

“The Lord is in the Details”

“Now these are the _____ that you shall set before them” [Exodus 21:1a]

I. What are these “rules?”

- A. What they are not
 - 1. They are continuous yet _____
 - 2. The Moral Law is based on God's holy, _____ nature
- B. What they are
 - 1. Ceremonial and civic laws – “_____ of the nation” --instructive yet not binding
 - 2. The rules: _____ of the Ten within the context of community life

II. Problems with these rules

- A. They often seem _____ and irrelevant--divorced from the reality we know
- B. Bizarre
- C. Fragmented; D. Troubling, harsh; E. Nit-picky
- F. _____ ---we prefer high level truths vs. the ones that mess with our mess
The _____ divide
- G. Tedious

“Pay attention to all that I have said to you” [Exodus 23:13a]

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful....” [Second Timothy 3:16]

III. What are some of the primary takeaways?

- A. God is in all the _____ of our lives
Even eating and drinking is to be done for God’s glory! [First Corinthians 10:31]
- B. God is _____ over every detail in our lives
- C. These instructions teach about God
 - 1. His holiness; 2. His goodness and order; 3. His _____
- D. These instructions act as _____ or patterns
- E. Rich _____ Implications
Through His Word God speaks brings _____ and _____ into chaos [Genesis 1:2]

IV. The Lord of the Law

Often overlooked aspect of the Gospel: Jesus _____ the Law for us

V. How should we then _____?

- A. Attend to the text
- B. _____ with the text together
- C. Follow the text--to hear is to _____
- D. Follow the Lord of the text – the King in His beauty
- E. Celebrate the _____ --the life of faith has to do with oxen and mildew
- F. Make the most of every opportunity
- G. Good _____ is good theology

“In every place where I cause my name to be remembered I will come to you and bless you.” [Exodus 20:24]

_____ – show the world the kind of God we worship