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# 1

## The Three Elements of the Mosaic Law

*Matt 5:17* Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill.

*Rom 3:20* . . . by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

*Rev 22:14* Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

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Often, as we approach the scriptures, we are faced with confusion and frustration, because there *seems* to be a few stubborn pieces that refuse to fall into place. It is as when an hour has passed since bedtime, and there are just a handful of unplaced pieces laying outside your puzzle, but yet so much space remaining to be filled. Those final pieces are all you need to achieve a welcome victory over this challenge, but surely, *surely*, some of them are lost! This study is meant to help you find those elusive missing pieces that stand between you and a good night's sleep.

One of the most difficult questions posed, when trying to absorb the infinitely comprehensive detail of a single book that embodies God's written message to mankind, is how to resolve the broad and *seemingly* unresolvable issue of the law. To make matters worse, this recurring theme commences with the books of Moses, progresses on through the books of poetry and prophecy,

the gospels, the epistles, and right on up to the final unveiling of Christ in the book of Revelation. The subject is viewed over vast centuries and from differing perspectives and is supernaturally designed to bring the light of God's love to many peoples of diverse cultures.

I sincerely hope that the following synopsis, breaking down the three elements of the Mosaic Law, will offer sufficient clarity to make the breadth of the subject significantly more discernable, while enabling the reader to put the final pieces of the puzzle into place, thus completing the magnificent picture of God's plan for the redemption of mankind.

God presented his exalted and praiseworthy law to his trusted servant, Moses, after the exodus of the nation of Israel from the land of Egypt, where they had endured hundreds of years of bondage at the hands of the Egyptian pharaohs. Although this great nation witnessed remarkable and innumerable miracles during their arduous forty-year trek through the wilderness, their unfaithfulness and rebellion toward God is a graphic illustration of the wretchedness and vileness of the heart of man apart from God. It is in this setting that God called Moses to ascend Mount Sinai, where he imparted to him his perfect law, the law that would ultimately prove the utter *futility* of man's endeavor to find peace with a holy God through his own strength.

*What must I do to be saved?* Of all the curiosities that haunt men's souls, this, undoubtedly, is the weightiest, and only its resolution can quiet the anxieties and fears that have plagued us since the fall of man in the Garden of Eden. It is difficult, if not impossible, for us to comprehend the isolation and detachment that Adam and Eve must have felt following their banishment from the garden, having lost the intimate friendship that they had once enjoyed with their Creator God and the splendor of their extraordinary surroundings. Upon realizing what he had done, I am satisfied that Adam wept bitter tears of anguish and

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