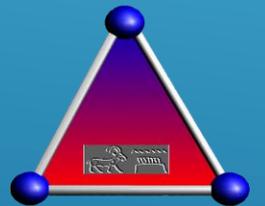


PERSPECTIVES ON PAUL

Session October 31, 2020, 6:30 PM Central Time

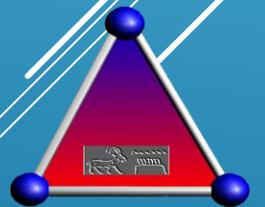
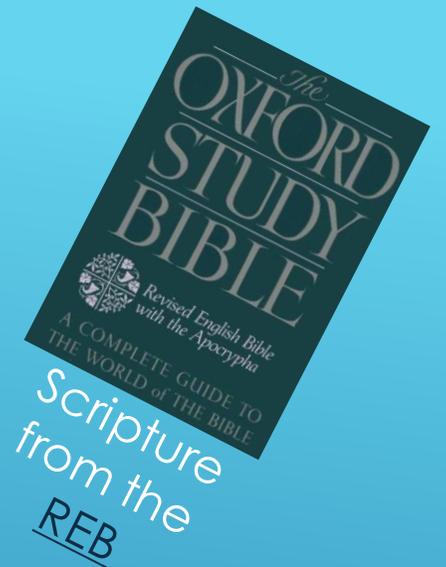
Discussing law in scripture.

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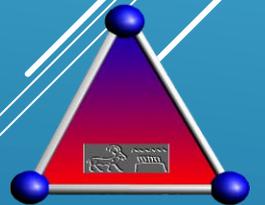
⁷ Had that first covenant been faultless, there would have been no occasion to look for a second to replace it. ⁸ But God finds fault with his people when he says, 'The time is coming, says the Lord, when I shall conclude a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ⁹ It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt; because they did not abide by the terms of that covenant, and so I abandoned them, says the Lord. ¹⁰ For this is the covenant I shall make with Israel after those days, says the Lord: I shall set my laws in their understanding and write them on their hearts; I shall be their God, and they will be my people. ¹¹ They will not teach one another, each saying to his fellow-citizen and his brother, "Know the Lord!" For all of them will know me, high and low alike; ¹² I shall pardon their wicked deeds, and their sins I shall remember no more.' ¹³ By speaking of a new covenant, he has pronounced the first one obsolete; and anything that is becoming obsolete and growing old will shortly disappear.

Hebrews 8:7-13 (REB)



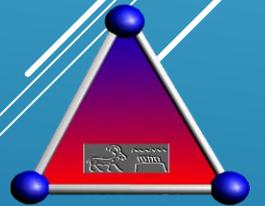
³ Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain and said, 'This is what you are to say to the house of Jacob and tell the sons of Israel: ⁴ You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I have carried you on eagles' wings and brought you here to me. ⁵ If only you will now listen to me and keep my covenant, then out of all peoples you will become my special possession; for the whole earth is mine. ⁶ You will be to me a kingdom of priests, my holy nation. Those are the words you are to speak to the Israelites.'

Exodus 19:6



¹⁸ All this has been the work of God. He has reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has enlisted us in this ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself,* no longer holding people's misdeeds against them, and has entrusted us with the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors. It is as if God were appealing to you through us: we implore you in Christ's name, be reconciled to God! ²¹ Christ was innocent of sin, and yet for our sake God made him one with human sinfulness, so that in him we might be made one with the righteousness of God.

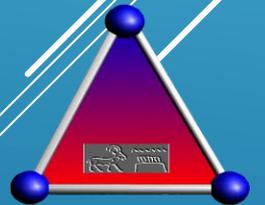
2 Corinthians 5:18-21



To put it epigrammatically, the Law is weak for Paul because man does not do it, whereas it is weak for Hb. because *man does it*. *The two propositions start from different points, but fundamentally they contain the same verdict.*

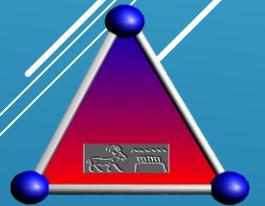
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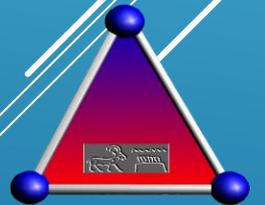
¹⁸ When all the people saw how it thundered and the lightning flashed, when they heard the trumpet sound and saw the mountain in smoke, they were afraid and trembled. They stood at a distance ¹⁹ and said to Moses, 'Speak to us yourself and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us or we shall die.'

- Exodus 20:18-19



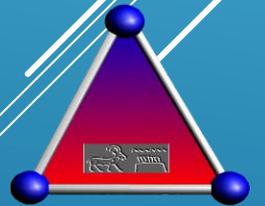
He who called you is holy;
like him, be holy in all your
conduct.

1 Peter 1:15 (REB)



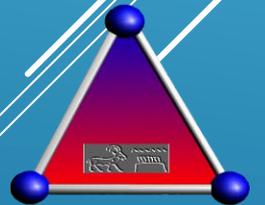
21 Through him you have come to trust in God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, and so your faith and hope are fixed on God.

- 1 Peter 1:21



Stewardship – or any other work –
grows out of a relationship with God.

Our relationship with God does not
grow out of stewardship.



9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a dedicated nation, a people claimed by God for his own, to proclaim the glorious deeds of him who has called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. 10 Once you were not a people at all; but now you are God's people. Once you were outside his mercy; but now you are outside no longer.

- 2 Peter 2:9-10

