



# KINGDOM EMBASSY MINISTRIES

Remembering our Roots. Restoring Authority. Maturing Disciples. Advancing the Kingdom.

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## SCRIPTURES

- Romans 2:1-16; 3:19-20
- Galatians 2:16; 3:10-12
- Leviticus 18:1-5

## VERNACULAR

- Hypocrisy
- Judgement
- Law

## SEED:

“(for **not the hearers of the law** are just in the sight of God, **but the doers of the law** will be justified;” Romans 2:13

“Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. **Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.**” Romans 3:19-20 NKJV

## FRUIT:

“knowing that a **man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ**, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ **and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.**” Galatians 2:16 NKJV

“**For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse;** for it is written, “**Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them.**” But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for “**the just shall live by faith.**” Yet the law is not of faith, but “**the man who does them shall live by them.**”” Galatians 3:10-12 NKJV

## INTRODUCTION TO TODAY’S MESSAGE:

*It can all be very confusing and that is why words matter. A common language is critical because without it nothing we express has any chance to offer shared meaning. Words matter and so does vernacular. How does the ordinary person speak? What does the everyday man believe a word means? And when we look back and study or even translate the words of a people or culture not our own, what terminology were they using when they engaged with the subject matter in which we now have interest? And if you are the one responsible for transmitting meaning across time and cultures, you must be careful to consider what the words meant to those for whom you’ve taken the authority to represent.*

*“The cat got my tongue” may mean something very specific to you, but if you preach to another people from a different culture who speak a different language, it’s not safe to assume a direct translation of “cat” and “tongue” will get the job done, if you suddenly find yourself short on words. Ah, there’s another one, “short on words!” Maybe, “the thief stole my sounds” is what they would understand to mean the same as “the cat got my tongue.” And that is precisely the point: thief replaces cat; stole replaces got; and sounds replaces tongue—same meaning, completely different vernacular.*

*Can you imagine how often that happens in Bible translations?*

*Just listen to this. "For not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified." How does that sit with your current understanding of the path to eternal redemption according to good Christian doctrine? "For by grace you have been saved through faith; ...it is the gift of God, not of works." Both of these phrases are credited to the same author, Paul. Yet, moments later in the same letter where he claimed "the doers of the law shall be justified," he wrote: "Therefore by the works of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin." And in the same letter he wrote, "For by grace you have been saved through faith; ...it is the gift of God, not of works," he continued with, "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works."*

*Don't you think it would be a good idea to understand a Jewish man's vernacular in the first century when we contrast, in the English language, "doers of the law and works of the law?" One paves the way to eternal redemption; one doesn't. "The cat got your tongue?" Well, on a topic this important, words and vernacular are the difference between life and death!*

## HYPOCRISY

### 1. Inexcusable

#### A. The worst type of hypocrisy...

- (1) Practicing what you preach against
  - (a) The judgment of God is always according to truth!
    1. "Therefore you are **inexcusable**, O man, whoever you are who judge, for in **whatever you judge another you condemn yourself**; for **you who judge practice the same things**. But we know that **the judgment of God is according to truth** against those who practice such things." Romans 2:1-2 NKJV
- (2) Is judging others forbidden?
  - (a) Hypocrisy is forbidden, but judgment is not.
    1. "Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, **rebuke, exhort**, with all long-suffering and teaching." II Timothy 4:2 NKJV
    2. "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, **for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness**, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work." II Timothy 3:16-17 NKJV
    3. "As *Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens the behavior of another man.*" Proverbs 27:17
  - (b) Don't you know you will ultimately judge the world?
    1. "**Do you not know that the saints will judge the world?** And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters?" I Corinthians 6:2 NKJV
  - (c) Judgment begins in God's house!
    1. "For the time has come for **judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first**, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?" I Peter 4:17 NKJV
  - (d) First, make sure you have your act together!
    1. "For **with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you**. And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the

plank in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, ‘**Let me remove the speck from your eye; and look, a plank is in your own eye? Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye,** and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.” Matthew 7:2-5 NKJV

(e) It will be easy to see the sins of others.

1. “For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, **casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.**” II Corinthians 10:3-6 NKJV

(f) Judgment begins with fellow believers.

1. “I wrote to you in my epistle **not to keep company with sexually immoral people.** Yet I certainly did not mean with the sexually immoral people of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world. **But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone named a brother,** who is sexually immoral, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner—not even to eat with such a person. For what have I to do with judging those also who are outside? **Do you not judge those who are inside?** But those who are outside God judges. **Therefore “put away from yourselves the evil person.”**” I Corinthians 5:9-13 NKJV

(g) Warning: Judgment DOES not equate to gossip and an evil tongue!

1. “**Do not speak evil of one another, brethren. He who speaks evil of a brother and judges his brother, speaks evil of the law and judges the law.** <sup>(1)</sup>**But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge.** There is one Lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy. **Who are you to judge another?**” James 4:11-12 NKJV
2. “*Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things. See how great a forest a little fire kindles! And **the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity.** The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell. For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and creature of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by mankind. **But no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so.**” James 3:5-10 NKJV*
3. James 4:11; <sup>(1)</sup>“*But if you judge the law, you are **not a doer of the law** but a judge.*”

(h) If you are on the receiving end of correction...

1. “Then Jesus spoke to the multitudes and to His disciples, saying: “The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat. **Therefore whatever they tell you to observe, that observe and do, but do not do according to their works; for they say, and do not do.** For they bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men’s shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers. {13}...“**But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up the kingdom of heaven** against men; for you **neither go in yourselves,** nor do you allow those who are entering to go in.” Matthew 23:1-4, 13 NKJV

## JUDGMENT

### 2. No Escape

#### A. God is patient for a reason!

##### (1) Contrition and Repentance

###### (a) Or else...

1. "And do you think this, O man, **you who judge those practicing such things, and doing the same**, that you **will escape the judgment of God?** Or **do you despise** the riches of **His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing** that **the goodness of God leads you to repentance?**" Romans 2:3-4 NKJV

##### (2) God is no slacker!

###### (a) His promise to judge ungodly men (v. 8)

1. "**The Lord is not slack concerning His promise**, as some count slackness, but **is longsuffering** toward us, **not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.**" II Peter 3:9 NKJV

###### (b) The goodness of God should lead to repentance! But, some go in the opposite direction of contrition and repentance, after being warned...

1. "so that **there may not be among you** man or woman or family or tribe, **whose heart turns away** today from the Lord our God, to go and serve the gods of these nations, and that **there may not be among you** a root bearing bitterness or wormwood; and so it may not happen, **when he hears the words of this curse, that he blesses himself in his heart, saying, 'I shall have peace, even though I follow the dictates of my heart'**—as though the **drunkard** could be included with the **sober.**" Deuteronomy 29:18-19 NKJV
2. "**The Lord would not spare him; for then the anger of the Lord and His jealousy would burn against that man, and every curse that is written in this book would settle on him, and the Lord would blot out his name from under heaven.**" Deuteronomy 29:20 NKJV

#### B. Two Destinies

##### (1) The Impenitent Heart: receives... indignation, wrath, tribulation and anguish

###### (a) The heart that won't acknowledge why God is patient!

1. "But in **accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart** you are **treasuring up** for yourself **wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment** of God, who "**will render to each one according to his deeds**": " Romans 2:5-6 NKJV
2. "**for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,**" Romans 3:23-24 NKJV

###### (b) Unwilling to repent?

1. "**The Lord will never be willing to forgive them;** his **wrath and zeal will burn against them.** All the curses written in this book will fall on them, and the Lord will blot out their names from under heaven." Deuteronomy 29:20 NIV
2. "**And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind,** to do those things which are not fitting;" Romans 1:28 NKJV

3. *"And **do not grieve the Holy Spirit** of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption."*  
Ephesians 4:30 NKJV
  4. *"Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, **but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven** men. Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; **but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven** him, either in this age or in the age to come."* Matthew 12:31-32 NKJV
  5. *"If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin which does not lead to death, he will ask, and He will give him life for those who commit sin not leading to death. **There is sin leading to death.** I do not say that he should pray about that. **All unrighteousness is sin, and there is sin not leading to death.**"* 1 John 5:16-17 NKJV
- (c) The impenitent heart and willful sin = no forgiveness
1. *"For if we **sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth**, there **no longer remains a sacrifice for sins**, but a certain **fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation** which will devour the adversaries."* Hebrews 10:26-27 NKJV
- (d) The self-seeking heart does not obey the truth! (Skipping Roman 2:7 for the moment).
1. *"but to those who are **self-seeking and do not obey the truth**, but obey unrighteousness—**indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish**, on **every soul of man who does evil**, of the **Jew** first and also of the **Greek**<sup>(2)</sup>;"* Romans 2:8-9 NKJV
  2. *"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and **unrighteousness** of men, **who suppress the truth in unrighteousness**,"* Romans 1:18 NKJV
- (e) The goodness of God should lead to repentance! Persistent disobedience leads to curses!
1. *"But it shall come to pass, **if you do not obey** the voice of the Lord your God, **to observe carefully** all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that **all these curses will come upon you and overtake you**:"* Deuteronomy 28:15 NKJV
- (2) Seeking Immortality: receive... glory, honor, peace, and immortality
- (a) (Eternal Life) only one way!
1. *"**eternal life** to those who by **patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality**;"*  
Romans 2:7 NKJV
  2. *"but **glory, honor, and peace** to everyone **who works what is good**, to the **Jew** first and also to the **Greek**." Romans 2:10 NKJV*
- (b) It can only mean that this patient continuance in doing good, the good work someone is doing, is the **evidence, not the cause** of eternal life.
1. *"For by **grace you have been saved through faith**, and that not of yourselves; **it is the gift of God, not of works**, lest anyone should boast. For **we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works**, which God prepared beforehand **that we should walk in them**." Ephesians 2:8-10 NKJV*
  2. *"for **all have sinned and fall short** of the glory of God, being **justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus**,"* Romans 3:23-24 NKJV

3. "Therefore, **having been justified by faith**, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, **through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand**, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God." Romans 5:1-2 NKJV
- (c) When God's patience leads to repentance, blessings follow obedience!
  1. ""Now it shall come to pass, **if you diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments** which I command you today, that the Lord your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. **And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the Lord** your God:" Deuteronomy 28:1-2 NKJV (see 3-14)
- (d) Each according to his deeds (for believers only!)
  1. "According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. **But let each one take heed how he builds on it.** For **no other foundation** can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is **Jesus Christ**. Now **if anyone builds on this foundation** with **gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw**, **each one's work will become clear**; for the Day will declare it, because **it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work**, of what sort it is. **If anyone's work** which he has built on it **endures**, he will **receive a reward**. **If anyone's work is burned**, he **will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.**" I Cor. 3:10-15 NKJV
  2. "**God will render to each one according to his deeds.**" Romans 2:6

## LAW

### 3. There is no partiality with God!

#### A. With or without the Law

##### (1) Equal Justice

- (a) God is not bias; He shows no favoritism...
  1. "For there is **no partiality with God.**" Romans 2:11 NKJV
  2. "*There is no creature hidden from His sight, but **all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.***" Hebrews 4:13 NKJV

##### (2) The Passover Story and Three Eternal Destinies

- (a) Three eternal classes of people, three eternal destinies (Rulers, Citizens, Rebels). We will see in the new heaven and new earth (Revelation 21:1). He concretizes the idea exceptionally well in Philippians.
  1. "Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him **the name which is above every name**, that **at the name of Jesus every knee should bow**, of those **in heaven**, and of those **on earth**, and of those **under the earth**, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."Philippians 2:9-11 NKJV
  2. "*blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants **as the stars of the heaven** [heaven, rulers] and as **the sand which is on the seashore** [earth, citizens]; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.*" Genesis 22:17-18 NKJV

(3) The Revelation Story and Three Eternal Destinies

(a) Rulers: heaven (in the new heaven), permanent life!

1. "Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, **and books were opened**. And another book was opened, which is **the Book of Life**. And **the dead were judged according to their works**, by the things which were written in the books." Revelation 20:11-12 NKJV
2. "**And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light**, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there). And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but **only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life**." Revelation 21:24-27 NKJV

(b) Citizens: earth (in the new earth), must still eat from the Tree of Life to stay alive.

1. "And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. **The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations**." Revelation 22:1-2 NKJV

(c) Rebels: under the earth (in the lake of fire, hell), permanent death.

1. "The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and **Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them**. And **they were judged, each one according to his works**. Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And **anyone not found written in the Book of Life** was cast into the lake of fire." Revelation 20:13-15 NKJV

(4) To help you further understand... "For there is **no partiality with God**." Romans 2:11

(a) Greatest and least in the kingdom is predicated on obedience... "There is **no partiality with God**."

1. "'Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. **Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven**." Matthew 5:17-19 NKJV

(b) The goal of the law for everyone is Christ... "There is **no partiality with God**."

1. "For Christ is the end [goal] of the law for righteousness **to everyone who believes**." Romans 10:4 NKJV

(c) Speaking in the Gentile Household of Cornelius: anyone whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him. "There is **no partiality with God**."

1. "Then Peter opened his mouth and said: "In truth I perceive that **God shows no partiality [is no respecter of men]**. But in **every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him**." Acts 10:34-35 NKJV

(d) The Poor: offerings are judged according ability: "There is **no partiality with God**."

1. "And He looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury, and **He saw also a certain poor widow putting in two mites**. So He said, **"Truly I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all;** for all these out of their abundance have put in offerings for God, but she out of her poverty put in all the livelihood that she had."" Luke 21:1-4 NKJV
- (e) The humble are exalted over the proud: "There is **no partiality with God**."
  1. ""Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, **'God, be merciful to me a sinner!'** I tell you, **this man went down to his house justified rather than the other;** for **everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.**"" Luke 18:10-14 NKJV
- (f) Man looks at outer appearances; God look at the heart: "There is **no partiality with God**."
  1. "But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. **For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.**"" I Samuel 16:7 NKJV

## B. How does judgment work?

- (1) Judgment applies to you irrespective of your knowledge of God's ways.
  - (a) Sin is not defined by your awareness of it!
    1. "For as many as have sinned **without law will also perish without law**, and as many as have **sinned in the law will be judged by the law**" Romans 2:12 NKJV
    2. **"There is none righteous, no, not one;"** Romans 3:10 NKJV
    3. **"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,**" Romans 3:23-24 NKJV
    4. **"(for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified;"** Romans 2:13 NKJV
  - (b) Sin is sin even if you don't know it! We will, of course, cover this in detail in Chapter 7 of Romans, but it is appropriate to introduce here.
    1. "But **sin**, taking opportunity **by the commandment**, produced in me all manner of evil desire. For apart from the law sin was dead. **I was alive once without the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died.**" Romans 7:8-9 NKJV
    2. **"O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!...."** Romans 7:24-25 NKJV

## C. Doing the Law and Works of Law

- (1) Hearers vs. Doers
  - (a) Not the hearers, but the doers!



1. “(for **not the hearers of the law** are just in the sight of God, **but the doers of the law** will be justified;” Romans 2:13 NKJV
- (b) Not the hearers but the doers...
  1. “But **be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves**. For if anyone is a hearer of the **word and not a doer**, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But **he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it**, and is **not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work**, this one will be blessed in what he does.” James 1:22-25 NKJV
  2. “What does it profit, my brethren, **if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him?**... Thus also **faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead**. But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” **Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works**... But do you want to know, O foolish man, that **faith without works is dead?**” James 2:14, 17-18, 20 NKJV
- (2) Works of Law
  - (a) Will save no one!
    1. “Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. **Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.**” Romans 3:19-20 NKJV
    2. “*for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but **the doers of the law** will be justified.*” (Romans 2:13) “*Therefore **by the deeds [works] of the law no flesh** will be justified.*” (Romans 3:20)
  - (b) This is like telling Yahweh and others that your opinion of what it means to obey God takes precedence over His opinion!
    1. “Do not speak evil of one another, brethren. He who speaks evil of a brother and judges his brother, speaks evil of the law and judges the law. **But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge**. There is one Lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy. Who are you to judge another?” James 4:11-12 NKJV
  - (c) Why would Paul use similar phrases that have the exact opposite meaning, one in Chapter 2 and then one 36 verses later in Chapter 3?
    1. “as also in all his [Paul’s] epistles, speaking in them of these things, **in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction**, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures.” II Peter 3:16 NKJV.
- (3) For most Christians, it does not get any more confusing than Galatians!
  - (a) By the works of the law no flesh shall be justified....
    1. “knowing that a **man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ**, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ **and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.**” Galatians 2:16 NKJV
  - (b) Works of law is a curse!

1. **“For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them.”** [Deut. 27:26] But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for **“the just shall live by faith.”** [Hab. 2:4, [From Faith to Faith](#)] Rom. 1:17] Yet the law is not of faith, but **“the man who does them shall live by them.”** [Lev. 18:5]” Galatians 3:10-12 NKJV
2. Because: *“Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them.”* (Referring to Deut. 27:26)
3. And because: <sup>(3)</sup>*“The man who does them shall live by them.”* (Referring to Leviticus 18:5)
4. *“Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘I am the Lord your God. According to the doings of the land of Egypt, where you dwelt, you shall not do; and according to the doings of the land of Canaan, where I am bringing you, you shall not do; nor shall you walk in their ordinances. **You shall observe My judgments and keep My ordinances, to walk in them: I am the Lord your God. You shall therefore keep My statutes and My judgments, which <sup>(3)</sup>if a man does, he shall live by them: I am the Lord.**”* Leviticus 18:1-5 NKJV

#### D. Grace-empowered-faith-based-obedience

(1) Obedience by Faith (see [From Faith to Faith](#))

(a) Faith translates into action.

1. “for when **Gentiles, who do not have the law**, by nature **do the things in the law**, these, although not having the law, **are a law to themselves**, who **show the work of the law written in their hearts**, their **conscience also bearing witness**, and between themselves **their thoughts accusing or else excusing them**) in the day when **God will judge the secrets of men** by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.” Romans 2:14-16 NKJV
2. *“For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh; but **he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart**, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God.”* Romans 2:28-29 NKJV
3. *“...For **out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks**. A good man **out of the good treasure of his heart** brings forth good things, and an evil man **out of the evil treasure** brings forth evil things.”* Matthew 12:34-35 NKJV
4. *“For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and **is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart**.”* Hebrews 4:12 NKJV
5. *“There is no creature hidden from His sight, but **all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account**.”* Hebrews 4:13 NKJV
6. *“**For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.**”* Proverbs 23:7 NKJV

(b) Nothing is hidden from God!

1. “O Lord, **You have searched me and known me**. You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. You comprehend my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with

all my ways. **For there is not a word on my tongue,** But behold, O Lord, **You know it altogether.** {23}...  
**Search me,** O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; And **see if there is any wicked way in me,** And lead me in the way everlasting." Psalms 139:1-4, 23-24 NKJV

(c) And finally, the law is good if one uses it lawfully...

1. "desiring to be teachers of the law, understanding neither what they say nor the things which they affirm. But **we know that the law is good if one uses it lawfully,** knowing this: **that the law is not made for a righteous person, but for the lawless** and insubordinate, **for the ungodly and for sinners,** for the unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, for fornicators, for sodomites, for kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, **and if there is any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine,** according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God which was committed to my trust." I Timothy 1:7-11 NKJV
2. "*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. **Against such there is no law.***" Galatians 5:22-23 NKJV
3. "*For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin.*" Romans 7:14 NKJV