

Outline 21

The Truth of the Broken Goblet

- I. Concern about the national and global moral climate
- Many leaders are concerned about the deterioration of morality in our communities and nations around the world—community crime, as well as violence and immorality in the media.
 - In ancient Egypt the Pharaoh appealed to Moses for relief from plagues—“Remove this _____ thing from [us].”
EXODUS 10:12-17, NRSV (60)
 - In the U.S.A., Dr. James Dobson and other religious leaders seek concerted Christian action to remove the deadly immorality in our nations from us by returning to Judeo-Christian values and standards.
 - What our nations need is a return to God and His moral _____.
- II. Before nations will return to the standards of divine law, the church must set the _____.
- Willfully _____ any of God’s commandments violates His whole law. **JAMES 2:10-12 (1159)**
 - A window is broken if only a part of it is shattered.
 - God’s law expresses His love, and breaking any part of it violates His love.
 - The church has forgotten one of God’s commandments.
 - It begins with the word, “_____.”
EXODUS 20:8-11 (71)
 - It is the only one that fully identifies the Law-giver. (Sovereign [presidential, etc.] seals for important documents carry the name, office, and jurisdiction of the sovereign.)
 - It gives His _____: LORD.
 - It reveals His _____: Creator.
 - It identifies His _____: “the heavens, earth, and sea.” (universe).
 - What good does it do for us to wring our hands over the sixth and seventh commandments while we ignore the _____?
JAMES 2:11, 10 (1159)
- III. Reasons given as to why the fourth commandment is not necessary for Christians:
- Isn’t Sabbath observance legalism?

- If observance of any of the other nine commandments is not legalism, there is no basis for categorizing Sabbath observance as legalism.
 - It is rather, _____, if we choose to violate one of God’s commandments.
 - It is not an issue of legalism, but an issue of _____.
JOHN 14:15 (1043)
- B. After all these centuries, we can’t be sure which day of the week is the true Bible Sabbath.
- It is the day _____ Jesus’ crucifixion (Friday) and His resurrection (Sunday). **LUKE 23:54 (1023); LUKE 24:1-3 (1023)**
 - Anyone who knows about Good Friday and Easter Sunday can know for sure which day is the true Bible Sabbath.
- C. The ancient church changed the day of worship.
- That is correct, but the Scriptures reflect no divine _____ was given to do so.
 - If they had changed any of the other commandments, would we feel free to violate them?
- D. Grace supersedes the law. **ROMANS 6:14 (1089)**
- Paul said the law is _____, _____, _____, and _____. **ROMANS 7:12, 14 (1090)**
 - Grace does not excuse continuing _____.
ROMANS 6:1 (1089); 1 JOHN 3:4 (1169)
- E. It’s just one small commandment and doesn’t really matter anymore.
- But **JAMES 2:10 (1159)**
 - In giving laws reflecting eternal moral principles to live by, would God give a commandment too insignificant or temporary to matter?
- IV. An appeal to moral leaders everywhere:
- Model before your people and nation obedience to _____ of God’s moral commandments.
 - JAMES 2:10 (1159)** appeals for radical obedience to _____ God’s life-preserving and relationship-protecting Ten Commandments.

ANSWERS: (I) B: deadly; D: laws (II) example; A: disregarding; B-1: remember; B-2-a: name; D-1: body; just, good, spiritual; D-2: lawlessness (IV) A: all; B: all

B-2-b: office; B-2-c: jurisdiction; B-3: #1b) (III) A-2: illegality; A-3: love; B-1: between; C-1: authority;