

The Moral Law: Commandments, Statutes and Judgments

“Now these are the **commandments**, the **statutes** and the **judgments**, which the LORD your God commanded to teach you, that ye may do them in the land whither ye go to possess it: that thou may fear the LORD thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments which I command thee, thou and thy son, and thy son’s son, all the days of thy life, and that thy days may be prolonged.” Deuteronomy 6:1, 2, KJV (Emphasis supplied).

“The **sacred statutes** which Satan has hated and sought to destroy will be honored throughout a sinless universe.” Patriarchs and Prophets, 342 (Emphasis supplied).

“These directions [**statutes**] relating to the duty of the people to God, to one another, and to the stranger were only the principles of the Ten Commandments **amplified** and given in a specific manner, that none need err. They were **designed to guard the sacredness of the ten precepts** engraved on the tables of stone.” Patriarchs and Prophets, 364 (Emphasis supplied).

“The last great conflict between truth and error is but the final struggle of the long standing controversy concerning the law of God. Upon this battle we are now entering - a battle between the laws of men and the precepts of Jehovah, **between the religion of the Bible and the religion of fable and tradition.**” The Great Controversy, 582 (Emphasis supplied).

Moral Law made up of: Commandments, Statutes and Judgments

- **10 Commandments:**
Exodus 20:2-17; Deuteronomy 5:6-21
- **Over 600 Statutes:**
Exodus, Leviticus, Deuteronomy
- **Many Judgments:**
Deuteronomy 27-30

Ceremonial Law made up of: Sacrifices, Offerings, Oblations, Ordinances Leviticus 1-9

“There are many who try to blend these two systems, using the texts that speak of the ceremonial law to prove that the moral law has been abolished; but this is a perversion of the Scriptures. The distinction between the two systems is broad and clear. The ceremonial system was made up of symbols pointing to Christ, to His sacrifice and His priesthood.

This ritual law, with its sacrifices and ordinances, was to be performed by the Hebrews until type met antitype in the death of Christ, the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. **Then all the sacrificial offerings were to cease.** It is this law that Christ “took . . . out of the way, nailing it to His cross.” Colossians 2:14.” Patriarchs and Prophets, 365 (Emphasis supplied).

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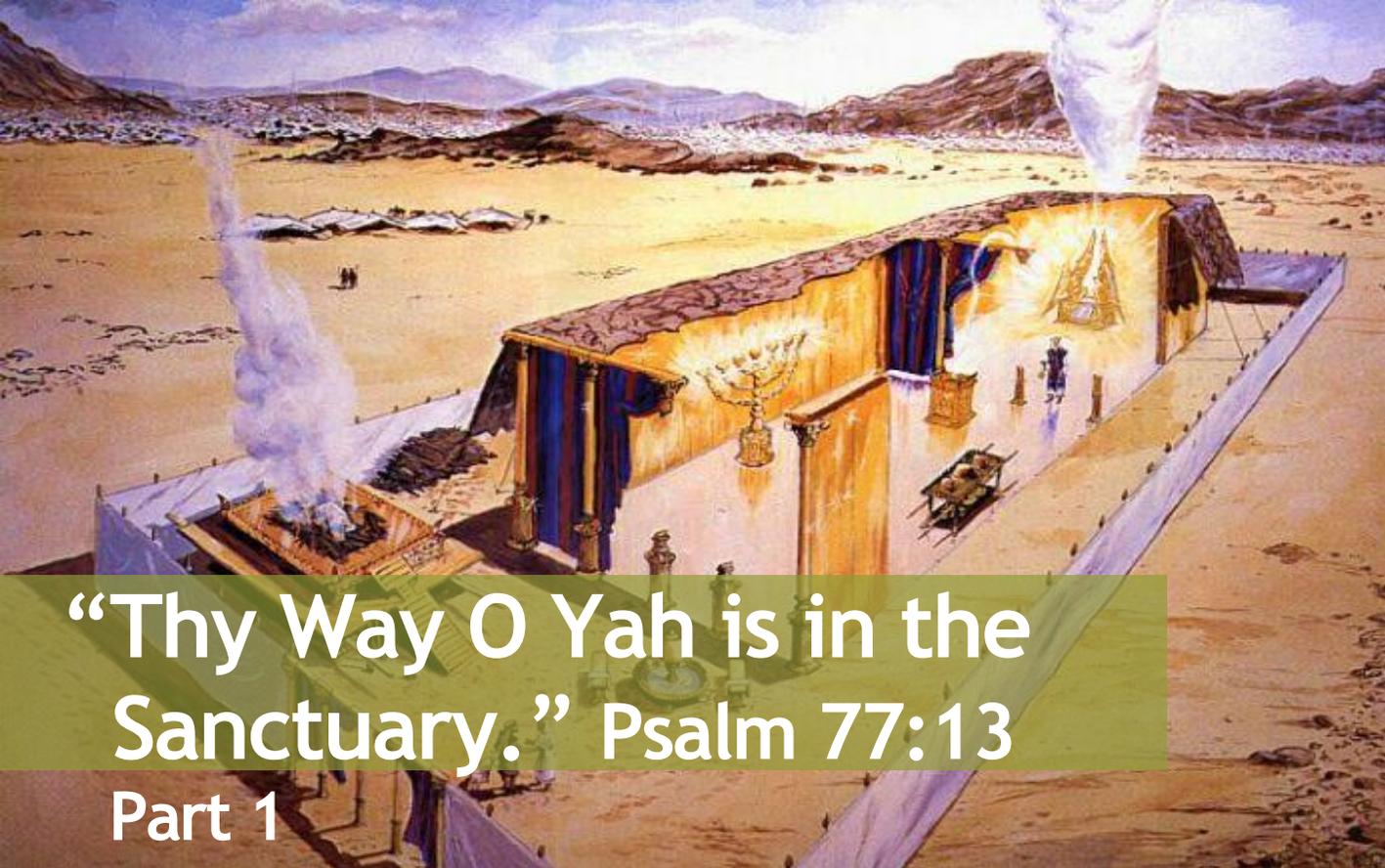
Moral Law Definition:

“But concerning the law of Ten Commandments the psalmist declares, “Forever, O Lord, Thy word is settled in heaven.” Psalm 119:89. And Christ Himself says, “Think not that I am come to destroy the law. . . . Verily I say unto you”--making the assertion as emphatic as possible--“Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.” Matthew 5:17, 18.

Here He teaches not merely what the claims of God’s law had been, and were then, but that these claims should hold as long as the heavens and the earth remain. The law of God is as immutable as His throne. It will maintain its claims upon mankind in all ages.” Patriarchs and Prophets, 365

“In consequence of continual transgression, the moral law was repeated in awful grandeur from Sinai. Christ gave to Moses religious precepts which were to govern the everyday life. **These statutes were explicitly given to guard the Ten Commandments. They were not shadowy types to pass away with the death of Christ.**

They were to be binding upon man in every age as long as time should last. **These commands were enforced by the power of the moral law, and they clearly and definitely explained that law.**” E.G. White, Review and Herald, May 6, 1875 (Emphasis supplied).



“Thy Way O Yah is in the Sanctuary.” Psalm 77:13

Part 1

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q What is the Ceremonial Law composed of?

A The Ceremonial Law is composed of Sacrifices and Offerings which are described in Leviticus 1-9. It is this Law that Christ nailed to the cross. (See Daniel 9:27)

Q What is the Moral law composed of?

A The Moral Law is composed of the 10 Commandments, more than 600 Statutes and many Judgments, mainly found in Exodus, Leviticus and Deuteronomy. The Moral Law is binding forever unto eternity.

Q Which Commandments does the Statute of Tithes and Offerings (Lev. 27) guard and protect?

A Commandments: 1, 2, 8 and 10

Q Which commandment do the statutes of Leviticus 23 guard and protect?
Note: The word ‘Statute’ is mentioned in Leviticus 23 verses 14, 21, 31 and 41.

A Commandments: 1, 2 and 4
“Remember the Sabbath day to keep holy.”
Exodus 20:8-11

Leviticus 23 and Numbers 28 and 29 clearly and definitely explain the sanctuary calendar, the Millerites calendar of October 22, 1844 as the 10th day of the 7th month and the 7th day Sabbath calendar. All are based on the Luni-Solar Barley Harvest calendar.

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HEAVEN’S GOVERNMENT REJECTED ON EARTH

“Adam taught his descendants the law of God, and it was handed down from father to son through successive generations. But notwithstanding the gracious provision for man’s redemption, there were few who accepted it and rendered obedience.

By transgression the world became so vile that it was necessary to cleanse it by the Flood from its corruption.

The law was preserved by Noah and his family, and Noah taught his descendants the Ten Commandments. As men again departed from God, the Lord chose Abraham, of whom He declared, “Abraham obeyed My voice, and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws.” Genesis 26:5.

To him was given the rite of circumcision, which was a sign that those who received it were devoted to the service of God--a pledge that they would remain separate from idolatry, and would obey the law of God.

The failure of Abraham’s descendants to keep this pledge, as shown in their disposition to form alliances with the heathen and adopt their practices, was the cause of their sojourn and bondage in Egypt.

But in their intercourse with idolaters, and their forced submission to the Egyptians, the divine precepts became still further corrupted with the vile and cruel teachings of heathenism.

Therefore when the Lord brought them forth from Egypt, He came down upon Sinai, enshrouded in glory and surrounded by His angels, and in awful majesty spoke His law in the hearing of all the people.

He did not even then trust His precepts to the memory of a people who were prone to forget His requirements, but wrote them upon tables of stone. He would remove from Israel all possibility of mingling heathen traditions with His holy precepts, or of confounding His requirements with human ordinances or customs.”
Patriarchs and Prophets, 364 (Emphasis supplied).