**Scripture Reading:** Ps. 19

**Singing:** 15:1-3 – 42:1-4 – 323:1-4 – 265:1-3

**The Glory of the Law (1)**

A. A new journey is to bring excitement to behold *new things*

1. Do we feel the same as we begin a *journey to explore God’s Law?*

● compare yourself to David’s delight: Ps. 119:14, 16, 72

● what made David so relish the Law?

2. What are we missing if we don’t share David’s delight?

B. How to miss the *beauty – value – delight* David shared about the law.

1. When we focus on law itself – analyze detailed demands one by one!

a. What are the general effects of hearing the Law pressed?

● guilt – despair – resentful – divisive – distracting

b. Why do we have these general effects within us?

● Gen. 3:8; Rom. 8:7-8

C. How can we join David in his delightful esteem of God’s laws?

1. By learning to look at the law *through the eyes of the Lawgiver!*

a. looking at the Law without considering God: Exodus 20:18-20

b. looking at the Law through heart of the Lawgiver: Ps. 19:10

**The God of the Law (1)**

I. The original functions of the Law II. The reflection in the Law

III. The intention with the Law.

**I. The first original functions of God’s law:**  *His mirror*

A. Ponder similarity between Genesis 1:3 and Exodus 20:1

1. Both creation and Law begin with the “I AM”

2. Both share similar function: Ps. 19

a. heavens declare the Glory of God Ps. 19:1-6

● creation reflects *His glory in material – physical way*

b. law of God also declares the glory of God: Ps. 19:7-14

● Law reflects God’s glory in *moral – ethical way*

3. Law reflects His Being and Character (Matt. 5:48; 1 Peter 1:15-16)

a. the Law is the transcript of His glorious Being

b. yet realize that the reflection is true yet incomplete!

● a mirror doesn’t reveal everything

c. how then will we know the *fulness of Who God is?*

● Heb. 1:1-2a; John 1:18

● Law and Gospel aren’t *opposite* but *complementary*

● Gospel doesn’t cancel the law: it confirms it

**II. The second original function of Law: *God’s ruler or standard***

A. Our Creator is the *law-maker in physical/natural* & *moral/ethical*

1. consider Ps. 119:90-91; 148:6; Jer. 33:25-26

2. He is the absolute Law Maker in *moral realm of behavior*: Gen. 17:1

a. consider Deut 10:14; Ps. 24:1; Dan. 4:35

B. None disputes – ignores – fights against *unchanging natural laws*

1. Yet many (all) disputes, ignore, rebel against *equally unchanging moral laws*

a. Yet *Some things are carved into stone!* Ex. 31:18

**Take-Aways …**

A. God’s Law is always a *reflection of His perfect nature!*

a. Matthew 5:48 and Luke 6:36

b. He never requires from us anything He doesn’t do Himself

B. God’s laws will never change: *for the ‘original’ (God) never changes*

Christ abolished the law as a means of justification not by destroying it but by fulfilling it.

God’s law was given to reveal sin, not to remove it.