

# **THE LIE THAT IS DESTROYING AMERICA**

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As we discovered in our previous study there has never been a time when it was permissible to transgress God's commandments.

Some today say that the keeping of God's law is no longer a requirement for Christians.

But His word says they shall stand forever. Psalms 111:7-8.

They are the very foundation of His government, a reflection of His character.

The Lord wrote His law on tables of stone with His own finger. Exodus 31:18.

This is the only communication that came from God to man without a middle man.

The first four of these commandments pertain to our relationship with God, and the last six with our relationship with one another. Exodus 20:3-17.

There are three very important Bible points to remember about the Law of God:

1. The purpose of the law is to point out sin. Romans 3:20; 7:7.
2. Sin is defined as the transgression of the law. 1 John 3:4.
3. If there were no law there would be no sin. Romans 4:15.

Some today say that Jesus did away with the law, but to accept this position is a fatal two-fold mistake.

1. It is to make Jesus a liar for He clearly declared He did not (Matthew 5:17-19).

2. It is to abolish sin, for if there is no law there is no sin (Romans 4:15).

He clearly stated that He did not even change as little as the dotting of an I, or the crossing of a T in His law. Matthew 5:18; Luke 16:17.

Some say that they were abolished at the cross. But what was done away with there were the "commandments *contained in ordinances*" (Ephesians 2:15), or the ceremonial law of sacrifices.

This is further evidenced in Colossians where we are told He blotted "out the *handwriting of ordinances that was against us*" which are declared to be the feasts and ceremonies which pointed to the coming of the Messiah. Colossians 2:14, 17.

These hand-written ordinances that were *against* the people were those written by Moses and placed in the pouch on the side of the ark. Deuteronomy 31:24-26.

These included the meat and drink offerings, and sacrifices and ceremonies that were to last only for a specified period of time (Hebrews 9:10) or until the coming of the Messiah.

When Jesus died on the cross all these ceremonies and ordinances ended.

The word of God warned that the time would come when preachers would turn people from Bible truth to fables, and people would willingly choose preachers that would tell them what they want to hear. 2 Timothy 4:3-4.

Because they simply had an outward form of godliness (2 Timothy 3:5) they would turn their backs on the truth, "giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils." 1 Timothy 4:1.

God says there have always been those who have come to church as His people, but in reality they are not because when they hear His words "they will not do them." Ezekiel 33:31.

"It is not those who hear the law who are righteous in God's sight, but it is those who obey the law who will be declared righteous." Romans 2:13 NIV.

Eternal salvation will be given only to those who obey Him. Hebrews 5:9.

Those who enter the kingdom of heaven will be those who have not only called Him Lord, but have been obedient. Matthew 7:21-23.

Those who have not been obedient will be destroyed. 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9.

If we truly love Jesus we will keep His commandments. John 15:10.

If someone says he loves Him and does not keep the commandments he "is a liar, and the truth is not in him." 1 John 2:3-4.

"All liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." Revelation 21:8.

Those who keep His commandments will enter into the heavenly city and eat of the tree of life. Revelation 22:14.

Do you really love God?

"This is love for God: to obey His commands. And His commands are not burdensome." 1 John 5:3 NIV.

Jesus says, "If you love me, keep my commandments." John 14:15 NKJV.

## *Study Helps*

Exodus 31:18 ----- How were the commandments written?  
Exodus 25:16 ----- Where were they placed?  
2 Chronicles 5:10 ----- What else was there?  
Psalm 111:7, 8 ----- How long are they to stand?  
Deuteronomy 31:24-26 ----- Where was the ceremonial law placed?  
Hebrews 9:10 ----- How long was it to stand?  
Ephesians 2:15 ----- What did the law that was abolished contain?  
Colossians 2:14 ----- What was blotted out?  
Deuteronomy 31:24-26 ----- Who wrote this law?  
Hebrews 7:26, 27; 9:11, 12 --- To what did these ordinances point?  
Daniel 9:27 ----- What was to cease when Jesus died?  
Matthew 27:50, 51 ----- What happened when Jesus died?  
John 15:9, 10 ----- How are we to continue in His love?  
1 John 2:3, 4 ----- What if we do not keep His commandments?  
Revelation 21:8 ----- What happens to all liars?  
Revelation 22:14 ----- Where will the commandment keepers be?