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Scott Stanley opens this episode by urging listeners to listen to the podcast with their Bibles in hand and to let the truth of Jesus nourish them. He contrasts merely reading the Bible with truly knowing Christ, quoting John 5:39 and John 17:3 to emphasize that eternal life comes from knowing the Father through Jesus.

Using passages from Romans, 1 Corinthians, and 1 John, Scott explains how iniquity (lawlessness) can twist the law into an accusation that brings spiritual death, while the law itself is holy, righteous, and ordained to life. He argues that the sting of death is iniquity and that the law's true power is revealed spiritually rather than as a condemning letter.

Scott then reads the Ten Commandments spiritually: the first four as commands from the Father and the last five as how the Holy Spirit (the mother) empowers us to live them. He frames the fifth commandment — honor your father and mother — as central, showing how loving your neighbor fulfills the whole law.

The episode closes by urging listeners to see the commandments as life-giving, to receive the faith of Christ, and to put away iniquity so the law can serve as a lamp guided by the Holy Spirit rather than an instrument of accusation.

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Scriptures are transcribed directly with notations. Refer to the KJV for verbatim wording.

Hi, this is Scott Stanley with DTG Ministries. In today's podcast, I want to talk about something that, for me, just really touched me. It continues to touch me. This is one of those things where you're going to have to think and let it nourish you. Let the truth come in and nourish you.

Reading along with me in your Bible is essential because you need to see what the scriptures say. For you guys who have been Bible students for a long time, we're going to cover things that you already know are there. I don't remember ever discussing some of these things. But it's just in your face what is being said here. Where this leads is just beyond wonderful for me to get a handle on this, to understand it.

So I want to begin with something that I read in the Gospel of John chapter 5, and these verses are becoming really special to me, but it's where it leads. In the Gospel of John, chapter 5, verse 39, Christ said,

Jhn 5:39 Search the scriptures, for in them, in the scriptures, you think you have eternal life. And they are they which testify of me.

Jhn 5:40 And you won't come to me that you might have life.

So just that by itself separates people who read the scriptures. Those who are trying to read the Bible and do it versus those who read the Bible, and the truth of Jesus Christ, understanding him comes into play, and you begin to discover life is in Jesus... Because he said, again, in John 17:3

Jhn 17:3 For this is life eternal, that they might know you the only true God, and me, Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

So to know God is life. That does not say to believe in God, you have life. It's to know God that you have life. Remember, at the end of this thing, when Christ will say, "*Depart from me, you workers of iniquity, I never knew you,*" well, for those of you who love God, you're known of God. But to love God is to walk in love, to love others. We're going to get into that in a minute, but that's something we can't let go of as we go through these verses.

You think life is in the Bible. The Bible is telling you to come to me to have life. I could say the Bible is telling you to come to Jesus to know the Father. Life is in the Father, and Jesus can point to that. Jesus can help you understand the Father, which is what he did on the cross. He manifested the Father's understanding of us and how to overcome iniquity.

Jhn 5:41 I receive not honor from men.

Jhn 5:42 But I know you, that you don't have the love of God in you.

Jhn 5:43 I've come in my Father's name, and you receive me not: if another comes in his own name, him you'll receive.

Jhn 5:44 How can you believe, which receive honor one of another, and you seek not the honor that comes from the only God.

Now, it's interesting to read it that way, honor that comes from God only, or honor that comes from the only God, which fits John 17:3. There are versions of the Bible, one of which is the Literal Translation that puts it that way, "the only God."

Jhn 5:45 Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuses you, Moses, in whom you hope.

Jhn 5:46 If you had believed Moses ...

Let's just stop right there, because if I were to take "believe" back to the Old Testament, it means "to be nourished," and if I were to apply that here: "*If you were being nourished by Moses, you would have believed me because he wrote of me.*" If you were really being nourished by Moses, or if you're simply reading that, thinking there is life in that... again, life is to know the Father whom Jesus came to reveal (Mat 11:27).

Well, this part where he says, *Moses accuses you*, when I read this, it began to dawn on me how the accuser of the brethren is Satan, and I can't believe that Moses wrote something to accuse the brethren... that if you're being accused, it's your own iniquity. I say that because Satan is the author of iniquity (1Jn 3:8), to read Moses and be accused. I'm going to show you some verses where Paul literally says this. The apostle Paul literally will tell you that's what's happening. To read that and be accused, you're doing it to yourself and using it to accuse others.

In 1 Corinthians 15, this verse just leaps out at you. Verse 55,

1Co 15:55 O death, where is your sting? O grave, where is your victory?

1Co 15:56 The sting of death is sin...

Well, that word "sin" has the definite article in front of it. It's *the* sin. The sin is iniquity. I know that from 1 John 3:4: The sin is lawlessness, which is iniquity. It's your own thinking over the law. It's your own understanding over the law. God would have you walk in his Spirit, manifesting a keeping of the law. If you're lawless, you're following your own understanding. It's simply iniquity.

The sting of death is iniquity. That death is spiritual death. You're not alive unto God. You have to be born from above, receiving Jesus Christ as the Son of God. But look at this again.

1Co 15:56 The sting of death is iniquity (and the verse above it).

1Co 15:55 O death, where is your sting? O death, where is that iniquity? You see, the sting of death is iniquity. The strength or the ability of iniquity is the law.

Simply turn to Romans chapter 7. You've got to read this along with me. Start at verse 4.

Rom 7:4 Wherefore, my brethren, you also are become dead to the law through the body of Christ (being dead); that you should be married to someone else, to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.

Now, when he says "married to someone else," this is a play, I believe, on Jeremiah 31:32, the Son of God, talking about this new covenant, says, "*I was married to you. I was*

your husband." So you need a new husband because the first husband has died, and you need to be married to him who has been raised from the dead.

When you were in the flesh (when you were in your fleshly thinking), the hardship of iniquity... that word "sin" has the definite article, *the* hardship of iniquity. The sting of death; the hardship of iniquity, which was through the law... That right there, you see what we just read come together in 1 Corinthians 15.

Rom 7:5 When we were in our fleshly thinking, the hardship or the affliction of iniquity was through the law. And it worked in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.

Rom 7:6 But now we're delivered from the law, being dead wherein to that we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, not in the oldness of the letter.

You've got to retain all of this because we're going to go read the Ten Commandments. I want to show you something about that.

Rom 7:6 ... You serve in newness of spirit, not in the oldness of the letter.

Rom 7:7 What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. No, I would have not known iniquity, but through the law: for I would have not known lust, except the law said, You shall not covet.

Rom 7:8 But iniquity, taking occasion by that commandment, wrought in me all manner of evil desire. Without the law, sin was dead.

Again, in 1 Corinthians 15, the sting of death is iniquity. The ability of that iniquity is found in the law. That is exactly what he is covering here.

Rom 7:9 I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, iniquity revived, and I died.

Rom 7:10 The commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be death.

Now, again, Moses, *Moses in whom you hope*, you're hoping through the writings of Moses, and this accuses you.

Rom 7:10 The commandment was ordained to life, I found to be death.

Can you imagine God giving you commandments to accuse you? Was that his intention? I have to put myself in here as I consider my own children and the commands I gave them. You know, just keeping it simple, like don't play in the street, be home by 11:30... You know, whatever it is. The things that my wife and I told these children were for their betterment. It wasn't for me to come back and accuse them with it. It was never intended for that.

See, in Romans 7:10, the commandment was ordained to life. But I found it to be death. Why? Verse 11,

Rom 7:11 Iniquity took occasion by that commandment, and it deceived me, and it slew me.

Rom 7:12 Wherefore the law is holy, the commandment is holy, it's righteous, and it's good.

Rom 7:13 Was then that which is good made death to me? God forbid. But iniquity, that it might appear sin, worked death in me by that which is good, that iniquity by that commandment might become exceedingly sinful.

Rom 7:14 I know the law is spiritual: but I'm carnal, sold under iniquity.

See, God gave something that was holy, just, and good, but because of their own iniquity, because of our own iniquity, we read those things, and it accuses us. Iniquity makes it death. I'll read, "The law says, don't do this, don't do that," and I realize all the times I did those things, and it slays me. It puts me to death. Was that God's intention? It doesn't look like it when I read Romans 7. It says, verse 10,

Rom 7:10 The commandment was ordained to life. But I found it to be unto death.

So what I want to do is turn over to the Ten Commandments, and I'm going to use Exodus 20. You can use Exodus 20, Deuteronomy 5, but I'm turning to Exodus 20 because the law is spiritual, and I decided, well, let's go back and read this spiritually.

Now, I want to point out something else. This is something we've talked about before. There are two laws that really encompass the whole thing. It's to love God, you could say, with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, and love your neighbor as yourself. Those are two laws that need to be understood. If I love my neighbor, according to

Galatians 5:14, I'm fulfilling all of it, because we have learned that God is love. He wants us to love him and show that love by loving our neighbor.

So Galatians 5:14, if I'm going to love my neighbor, I'm loving God. I'm manifesting a love to God. Now I've got the Ten Commandments, and I'm not going to go through and read all of these simply for the sake of time, but let me just tell you basically what they are.

We know he says that the first commandment is to have no other gods before me. Next, you're not to make any graven image and bow down to a graven image and serve a graven image. Three, you're not to take the name of the Lord in vain. Four, Remember the Sabbath. But then you come to the fifth commandment.

I am simply believing what the apostle Paul wrote. *The law is ordained to life.* John 17:3, *"This is life that they know you, the only true God, and me whom you've sent,"* he says. But Paul says, it's spiritual, and right in the middle of this law is *"Honor your father and mother."*

Let's make that spiritual. Your Father is God. Your Mother is New Jerusalem. Don't believe me? Galatians 4:26-27: *Jerusalem above is the Mother of us all.* "Jerusalem above," we have seen in our studies, is a symbol of the Holy Spirit. Christ is the personification of that spirit, and we just read in Romans 7 that we are to marry him who has been raised from the dead.

We can read in Isaiah 62:5 that Jerusalem will marry her children (Isa 62:1-5). God says, speaking of Jerusalem, in Isaiah 54:5, *"Your Maker is your husband."* It's him. It's God the Father. So we're talking about the Father and the Spirit of the Father. What is the difference? Proverbs chapter 6.

Now, again, we're just simply pulling from concepts we have seen for some time. The thing is, they just keep increasing in meaning. Here you go. Proverbs 6. Hold your place there in Exodus.

Pro 6:20 My son, keep your Father's commandment, and forsake not the law of your Mother (God and the Holy Spirit):

Pro 6:21 Bind them continually upon your heart. Tie them about your neck.

Pro 6:22 When you go, it will lead you; when you sleep, it will keep you; when you're awake, it will speak with you.

Pro 6:23 For the commandment is a lamp (the Father's commandment is a lamp); and the law (of your Mother) is the light..

Now stop and think about this for a minute. God gives the commandment. The Holy Spirit is the light. It tells you how to keep it. God can say, "*Well, I want you to love me,*" and that's a commandment. Love God. And the Holy Spirit will say, "*Well, you do that by loving your neighbor.*" That's the Mother. God can say, "*I want you to keep the Ten Commandments,*" and the Holy Spirit will say, "*Well, this is how you do it.*"

But wait a minute. Not if you're in the flesh, it isn't going to say that, because you're going to put your own meaning to it, and you're going to get iniquity out of the whole thing, twisted thinking, and it's going to condemn you. It's ordained to life, but instead it condemns you, and it takes that law and slays you.

So again, I've got a lamp, which is the commandment, and the fire burning in it, giving me, bringing the light, is the Holy Spirit. Now, I'm not making any of this up. I'm simply taking the verses out of the Bible, putting them together, and reading them spiritually. Why? The law is spiritual. It's ordained to life. It's holy; it is just, and it is good.

But what was holy, just, and good killed me. It slew me because of my iniquity. So right in the middle of the Ten Commandments, and I'm back at Exodus 20, verse 12,

Exo 20:12 Honor your Father and the Holy Spirit..

Now, why would he put that right in the middle of the Ten Commandments? Again, I have every justification to read it that way because this is spiritual, not literal. Remember 2 Corinthians chapter 3, *The letter of the law is death*. That's what iniquity does. *The spirit of the law is life* (2Co 3:6). We're trying to serve God in spirit here. I believe I have every justification to do what I'm doing.

So if I say right in the middle of the Ten Commandments, the fifth one, is to honor God and his Spirit, why put it there? Because the first four are the commandments. The last

five are how to do it. How do I know that? Because God said to love him and love your neighbor. Paul says, *"Love your neighbor, you're fulfilling all of it"* (Gal 5:14). So let me take just a brief look at the four commandments. Then I'm going to show how the rest tie into this.

Exo 20:3 You shall have no other gods before me.

How are you going to do that? Well, you're going to love people. You're going to manifest God's love to people. You cannot have another God before love, before God. God is love, and if you're going to love God, if you're going to have no other god, see, this is what he is saying: You can't have any other God but me. I'm the guy.

So if you're going to fulfill the last five, you can't have another god. You can't serve a graven image. You kind of see this, I think, in Revelation 13, where they make an image of Catholicism and say, *"This is true."* They have an image of God in their mind, not the true understanding of God. They make God like themselves. So he says, you don't make an image and bow down to it. You've got to understand the true God.

How am I going to do that? Well, Jesus came to reveal Him. So we can't just say, *"God is..."* and make up what we want God to be. There's a specific way, a specific person that God is, and Jesus showed us what that was. On the cross was a tremendous declaration of the understanding of God.

So then he says, *"Don't take my name in vain."* Well, his name is seen in Exodus 34:6-7: long-suffering, gracious, and so on. So if you're going to be serving love, the God of love, then you need to be merciful, gracious, long-suffering, kind, all of those things. You don't take his name, his character, in vain.

Next is the fourth one, the Sabbath. Well, he says, *"Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."* Question. If you're going to take this literally and keep that Sabbath, when do you remember it? The sixth day. It's the sixth day. That's your preparation day. It's on the sixth day that you remember, *"Hey, tomorrow is the Sabbath,"* and so you get ready for that.

Well, I've been teaching for some time that, looking at the days of creation, we are in the sixth day. This is the day God will put all things under our feet. He hasn't done that yet. Paul says so in Hebrews chapter 2, *"He's going to put all things under your feet, but we see not yet all things put under him. We see Jesus"* (Heb 2:8-9). So for those who can believe and see it, you're living in the sixth day. And remember, the next day, God can rest because all of his host is made complete.

So how am I going to keep those four commandments of God? Well, I keep it with the last five. I'm able to do that by the last five. When he says, *"Thou shalt not kill, don't commit adultery, don't steal, don't bear false witness, don't covet,"* that is how you manifest love to God. That is how, if I'm going to keep those first four commandments, this is how I'm going to do it. I'm going to keep the last five. When I read that fifth commandment, *"Honor your father and your mother,"* see, that's how I would read it, because he just gave you four from the Father.

Next are five from the Mother. He puts that right in the middle. So honor your Father. Here are the four commandments. Honor your Father, by the way, and your Mother, because you're not going to do the first four if you don't do the last five. You can't do it.

Well, there is a way that came into my heart of how to tweak this. I say tweak it because I thought about Jesus. If ever there was a man born on this earth that the earth needed, that the earth desperately needs, the most important man ever to be born on this planet was Jesus Christ. And guess what? He was a man born in Bethlehem. He was a man. What if I took these commandments and applied them to him? Meaning, honor your Father.

We've got to fulfill those four commandments, and it's your Mother who's going to show you how to do it. Okay, well, let's look at your neighbor, and thou shalt not kill the most important man ever born on this planet. If anybody's your neighbor, it's him. You shall not kill him.

Well, Paul touches on this in Hebrews, chapter 6, where he talks about people who have tasted of the heavenly gift, that they crucify Christ afresh. He means in their mind. They put him to death so they can follow their flesh. Well, don't kill him. Don't let your conscience put away what you know he has spoken to you.

"Thou shalt not commit adultery." Well, you're supposed to be married to him. We just read that in Romans 7. Remember, the harlot of Revelation 17 commits fornication with the kings of the earth. Daniel 7 tells you the kings of the earth are the lion, the bear, and the leopard: Literalism in following your own understanding. If you do that, you're committing adultery to the Son, and if you do that, you cannot fulfill the first four commandments. If you're going to walk in harmony with God, do not kill the Son, and do not commit adultery, and do not steal.

What do you mean by steal? I think these are things all of us need to consider and discuss because I see people, including myself, who steal away from Christ. People are stealing his sonship; people are stealing his love for God. People steal away from him. In Jeremiah 23:30, he talks about prophets who steal the word of God from people. For Jesus Christ, you really could put this next commandment in here, too.

"Don't bear false witness against him," because that's what's happening. That's Antipas. That's in Revelation 2, Antipas: Instead of the Father. Because they want to worship another God and break the first commandment, they have to steal away from Christ and bear false witness as to who he actually is.

Then he says, *"Don't covet."* Don't covet anything of your neighbors. Well, why don't I want to covet the things of Jesus? Well, Jesus himself, in Exodus 33, tells Moses, *"Look, you cannot see my face and live."* He doesn't mean that literally. If you're going to have life, you have got to see the Father. *"Well, if you've seen me,"* Jesus says, *"you've seen the Father. I'm trying to teach you the Father"* (Jhn 14:9). But in Exodus 33, he said, *"You can't see me and live."* Matthew 11:27, *"No one knows the Son. No man knows the Son, but the Father."*

You don't covet the things of the Son. He has a relationship with his Father, and you want to enter into that relationship, too. You want to be what? Made in the image of Jesus? You're going to have the same relationship that he's having with his Father. You enter into these things; you get to know Jesus, because he is not telling you about himself. You're not coveting Jesus. He's revealing to you the Father.

These last five commandments... if I, again, look at this spiritually, and if I say mother and father is the Father and the Holy Spirit, and the neighbor is their Son, remember in 1 John, he says, "If you love him who begat, you're going to love him who's begotten" (1Jn 5:1). Well, you manifest love to God by loving His only-begotten Son. Remember the way Proverbs 8 concludes,

Pro 8:35 Whoso finds me finds life, and shall obtain favor of Jehovah.

Pro 8:36 But if you sin against me, you're wronging your own soul. Well, they that hate me love death.

So we know to manifest love to Jesus. That's not a feeling. We see this, I believe, in the Ten Commandments. The Ten Commandments are ordained to life. They're not there to accuse you. They were never meant to accuse anybody. But it's your own iniquity that takes that and accuses. So if I take that law and say, but wait a minute, let's look at it spiritually. *O death, where's your sting? Because the sting of death is iniquity.*

If I read the Ten Commandments the way I just did (and again, I have every justification to do that), that means the commandments are not there to accuse us. *The commandments are holy, just good* (Rom 7:12). The commandments are unto life. There isn't a single commandment that accuses us. There's not a single one.

You can't take those commandments and accuse another person. Could this be how Satan falls as lightning? Light flashes and Satan falls. You cannot use the Ten Commandments to accuse yourself or anybody else. They are there simply to strengthen you, to give you life, to make you a better person. But without Jesus on that cross, you're never going to understand your Mother. So the Ten Commandments could not even be applied this way, except for the last generation church.

I know Satan is going to fall in our lives. There is no sting because you are not dead, and you are not reading iniquity and using this to accuse. I thought about it. I thought about people in the world who automatically know not to kill, steal, destroy, and so on. It doesn't mean they do it, but they know it's not right. They don't need the Ten Commandments to tell them that isn't right. The Ten Commandments can be used to keep them in line, to give them a little restraint.

But when you grow up, you receive the faith of Christ, and what I am reading to you today, in the Ten Commandments, is the faith of Jesus Christ. You honor your Father and your Mother and love their Son with all your heart. Just like you honor all of God's children, loving them. Jesus said, *God would have you honor me, even as you honor him. I'm the Son of man. God, there's only one God (Jhn 5:23, Mat 16:13, 1Co 8:6)*. But Jesus is the Son of man. He's a human being, and the two of them together, united with the Spirit of God, are what the Ten Commandments are trying to tell us. *They are spiritual, holy, just, and good, ordained unto life.*

I'm not making it up. We read these things in Romans chapter 7. It's like it's too important to just let these things go by. I pray there will be fire and excitement in your heart because I believe this is how Satan will fall... and he doesn't just fall one time. But when he falls, it's because light will flash, and you will put away the author of iniquity.

There's no reason to accuse anybody. You don't have anything to accuse them of. The Ten Commandments are about the Father, the Mother, and the Son, not about Democrats and Republicans. It's about life and serving God, and finding life... knowing the heavenly Father.

Father, we praise you. We need desperately to get a handle on you and to be able to give this message to the world. We pray for your glory always in Jesus' name. Amen.