

Paul's Letter to the
Romans

Chapter 7:7-13



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Psalm 19:7-11

7 The Law of the LORD is Perfect, restoring the soul;
The Testimony of the LORD is Sure, making wise the simple.

8 The Precepts of the LORD are Right, rejoicing the heart;
The Commandment of the LORD is Pure, enlightening the eyes.

9 The Fear of the LORD is Clean, enduring forever;
The Judgments of the LORD are True; they are righteous altogether.

10 They are more desirable than gold, yes, than much fine gold;
Sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb.

11 Moreover, by them Your servant is warned; In keeping them there is
great reward.



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2 WAYS SIN MIGHT USE THE LAW TO GET US TO SIN



- 1) To stir in us a desire to break it.
 - ✓ Lure of forbidden fruit.

- 2) Use the Law to make us think we've KEPT the law.
 - ✓ To stir in us a sense of SELF-righteousness.
 - ✓ "I can keep it, I am worthy of salvation."

MATTHEW 19:16-22

“And someone came to Him and said, “Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may obtain eternal life?”

And He said to him, “**Why are you asking Me about what is good? There is only One who is good; but if you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments.**”

Then he said to Him, “Which ones?” And Jesus said, “**YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT MURDER; YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY; YOU SHALL NOT STEAL; YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS; HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER; and YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.**” The young man said to Him, “All these things I have kept; what am I still lacking?” Jesus said to him, “**If you wish to be complete, go and sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.**”

But when the young man heard this statement, he went away grieving; for he was one who owned much property.



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HOW DOES THE LAW BRING LIFE?

2 WAYS



1) By Keeping It.

- ✓ Lev. 18:5 "So you shall keep My statutes and My judgments, by which a man may live if he does them; I am the LORD."
- ✓ But we can't.

2) By Being Broken by it.

- ✓ And making you cry out to God to save you. (Ps. 34)
- ✓ "Whoever calls upon the name of the LORD shall be saved"
(Joel 2:32; Acts 2:21; Rom. 10:13)

LUKE 18:9-14

PHARISEE VS. TAX COLLECTOR

“And He also told this parable to some people who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and viewed others with contempt:

“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. “The Pharisee stood and was praying this to himself: ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ‘I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.’

“But the Tax Collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, the sinner!’

“I tell you, this man went to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”



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GENESIS 4:3-8

3 So it came about in the course of time that Cain brought an offering to the LORD of the fruit of the ground.

4 Abel, on his part also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and for his offering;

5 but for Cain and for his offering He had no regard. So Cain became very angry and his countenance fell.

6 Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen?

7 "If you do well, will not your countenance be lifted up? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it."

8 Cain told Abel his brother. And it came about when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.



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JESUS



“Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.
“Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble
in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. “For My yoke is easy
and My burden is light.”

Matt 11:28-30

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