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God's Law Written in Heart

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I invite you to turn to Hebrews, the 10th chapter. You will remember the last Friday night we studied down to the 9th verse of the 10th chapter, and we also noted some thoughts from the 16th and 17th verses—and 18th—but tonight we want to notice beginning with the 10th verse down to the 18th, and when we come to the 17th verse, I'm going to read the marginal reading, which will help make it a bit clearer.

This is the great high point of the book of Hebrews. This helps us to see the real purpose of the sanctuary service in putting an end to sin and bringing you and me to the place where sacrifices and offerings are no longer necessary—Hebrews 10:10 beginning:

“By the which will we are sanctified...” Hebrews 10:10.

Sanctified means made holy. God wants to have a holy people free from sin. That's the goal of the Gospel—the end product of the sanctuary service.

“By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins”
Hebrews 10:10-11.

In the ancient sanctuary service, the priest offered the same sacrifices again and again. A man would bring his lamb, his bullock, here to the brazen altar, lay his hand upon the sacrifice, confess his sin, the sacrifice would be slain, and in one of several ways, that sin would be transferred to the sanctuary.

And then, on the closing day of the sanctuary service, the high priest went into the Most Holy Place and sprinkled the blood upon the mercy seat to do away with sin, to put an end to sin, and those sins were taken out of the sanctuary and brought out here to the door and put upon the scapegoat, the scapegoat was led off into the wilderness with the load of sin upon him, thus indicating a complete separation of sin from the people.

But, the next morning, they started in all over again. The stream of sin continued to flow in day after day and year after year, and it never stopped. Because sin didn't stop, the sacrifices couldn't stop.

And so, Paul says:

“...every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: But this man...” Hebrews 10:11-12.

Jesus.

“...after He had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; From henceforth expecting till His enemies be made His footstool. For by one offering He hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified” Hebrews 10:11-13.

You notice the scripture plainly states that what all those 10,000 offerings never got done, this one offering of the blood of Jesus Christ is sufficient to accomplish. Do you believe it, friends? Is the blood of Jesus sufficient to take away sin? Or can it merely pardon sin?

Can it just forgive us *after* we’ve fallen, or is there something in this precious offering that can lift a man *out* of the pit of sin? That’s what the scripture is talking about, my friends.

Wonderful as is the work of God in forgiving sin, shall I say, still more wonderful is the power of the Gospel to put away sin—to do away with sin—to give us the victory over sin—and that’s what’s involved in sanctification. That’s what he’s talking about here.

Now, let us notice as we read the next verses what is it that is involved in changing you and me so that we quit sinning and the sanctuary can close and no more offerings for sin have to be made. I read beginning with the 15th verse:

“Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before, This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them” Hebrews 10:15-16.

Then he said:

“And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin” Hebrews 10:17-18.

When will there be no more offering for sin? When sins are remitted—that is, taken away—when they’re gone—when they’re completely pardoned—when sin is eradicated. Well, you can see how that would be. If sin is gone, then we need no more offering for sin, and equally true, as long as sin continues, we need the offering.

The precious blood, my dear friends, must stand between the sinner and the broken law, but oh, if that precious blood cannot only pardon us but can wash us

white and clean, can change the heart so that sin is no longer committed, then, and not till then, God can close the sanctuary and come and get us and take us home, and that's all that the universe is waiting for. The universe is waiting for the development of a people that can be safe in this universe without the offering of blood. In them, the work of the Gospel has completed its purpose.

Now, what is this? Here is the heart of it. We've read here that the covenant promise which enables God to do this when it's fulfilled, is to put His law where? In our hearts and in our minds:

"This is the covenant..." Hebrews 10:16.

This is the new covenant.

"...I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them" Hebrews 10:16.

And when that is done, *then* He can say:

"And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more"
Hebrews 10:17.

Let's put it the other way around. It is not safe—it cannot be—that our sins are completely blotted out *until* the law of God is fully written in our minds and hearts because, dear friends, what we do is the result of what is written in the mind and heart. That's it. What we do is the result of what is written in the mind and heart.

If sin is written in the mind and heart, we do sin. The hand performs the act, but it's the mind and heart that give the signal. Right? So, you see, if our actions are to be changed, the mind and heart must be changed.

And so, this new covenant promise that we want to study tonight is, I'm going to write my law in your mind. I'm going to write my law in your heart. And *then*, your sins can all be blotted out through the precious blood of Jesus and it will never need to be done over again.

Because, as we noted last week in Hebrews, the 9th chapter, and the 26th verse, what the high priest did back there once a year Jesus does once for all. When Jesus blots out sins in the Most Holy Place of the heavenly sanctuary, it will be once for all. Some evening, I want to study that particular work with you and the special work which precedes it, but tonight we're going to study this wonderful promise that God will write his law in our mind and heart, preparatory to this closing of the sanctuary.

Now, the sanctuary itself helps us to understand this because in the sanctuary the focal point of the whole service is here in the Most Holy Place, and as you see, in the Most Holy Place there's only one article of furniture and that is the ark, with the mercy seat above it.

Now, what is that ark? That ark, of course, is a chest, and a chest with nothing in it—what would it be? That would be a disappointment, wouldn't it. And so, we look with the deepest interest at what is in that ark. Remember, this is the focal point of the whole service.

The court is the introduction to the sanctuary. The Holy Place is the first room, but here is the second room—the inner room—and here, in this one article of furniture, we find the center of it all—God's Ten Commandments law written on the tables of stone.

So, you see, the sanctuary in its very heart has the law written by the finger of God, and that ark can teach you and me a precious lesson, and that is that we need to have that law enshrined in our heart just as it is enshrined in the heart of the sanctuary.

Now, how did that law get there back there in the ancient service? I want to study that with you for a few minutes because, dear friends, when we understand that we'll understand something of how God proposes to do that today.

Let's go back to Exodus, chapters 32 and 33 and 34, and we'll notice a few verses there that will help us to understand this. You'll remember that the 19th and 20th chapters of Exodus tell the story of the giving of this law. God came down upon Mt. Sinai and spoke this law to two million people, but He didn't depend upon their memory. He Himself wrote it on these tables of stone and gave it to Moses, and that we'll find in the 32nd chapter of the book of Exodus, the 16th verse. We'll read the 15th with it:

“And Moses turned, and went down from the mount, and the two tables of the testimony were in his hand: the tables were written on both their sides; on the one side and on the other were they written. And the tables were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, graven upon the tables”
Exodus 32:15-16.

Who made these tables? God made them. Who wrote them? God wrote them. All right. Now, as Moses came down from the mountain—from this Mt. Sinai—he saw the people dancing around the golden calf. This was before the sanctuary was built, of course.

God had told him what Israel was doing down there and sent him down to see about it. But Moses was hardly prepared for the terrible idolatry that he saw, and as he saw those people who only a few days before had heard the voice of God speaking from that mountain, as he saw them debasing themselves and bowing down before that golden calf and dancing and carrying on in a terrible way, his anger waxed hot and he threw down the tables of the law and broke them.

Now, I say his anger waxed hot. That's what the Bible says. But God didn't reprove him for that. God's anger waxed hot, too. There's such a thing as righteous anger, my friends, and God and Moses were heart to heart in this matter.

Moses had such love for those people that up there on that mountain he had just been pleading with God to forgive them, but Moses and God were heart to heart in this matter that forgiveness could come only to those who would give up their sin, and that's the message that the world needs tonight, friends. This cheap, sentimental religion that will gloss over transgression and say, Good God and good devil all in the same breath—heaven is not interested in that, friends. Salvation is offered, pardon is offered, but oh, that God may help us to understand that it's salvation from sin.

And so, when Moses came down and saw the people breaking the law, he broke those tables of the covenant in token of their transgression. They had broken the law so the tables of the law were broken.

Well, now, how does it come, then, that there were any tables in this? Well, if you read Exodus 32 and 33 and 34, you'll find it, but turn over to Deuteronomy 10 and we'll read it the way Moses years later summed it all up. We'll let Moses tell the story—Deuteronomy 10:

“At that time the Lord said unto me, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first...” Hebrews 10:1.

Now, who made the first tables? The Lord did. Who made the second? Moses made the tables of stone, but now, watch. Let's see who wrote the law:

“At that time the Lord said unto me, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first, and come up unto me into the mount, and make thee an ark of wood. And I will write on the tables the words that were in the first tables which thou brakest, and thou shalt put them in the ark. And I made an ark of shittim wood, and hewed two tables of stone like unto the first, and went up into the mount, having the two tables in mine hand. And He wrote on the tables, according to the first writing, the Ten Commandments...” Hebrews 10:1-4.

Who did the writing? Both times God did, and this says that God wrote the second time just what He wrote the first time:

“And he wrote on the tables, according to the first writing, the Ten Commandments, which the Lord spake unto you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly: and the Lord gave them unto me. And I turned myself and came down from the mount, and put the tables in the ark which I had made; and there they be, as the Lord commanded me” Hebrews 10:4-5.

We see Moses traveling up that mountain and turning these tables over to God. God writes the Ten Commandments, gives the tables back to Moses. Moses comes down and puts these tables in the ark, and Moses says, And there they are—and there they are.

Now, I want you to see the heavenly original that all this was the copy of. Turn over to Revelation, the 11th chapter, and the 19th verse. We've studied in other evenings how that this earthly sanctuary is a copy of the one in heaven. We've studied how the candlesticks in Moses' sanctuary were a copy of the candlesticks in heaven—Revelation 4:3. The golden altar in Moses' sanctuary was a copy of the golden altar in heaven—Revelation 8:3.

But now, this evening, I want you to notice this ark, and I want you to see that the testament or covenant is in it in heaven just the same as it was on earth. That's what gives the whole service meaning—Revelation 11:19:

“And the temple of God...” Revelation 11:19.

Temple is another name for the sanctuary.

“And the temple of God was opened...” Revelation 11:19.

Where?

“...in heaven, and there was seen in his temple...”
Revelation 11:19.

What?

“...the ark...” Revelation 11:19.

What ark?

“...the ark of his testament...” Revelation 11:19.

Just as the testament was in the ark on earth, so the testament is in the ark in heaven. Tell me, friends, if God was so particular as to tell Moses to be sure and make the candlestick like the one in heaven, be sure to make the altar like the one in heaven, be sure to make the ark like the one in heaven, when God did the copying, do you think God wrote the law here like the one in heaven? You know He did. And that's why God was so particular that He Himself would do the writing.

He trusted men under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to write all the rest of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, but this Ten Commandment law men did not write. God spoke it and God wrote it.

He wrote it the first time on tables He Himself presented to Moses. When those were broken, He said to Moses, as we've read it here, Bring up two more tables, hew them, bring them to me, and I will write upon those tables according to the first writing of the Ten Commandments.

Thus, we see their importance both in earth and in heaven, and there they are tonight, my dear friends, at the supreme court of the universe, and as we shall see in another evening before long, they constitute the standard of judgment.

But now, watch. Here is something very precious and wonderful. In what I have just studied with you from the Bible, we have a beautiful example of how this law is written in the mind and heart.

You remember when Adam and Eve were created back there in the Garden of Eden, they were made perfect. Their minds were in full harmony with God. God's laws were written in their mind and heart.

If we may think of the mind of Adam as being like the tables that God made up there on the mountain to start with, so the mind of Adam was built with that law written in—it was built in. In other words, from the first moment that Adam started to think, he thought straight. It wasn't crooked. Adam had no thought of stealing or killing or lying. He loved to obey God. God made Him that way. But He made him with choice. He made him with freedom to keep that law or to turn aside from it.

My point is, the law was written in his mind and heart, but that didn't mean that it couldn't be broken. As those tables that God made on the top of the mountain and gave to Moses were broken, so back there in the Garden of Eden Adam and Eve sinned, the Bible says, and:

“...sin is the transgression of the law” 1 John 3:4.

“Wherefore...by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin...” Romans 5:12.

So, we see that that law was broken in the heart and mind of Adam back there. Now, in the plan of redemption under the new covenant, God says to you and me, Bring me the tables of your mind and heart, and I will write upon them according to the first writing. Moses had to hew out those tables and then make that long journey up the mountain and give those tables to God, and then God did the writing.

My dear friends, if the law is to be written in our minds and hearts, we must bring the tables of our minds to God. We must come as Moses did up there to the mountain, and we must yield our minds to have the impressions of this law made upon it.

You know, I've thought about it. Writing on stone is not the easiest thing in the world, but there's something that's harder than that, and that's writing on human minds and hearts. God has undertaken a gigantic task to change the nature of men—to fix you and me so that we know His will and love it.

If the law is written in our minds, we'll know His will; if it's written in our hearts, we'll love His will. Is that right? Wouldn't it be wonderful to know what God requires. I don't mean to know everything in the universe—we'll have eternity to study that—but just know what God expects us to know and do. Wouldn't that be wonderful.

And wouldn't it be still more wonderful to love every bit of it so that there's nothing you know but what you're just glad it's that way. Now, did you notice in this new covenant promise we've read tonight who it is that's to do the writing? Who does the writing? God. Who wrote this law on the stone? God. Who's to write it in

your mind? God. Who's to write it in your heart? And my dear friends, nobody else can do it—nobody else can do it.

But there's one thing that God needs from you and me to do it. He needs our consent. He's not going to catch us and tie us up and brand us like they do steers out on the plain. If this law is to be written in our minds and hearts, you and I must consent. We must do what Moses did—bring the tables up to the mount—meet with God.

And let me say, friends, this is very practical. That means that every day you and I need to give God the time to do some writing. Do you know how that writing is done? It's done largely through what we see with our eyes and hear with our ears. There's some writing going on tonight as we listen to the words of God.

One of our great problems is that we get such a mixture through our eyes and ears. You know, if I had a blackboard here—and I will one of these nights—if I had a blackboard here tonight and I'd write on it some of the Ten Commandments, and then start writing a lot of other things all around them and over them and in them, you might have a hard time reading them.

And friends, if we give 10 minutes to God in the morning in the study of the Bible and then give two or three hours to hearing the foolishness and the crime and the vice of this world pour in through our ears and eyes, I wonder how much really gets written. Do you see what I mean?

You know, our brain cells—and the doctor would tell us there are about ten billion of them packed up here in the skull—our brain cells are capable of receiving impressions from everything we see and everything we hear, and this writing that God does in writing the law in our minds and hearts is through listening to His word and looking at His word.

So I suggest, friends, if you want this new covenant promise to be fulfilled, give God some time to write this law in your mind and heart. May I be very practical tonight, and I want some of you to experiment with this, if you mean business.

Get down on your knees alone with God—I mean literally, on your knees— isn't that a good attitude with the King of the universe? Didn't Jesus pray to His Father on His knees as our example? Didn't Stephen kneel down and pray? Read it through the Bible from Genesis to Revelation—on our knees.

Don't misunderstand me. I don't mean we can't talk to God as we walk by the way, sure, but I'm saying, in this inner-circle experience, down on your knees alone with God, ask Him to write this law in your mind and heart.

And there, as you're down on your knees by your bed or by your chair, open your Bible to Exodus, the 20th chapter, verses 3 to 17. There you will find the words that God wrote upon the stone—the words that He spoke from Sinai's mountain. And as you read those words reverently, remember, those words are holy words. Those words were spoken by God and written by God, and God wants to write them in your mind.

Suppose I were to ask you—I shall not ask you to raise your hands but suppose I should ask you, how many of you know the Ten Commandments letter perfect? Would that be too much to expect—for everybody to know the Ten Commandments letter perfect? Oh, I don't think so, friends.

Listen. You will not need to set yourself to the task of memorizing the Ten Commandments. God will take care of that if you'll just do what I'm suggesting. If you'll get down on your knees and talk to God and then open your Bible and day by day read those words and ask Him to write them in your mind and heart, He'll do just what He says, and you'll find yourself remembering what you have read and what He has written in your mind and heart.

Will you do that? Start in with that First Commandment:

“Thou shalt have no other gods before me” Exodus 20:3.

...and go clear through to the Tenth Commandment:

“Thou shalt not covet...” Exodus 20:17.

Don't try to cover them all in one morning. You say, Well, they're not very long. No. Several of them are so short they only have four words in them. Two of them are fairly long, but all ten of them—you could read them through in a very few minutes, but don't run through them.

Do you know there's so much in these Ten Commandments that the Bible says that when God spoke them:

“...he added no more...” Deuteronomy 5:22.

That's what the fifth chapter of Deuteronomy says:

“...he added no more...” Deuteronomy 5:22.

Do you know why He didn't add any more? There wasn't anything more to add. That's why the Bible says in Ecclesiastes 12:13 and 14, that:

“...this is the whole duty of man” Ecclesiastes 12:13.

...to:

“...Fear God, and keep his commandments...”
Ecclesiastes 12:13.

It's all in here—all in here. You say, Then, if a man would know and do the Ten Commandments, he'd be ready for heaven? Exactly. And it's because men have broken this law that sin fills the world. There isn't a crime that men are committing but what it's a violation of this law.

And Calvary is for the purpose of pardoning our transgressions of this law and taking away the sin nature which causes men to break it. The whole purpose of the sanctuary is to do away with the transgression of this law and write this law in our minds and hearts so that we will live in harmony with this law. And when that's accomplished, friends, as we've read from the book of Hebrews tonight, no more offering for sin will be needed.

Won't it be wonderful, friends, to have a nature that knows and loves the will of God. Don't forget that text we read last Friday night, Psalm 40 and the 8th verse. Jesus says:

"I delight to do Thy will, O my God: yea, Thy law is within my heart" Psalm 40:8.

Now, we've been talking about getting the law written in our minds so we know God's will, but I'd like for a moment to illustrate what is meant by having it in our hearts—what's meant by having it in our hearts.

Connie, you won't mind if I ask you a question, will you. Connie's got a dear little girl over there, and she's asleep. That's Jennifer, isn't it. All right. Suppose I were to ask her—it would sound rude and brutal, wouldn't it—if I would just say, Mother, why don't you kill that child.

And suppose she should say to me, Why, Brother Frazee, don't you know there's a law here in Georgia against that sort of thing. And even though she's exasperating at times and I just have to hold myself, clench my fists and grit my teeth, so far I've managed to keep from murdering her.

Is that why the little one is safe? Is the law of the state of Georgia, written on the statute books of this state—is that what's keeping the little one safe? Is that why she's asleep there in the mother's arms without any fear or worry? You know it isn't, friends. You know that all the laws in Georgia could be repealed tonight and the little one be just as safe tomorrow as it is tonight. Am I correct?

But let me go a step further, friends. Suppose if I should ask her why she doesn't murder the child, she says, Why, Brother Frazee, don't you know that there's a law up there in the ark in the temple in heaven and it says that you mustn't kill and the wages of sin is death, and I don't want to burn in hell, and so I'm real careful how I treat Jennifer, because I don't want to go and be burned up.

Tell me, is that the answer? Is it? Is there a law in the state of Georgia against murder? Is there a law in the ark in the temple in heaven against murder? But is that Sixth Commandment:

"Thou shalt not kill" Exodus 20:

...is it written somewhere else besides in Atlanta and in the ark in the temple in heaven? Is it? Where is it written? It's written in that mother heart. Is that right? Oh, I'm glad. Aren't you, friends? I'm glad for mother love.

Sorry we're living in a time when, as the Bible predicted in Paul's letter to Timothy, many people are without natural affection. Are there some parents today that have even murdered their children? So it isn't just automatic. Let me tell you, friends, every bit of mother love there is in this world is the result of the Holy Spirit writing the law in the heart.

But *here* is the good news—and this is why I wanted you to see this—what I've just—the little talk with Connie here—the same God that has written that law in her heart of love toward that little one is ready to write all the rest of the law in her heart and in your heart and mine. Is that right? Is that what we've read from God's book tonight?

Well, friends, why not let Him do it? And then we won't just have to hold ourselves and clench our fists and grit our teeth to keep out of hell or out of jail. Oh, no.

"I delight to do Thy will, O my God: yea, Thy law is within my heart" Psalm 40:8.

Oh, friends, wouldn't it be too bad to go to heaven and want to do the wrong thing for eternity. Wouldn't it? Wouldn't it be too bad to go to heaven and just be bored with the music up there? Wouldn't it be a good thing, then, to let God have these tablets of the mind and heart and let Him write in our minds and hearts the same thing that He has written up there in the ark in the temple in heaven? Wouldn't it, friends?

And then, when we get there, we'll be perfectly at home. We won't want to murder anybody, we won't want to steal anything, we won't want to lie or covet or do anything else that God says not to do. We'll hate sin and love His law, and life—eternal life—will be a joy, joy, joy. I want a program like that. Don't you?

That's why Jesus came to this world and *lived* this law to show us how to do it. That's why He died upon the cross to pay the debt of our transgressions, and then, to write this law in our minds and hearts so that we know what He says and love it.

Shall we let Him do it? Will you give Him time? Every day? And don't think, friends, the work is finished in five minutes or five weeks. Every day there's something more, something more, something more, to write in.

And if you doubt it, just start in with God and give Him a chance. As I said, get down on your knees with your open Bible, take that 20th chapter of Exodus. Remember, God wrote those words—and let Him write in your mind what He wrote on the stone, let Him write in your heart what He wrote on these tables.

Will you do it? Oh, do it this week, and then come back next Friday night, and let's go further with this for, friends, I have something, oh, so wonderful, to share with you next Friday night—some more about getting this law written in the mind and heart that will be a great blessing. I want you to share in it.

I want to know something, friends. Is there somebody here—forget about all the other people in this chapel—I just want to talk to you a minute now, like I did to Connie a moment ago—each one of you.

Is there somebody here tonight that you know that God has spoken to you from His word tonight, and in your heart, as God has spoken, a response has come, and you want to tell the dear Savior tonight that you're so glad that He died for you and you're so glad He lives for you and that you want Him to write this law in your mind and heart.

If there's somebody tonight that knows that God has witnessed to you through His word and you want to let Him know that you appreciate it and you're going to let Him write this law in your mind and heart, I wish you'd just stand. Forget about all the other people and you just stand. If you mean business on that, friends—you're going to let the dear Lord write that law in your mind and heart—oh, friends, let Him know. It makes Him so happy.

Thank God, friends—thank God. You may be seated.

[Singing—Lord Jesus I Long to Be Perfectly Whole.]

The Lord add His blessing. We'd be most happy to meet any of you up here in front. If you have some questions you'd like to ask about the study tonight, about any of the Bible texts or about the sanctuary, come up.

Let us stand for benediction. Heavenly Father, we're so glad for the precious blood of Jesus, which pardons sin, and we thank Thee that that dear hand that was nailed to the cross for us is writing, writing, writing—writing every day on the hearts of those that are yielded to Thee.

Oh, my Master, fulfill Thy new covenant promise—fill our minds with Thy law, write on our hearts each holy commandment, that we may know Thy will and delight in it, that we may love Thy law, and thus, may sin become hateful to us and righteousness be a joy.

We ask it for each one here, in Jesus' name, amen. God bless you.

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