

# Law, Grace, and Citizenship

## Labor Day Conference—2012

**Session #5 (2 Sep): "King or Savior, Law or Grace?"**

### I. REVIEW & TRANSITION

### II. MORE SAMPLES OF SOCIAL JUSTICE IN SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES

**5th & 7th commandments:** family and marriage

major concept #3: man's sexual nature is profoundly different from the rest of creation

major concept #8: self-government and family-tribal government failure in antediluvian civilization led to civil government lethal authority after the flood judgment

**5th commandment**

**Ex 21:15-17**

**6:4-9, 20-25 teaching**

**14:1-21**

**16:18-18:22 socio-political leadership**

*Society is the "greater family"; respect for socio-political authority begins in the family*

**16:18-17:13 judges**

**17:14-20 kings (add-on, see 1 Sam 8).....18:1-8 priests.....18:9-22 prophets**

**21:1-23 family as the socio-political bulwark**

**21:15-17 family inheritance**

**21:15 first-born son**

**21:16-17 son of unloved wife**

Could not be based upon vindictiveness, pettiness, and family favorites.

Double portion conveyed to the son responsible for caring for his parents

**21:18-21 execution of rebellious sons**

**21:18 not obey. . .chastened him. . .not heed them**

*Children supposed to learn authority before joining society as an adult.*

**21:19 take hold. . .to the gate. . .**

**21:20 stubborn. . .rebellious. . .pays no attention. . .glutton. . .drunkard**

**21:21 all the men of his city shall stone him. . .put away evil. . .all Israel shall fear. . .**

### **7th commandment**

**22:13-30** Violations of God's design of the Man and Woman (see Deut series for details)

**22:22 adultery**

**22:23-24 fornication involving a fiancée**

This involved a fiancée, not just any girl. Both are stoned.

**22:25-27 rape of a fiancée**

**22:28-29 raped single girl (22:28-29)**

### **Leviticus 20**

**20:9** assault upon parents

**20:10-21** sexual sins

**20:13** as an abomination (only sin called that)

### **6th commandment (center of the chiasm)**

**21:1-9 unsolved murder**

**21:3 heifer not worked** (higher value--all its future labors)

**21:4 flowing with water neither plowed nor sown**

**21:22-23** execution protocols

**21:22 deserving of death. . .hang on a tree**

**21:23 shall not defile the land. . .hanged one is accursed of God**

Paul refers to this protocol in Galatians: **Gal 3:13-14**

## **III. SOCIAL JUSTICE & JESUS CHRIST**

Basic truths:

- The 2nd Person of the Trinity, the Son = Yahweh of OT Law so we must not be Marcionites (2nd century heretic who separated OT and Paul's God). Jesus as KING & as SAVIOR (2 distinct roles)
- Here enters the gospel of grace amid talk of "social justice" but now we know what real social justice is and therefore see our hopelessness before it. LAW & GRACE

**Kingdom Offers to Israel ==> problem of "deep evil" (justice bigger than the sphere of human society)**

Offer #1 Exodus to Sinai

Offer #2 40 years later on Plains of Moab (Deuteronomy)

Offer #3 Jesus' **Mark 1:15 ==> Matt 23:39**

4 momentous acts: resurrection, ascension, session, sending of HS

Offer #4 Peter's offer **Acts 2 (Joel 2) & Acts 3**

**New Light on the battle for social justice: Jesus on the high ground**

Major concept #6 Satan is god of this world (cosmos) and has raised a doxological issue in history so *it's a two-front war: redemption and doxological justification*:

Logic:

1. Man is the ordained creature to have dominion over the earth (**Gen. 1:26-28**--major concept #2))
2. Satan became the god of this world and has legal claim over man as co-rebel (major concept #4 and #6)
3. Jesus is the first man to "pass" the forensic challenge and in a surprise move has been given authority not only over the earth but also over the heavens (**Heb 1:1-5; Phil 2:6-9**)
4. God the Father exercised grace to send His Son BUT the cross had to be perfectly defensible against every forensic challenge of Satan (**John 16:11**)
5. Jesus now is "waiting" for a remaining conquest before reigning as King (**Ps 2**) and is functioning in a priestly role (**Ps 110**).

*Jesus is SAVIOR before He is KING; His GRACE fulfills the LAW*

#### **IV. CONCLUSION**