**The Law Part 11**

The Demands of the Law

1. Q. What does the Law of God require?
2. The Law requires Personal, Perfect, Perpetual, Contented obedience from a heart of love.

Deut. 28:15 But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee:

Matt. 22:37-40

1 John 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

James 2:10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.

1. John 3:4 … for sin is the transgression of the law.

Q. Is temptation to break the law a sin? A.Whether such temptation is a sin depends on its origin.

Temptation to sin can originate external to an individual (Matt. 4:1-11, 18:6-7) or the temptation can originate internally (James 1:14, 4:1). Externally originated temptation is not sin for the individual being tempted. Internally originated temptation is a sin as it is a product of the individuals fallen nature.

Q. Is this true for converted individuals as well as the unconverted? A.Yes.

The unconverted sins continually and without exception in his thinking.

Gen. 6:5, Rom. 8:5-8, Pr. 12:5, 12:10, 15:8-9, 15:26, 21:4.

The converted individual sins when his thinking is produced by his “old man”/”flesh” and is not sinning when his thinking is produced by his “new man” / “spirit”.

Rom. 7:17-18,23, Gal. 5:16-17.

1. Confessional Testimony vs. Contemporary Error

LBCF Ch. 6.5 The corruption of nature, during this life, does remain in those that are regenerated; and although it be through Christ pardoned and mortified, yet both itself, and the first motions thereof, are truly and properly sin.

WCF 6.5….yet both itself, and all the motions thereof, are truly and properly sin.

Contemporary Error   
A. John Piper

https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/is-it-sin-to-experience-same-sex-attraction

B. Kevin DeYoung

https://www.crossway.org/articles/is-homosexual-orientation-sinful/

C. Doug Wilson

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