

Chiastic Structure (X)

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

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

God's Design of Society

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| LIFE (<i>protected</i>) | LIFE (<i>jeopardized</i>) |
| MARRIAGE & FAMILY (strong & functioning) | MARRIAGE & FAMILY (weak & dysfunctional) |
| LABOR & PROPERTY (respected & productive) | LABOR & PROPERTY (demeaned & wasted) |
| INTEGRITY of COMMUNICATION (consistently states truth) | INTEGRITY of COMMUNICATION (deceitfully professes truth for agendas) |
| HEART ALLEGIANCE (to God) | HEART ALLEGIANCE (to self) |

Logical
Sequence

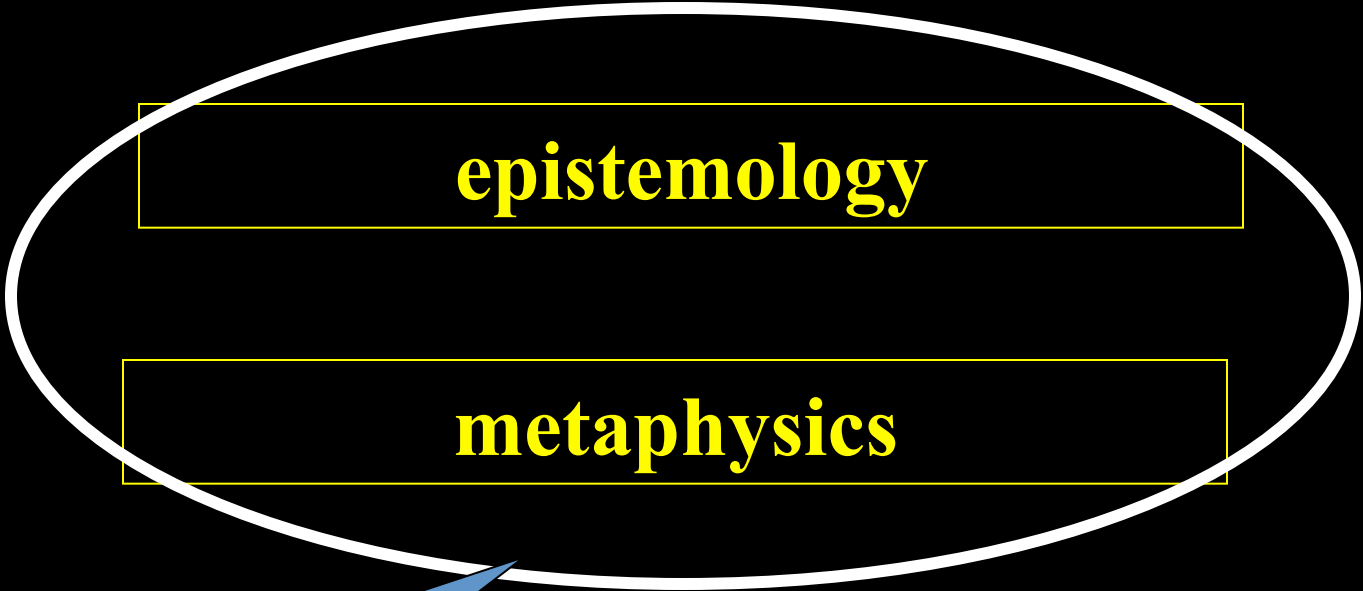


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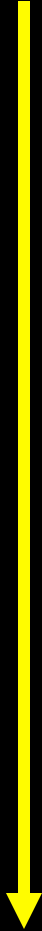
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Pressure of Life



Yahweh or an idol?

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| <i>1st Clement</i> (AD 90-100 epistle from Rome to Corinth) | Mentions three levels of priestly ministry distinguished from laity using Levitical terminology |
| Ignatius (AD 35-107) | Mentions priest-laity distinction plus an altar for the Eucharist |
| Justin Martyr (AD 100-165) | Applies OT promises given to Israel to the Church; Eucharist described as analogous to the OT Levitical sacrifices and central to the Church's ministry |
| Irenaeus (AD 130-200) | Develops further the parallel between OT Levitical sacrifices and Eucharist as the sacrifice conducted by Church priesthood through making an invocation to God |
| Origen (AD 185-254) | Physical OT Israel only a "type" of the true people of God; thus there exists levels of priesthood in the Church from "priest" to "pontiff" |
| Cyprian (AD ?? – 258) | Not only assimilated OT priestly and sacrificial categories into the Church but read back Christian terminology into the OT; limited the term "catholic" to churches linked in sacrifice and priesthood to Rome |

“What makes the history of Israelite prophecy *sui generis* is the succession of apostles of god that come to the people through the ages. Such a line of apostle-prophets is unknown to paganism. Not even those great souls that rose among the nations to found religions and teach the good way [e.g., Buddha, Zoroaster] are of a type with the prophets of Israel. . . .paganism does not know of a continuous, generations-long succession of prophets.”

Yehezkel Kaufmann, The Religion of Israel, p 212f

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| Example | Command- ment Violated | Rationale |
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| False prophet | 1,2,5 | Violates God's Word, prophet's authority |
| Misuse of animals | 3,7,9 | Violates their life-giving purpose, unique design, value |
| Perpetual labor & debt | 4,8,9 | Violates faith in God's provision; demeans designed freedom from debt-forced labor |
| Taking property of another | 7,8,9 | Violates God's ownership boundary, God's grant, honor of the owner |
| Modern socialism | 7,8,9 | Ditto |