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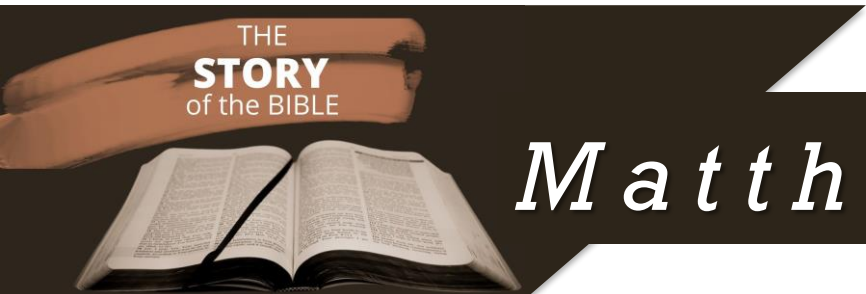


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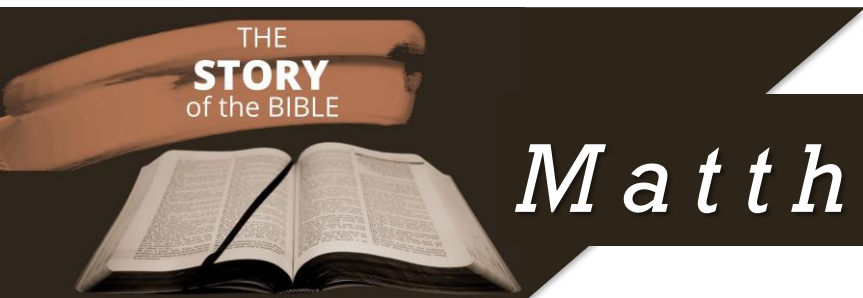
HONOUR THY FATHER AND
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THOU SHALT NOT KILL
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THOU SHALT NOT COVET

Jesus replied, “ ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment.



Matthew 22:37–40 (NLT)

A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”



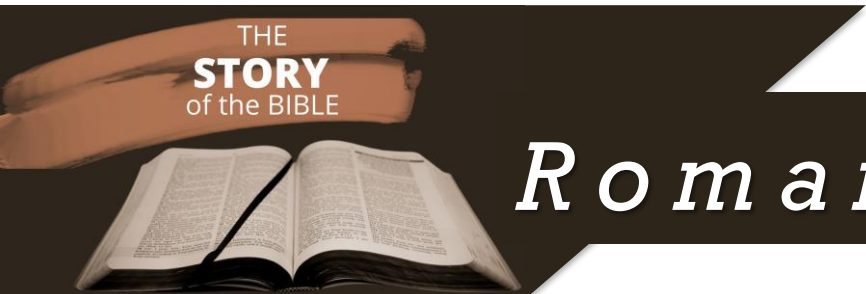
Matthew 22:37–40 (NLT)

The 10 commandments reveal to us what our hearts are like and how they are designed

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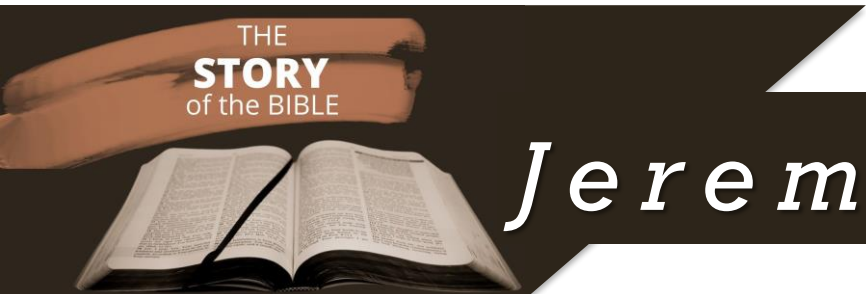


They demonstrate that **God's law is written in their hearts**, for their own **conscience** and thoughts either accuse them or tell them they are doing right.



Romans 2:15 (NLT)

The heart is deceitful above all things, and
desperately sick; who can understand it?

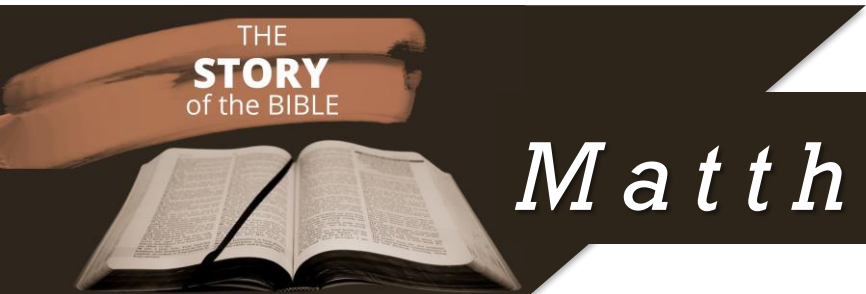


Jeremiah 17:9 (ESV)

When our hearts are soft, we can hear God speaking to us, but our hearts can become hardened to the point where things that used to feel wrong don't feel wrong anymore.



For **this people's heart has become calloused;**
they hardly hear with their ears, and they have
closed their eyes. ...



Matthew 13:15 (NIV)

Right and wrong cannot be determined just by “what feels right”. We are exposed to so much today that our hearts can’t help but become hardened... and if we aren’t careful, we will cease to hear that still, small voice of God. So, God writes it in stone and in the bible.



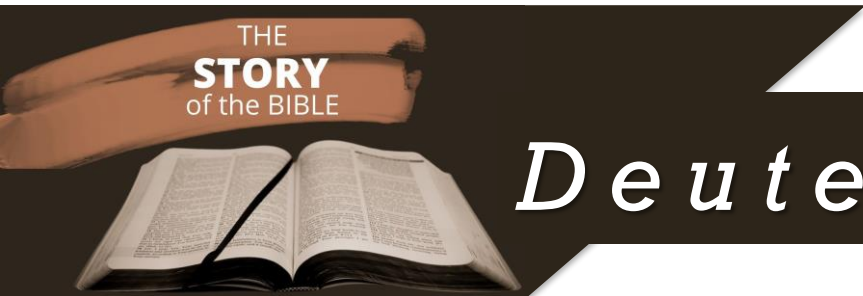
God knew that right and wrong could become distorted, so He put it in writing.

If you want to know if something is right or wrong, you must go to God's Word.

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They are not just idle words for you—they are
your life...



Deuteronomy 32:47 (NIV)

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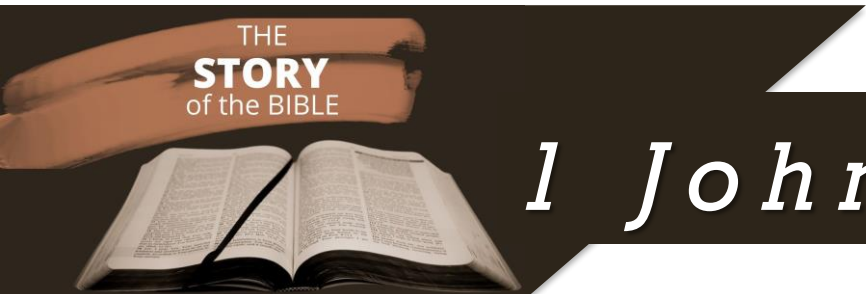
❖ If there are laws, there are consequences for breaking them

We are not perfect. I think we would all agree with that, but we seldom grasp exactly what that means.

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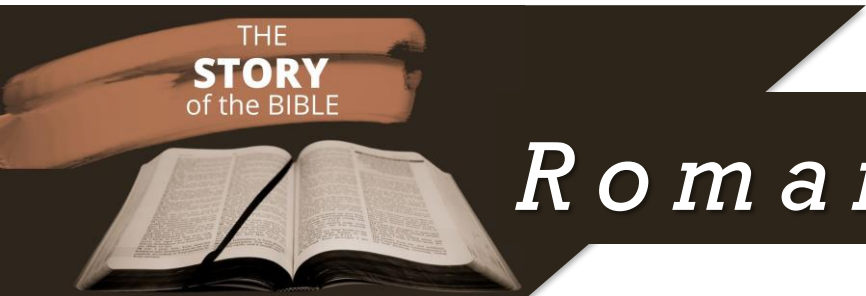


Everyone who **sins is breaking God's law**, for all sin is contrary to the law of God.



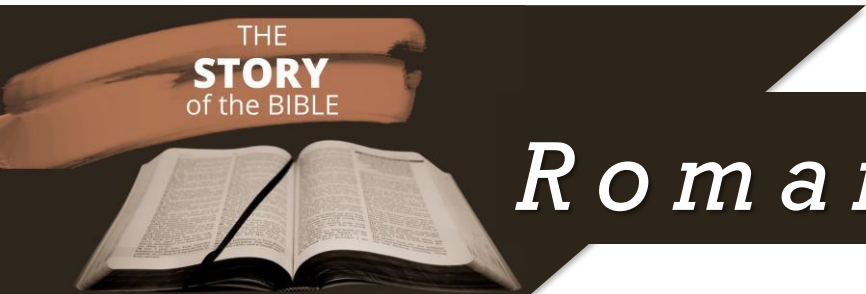
1 John 3:4 (NLT)

...through the law we become conscious of our
sin.



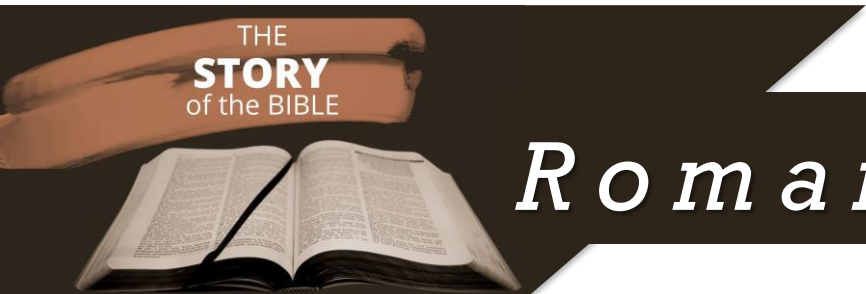
Romans 3:20 (NIV)

For **everyone has sinned**; we all fall short of God's
glorious standard.



Romans 3:23 (NLT)

For **the wages of sin is death**, but the gift of God
is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.



Romans 6:23 (NIV)

The purpose of the Law is to make us aware
of our sin and its consequences.

Sin separates us from God.



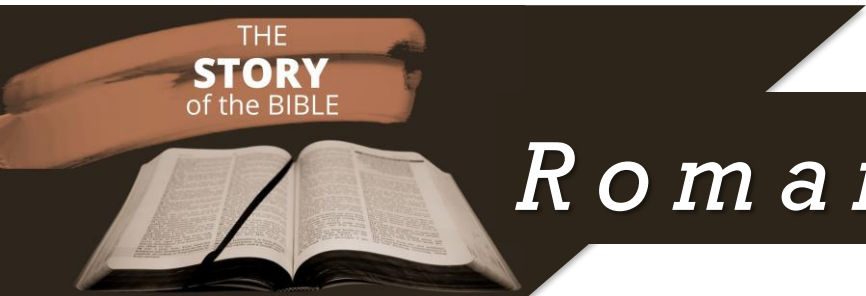
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❖ The Old Testament presents the problem

So I find this law at work: **Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me.** For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me.



Romans 7:21-25 (NIV)

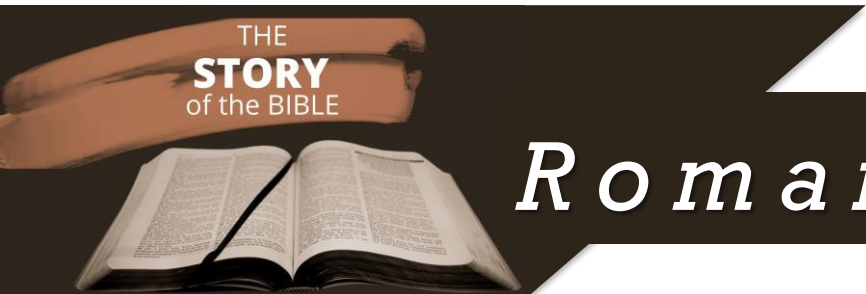
God gave the law to show us we can't get it right.

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What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death?

Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in my sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.



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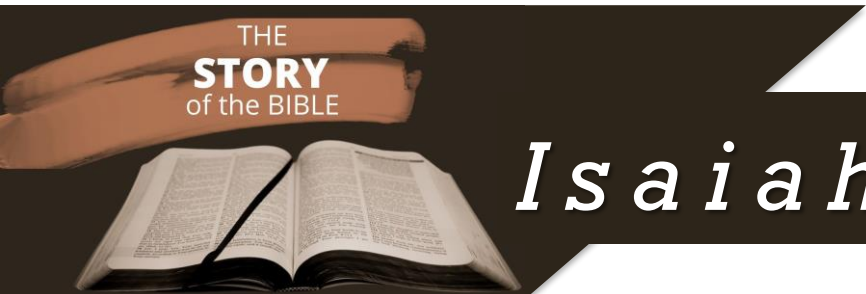
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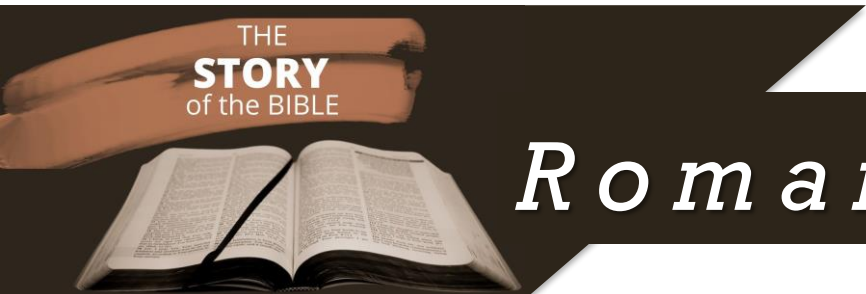
❖ The Old Testament points to the solution
- Jesus

We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us
has turned to our own way; and **the Lord has laid**
on him the iniquity of us all.



Isaiah 53:6 (NIV)

But now apart from the law the righteousness of
God has been made known, to which the Law
and the Prophets testify.



Romans 3:21 (NIV)

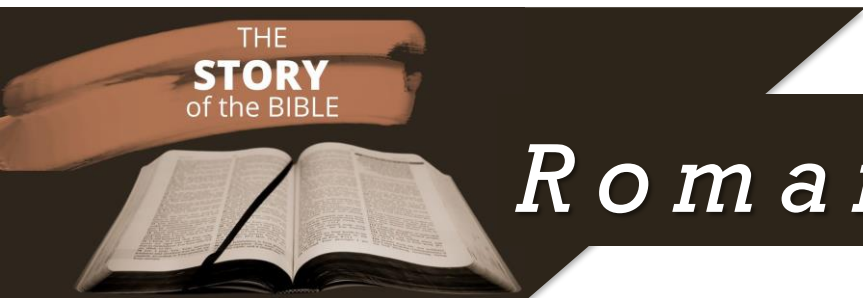
The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him
and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes
away the sin of the world!



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John 1:29 (NIV)

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this:
While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.



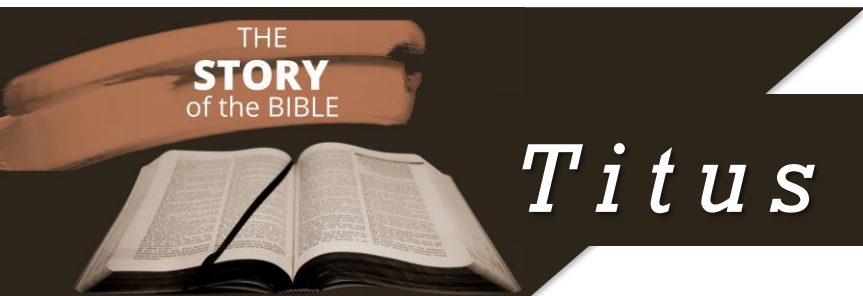
Romans 5:8 (NIV)

To minimize sin is to minimize our need for
Jesus.

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he saved us, **not because of the righteous things we had done**, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit.



Titus 3:5 (NLT)

For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are.

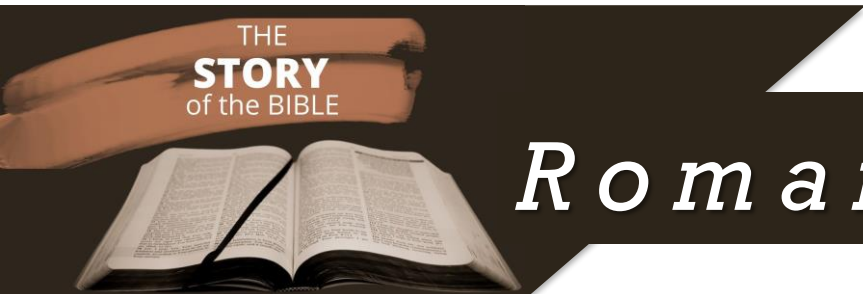


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Romans 3:20 (NLT)

Can we boast, then, that we have done anything to be accepted by God? No, because our acquittal is not based on obeying the law. It is based on faith.

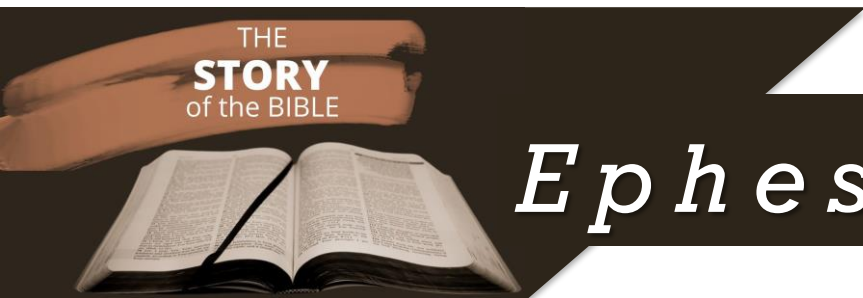
So we are made right with God through faith and not by obeying the law.



Romans 3:27–28 (NLT)

God saved you by his grace when you believed.
And **you can't take credit for this**; it is a gift from
God.

Salvation is not a reward for the good things we
have done, so none of us can boast about it.



Ephesians 2:8–9 (NLT)

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God doesn't forgive you because of what you do.

God forgives you because of what Jesus did!

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