carrying heavy burdens, just come to Me and I will give you rest.”

If you’re tired of the burden of sin, if you’re wanting that guilt and shame to be removed, if you’re just wanting peace in your life, if you’re wanting Jesus’ perfect life to count for you, Jesus says, “Come to Me. I’ll give you rest. I’ll give you confidence. I will give you the assurance of salvation.”

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124. Because when you accept Jesus as your Savior, His perfect life is substituted in place of your imperfect life. So when God looks at the record of your life in the time judgment, He doesn’t see all your sins and all your mistakes. He sees the perfect life of Jesus which now counts for you. God sees you as though you never sinned. That’s what it means to have Jesus Christ as a personal Savior. Do you want that in your life?

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125. Tonight, are you willing to say in your heart, "Lord Jesus, I want you to transform me. I want you to change me. Lord, I give you permission to write the principles of Your law on my heart. I want your Holy Spirit to fill my life"?

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126. If that's your desire tonight and you just want to say, "Lord, I don't claim to be perfect of myself. But I want You to begin writing the principles of Your law on my heart. I want you to be my Savior. I want to be born again." If that's your desire, I'd like to invite you to stand with me as we have a closing prayer.

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127. Heavenly Father, so often we are well aware of where we fall short. You know, Lord, how the devil seeks to throw that in our face and take away the assurance of salvation. Tonight we present ourselves to you. We understand there is a controversy that's surrounding Your law. And tonight, we give You permission to change and transform us. We want to experience peace. We want to experience victory. We want you, Lord, to write the law in our hearts so that people can see Jesus in us. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.



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