

# God's Moral Law

by Oswald Chambers

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*The moral law is absolute and unchanging, and the only way to get right with God is through the death of Jesus Christ.*

**Scripture:** John 12:32, Romans 3:20, 1 Corinthians 1:23, Galatians 6:14, Philippians 3:12, Colossians 1:28, James 2:10

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## Description

Oswald Chambers preaches about the unchanging nature of the moral law ordained by God, emphasizing that it remains absolute for all time and eternity, convicting us of sin and leading us to the realization of our need for the death of Jesus Christ to be made right with God. He warns against the misconception that God aims to make us perfect specimens of holiness, stressing that God's purpose is to make us one with Himself. Chambers highlights the importance of lifting up Jesus Christ, crucified, to draw all men unto Him, as the central focus of a New Testament worker's calling.

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## Transcript

"For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all." James 2:10.

The moral law... takes no account of our heredity and infirmities, it demands that we be absolutely moral. The moral law never alters, either for the noblest or for the weakest, it is eternally and abidingly the same. The moral law ordained by God does not make itself weak to the weak, it does not palliate our shortcomings, it remains absolute for all time and eternity.

If we do not realize this, it is because we are less than alive; immediately we are alive, life becomes a tragedy. "I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died." When we realize this, then the Spirit of God convicts us of sin. Until a man gets there and sees that there is no hope, the Cross of Jesus Christ is a farce to him.

Conviction of sin always brings a fearful binding sense of the law.... There is only one way in which I can get right with God, and that is by the death of Jesus Christ. I must get rid of the lurking idea that I can ever be right with God because of my obedience....

My Utmost for His Highest , December 1

"Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect..." Phil. 3:12.

It is a snare to imagine that God wants to make us perfect specimens of what He can do; God's purpose is to make us one with Himself. The emphasis of holiness movements is apt to be that God is producing specimens of holiness to put in His museum. If you go off on this idea of personal holiness, the dead-set of your life will not be for God, but for what you call the manifestation of God in your life. 'It can never be God's will that I should be sick,' you say. If it was God's will to bruise His own Son, why should He not bruise you? ...

When you obey the call of Jesus Christ, the first thing that strikes you is the irrelevancy of the things you have to do.... I am called to live in perfect relation to God so that my life produces a longing after God in other lives, not admiration for myself. Thoughts about myself hinder my usefulness to God. God is not after perfecting me to be a specimen in His show-room; He is getting me to the place where He can use me. Let Him do what He likes."

My Utmost for His Highest , December 2

"I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto Me." John 12:32.

Very few of us have any understanding of the reason why Jesus Christ died. If sympathy is all that human beings need, then the Cross of Christ is a farce, there was no need for it. What the world needs is not 'a little bit of love,' but a surgical operation.

When you are face to face with a soul in difficulty spiritually, remind yourself of Jesus Christ on the Cross. If that soul can get to God on any other line, then the Cross of Jesus Christ is unnecessary. If you can help others by your sympathy or understanding, you are a traitor to Jesus Christ. ...

The one thing we have to do is to exhibit Jesus Christ crucified, to lift Him up all the time. Every doctrine that is not imbedded in the Cross of Jesus will lead astray. ... The thing that remains and deepens is the worker's simple relationship to Jesus Christ; his usefulness to God depends on that and that alone.

The calling of a New Testament worker is to uncover sin and to reveal Jesus Christ as Saviour, consequently he cannot be poetical, he must be sternly surgical. We are sent by God to lift up Jesus Christ, not to give wonderfully beautiful discourses.

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