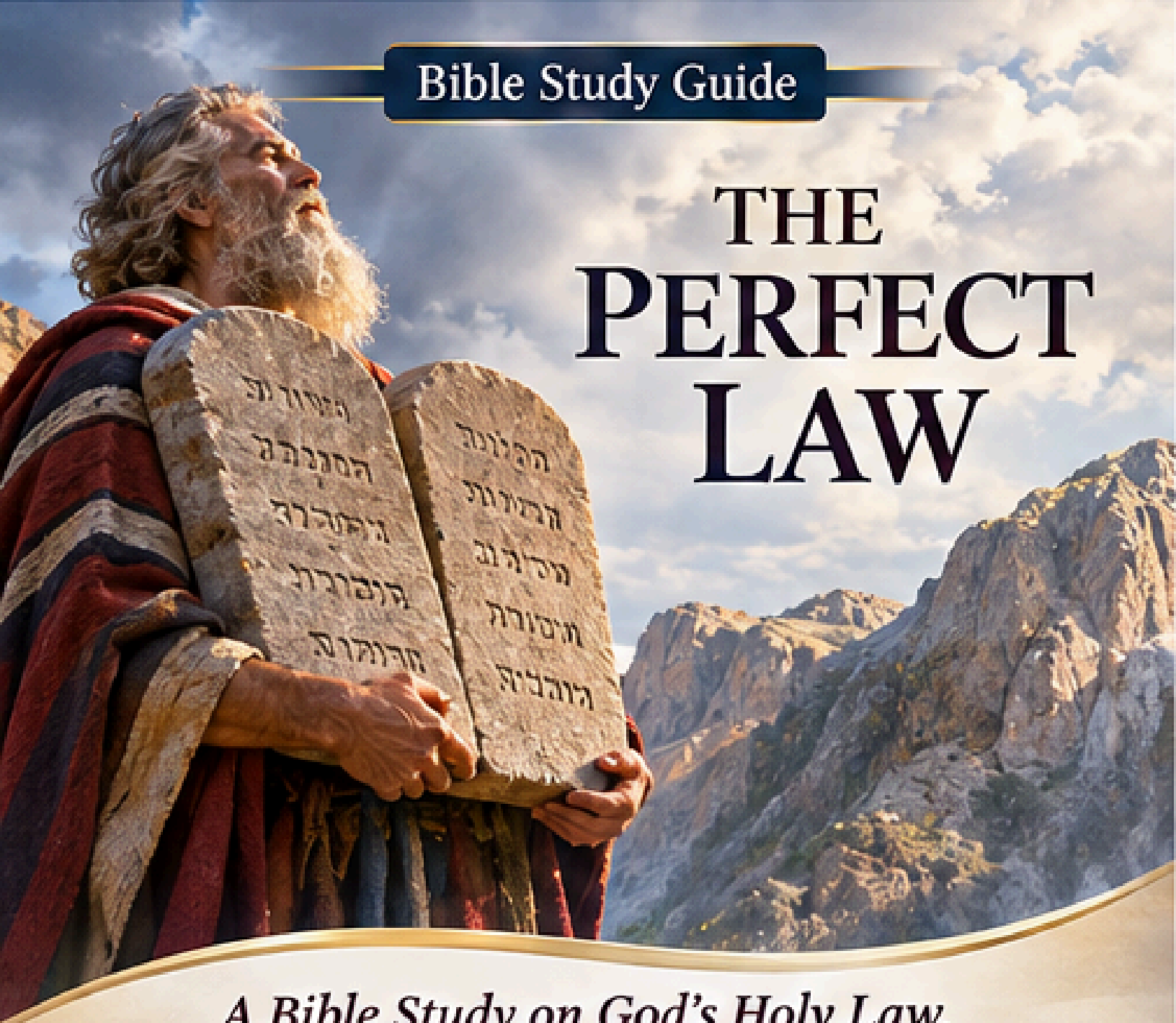
Bible Study Guide

THE PERFECT LAW



A Bible Study on God's Holy Law, Its Purpose, and Its Lasting Power

Introduction

When God delivered Israel from Egypt, He did not begin the Ten Commandments by demanding that the slaves earn their freedom. He reminded them that He had already brought them out of bondage. Only then did He give His commands. The law belongs in the setting of redemption: a compassionate Redeemer calls His people to live in the freedom He has given.

Fill in the blanks from the KJV text, then read the brief explanation.

Bible Study Questions

1 **How does the psalmist describe the law of the Lord?** (Psalm 19:7)

"The law of the Lord is _____, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple."

God's instruction reflects His righteous character. It reveals our need and directs us toward the Redeemer.

2 **How does Scripture define sin?** (1 John 3:4)

"for sin is the transgression of the _____."

The law identifies sin; Christ alone provides forgiveness and power to overcome it.

3 **What grows cold when iniquity abounds?** (Matthew 24:12)

"And because iniquity shall abound, the _____ of many shall wax cold."

Lawlessness destroys love. God's moral law protects the relationships that genuine love cherishes.

4 **What is the fulfilling of the law?** (Romans 13:10)

"Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the _____."

God's commandments express love; grace does not turn disobedience into freedom.

5 **What does James call the law that the faithful doer continues in?** (James 1:25)

"the perfect law of _____,"

God's law is not a license for sin; the obedient believer experiences true freedom.

6 **From what condition did God deliver Israel before commanding their obedience?** (Exodus 20:2-3)

"I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of _____. Thou shalt have no other gods before me."

The law begins with redemption, not an offer of salvation earned through commandment keeping.

7 **Who can truly free a person from sin?** (John 8:36)

"If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free _____."

True freedom is deliverance from slavery to sin through Christ.

8 **What motive led God to call Israel out of Egypt?** (Hosea 11:1)

"When Israel was a child, then I _____ him, and called my son out of Egypt."

God's covenant began with His love; deliverance precedes the obedient response.

9 **What does love for Jesus lead us to do?** (John 14:15)

"If ye love me, keep my _____."

Loving obedience is the response of a heart that trusts its Saviour.

10 **How does genuine faith work?** (Galatians 5:6)

"but faith which worketh by _____."

The fruit of genuine faith is motivated by love rather than self-interest.

11 **What is the nature of God's law in contrast with fallen humanity?** (Romans 7:14)

"For we know that the law is _____: but I am carnal, sold under sin."

The problem is not the law but the carnal heart that resists it. We need Christ's transforming power.

12 **What new gift does God promise His people?** (Ezekiel 36:26)

"A new _____ also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you:"

God's remedy reaches deeper than behavior modification.

13 **How are those delivered from the old condemnation to serve?** (Romans 7:6)

"But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in _____, and not in the oldness of the letter."

The believer is released from the law's condemnation through Christ, not from the call to loving obedience.

14 **Where does God promise to write His laws?** (Hebrews 8:10)

"I will put my laws into their _____, and write them in their _____:"

The new covenant internalizes God's law rather than abolishing it.

15 **What prevents us from yielding to the lusts of the flesh?** (Galatians 5:16)

"_____ in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh."

Victory depends upon living in the power of the Holy Spirit.

16 **How does Paul describe God's law and commandment?** (Romans 7:12)

"Wherefore the law is _____, and the commandment holy, and just, and good."

The gospel does not destroy God's moral standard; it makes willing obedience possible through grace.

17 **Does faith make God's law void?** (Romans 3:31)

"God forbid: yea, we _____ the law."

Justification by faith upholds God's moral law rather than destroying it.

18 **Why did God bless the Sabbath day?** (Exodus 20:11)

"For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the _____:"

The Sabbath memorializes creation and points us to the Creator's power.

Appeal

Will you stop seeing obedience as an attempt to earn God's favor and receive His law as the loving expression of His will, written upon your heart?

Commitment

I choose to trust Christ for salvation and, through His Spirit, obey God's commandments from a heart of love.

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