

Theme: Law and Love

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.” (Matt. 22:37-40)

The core of this passage is that the commandment of the law is to love God and love others. The law teaches us to fear God, to love one another, and to act in harmony with salvation. Therefore, we must learn how to love God and love others as we obey God's law. We are following and completely obeying God's law when we continually learn to love God and love others.

Although the law sounds solemn, the original purpose of the law is to teach us how to walk on the right path in the eyes of God. Through the law God teaches us, we who are incomplete, how to live in a way that pleases God. However, we often neglect God's law and instead live a life that is focused on worldly standards with personal preferences and social values. We forget that God, who is love and compassion, is also holiness and justice.

We often claim to know God's commandments, so we stand on the commanding heights of morality and judge others, but we forget that the essence of the law is love. No one can be saved or justified by our own merits, but by the salvation of the cross of Jesus Christ. This great love allows us to live under grace and learn to love all who are lovely and unlovely. I hope that we will obey the law that God has taught us in the Lord: love God and love others, live out the lifestyle of Christ, and give all the glory and praise to God.

Reflection

- Do we often ignore God's law and do what God does not like?
- Are we becoming self-righteous Pharisees, belittling others and exalting ourselves over God's glory? Do we love ourselves more than we love God?

Renew

- Pray that God will help us obey His law, live a holy life, please God, and be devoted in all things.
- Pray that God will help us remove the pride in our hearts, see our weaknesses, see God's grace and righteousness, and to love God and love others.

Prayer Requests

- Pray for our church to be a witness for love. Pray for each other and think about how beautiful the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ is in the process of learning to love.
- Pray for all brothers and sisters who are ill. May God give healing and comfort to them.