

The Penalty of the Law

- I.** The Nation Israel thought they could please God by works, using their definition of righteousness (Ex. 19:8).
 1. They failed to believe the Promise (Ex. 19:5).
 2. As a consequence, they were given the Law: bondage, curse, condemnation, death.
 3. God demonstrated His displeasure:
 - 1) Limited access to Sinai (Ex. 19:12-13; 23-24).
 - 2) Thunder and lightning (Ex. 19:16).
 - 3) Smoke, earthquake (Ex. 19:18).
 - 4) The people and Moses were scared (Ex. 19:16; Heb. 12:21).
- II.** The Law.
 1. Given to Moses and the Nation Israel (Duet. 4:1, 13-14; 7:6-11 *cf.* Rev. 3:9).
 2. Consists of the 10 Commandments, statutes, and judgments.
 3. Is complete, cannot be given additions (Duet. 4:2 *cf.* the Talmud).
 4. Called a covenant (Duet. 4:13).
- III.** The 10 Commandments, administration of death—rocky times.
 - 1.** “No other gods beside/above Me” (Ex. 20:3).
 - 1) Penalty—death (Duet. 17:2-7).
 - 2) *New Testament prohibition* (1 Jn. 5:21 *cf.* Col. 3:5).
 - 2.** “Do not worship carved images” (Ex. 20:4-5).
 - 1) Penalty—death (Lev. 22:20).
 - 2) Punishment for 3rd and 4th generation.
 - 3) Demonstrated hate for the true God.
 - 4) *New Testament prohibition* (1 Jn. 5:21).
 - 3.** “Taking God’s name in vain” (Ex. 20:7).
 - 1) Penalty—death (Lev. 24:16).
 - 2) Blasphemy is lying about or slandering God.
 - 3) *New Testament prohibition* (Col. 3:8).
 - 4.** “Keep the Sabbath Day holy” (Ex. 20:8-11).
 - 1) Rest, secession of work, not worship.
 - 2) Penalty—death (Ex. 35:2-3; 31:13-17).
 - 3) *New Testament contrast* (Rom. 14:4-5; Col. 2:16).
 - 5.** “Do not dishonor parents” (Ex. 20:12).
 - 1) Penalty—death (Ex. 21:15, 17; Duet. 21:18-21).
 - 2) New Testament prohibition (Eph. 6:1-2; Col. 3:20).