

Romans 7:7~12, part 2

Begin by reading... Deuteronomy 5:1~22, 32~33... 6:1~3, 17~18... 17:18~20... 30:15~20.

Over and over, we see that the “*Mosaic Covenant*”, the Covenant God established with Israel, was one that promised to bring “*life*” and “*blessing*” to those who keep it...

Deuteronomy 30 being the most clear...

¹⁵See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil;

...walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou may live and multiply:

¹⁶...and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou go to possess it.

¹⁹I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

The promise is clear, that “*life*” and “*blessing*” come to those who keep it...

Now turn with me, to Romans 7:10...

¹⁰And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death.

How can that be? God is not a man, that he should lie...

Listen... That is the “*great mystery revealed...*” We are so blessed to be given the book of Romans... This book is a *written revelation* of the great mysteries of God! The truths that Paul reveals here are truths that have been hidden since the beginning of time. It reveals the great wisdom of God, and his plan of redemption...

The Old Testament scriptures are broken down into two categories... The *Law* and the *Prophets*... The *first five books* of the bible... Genesis - Deuteronomy, are called the “*Pentateuch*, or the “*Books of Moses*.” Books that bear record of creation, to the fall of man, to the promise of a deliver the Messiah, to the establishment of the *Mosaic Covenant* on Mount Sinai through Moses... what we often refer to as the 10 Commandments. But, for the sake of better understanding, we should look from the perspective of the Jews, which they referred to it as... The *Law of Moses*... Paul hasn’t need to say “Moses” because in the Jewish mind, there is no other Law, there is no other God... So for the sake of interpretation, we need to keep in mind, that when Paul makes reference to “*The Law*”, we understand he is speaking of the Mosaic Law, the Law of Moses...

Its important to understand the “*Purpose*” of the Law and the Prophets...

They were written to point men and women to Messiah... *Yeshua*

“*Life*” & “*Blessing*” would indeed be found in the Law... Without doubt, the Mosaic Law holds within it, *Life and Blessings*, it is the very source... because God said it was, and *God cannot lie*! It just wouldn’t be the way they thought it would be... by their keeping it! Life and Blessing would ultimately come as a result of their “*certain failure*” to keep it.

Look with me in 5:20~21... ²⁰Moreover the law entered, **that the offence might abound**. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: ²¹That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Promise of the “*Mosaic Covenant*”, what Paul refers to here as “*the Law*,” was to bring Life and Blessing...which it does! Not by our “*keeping it*,” but rather by our “*failure to keep it*...” God’s Holy and Righteous Law was given, Paul says, to cause Sin to abound...to “*come out!*” And when that happens, the offender is condemned by the Law , thus leaving the offender without hope, and totally dependant on the Grace and Mercy of God! Which is found in Christ Jesus!

Paul asked the question...¹³*Was then that which is good made death unto me?*
Rather than bringing Life...Did God’s Holy Law bring Death?

Absolutely Not! Paul replies... What brought about my death was the **SIN** in me! The Law only “*pointed that out!*” The Law only “*Helped me to see*” my unrighteousness, my sinfulness... The Law simply caused me to “*See my sin*”, and when it did...the result was death!

(Vs 8~11)⁸*But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin was dead.*

Listen to what Paul is saying here... God used the Law to “*tempt*” sin as it were, to sin!

The God of this World uses the “*desires of the FLESH*” to draw us away...he “*tempts us*” by enticing us through the desires of the flesh. And when we give in...we find ourselves “*condemned with guilt!*” Sin deceives us, and slays us, separating us from a “*right relationship*” with God! That is the “*Struggle*” we all have, and deal with every day!

But just as Satan “*tempts us*” through the desires of the flesh... God tempts SIN with the Law! It stirs Sin up as it were, and causes Sin to act out! Sin *takes the bait*, and *rears its ugly head*...EXPOSING itself in the heart of the individual!

^{7b} *...I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.*

Paul says...The “Holiness & Righteousness of the Law” revealed “*his unrighteousness!*”

⁸*But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin was dead. ⁹For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died. ¹⁰And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death. ¹¹For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me.*

I found myself “*Guilty & Condemned*” before God!

And the problem is not with the Law...the law is not “*evil*”, the law is not “*sinful*”, the law did not “*kill me*”...the Law is Holy, just and good! Paul says, *The sin within my heart is the problem, not the Law!* The Law only helped me to see it! Thank God for the Law! If it hadn’t been for the Law, I would have never known sin!

The Law has fulfilled its promise, by bringing me LIFE... By pointing me to Christ...the Messiah. The one who will “*save his people from their SIN*...”

Thus bringing to pass, the “*life*” that the “*Mosaic Law*” spoke of... the Life found only in Messiah!