Scripture: Ps. 19

Singing: 124:1-5 – 428: 1, 2, 7 – 198:1, 3-5 – 40:1-4

*Thy testimonies (laws) evermore shall be*

*the perfect source of all my inspiration.*

* Do you share David’s confession?
* If not, what is missing?

**GOD of the LAW (3)**

I. Who is He? II. What is His relationship to the Law

III. What is His intention with the Law?

**I. Who is He?** (review)

A. Our Law Giver is

 1. Love

 2. Holy

 3. Sovereign

 4. Just

**II. What is His relationship to the Law?**

A. His relationship to the Law is *more than being the Author – Lawgiver*

 1. the Law is the *reflection of His glorious nature*

 2. therefore the last Adam is the *fullest reflection of His Law*

 a. Matt 5:17 *I came not to destroy the law but to fulfill.*

 b. What is Jesus’ chief beauty? Why is He fairer than all men?

 ● not in physical aspects – His body

 ● but in character aspects – His Person (Ps. 72)

 c. Is there One more worthy than Him Who *lived the law?*

B. Besides *reflection of His nature*, the law is also *revelation of His will*

 1. The Law of God sets the standard of *right and wrong*

a. seek a deepening sense of respect for His revealed will

 ● Jer 6:16 *Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old*

 *paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye*

 *shall find rest for your souls.*

 b. yet don’t see it merely as *His sovereign rules how to behave*

**III. What is His intention in the Law?**

A. God didn’t publish His law to *protect or secure Himself/His position*

B. He published the Laws *to protect or promote our happiness!*

 1. God’s holiness is His happiness and *our holiness will be our happiness!*

 a. never think of God as *angry Being* for nothing is farther of truth

 b. learn to think of God *as the* ***blessed*** *God* (1 Tim. 1:11)

 2. Do we read that phrase: *glorious Gospel of the* ***blessed God***

a. blessed is *happy – blissful – delighting in ‘infinite dimension’*

b. God delights in His own *Being and Doing*

● Deut. 10:15; Ps. 115:3; 135:6; Is. 53:10

 3. This *blessed God* desires to *bless His creation to share His blessedness*

 a. Did He publish His law to *destroy or protect* our happiness & joy?

 ● His law is also revelation of *His loving-kindness*

 b. Consider Proverbs 13:14

 ● The law of the wise is a fountain of life: to depart from

 the snares of death.

Question: *Is your thinking about God and His Law changing?*

A. Are we joining David in Ps. 19:8-9?

 1. Pray to shed your negative attitude toward law

 a. for His law is His *loving direction and instruction* (Ps. 1:1-3)

 2. Seeing God’s law as loving-kindness will make a world of difference

*In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence:*

*and his children shall have a place of refuge.*

*The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life,*

*to depart from the snares of death*

Prov. 14:26-27