



SECTION 2

LESSON 12: Called to Walk in The Ways of God

We believe that you are your child's first and most important spiritual leader. To support you that mission, we have created this tool to go along with each lesson your grade school age children are learning at Quest on Sundays.

Section Verse

"I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

- Genesis 12:3

Lesson Verse

"The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

- Psalm 19:7



God's perfect law protects us and reveals our imperfection.

Prayer

Thank God for his gift of the Law which shows us our need of him, and for Jesus who empowers us to obey God.

Discussion Starters

- Why did Moses go to Mount Sinai?
- What did he get there? From whom?
- ★ Why did God give us the 10 commandments?
- ★ Were the Hebrew people able to keep God's law perfectly? Are you?

Live it Out!

Make an appointment to spend 15 minutes each day this week just being quiet and thinking about God and reading your verses.



TRAIL GUIDE

devotional

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..by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin. – Romans 3:20

God promised that if the Hebrew people obeyed the Law they would be blessed, but if they disobeyed the Law they would be punished. We also saw that God, knowing the Hebrew people would not be able to fully and consistently keep the Law, provided a way to cover their sin through the offering of sacrifices.

But there is yet another important aspect of the Law we must consider. Many people have the idea that the Law was given as a means for man to be right with God. But the Bible is clear (Romans 3:20) that no person can gain right standing (be justified) with God by keeping the Law. Think about it. If we could keep the Law perfectly (although we can't), we would still be infected with the sin which was passed down to every person through Adam (see Lesson 18). Sin separates man from God. Even if you had never sinned, the sin in you would still separate you from God.

As we study the Bible, we learn that the Law is like a mirror – for both God and man. In the Law, we see a true reflection of God's character. That reflection reveals that God is holy and righteous. But in the Law, we also see a true image of ourselves. Our inability to keep the Law reveals our inadequacy, for the Law clearly reveals that we do not measure up to God's standard of holiness and righteousness. Something in us prevents us from measuring up, and according to Romans 3:20, that something is sin. A mirror can be helpful to show you if your face needs washing. But it cannot be used to wash your face. No one in their right mind would take a mirror and rub it on their face to remove dirt. That requires a cleansing agent such as soap. So it is with the Law. The Law reveals sin, but it is not a cleansing agent. It cannot cleanse us from sin, but it can show us our need to be cleansed. It can create a sense of need for the promised Deliverer, the only One who can take away sin!

- The HOPE Project online Study Guide

<http://www.thehopeproject.com/en/study-guide/7-called-to-walk-in-the-ways-of-god/the-law-gods-mirror>

MEDITATING ON THE WORD

Exodus 20

Deuteronomy 30

Romans 3:23

Romans 6:23