

Lesson 9

I have made mention numerous times that Christ came to earth to overcome three different incidents: the sin of Adam, the sin of the Watchers, and to take back the nations.

I have also been dangling out there several times as to where the Law fits in all of this? I would now like to address the Law and where it fits.

After God brought about the division of the people and the creation of the nations at the Tower of Babel, He then followed that up with the creation of the nation of Israel.

The creation of the nations at the Tower of Babel was a reaction to a sinful rebellion. Therefore, the nations were born out of sin.

Israel, on the other hand, was not born of sin but was instead birthed by God to be the counterweight to the rebellious nations. God created Israel to be His tool and His witness to the nations; to serve as His example. To serve as to how the world should act; how the world should serve and worship the one true God.

Part of what the Watchers unleashed on the earth was the secret knowledge that only heaven knew. The book of Enoch mentions that part of God's charge against the rebelling angels, especially Azazel, is that they brought to the earth secrets that even they stole from heaven.

These secrets mankind embraced, but not in a good way. What the Watchers brought and imparted to mankind was used in an unrighteous and ungodly manner. The Watchers revealed the production of sin to the human race.

Enoch 13:1-2

[Said by God to Azazel] *A great sentence has gone forth against you, to bind you. You will have no relief or petition, **because of the unrighteous deeds that you revealed, and because of all the godless deeds and the unrighteousness and the sin that you revealed to humans.***

Enoch 16:3

[Said by God to the rebelling Watchers] *You were in heaven, and no mystery was revealed to you; but a stolen mystery you learned; and this you made known to the women in your hardness of heart; **and through this mystery the women and men are multiplying evils on the earth.***

The sin of the Watchers is the multiplication of evils upon the earth. The nations of the earth, through their rebelling against God, are the vehicles through which the multiplication of evils occurred upon the earth.

One of God's purposes for creating the nation of Israel is for them to be an example as to how not to multiply evils upon the earth. Instead, they are desired to do the opposite; to do good works on the earth, to desire to please God, to do righteousness, to set the mind of humanity toward God and not against God.

Once Israel agreed at Mt. Sinai to be God's nation of witness, God then gave them a set of instructions as to how to behave under His watch—the Law.

The purpose of the Law was to teach Israel how to act counter to the sin of the Watchers.

The Law was given to be the counter point to the multiplication of evil. It was given to set into print (so to speak) what is evil. It is a definitional tool. "This is what is evil, this is what you are to avoid."

The Law was the documentation of how God wanted people to live. The Law was not given as a tool to obtain salvation. It was not targeted at the sin of Adam. It instead was a set of statutes as to how to live righteously. It was instead targeted at the sin of the Watchers.

The Ten Commandments are a broad brush of how to live. But as the Book of Leviticus unfolds, God gives the nation of Israel more and more laws as to how to live.

[Lev 18:1-5 ESV] *1 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, I am the LORD your God. 3 **You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt, where you lived, and you shall not do as they do in the land of Canaan, to which I am bringing you. You shall not walk in their statutes. 4 You shall follow my rules and keep my statutes and walk in them. I am the LORD your God. 5 You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the LORD.***

God then goes on in Leviticus and lays out laws and statutes as to how the nation of Israel is to live and behave.

God imparts statutes about sexual relations (chp. 18), love your neighbor (19), punishment for child sacrifice (20), punishments for sexual immorality (20), the holiness of the priesthood (21), acceptable worship offerings (22), feasts to the Lord (23), kindness to poor brothers (25), blessings for obedience (26), punishment for disobedience (26), laws about vows (27), etc.

These are statutes and commands designed to teach how to function righteously, and how to not function unrighteously.

The purpose of the Law, and the only purpose of the Law, was to counter the sin of the Watchers. God's method here is to inform Israel via a set of instructions as to how to oppose the sin of the Watchers.

Is the Law successful at doing this within the nation of Israel? No, it was not successful. Israel eventually followed the path of the nations' down the road of the Watcher's evils.

Note: the Law was never meant or given to counter the sin of Adam.

[Gal 3:19 ESV] *19 Why then the law? It was added because of **transgressions**, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary.*

What transgressions? The sin of Adam was not transgressions. It was a transgression with a profoundly deep consequence. But it was only one transgression. Highlighting multiple transgressions must be pointing at something else. It is pointing at the sins of the Watchers.

If you do not have a proper segmentation of sin in the Bible, i.e. the sin of Adam vs. the sin of the Watchers, you will easily become confused by the Law and its place, particularly if you follow Paul speaking about the Law in Romans and Galatians.

Galatians 2:16

Justification is the reversal of the sin of Adam. Because of our sin nature we are not justified to stand before God.

Just means conforming to a standard of correctness. In this case that standard of correctness is the sinless nature of God. If you can match that, then you are just before God.

Gal. 3:11-29.

This is a long-winded way for Paul to say that the promise given to Abraham of all the nations of the world being blessed through his seed (Jesus) was an act aimed at justification; i.e., overcoming the sin of Adam.

The Law, which came 430 years later, did not nullify the promise made to Abraham. **Therefore, Paul is saying, the Law is not targeted at the sin of Adam.**

It is targeted at something else. If you do not understand Genesis 6 as sinful angels coming to earth and mating with humans; if you do not understand that these angels brought with them the secrets of heaven and gave them to humanity; if you do not understand that these secrets multiplied mankind's evils upon the earth; if you do not understand that the production of sin by humanity became so bad that God had to establish a set of laws to tell people how to behave and how not to behave, then you will not understand what this something else is.

The purpose of the Law is to counter the sins of the Watchers.

[Gal 3:19 ESV] 19 *Why then the law? It was added because of **transgressions**...*

That verse could easily be rewritten: *Why then the law? It was added because of the sins of the Watchers.*

But the Law proved unable to stem the sins of the Watchers. Why? Was it because the Law was not righteous? Of course not. It was unable to stem the sins of the Watchers because it could not overpower the flesh.

So, God instead has now proposed something else to overcome the sins of the Watchers. He proposes something that actually does have the power to overcome the flesh—The Holy Spirit.

Gal. 3:1-3, 5. Gal. 4:4-6. Gal. 5:5, 16-23.

23 *...against such things there is no law...*

Romans 5:5

Romans 5:12-15

Catch what is being said in verse 15. Adam did one thing. He brought sin into the world. But look what Christ did. He brought two things into the world; the grace of God, and the free gift.

The grace of God is the reversal of the consequence of the sin of Adam.

The free gift is the giving of the Holy Spirit, and the giving of the Holy Spirit was to counter the sin of the Watchers.

Romans 5:16-21.

Therefore, Adam gave all one thing, but Christ gave all two things. That is how much better the second Adam is.

So, understand that when Paul looks at the Law, he sees it as being given to counter the sin of the Watchers, not the sin of Adam.