

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: **1Timothy 1:1-11**. Sentinel, OK; 3.
- B. It is a time of crises. Paul lays the groundwork in this letter to Timothy for protecting the faith.
- C. The problem was Judiazing teachers and teaching concerning:
 - 1. Myths.
 - 2. Genealogies.
 - 3. A misuse of the Law (Decalogue).
- D. Men had "turned aside" to fruitless (vain) discussions. What they had turned from was the solution to the problem being addressed.

I. THERE IS VALUE IN THE OT LAW.

- A. This passage should not be used to force the OT Law upon Christians. But Paul does say that, there is profit to be gained by a legitimate use of the Law.
- B. Some advantages to knowing the Law are:
 - 1. The prophecies stated (and fulfilled) can build faith.
 - 2. Old Israel is a type of the new (Rom. 15:4).
 - 3. We can find great comfort in the Psalms (Rom. 15:4).
 - 4. We can confidently know of the beginning (Genesis 1).
- C. We can understand Romans, Hebrews, and Revelation better by first knowing the OT.
- D. We can also have a greater appreciation of the New Covenant by knowing the faults of the Old.

II. PAUL GIVES THE TEN COMMANDMENTS IN NT TERMS.

- A. 1Timothy 1:9 deals with the first four:
 - 1. No other gods before me (ungodly and sinners).
 - 2. Make idols and bow before them (lawless and unruly).
 - 3. Taking the name of God in vain (profane).
 - 4. Keep the Sabbath holy (unholy).
- B. Verse 9 also deals with the fifth and sixth as well:
 - 5. Honor thy father and mother (murderers of fathers and mothers).
 - 6. Do not kill (murderers).
- C. Verse 10 deals with the rest of the Decalogue:
 - 7. Thou shall not steal (men-stealers or kidnappers).
 - 8. Thou shall not bear false witness (liars and perjurers).
 - 9. And possibly 10; thou shall not covet neighbor's wife (immoral men).
- D. It is true that we are not under the OT Law today, but it is true that we are to follow the NT Law (Rom. 8:2) when it is similar to the OT.
- E. The problem is not the OT, but is our application of it, and trying not to abuse (misuse) it.

III. THE APOSTLE GIVES THE SOLUTION TO THE MISUSE OF THE LAW.

- A. Since we know that the OT Law is good and can be used properly;
And since we also know the OT Law can be abused and used in an improper manner (this was the case here);
Then we need a solution to insure we do not go beyond what is written. This solution is found in v5.
- B. A three-fold solution to an abuse of the Law:
 - 1. Love, from a pure heart (Mt. 22:37-40; 1Cor. 13:13; 1Jn. 4:11).
 - 2. A good conscience (1Pet. 3:21; Heb. 10:22).
 - 3. A sincere faith (Rom. 10:17; Jas. 1:22).

CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. The Law is good, a misuse of what God has given is wrong.
- B. Remember 2Peter 3:16 and let us not wrest the Scriptures to our own destruction.
- C. Our three point solution:
 - 1. Love from a pure heart.
 - 2. A good conscience.
 - 3. A sincere faith.
- D. Plan of salvation for non-Xians; erring Xians.