

Session #4: LABOR AND REWARD IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND IN THE KINGDOM OF MAN --Part 1

I. Introduction & Review

II. The Setting for the Decalogue (Deut 5:1-5)

Deut 4:5-8 “wisdom” & “understanding”

History of the West is a story of original tyrannical paganism (Roman Empire) alleviated by the influence of Christianity. Today the “progressive” movement viewed in this light is really a “regressive” movement.

<p>Doctrine of Revelation</p> <p>1. <u>Verbal</u>, _____</p> <p>2. <u>Personal</u>, _____</p> <p>3. <u>Historical</u>, _____)</p> <p>4. <u>Comprehensive</u>, _____</p> <p>5. <u>Prophetic</u>, _____</p>
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III. The Chaistic Structure of the Decalogue

5:6-10 God alone is worthy of worship and service

5:11 Accuracy in language about God

5:12-15 Management of labor and property

5:16 Society depends upon functional marriage & family

5:17 **Life is to be respected & preserved as God’s image**

5:18 Marriage is to be protected

5:19 Property is to be protected

5:20 Accuracy in language of judicial proceedings

5:21 Self is not worthy of worship and service

Implications of God’s design for our labor:

LIFE [God’s image](protected)	LIFE [God’s image] (jeopardized--)
MARRIAGE & FAMILY (strong & functioning as primary social and educational unit—Deut 6)	MARRIAGE & FAMILY (weak & dysfunctional so responsibility transferred to the messianic state)
LABOR & PROPERTY (respected & productive even in a fallen world)	LABOR & PROPERTY (demeaned & wasted—classical pagans had slaves to do work)
INTEGRITY of PERSONAL COMMUNICATION (consistently states truth that fits reality)	INTEGRITY of PERSONAL COMMUNICATION (deceitfully professes “truth”—sophist rhetoric)
HEART ALLEGIANCE (to the God Who created and controls history according to His announced plan)	HEART ALLEGIANCE (to self and suppression of all ‘reminders’ of Creation and Providence)

IV. Conclusion: