
The goodness of God is seen in His law

*Psalm 19:7 The law of the LORD is **perfect**, refreshing the soul.
The statutes of the LORD are **trustworthy**, making wise the simple.*

⁸ *The precepts of the LORD are right, **giving joy to the heart**.
The commands of the LORD are radiant, **giving light to the eyes**.*

⁹ *The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the LORD are firm, and all of them are righteous.*

¹⁰ *They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold;
they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.*

¹¹ *By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.*

¹² *But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults.*

¹³ *Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression.*

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Ethical objections to Christianity. Is God good?

Genesis 1:4 ...God saw that it was good....¹⁰ ...God saw that it was good....¹² ...and God saw that it was good....¹⁸ ...and God saw that it was good....²¹ ...and God saw that it was good.²⁵ And God saw that it was good....³¹ God saw all that he had made and it was very good.

Mark 10:17 As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

¹⁸ *“Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone.*

Why moral law? Can't we do Ok without it?

*Romans 3:10 As it is written: “**There is no one righteous, not even one**;¹¹ there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God.¹² **All have turned away**, they have together become worthless; **there is no one who does good, not even one**.”¹³ “Their throats are open graves; their tongues practice deceit.” “The poison of vipers is on their lips.”¹⁴ “Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness.”*

Substituting man's law for God's law

Mark 7:5 *So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, "Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?"*

⁶ *He replied, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written:*

*"These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. ⁷ They worship me in vain; **their teachings are merely human rules.**"*

⁸ *You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions."*

We need God's law

Isaiah 53:6 *All of us, like sheep, have gone astray. We have turned, each one of us, to our own way, and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.*

Psalm 119:24 Your statutes are my delight; they are my counselors.

²⁷ *Cause me to understand the way of your precepts, that I may meditate on your wonderful deeds.*

²⁸ *My soul is weary with sorrow; strengthen me according to your word.*

²⁹ *Keep me from deceitful ways; be gracious to me and teach me your law.*

³⁰ *I have chosen the way of faithfulness; I have set my heart on your laws.*

³¹ *I hold fast to your statutes, LORD; do not let me be put to shame.*

³² *I run in the path of your commands, for you have broadened my understanding.*

³⁴ *Give me understanding, so that I may keep your law and obey it with all my heart.*

⁴⁵ *I will walk about in freedom, for I have sought out your precepts.*
