

## Lecture 10 – The Universal Norms of Love (Part II)

“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. ...” Exodus 20:2ff (NIV)

“Do I say this merely from a human point of view? Doesn’t the Law say the same thing? For it is written in the Law of Moses: ‘Do not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain.’ Is it about oxen that God is concerned? Surely he says this for us, doesn’t he? Yes, this was written for us, because when the plowman plows and the thresher threshes, they ought to do so in the hope of sharing in the harvest.” I Corinthians 9:8-10 (NIV)

### Key Terms

Law, witness of the Holy Spirit, Ten Commandments, holiness, law & Christ, theonomy

### Objectives

- \*Identify ways in which the place and role of the Mosaic law has changed with the coming of Christ.
- \*Biblically identify the extent of the law in contemporary society.

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[Review of prior lesson]

### I. The Law

#### A. The Ten Commandments

#### B. Mosaic Administration

“Law” used to refer to both Ten Commandments and the Mosaic Administration of the covenant of grace.

##### 1. WCF 7, 5

##### 2. Two administrations of the covenant of grace:

###### a. Mosaic

###### b. Christian

###### c. Change in form (nation to church)

###### d. Change in laws: Two major changes

##### 1) Abrogation of ceremonial laws (WCF 19, 3)

###### a) Examples from Scripture

###### b) Universal principles hold; specific principles are abrogated

###### c) Ceremonial law as moral and symbolical

##### 2) Expiration of judicial precepts (WCF 19, 4)

###### a) Aquinas’ classification – 3-Fold distinction

###### (1) Moral

###### (2) Ceremonial

###### (3) Judicial

###### b) I Corinthians 9:8-10

[Excursus: Dr. Jones on Theonomy]

### The Essential Bibliography

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I. Thesis

II. Critique

A. Ground of law

B. Three types of laws

1. Founded on the nature of God
2. Founded on human nature
3. Founded on God's social purpose

C. Uniqueness of Israel as a covenant nation

1. Religious and political unity
2. Unique social structures
3. Vocation of Israel as a symbolic community
4. Burden of proof

D. Accommodation to existing social conditions

1. Arbitrary divorce: Deuteronomy 24:1-4
2. Polygamy
3. Slavery