

## The Law and the Gospel

1. How extensive is God's government? Ps. 103: 19.
2. What is the rule of His kingdom? Ps. 103: 20; 119: 172, 142.
3. Did God's law exist on earth before it was given at Sinai? Compare Gen. 4: 7 with 1 John 3:4; also Gen. 35: 2-4; 26: 5; 2: 1-3; Ex. 16: 1, 4, 5, 27-30.
4. How was the law given? Deut. 4: 12, 13; Ex. 24: 12; 31: 18.
5. What is the nature of God's law? Ps. 19: 7; Prov. 6: 23; Rom. 7: 12.
6. What is the relation of the law to the sinner? Rom. 4: 15; 7: 6-8; 5: 13; 1 John 3: 4.
7. What is the place of the law in the gospel? Rom. 3: 19, 20, 31; James 2: 8-12; 1: 22-25; Rom. 3: 21-24, 31. Note 1.
8. Did Christ keep the commandments? Ps. 40: 7, 8; Isa. 42: 21; John 15: 7-10.
9. What should be our attitude toward the law? John 14: 21; 1 John 5: 1-3; 2: 4-6.
10. In what way only can we obey the law? Rom. 8: 1-4. Note 2.

Notes on Reading No. 11

NOTE 1.—“The law is the gospel infolded; the gospel is the law unfolded.

“The law is the gospel inclosed; the gospel is the law disclosed.

“The law is the gospel concealed; the gospel is the law revealed.

“The law is the gospel fullness delayed; the gospel is the law fullness portrayed.

“The law is the gospel in minimum; the gospel is the law in maximum.

“The law is the gospel contained; the gospel is the law maintained.

“The law is the gospel sighted; the gospel is the law lighted.

“The law is Christ designed; the gospel is Christ enshrined.”—“*Practical Lessons From the Experience of Israel*,” *F. C. Gilbert*, pp. 168, 169.

NOTE 2.—“The law reveals the perfection of character required, and so gives a knowledge of sin; but it is powerless to confer the character demanded. In the gospel, the law, first written in the heart of Christ, becomes ‘the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus,’ and is thus transferred to the heart of the believer, in whose heart Christ dwells by faith. Thus the new covenant promise is fulfilled, that the law shall be written in the heart. This is the genuine experience of righteousness by faith,—a righteousness which is witnessed by the law, and revealed in the life in harmony with the law. The gospel is thus seen to be the provision for restoring the law to its place in the heart and life of the one who believes on Christ, and accepts His mediatorial work. Such faith, instead of making void the law, establishes it in the heart of the believer. The gospel is not against the law, therefore, but upholds, maintains, and presents the law to us in Christ.”—“*Bible Readings for the Home Circle*,” pp. 410, 411.