

Kings the Speech

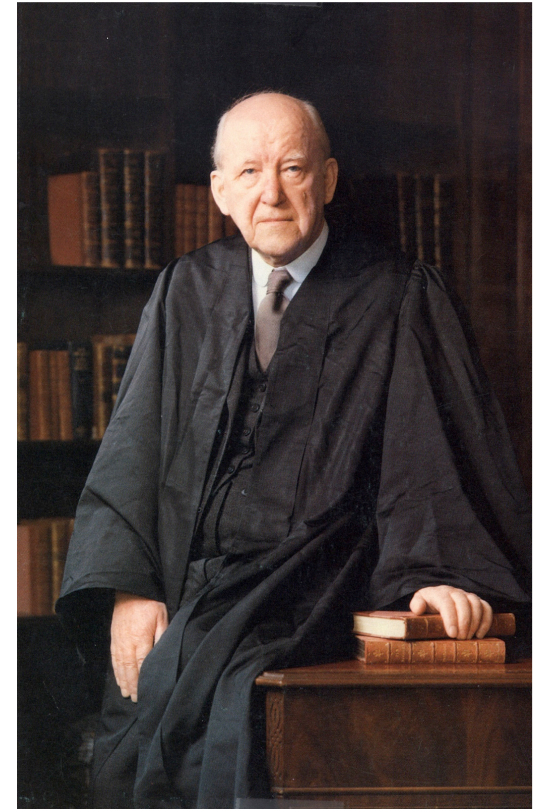


Part 3

Law and Grace

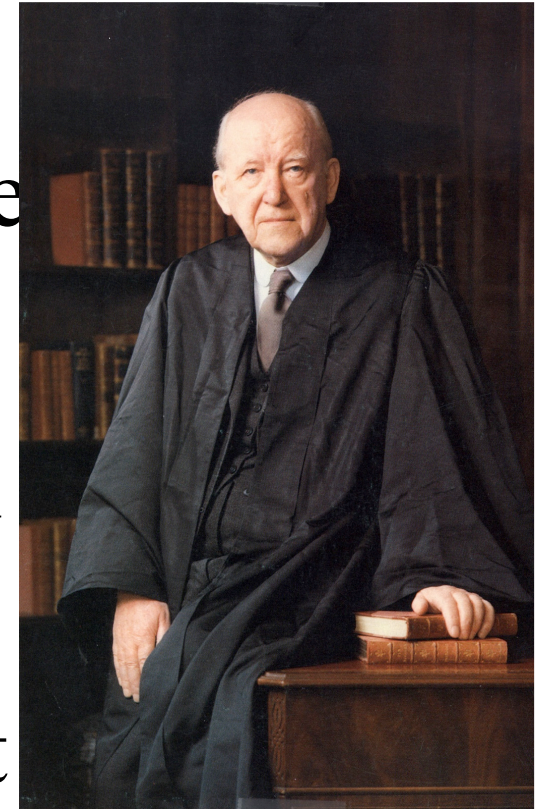
Matthew 5:17 - 20

. . . the most obvious
feature of the life of the
Christian Church today is,
alas, its superficiality . . .



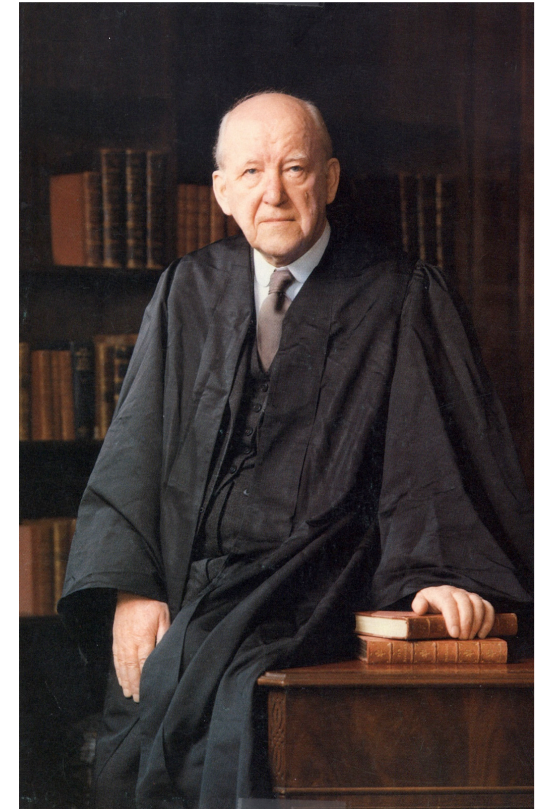
(D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones, *Studies in the Sermon on the Mount*, p. 5 & 6)

. . . our attitude toward the Scriptures: There is nothing more important in the Christian life than the way in which we approach the Bible, and the way in which we read it. It is our textbook, it is our only source, it is our only authority. We know nothing about God and the Christian life in a true sense apart from the Bible.

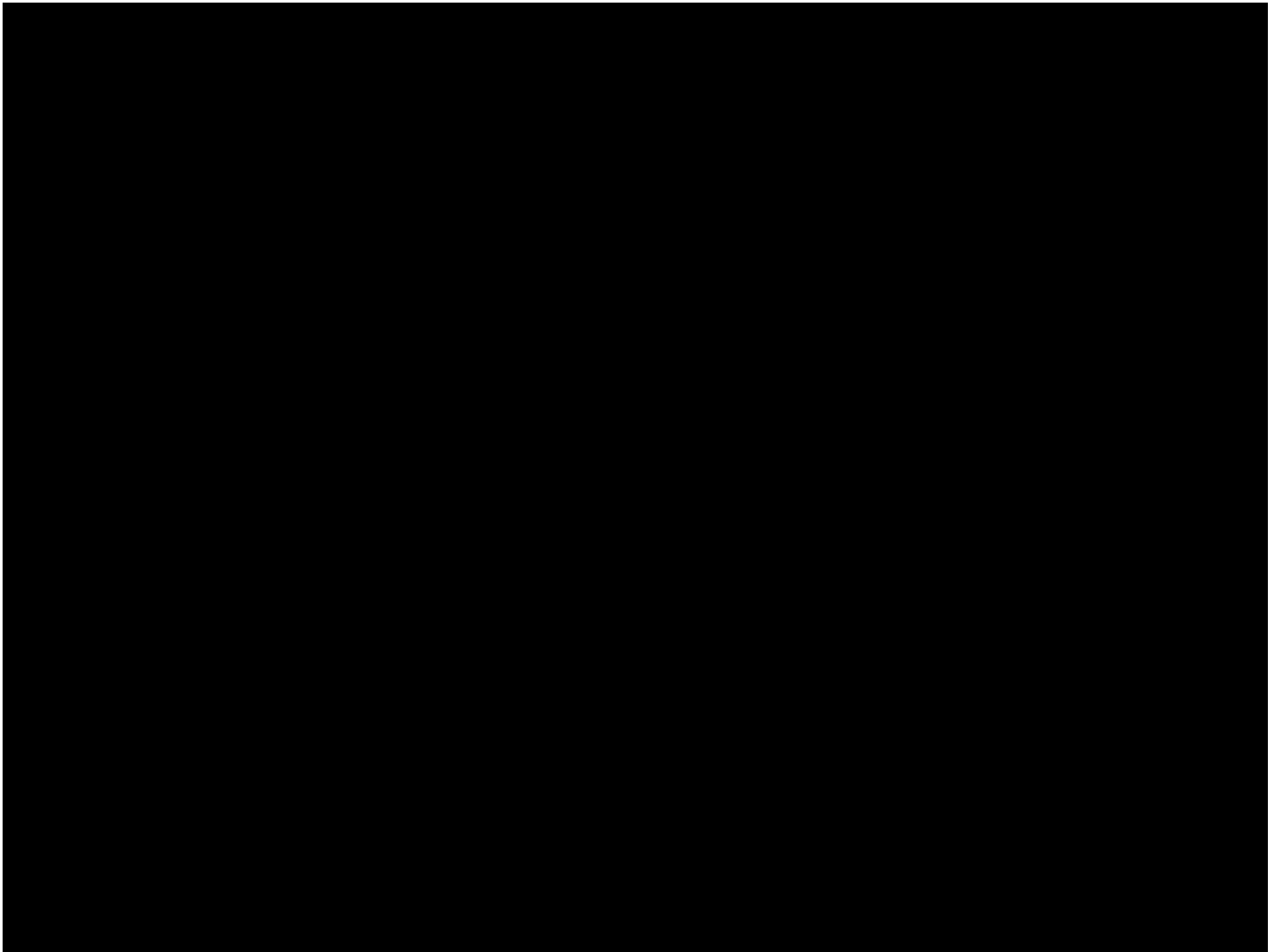


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There is nothing so dangerous as to come to the Bible with a theory, with preconceived ideas, with some pet idea of our own, because the moment we do so, we shall be tempted to over-emphasize one aspect and under-emphasize another.



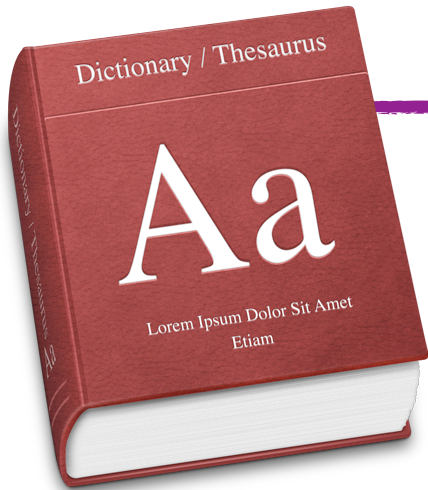
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JESUS AND THE LAW

Matthew 5:17 & 18

¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.

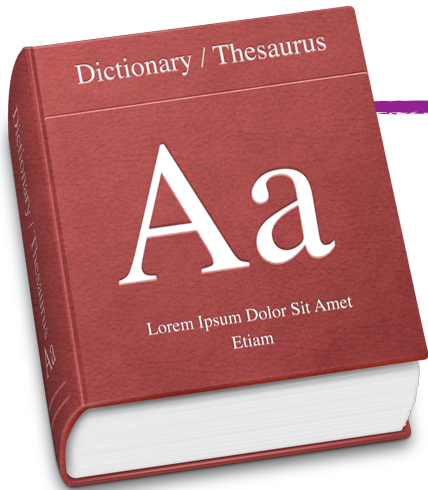


Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers

Moral law - the Ten Commandments
– the moral principles

Judicial law - legislative law given
to Israel to govern them as a nation

Ceremonial law - directed the offerings
and sacrifices and all the ritual and
ceremonies connected to the Tabernacle
and later the Temple



Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers

Prophets - everything we have in the prophetic books of the Old Testament

Fulfill - *to carry out, to fulfill in the sense of giving full obedience to.*

Literally, to carry out everything that has been said in the law and the prophets.

The term Law and Prophets is regularly used through the New Testament as a shorthand way of saying the entire Old Testament.

1. He fulfilled every
precept in the law

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The old system under the Law of Moses was only a shadow, a dim preview of the good things to come, not the good things themselves. The sacrifices under that system were repeated again and again, year after year, but they were never able to provide perfect cleansing for those who came to worship.

Hebrews 10:1 (NLT)

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¹¹ Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹²

But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ and since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool. ¹⁴ For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

Hebrews 10:11 - 14 (NIV)

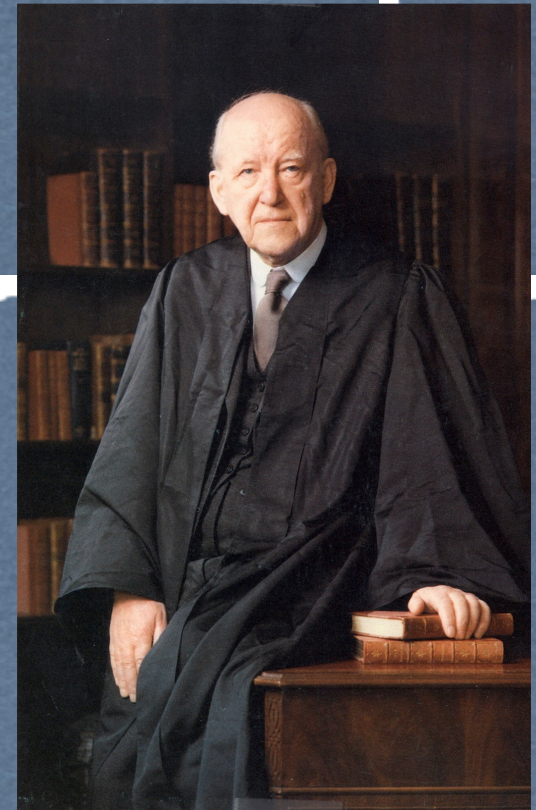
THE CHRISTIAN AND THE LAW

Verse 19

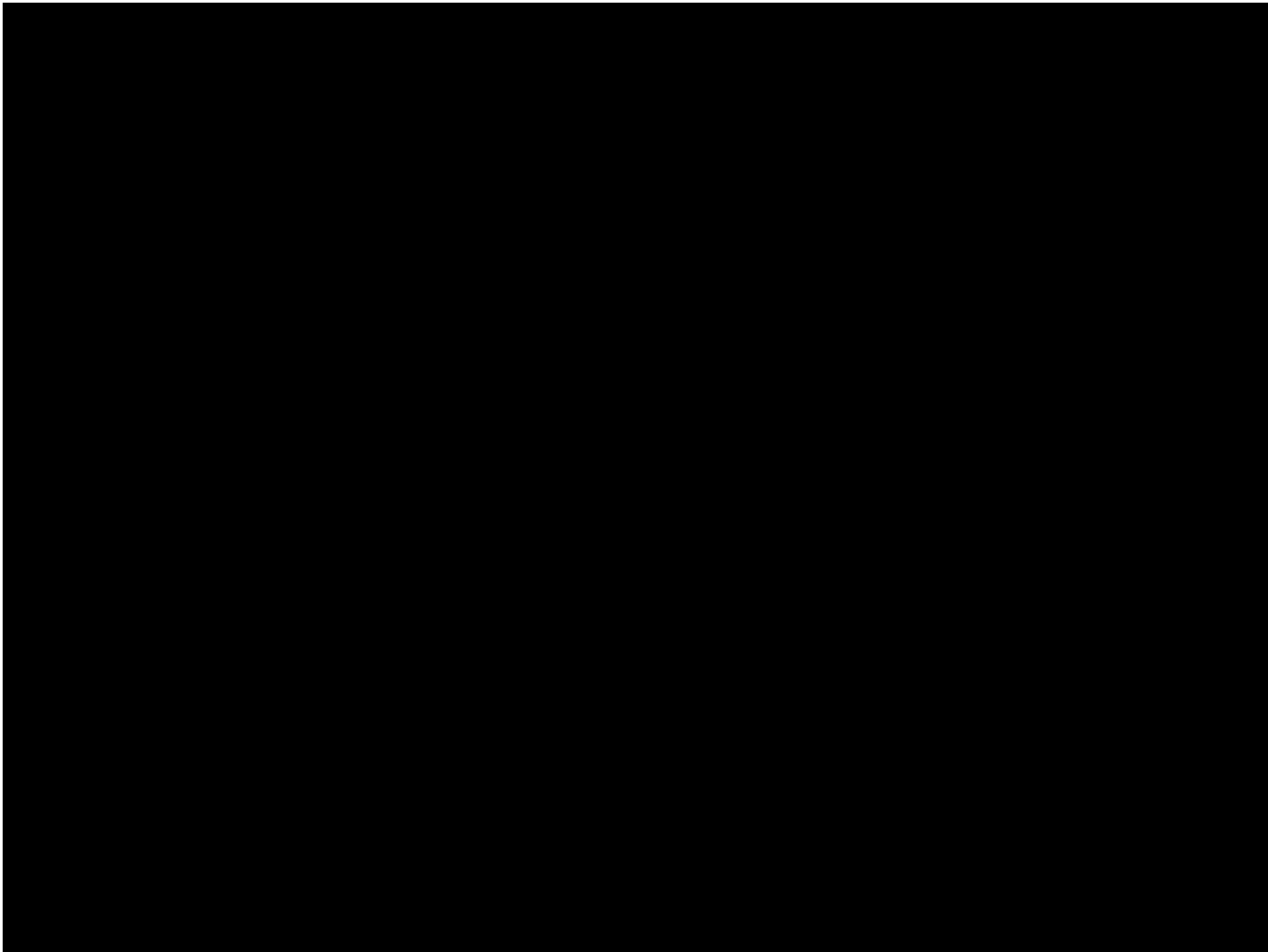
Anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

THE CHRISTIAN AND THE LAW

... we are not told in the Sermon on the Mount, “Live like this and you will *become* Christian;” rather we are told, “*Because you are* Christian live like this.”



(D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones, *Studies in the Sermon on the Mount*, p. 11 & 12)



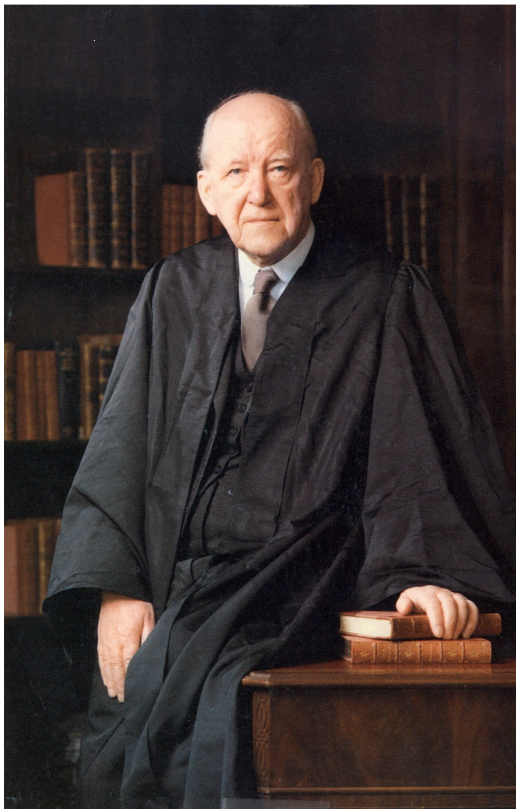
God is laying down something that is permanent and perpetual, the relationship that must always subsist between himself and man. It is all to be found, of course, in what our Lord calls the first and greatest commandment. “Love the Lord your God



with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” That is permanent. That is not for the theocratic nation only; it is for the whole of mankind. The second commandment, he says, “. . . is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ ”

(D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones, *Studies in the Sermon on the Mount*, p. 170 - 171)

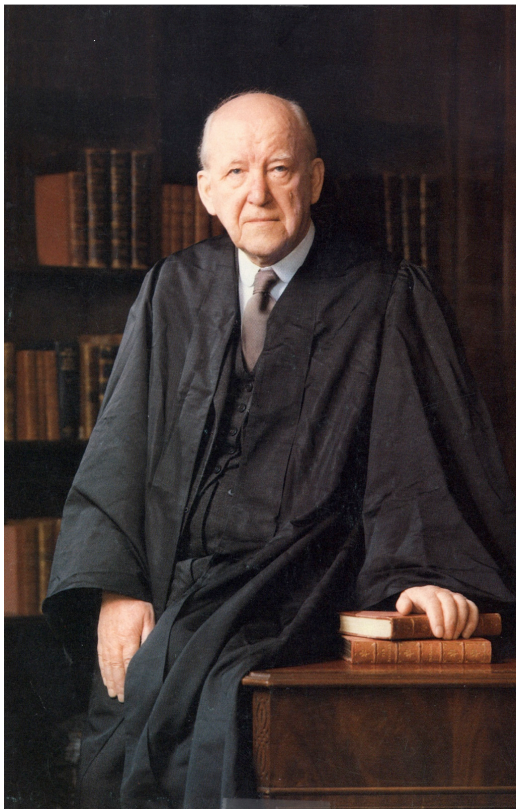
That again was not only for the theocratic nation of Israel; that was not merely the old ceremonial law. It is a permanent condition and part of our perpetual relationship to God.



Thus the moral law, as interpreted by the New Testament, stands now as much as it has ever done, and will do so until the end of time and until we are perfected.

(D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones, *Studies in the Sermon on the Mount*, p. 170 - 171)

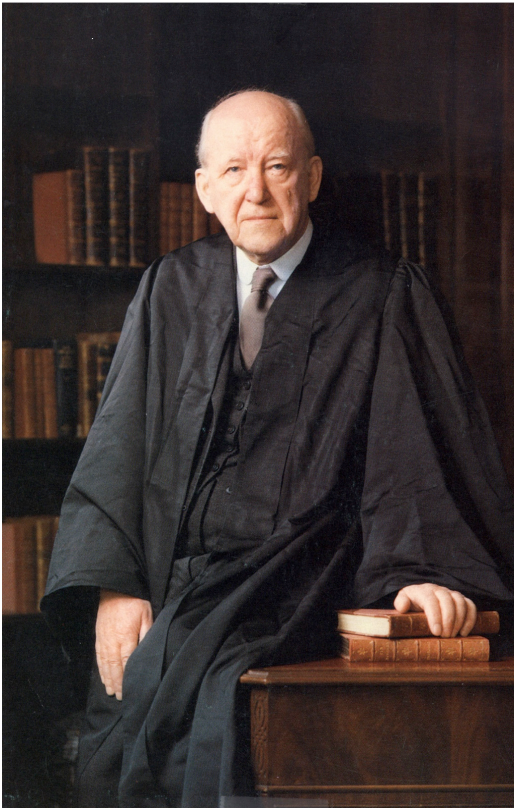
In 1 John 3 the apostle is very careful to remind his readers that sin in Christian people is still “a transgression of the law.” “We still see our relationship to the law”, says John in effect, “for sin is a transgression of the law.”



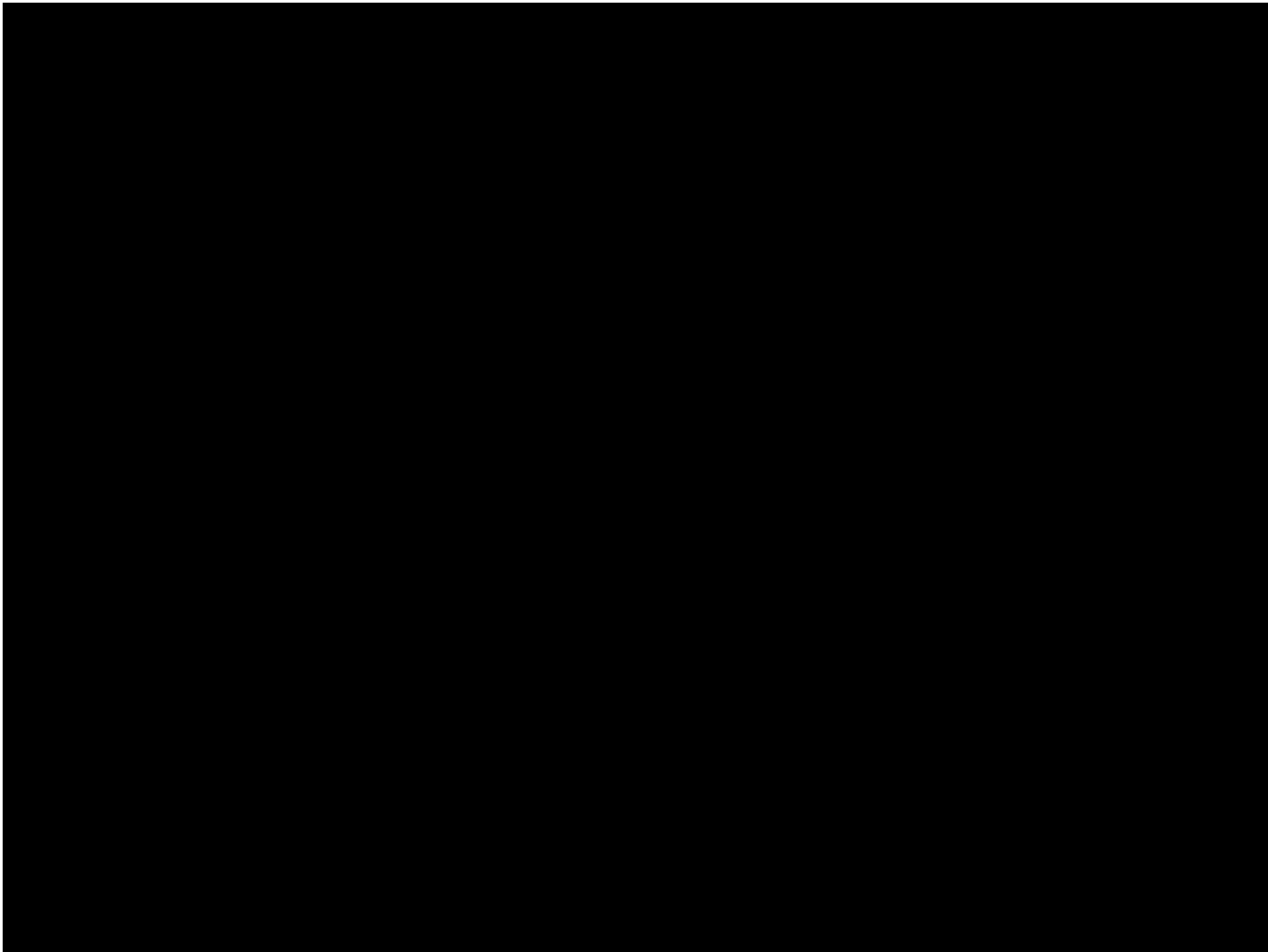
The law is still there, and when I sin I am breaking that law, though I am a Christian and though I have never been a Jew, and am a Gentile. So the moral law still applies to us.

(D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones, *Studies in the Sermon on the Mount*, p. 170 - 171)

“We are not *under* the law
but we are meant to *keep it*.”



(D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones, *Studies in the Sermon on the Mount*, p. 19)



Saints = our new identity in Christ.
60 times in the New Testament

Saintly = our new behavior.
Righteous living

John 14:15

If you love me, obey my
commandments. (NLT)

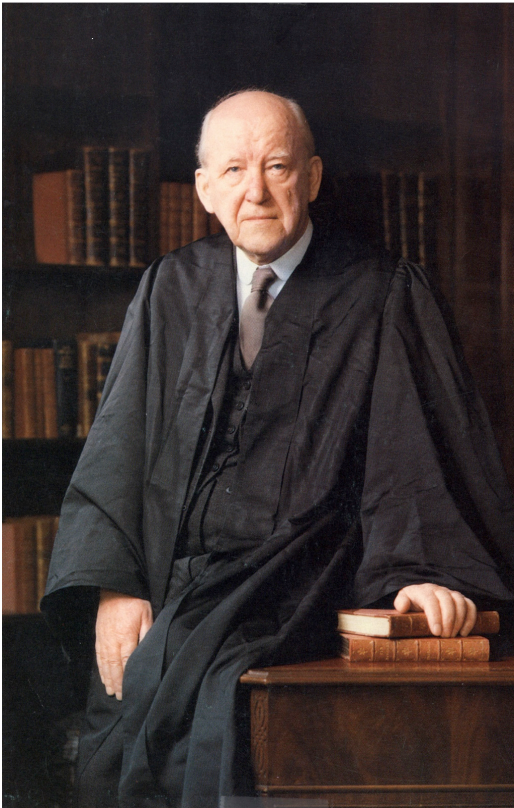
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1 John 5:3

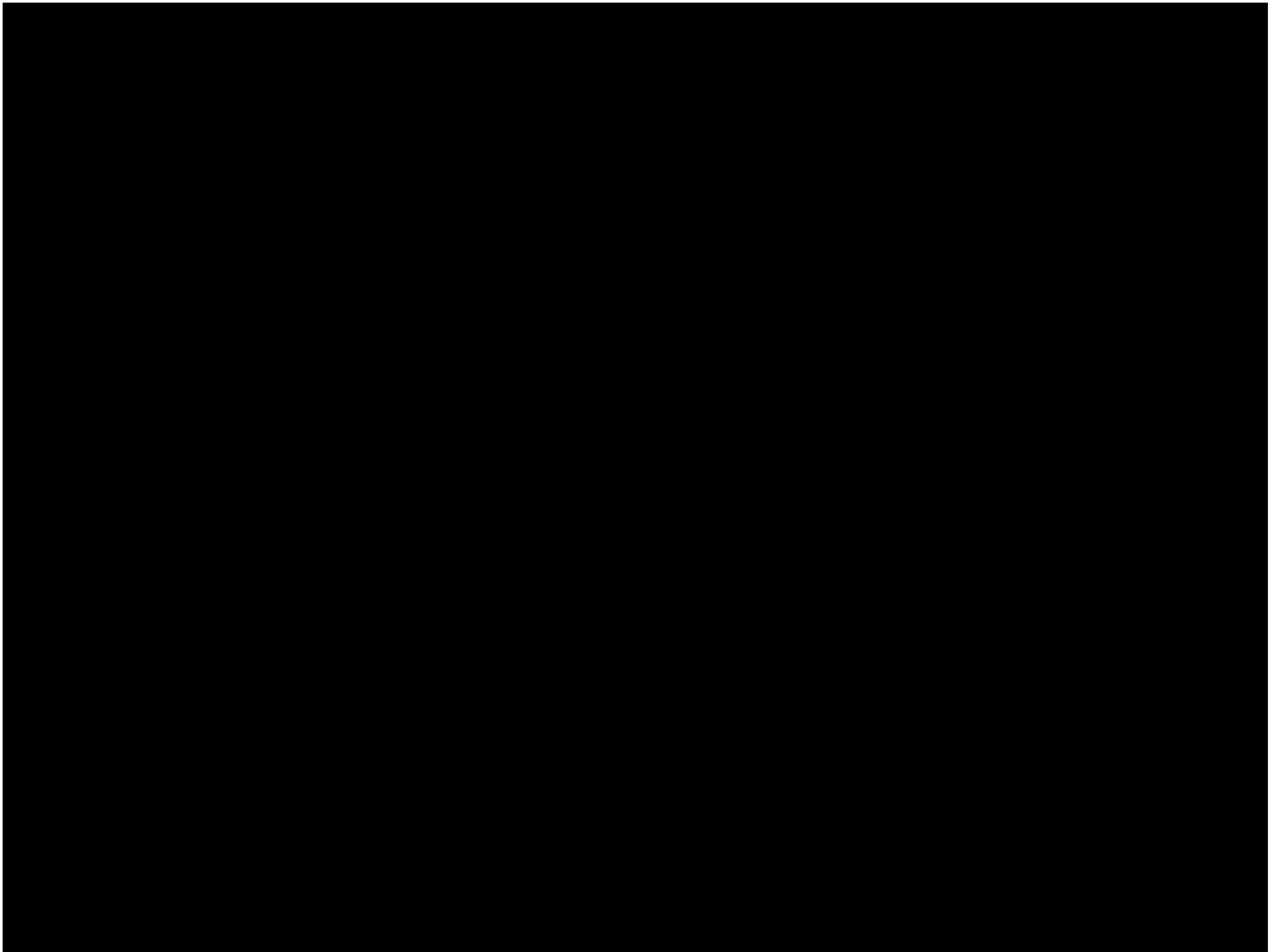
Loving God means keeping his
commandments, and his
commandments are not burdensome.

(NLT)



. . . what the church needs to do is not to organize evangelistic campaigns to attract outside people, but to begin herself to live the Christian life. If she did that, men and women would be crowding into our buildings. They would say, “What is the secret of this?”

(D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones, *Studies in the Sermon on the Mount*, p. 13)



1 Peter 2:11 - 12

¹¹ Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. ¹² Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

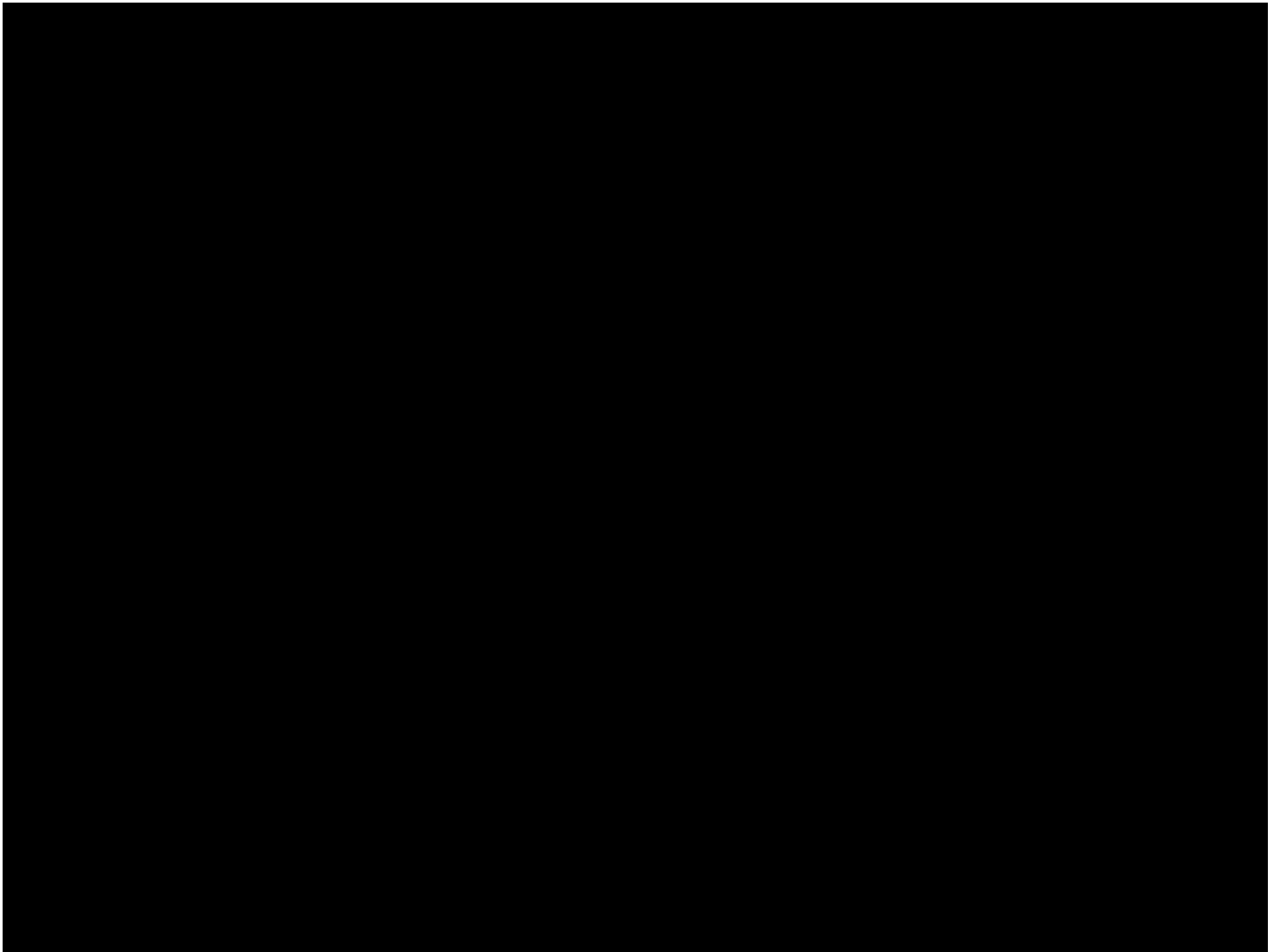


THE CHRISTIAN AND THE LAW

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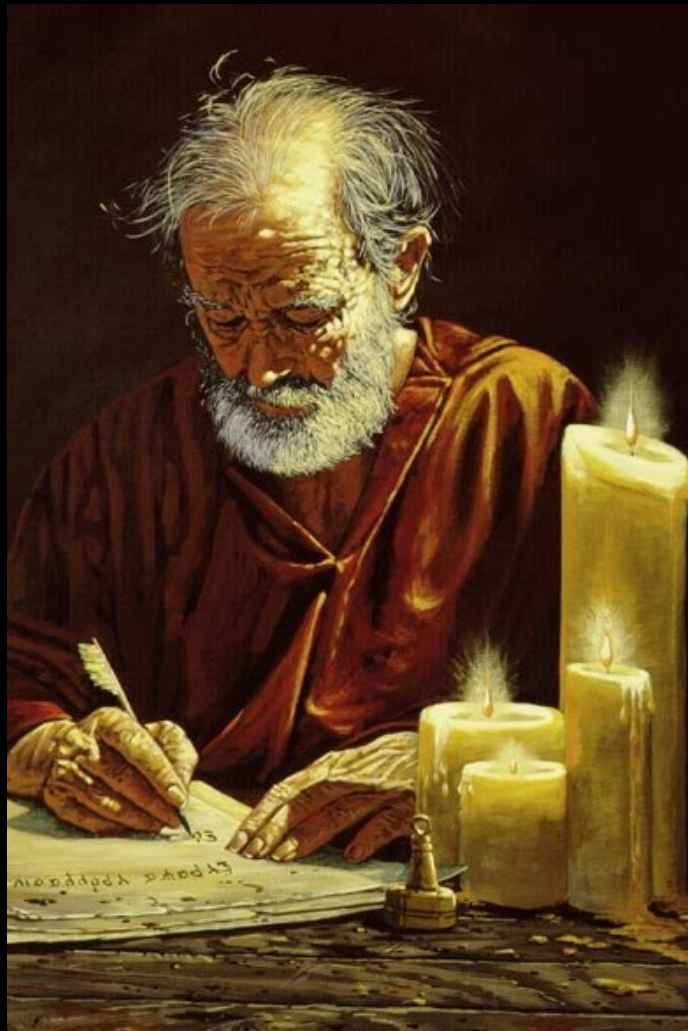
For I tell you that unless
your righteousness
surpasses that of the
Pharisees and the
teachers of the law, you
will certainly not enter
the kingdom of heaven.





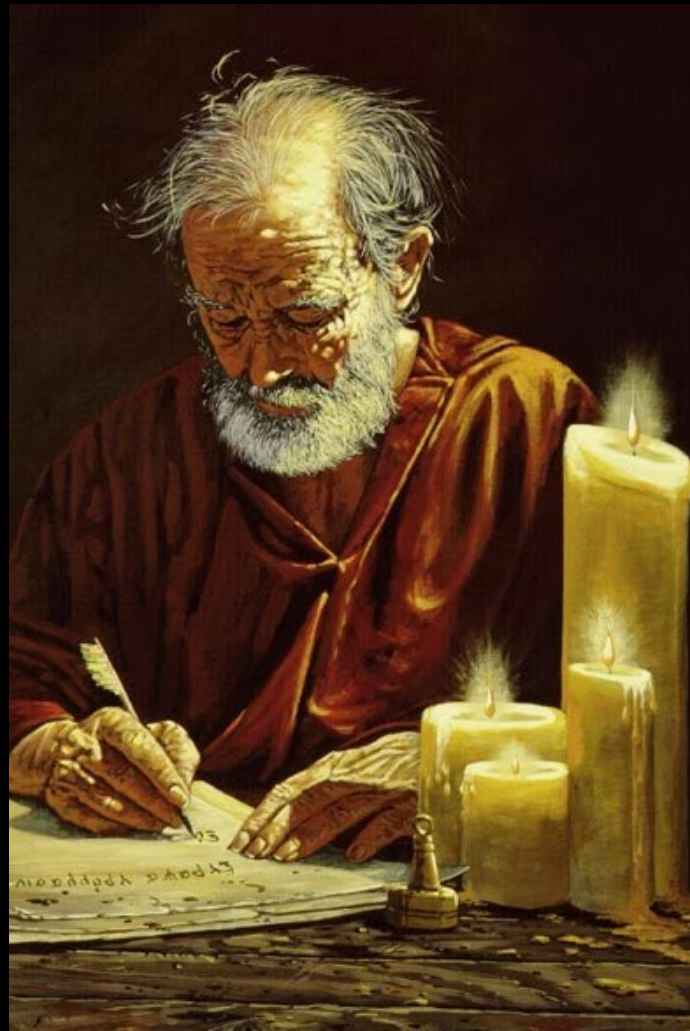
Philippians 3:4 - 6

⁴ If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.



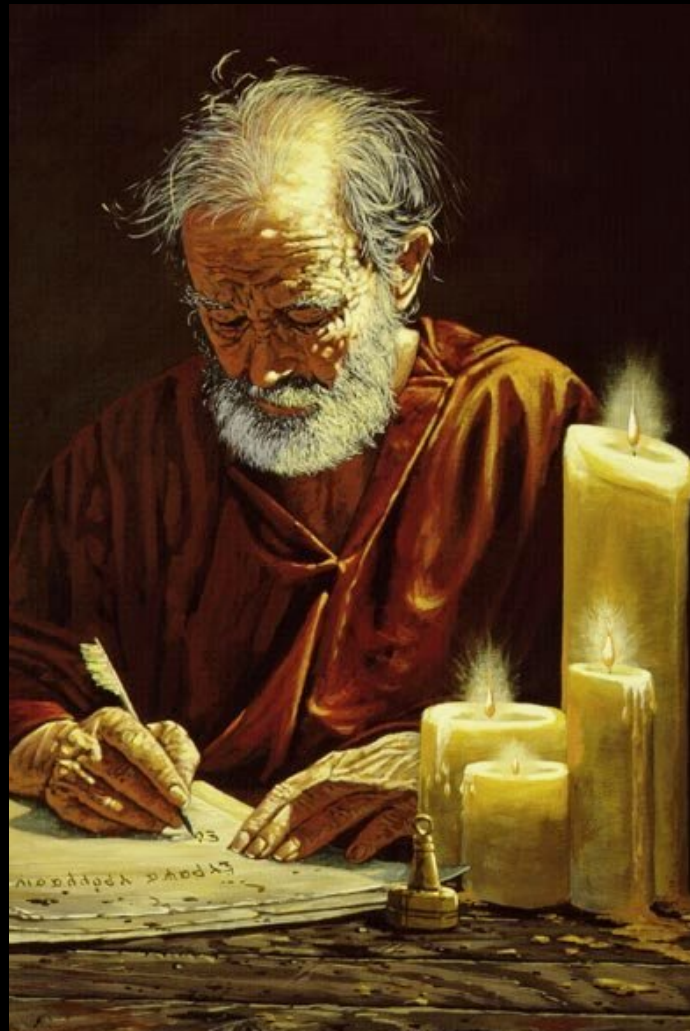
Romans 7:18 – 25

¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.



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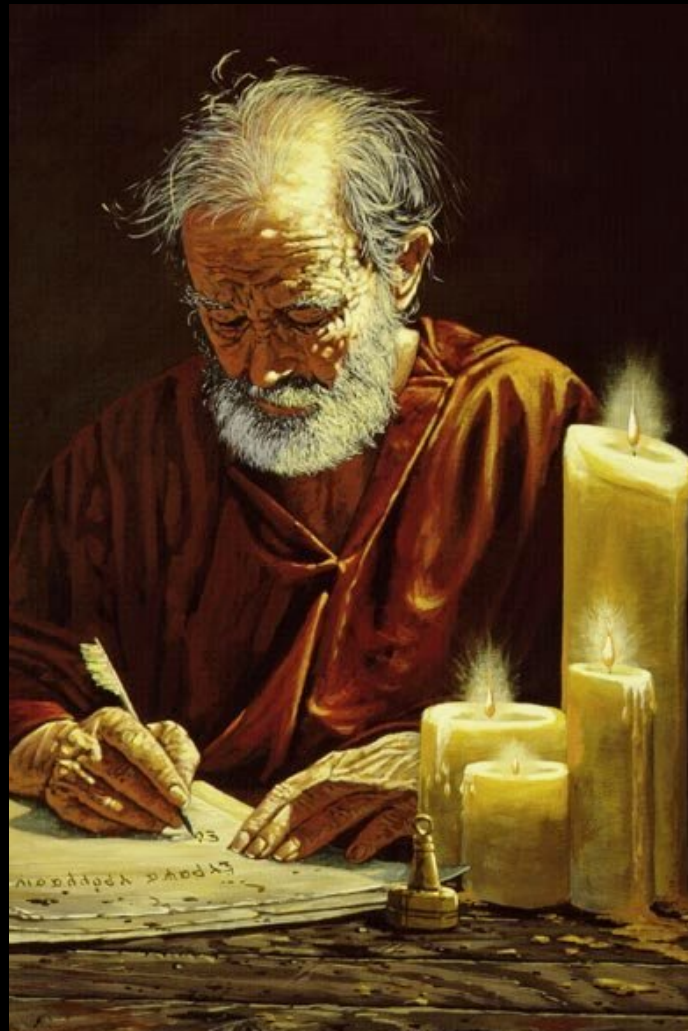
²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³ but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.



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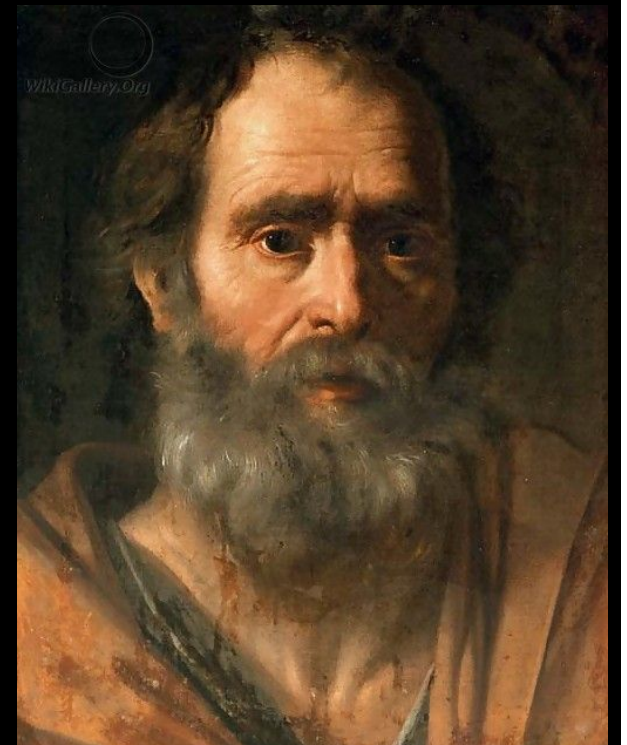
²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!



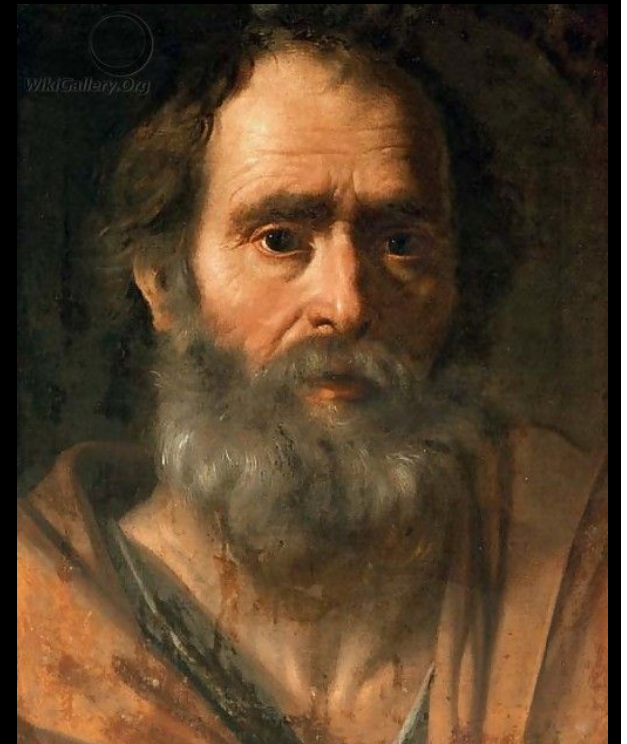
James 2:10

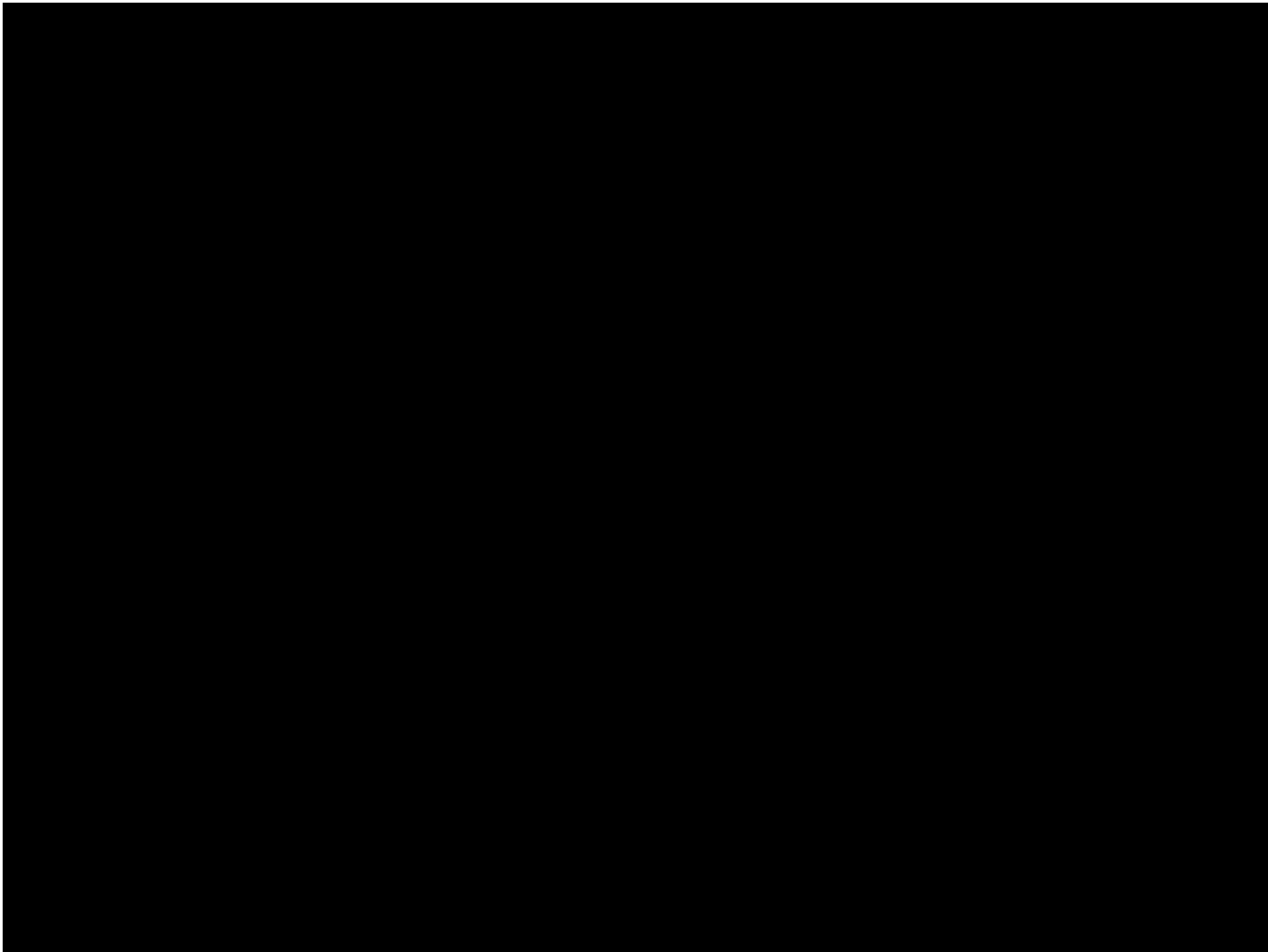
For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.



James 2:8 - 9

⁸ If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, “Love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing right. ⁹ But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers.





IS THERE A CONFLICT BETWEEN GRACE AND LAW?

Ephesians 2:8 - 10

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¹⁰ For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Pharisaic obedience



Luke 18:9 - 14

Grace-motivated obedience



Grace is opposed to
earning not effort.

Let us carefully study this Sermon that claims to show what we *ought* to be. Let us consider it that we may see what we *can* be. For it not only states the demand; it points to the supply, to the source of power.



