

Law and Commandments

Scripture Search

Name: _____

Scripture is full of references to God’s law and the commandments. In the Old Testament, God entered into a Covenant with the Israelites and gave them the Ten Commandments to follow so they would know how to love him. These commandments were affirmed and made new in the person of Christ.

Look up each of the following Scripture passages in a Bible. On the line provided, identify what the passage says about the law. This could be a summary or a direct quote from the passage.

- 1. Exodus 20:1–17 _____
- 2. Psalm 1:2 _____
- 3. Psalm 119:17–24 _____
- 4. Proverbs 6:23 _____
- 5. Matthew 19:16–17 _____
- 6. Matthew 22:34–40 _____
- 7. Romans 13:8–10 _____
- 8. Galatians 3:24 _____
- 9. 1 Timothy 1:8 _____
- 10. 1 John 5:3 _____

1. In a few sentences, summarize what you learned from these Scripture passages about God’s law and the commandments.

2. Think of a person who joyfully follows God’s law. What is one quality of this person that you would like to emulate?

Law Acrostic Poem

Name: _____

Throughout this chapter we have been reflecting on Psalm 119. In the introduction to this psalm, we read that it is an acrostic poem about the gift of God’s law. The psalms are, after all, beautiful works of poetry.

You may have seen acrostic poems before—they are usually formed by writing a word vertically and then composing a line that starts with each letter of the word. For example, an acrostic poem about the nature of God might read as follows:

- Goodness itself
- Omnipresent in all of creation
- Draws all people to himself

Applying what you have learned in this chapter, create an acrostic poem about the nature of moral law. Challenge yourself to come up with a phrase or sentence for each letter. Each line should relate to the meaning and importance of the natural law.

M _____

O _____

R _____

A _____

L _____

L _____

A _____

W _____

You may have discovered that creating an acrostic poem takes quite a bit of effort and time. Remember that the psalmist did not use a word, but instead the entire Hebrew alphabet as the anchor for Psalm 119, conveying God’s perfect and complete gift of the law. This divinely inspired work of God was also a labor of love for the writer! He sought to communicate God’s love for us and our duty to love God in return.

Each day of this chapter, we have proclaimed the words of Christ, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments” (Jn 14:15). God gave us his law as a gift so we would have guidelines for leading a full and abundant life. How do you follow God’s law? What effect does it have in your own life?

1. What is one area in your life in which you could better follow the law and the commandments to show your love for Christ? Describe a short and realistic plan of action you could carry out to improve in this area.

2. How would improving in this area lead to greater happiness and lasting joy in your life?
