

Oh, How I Love Your Law!

Week 9 – The Law before Moses – Creation

OT: Genesis 1:26-28 | NT: Matthew 28:16-20

Psalm 119:49-56 (τ)

1. The Law in the Creative Act:

- Why is the Creative Act considered the "*Conditio Sine Qua Non*" of our existence, and how does it establish our relationship with the Creator?
- In what ways does the Creative Act command our logical, existential, and spiritual obligations, particularly in the context of worship and stewardship?

2. Understanding the First Imperative to "Be Fruitful and Multiply":

- How does the biblical concept of "Be Fruitful and Multiply" go beyond a biological imperative, and what role does it play in stewardship and the moral law?
- How can being fruitful and multiplying be seen as a fulfillment of both the first and second tables of the moral law?

3. Exploring the Meaning of "Exercise Dominion":

- In what ways does the imperative to "Exercise Dominion" extend beyond stewardship of the environment, and how does it align with the promotion of life and God's glory?
- What does the term "usufruct" mean in the context of exercising dominion, and how does it connect with the First Imperative?

4. Relating the Law in the Garden to Human Relationships:

- How does the relationship between Adam and Eve, as outlined in the Garden, contribute to the fulfillment of the First Imperative and the promotion of life and God's glory?
- What role does the concept of stewardship play in the relationship between man and woman, and how does it relate to the command to be fruitful and multiply?

5. Connecting the Gospel Imperative to the Great Commission:

- In what ways does the Gospel Imperative echo the First Imperative, and how can believers today fulfill the command to "Be Fruitful and Multiply"?
- How does Christ's teaching of the vine relate to the idea of bearing fruit, and what does this fruit look like in the context of the Great Commission?

Scriptures cited and referenced: Psalm 89:5-18; Job 37-42; 1 Chronicles 16:23-34; Psalm 75; Nehemiah 9:5-6; Psalm 86:8-10; Revelation 4:8-11; Revelation 14:6; Isaiah 6:2-3; Leviticus 19:18; Leviticus 24:19-20; Jeremiah 31:34; Matthew 7:12; Psalm 8:6-8; Psalm 66:1-4; Psalm 72:18; Habakkuk 2:14; Exodus 20; Genesis 2; Romans 5:12; 1 Corinthians 15:12-28; John 15:8; Colossians 1:9-10