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The Way and Justice

Jeremiah 5:1-9

It is extremely important for us to have a mission. Moses had received the gospel from his mother and understood it so accurately that he later recorded it all. However, until the word of his mission came to him, he was simply a shepherd. It is worth taking a moment to consider whether there would have been any significant change in Moses' life if his mission had never come to him.

In the same way, although the gospel is so important, without a mission, the gospel simply remains where it is. It would be difficult for us to create a masterpiece of our lives in this way. Nevertheless, the fact that the gospel is so important remains true forever. This is because such a mission comes to those who know the gospel.

To know the gospel means to have the answers to everything in the world. The answer to original sin is the precious blood of Christ. Therefore, to know the gospel and be inside of it is a blessing that cannot be compared with anything else in the world. Thus, the most important thing in this world is to know the gospel correctly and enjoy it, as well as to think about the gospel, organize it, and have it become imprinted upon us.

When we die and go to heaven, everything we considered valuable and everything we accomplished on this earth will not be a reason to receive a heavenly reward. Only sharing the gospel and the things we have done for the sake of the gospel will be grounds for receiving God's heavenly reward. Therefore, there is nothing on this earth more precious than knowing, enjoying, and sharing the gospel, saving people, raising disciples, and reproducing ourselves in others. When our eyes are opened to this, God will shape that person's life into a masterpiece.

1. **The Way and Justice**
    1) Verse 4: Then I said, "These people are poor; they have no sense; for they do not know the way of the LORD, the justice of their God." Verse 5: "I will go to the great and will speak to them, for they know the way of the LORD, the justice of their God." But they all alike had broken the yoke; they had burst the bonds.
    2) This is the passage from which today's message is taken. Verse 6: "Therefore a lion from the forest shall strike them down; a wolf from the desert shall devastate them. A leopard is watching their cities; everyone who goes out of them shall be torn in pieces, because their transgressions are many, their apostasies are great." God says that this will happen because they have abandoned His way and His law, broken the yoke, and severed their bonds.
    3) When God's law disappears from the world and the way of the word that follows God is no longer present, the work of Satan naturally takes place. Wherever Satan is at work, sexual immorality always follows. Verse 7: "How can I pardon you? Your children have forsaken me and have sworn by those who are no gods. When I fed them to the full, they committed adultery and trooped to the houses of whores." Verse 9: "Shall I not punish them for these things? declares the LORD; and shall I not avenge myself on a nation such as this?"
    4) This is the result of abandoning God's law and losing His way. Therefore, God is telling us to restore His law and return to His way. Today, we are going to examine and organize the message concerning God's law and His way, because we must not become like them. To begin with our conclusion, the Lord is the way, and Christ is the law. In John 14:6, the Lord said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." Therefore, the Lord Himself is the way.
    5) When we speak of the law, we are referring first to the Law of Moses. The books from Genesis through Deuteronomy constitute the Law. Tens of thousands of laws are recorded there, covering everything from commandments telling us what to do and what not to do to

the principles of the gospel. We could say that the ten commandments summarize all these laws, although the interpretation may differ somewhat depending on one's perspective.

6) In Matthew 22:37–40, we find the Lord's answer to a lawyer who came and asked Him which commandment was the greatest. Verse 37: “And he said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the great and first commandment.” (Deuteronomy 6:5)
7) Verse 39: “And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Verse 40: “On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.” The Law refers to the five books of Moses, while the Prophets can be understood as referring collectively to all the other books of the Old Testament. In other words, the conclusion of the Bible is that we are to love God and love our neighbors.
8) This means that all the ways and laws found in the Bible are summarized in loving God and loving our neighbors. Loving God and loving our neighbors is both the way and the law. What remains, then, is to understand how we can love God, what it means to love God, how we can love our neighbors, and what it means to love our neighbors.
9) How can we love God? First of all, there is no love for God apart from Christ. We can never connect with God apart from Christ. That is why Christ is called the one and only mediator. We must first meet God. Only then can we love Him. This means there is no way to love God apart from Christ.
10) The same is true of loving our neighbors. Without God's love through Christ, who can truly love their neighbors? Where God's love is absent, there is hell. It is said that among the countless souls in the pit of hell, not a single soul cares for its neighbors. Therefore, loving our neighbors is also impossible without Christ. Hatred, resentment, and killing are the works of Satan that have continued since original sin.
11) So, to summarize, the Lord's words mean this: “I am your love for your neighbors, and I am your love for God.” The lawyer would not have understood this, but the Lord's words meant that all the Law and the Prophets depend on Him. In other words, He was saying, “I am the summary of the Bible. I am the core and conclusion of the Bible. I am the Bible. I am the Word of God.” This is what His words meant.
12) In Matthew 12:6, the Lord said, “I tell you, something greater than the temple is here.” He said this when the Pharisees challenged Him because His disciples had plucked heads of grain and rubbed them in their hands to eat as they were walking through a grainfield.
13) The conclusion of all the laws is the temple, because sacrificial offerings are the conclusion of the Law. If that is the case, then the Lord is above the Law. The Lord is the one who established the Law; therefore, He has no need to keep the Law, and the Law must instead serve Him. Consequently, the Lord is the summary of all the laws and all the other Scriptures. The Lord Himself also said that the Scriptures are written about Him.
14) Ultimately, then, Christ is our way and our justice. All the promises given to us in Christ are our way, our truth, and our life; they are also our law. Liberation from the curse is our law. It is also our way—the way by which we conquer curses and save people. Crushing the serpent's head, gaining victory, and conquering is our law. This is also the way to have spiritual victory. It is the way and the law by which the gates of hell can never overcome us. The keys of the kingdom of heaven are the same.
15) May the blessing of confirming this covenant once again, enjoying it, and gaining victory be upon all of us. We give all glory to God, who has given us this grace.