

The Correlation Between the 2nd Commandment and the 5th Cycle of Discipline

Request: "I was recently asked if the sins of the fathers (parents) could be visited upon their children by God. Could you do a study on this subject?"

This is the second of three lessons required to answer this request.

This lesson will examine how the Second Commandment is correlated to the Five Cycles of Divine Discipline to the Priest-Nation of Israel by the following five points outline.

1. The Decalogue (10 Commandments) was given to the newly formed Priest-Nation of Israel on Mt. Sinai following the Exodus (Ex.19:1, 6; 20:1-17; Rom.10:4; Gal.3:24).

Peter (Acts 3:20-26) "and that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you, whom heaven must receive until *the* period of restoration of all things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient time. Moses said, 'THE LORD GOD WILL RAISE UP FOR YOU A PROPHET LIKE ME FROM YOUR BRETHREN; TO HIM YOU SHALL GIVE HEED to everything He says to you. And it will be that every soul that does not heed that prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.' And likewise, all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and *his* successors onward, also announced these days. It is you who are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant which God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, 'AND IN YOUR SEED ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH SHALL BE BLESSED.' For you first, God raised up His Servant and sent Him to bless you by turning every one *of you* from your wicked ways."

Stephen (Acts 7:34-43) I HAVE CERTAINLY SEEN THE OPPRESSION OF MY PEOPLE IN EGYPT AND HAVE HEARD THEIR GROANS, AND I HAVE COME DOWN TO RESCUE THEM; COME NOW, AND I WILL SEND YOU TO EGYPT.'

"This Moses, whom they disowned, saying, 'WHO MADE YOU A RULER AND A JUDGE?' is the one whom God sent *to be* both a ruler and a deliverer with the help of the angel who appeared to him in the thorn bush. This man led them out, performing wonders and signs in the land of Egypt and in the Red Sea and in the wilderness for forty years. This is the Moses who said to the sons of Israel, 'GOD WILL RAISE UP FOR YOU A PROPHET LIKE ME FROM YOUR BRETHREN.' This is the one who was in the congregation in the wilderness together with the angel who was speaking to him on Mount Sinai, and *who was* with our fathers; and he received living oracles to pass on to you. Our fathers were unwilling to be obedient to him, but repudiated him and in their hearts turned back to Egypt, SAYING TO AARON, 'MAKE FOR US GODS WHO WILL GO BEFORE US; FOR THIS MOSES WHO LED US OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT-WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM.' At that time they made a calf and brought a sacrifice to the idol, and were rejoicing in the works of their hands. But God turned away and delivered them up to serve the host of heaven; as it is written in the book of the prophets, 'IT WAS NOT TO ME THAT YOU OFFERED VICTIMS AND SACRIFICES FORTY YEARS IN THE WILDERNESS, WAS IT, O HOUSE OF ISRAEL? YOU ALSO TOOK ALONG THE TABERNACLE OF MOLOCH AND THE STAR OF THE GOD ROMPHA, THE IMAGES WHICH YOU MADE TO WORSHIP. I ALSO WILL REMOVE YOU BEYOND BABYLON.'

2. Violation of the Second Commandment was idolatry substitution of worship and service while in the covenant relation with God. (Ex.34:1, 6-8, 14-17/ RPR) (Deut.4:23-37; 32:16-21; 1 Cor.10:14-22)

3. The Cursing / Blessing section of the Second Commandment was the foundational doctrine of the Five Cycles of Divine Discipline of the Priest-Nation of Israel.

- (Deut.5:8-10; 28:1-14) **Blessing**
- (Deut.28:15-68) **Cursing**
 - (Lev.26:-3) (Ex.20:4-6) Reverse Process Reversionism (RPR)
 - (Deut.28:47-68) The 5th Cycle of Divine Discipline upon the Nation
 - (Acts 7:37-43) The Golden Calf Incident of (Ex.32)
 - (Num.14:10-11, 17-24) The Spies

4. God visiting (paqad / kal ptc) the iniquities (aon) [Intentional transgression / legal guilt] of the fathers (divine chain of command) on the children was part of the cursing of the five cycles of divine discipline. (Deut.29:16-29; Gen.4:13)

Cursing was four generations and the **Blessing** was for 1000s generations (Ex.20:4-6).

Each generation determined his covenant relationship with Christ (Deut.24:16).

Why Jewish generations?

- Messianic genealogy was important because of the Incarnation of Christ as the promised blessing to all nations of the earth (Abraham Covenant) (Gen 12:1-3; 18:18-19; Gal.3:16-17; Matt.1:1-17; Luke 3:23-38; Gal.4:4-7; John 1:11-13).

5. God did not call believers of the OC or NC to be ambassadors of the Mosaic Law, but of the gospel of Christ (2 Cor.5:18-21; Rom.3:20-24, 28-31; 4:15-16).

The Abraham Covenant established the Promise of God's grace salvation in Gospel of Christ to all nations of the earth (Gen.12:1-3; 22:18; 26:4; 28:14; Acts 3:25-26; Gal.3:8-14, 18, 22-29; Josh.24:2; Isa.42:6; 49:6; Luke 2:32; Acts 13:47; 26:23).