

# The Purity of the Statutes and Commandments of the Lord

Text: Psalm 19:8

## Introduction:

1. Statute (*an edict, an established law of rule*) - a mandate from God having the force of law. Commandments (*order's given with authority – to be obeyed*)
2. Commandment's such as:
  - a. One of the Ten Commandments "*thou shall not kill*" – Exodus 20:13
  - b. During the creation (Genesis 1, 2)
    - i. "*Let there be light*" – Genesis 1:3
    - ii. "*Let us make man in our image*" – Genesis 1:26
  - c. Throughout the Old Testament – God Spoke and it happened
  - d. When Jesus walked upon the earth during His ministry – He Spoke and what He commanded happened.
  - e. With Jesus setting at the right hand of God upholding all things by His word – Hebrews 1:3 (*the very universe that we live in*)
3. Without statutes/precepts and commandments with governing laws from God and obedience to them, the world becomes a chaotic state in which there are no absolute truths/precepts/commandments to live by.
  - a. Therefore man does what is right in his own eyes. – Judges 17:6
  - b. Therefore evil is called good and good is called evil (*evidenced by our society today*) – Isaiah 5:20
4. But, thanks are to our Great God in that we have Purity of the Statutes and Commandments that He given us to live by. We can be truly thankful and grateful that in this chaotic world that we live in, we can have peace and tranquility in our own lives even though everything is '*coming apart at the seams*' or '*crashing down*' upon those who continue to live in the chaos.
  - a. God has given us a sense of purpose.
    - i. To prepare ourselves for eternity
    - ii. And direction – the path that leads to eternal life.
5. This morning we are going to look at *the purity of God's Statutes and His Commandments*.
6. Therefore the question is:

*Why are the Lord's statutes and commandments pure?*

  - I. Because the statutes of the Lord are right.
    - a. By Being Truthful
      - i. Given by God who cannot lie – Titus 1:2
      - ii. Consistency – it is His laws that He doesn't change by holding a finger in the wind to get the vote – or the changing of laws every month, year, century because someone else is in power.
        1. Something that we can count on being truths, day in and day out, year in and year out.
        2. Not changing, when He has made the covenant (*A binding agreement; a compact.*)

- a. The Old Covenant Law was the schoolmaster until Christ came – Galatians 3:24-25
- b. After Christ came the Law of Grace became the affective law – the faith in Christ
- c. The Old Law was done away with and the New Law of Grace came into effect – Colossians 2:14; Hebrews 9:13-17
  - i. The New Law remaining until the end of the world – *now abideth faith, hope and love* – 1 Corinthians 13:13

b. Correcting

- i. To start us on the right WAY
  - 1. Jesus established the WAY (*the WAY to eternal life*) – John 14:6
    - a. Teaching the WAY of God – Matthew 22:16
    - b. The WAY of salvation – Acts 16:17
  - ii. To keep us on the right WAY
    - 1. A narrow WAY – Matthew 7:13, 14
    - 2. Always pondering our footsteps – Proverbs 4:26, 27
      - a. Meditating upon where you are going
      - b. Never losing the focus on Jesus Christ

c. Exacting

- i. Narrow – but rewarding
  - 1. Leading to life eternal – Matthew 7:14
  - 2. As the wages of righteousness – Proverbs 10:16
  - ii. Requiring great care, effort and attention
    - 1. With all diligence – Proverbs 4:23

II. Because the statutes of the Lord bring rejoicing to the heart

a. A joy indescribable

- i. Rejoicing in our Lord – 1 Peter 1:8
  - 1. Salvation of your souls – 1 Peter 1:9
  - 2. A treasure discovered – 1 Peter 1:10
  - ii. In the return of our Lord Jesus Christ – 1 Thessalonians 2:19, 20

1. Our hope and joy

b. A rejoicing for a new found hope

- i. The hope of heaven (*from God's truth*) – Colossians 1:5
- ii. Of the gospel (*grounded and settled*) – Colossians 1:23

III. Because the commandments of the Lord are pure

a. Untarnished

- i. Without blemish – Psalms 119:140; Proverbs 30:5
  - 1. As the sacrificial Lamb – 1 Peter 1:19
    - a. Old Testament sacrifices a lamb without blemish

