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Text: Genesis 2:16-17

Thesis: emphasize the importance of obeying the law.

Introduction:

A) Do eat & Do not eat.

- 1) 1 John 3:4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.
- 2) Romans 4:15 Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression.
- 3) Very specific...do and do not.
- 4) Specific punishment and reward.

B) Today we are going to look at “Law & Transgression” in the O.T. and the N.T.

Discussion:

I) “Law & Transgression” in the O.T.

A) Adam and Eve are given a law.

- 1) Vs 16-17
- 2) Do and do not
- 3) Specific punishment and reward.

B) They transgress the law.

- 1) Sin enters the world – Rom 5:12
- 2) Punishment – Gen 3:23-24
 - a) Kicked out of the garden
 - b) Away from the tree of life
- 3) Ultimately death.
 - a) Rom 6:23
 - b) No more tree of life

C) The Law of Moses (10 Commandments – Exo 20)

- 1) Specific law – ex 20
- 2) Specific punishment -- ex 21

II) Law & Transgression in the N.T.

A) We are given a law by Christ

- 1) John 12:48 He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that

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I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.

- 2) Perfect Law of Liberty – James 1:25
 - a) Liberty = freedom
 - b) John 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

B) Once again specific Law and Punishment.

- 1) Christ said...
 - a) Matthew 18:3 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.
 - b) Mark 16:15-16 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.
 - c) So what will we do?
- 2) Christ taught his disciples what to teach.
 - a) Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.
 - b) Acts 4:1 And as they spake unto the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon them,
- 3) The Punishment.
 - a) Rom 6:23
 - b) Some sin may bring death...
 - (1) Fornication
 - (2) Drinking
 - (3) Drugs
 - (4) Transgressions against the Laws of the land.

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- (5) Romans 13:1-2 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. 2 Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.
- c) But the final punishment for transgression against God's law is eternal condemnation of the soul.
 - (1) Mark 16:16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.
 - (2) Revelation 21:8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

Conclusion:

A) We must follow this law if we are going to be pleasing to God and avoid this punishment.

- 1) We must accept God's word and be freed from our sins.
- 2) Only through obedience to His word can this be accomplished.

B) Will you be free from your burden of sin?