

"Raking is easy, but all you get is leaves; digging is hard,  
 but you might find diamonds."

- John Piper

**Recap:**

*"The law is not a covenant of works for the believer; it nevertheless functions as a rule of life."*

**Which part of the law?**

Isaiah 31:33, "*This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after that time,*" declares the LORD. "*I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God and they will be my people.*"

*Pause the recording:*

Think about the different ways the Bible uses the word 'Law'?

- A principle:  
*Romans 7:21, 'So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me.'*
- The Old Testament:  
*Romans 3:19, 'Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God.'*
- Part of the Old Testament:  
*Matthew 5:17, 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them.'*
- Genesis to Deuteronomy:  
*Luke 24:44, 'He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."*
- The commandments:  
*Matthew 22:35-36, "'One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?'"*

What does the author of Hebrews mean when he uses the word law?

*'Since the author of Hebrews teaches the ceremonial patterns of the old covenant have been fulfilled in Christ, he could not have meant them. And since Hebrews was written to those who now have "no lasting city" and therefore no longer see themselves as citizens of a state with its capital in Jerusalem, they are no longer a people governed by the civil regulations intended for life in the land.'*

- Sinclair Fergusson

**Distinctions between the 10 Commandments (the moral law) and the other commandments:**

- Only the 10 commandments were written by God.
- Only the 10 commandments were written on stone.
- Only the 10 commandments were placed inside the Ark of the Covenant.

**Deuteronomy 15:1-11**

Questions:

- Do you view God's commands as restrictive or a good gift? Why?
- What would you say to someone who thinks, '*Christian's don't need to worry about obeying God's word because we are saved by grace?*'