

MORNING SERMON OUTLINE

GOD'S LAW in WORSHIP

LUKE 18:9-14, ROMANS 3:19-24 & OTHER SCRIPTURES

Most churches today do not read the Law of God as a regular part of their worship services. Reformed churches always have. Why?

1. The Law compels us to come to God humbly as sinners.

The Law reveals the holiness, righteousness, justice of God the Judge.
The Law reveals our sins and sinfulness before God.

Luke 18:9-14 – Who was humbled before God?

PRAY that your reading of the Law will not produce wicked self-righteousness,

but humble you before God

truly confessing your sins and your sinfulness.

Sinners cannot come into God's presence any other way.

2. The Law directs us to Christ through whom alone we come.

God does not mean for us to despair in our guilt.

His Law points us to Christ, who kept the whole Law for us.

The Law is our tutor (or conductor) to bring us to Christ in faith.

His perfect life is our righteousness (justification).

His death atoned for our sins so we may be forgiven.

Remember **Hebrews 10:19-22** (2 weeks ago). See **Heb.4:14,15**.

PRAY that in your reading of the Law you will see Christ by faith
& come to God in worship and prayer trusting Him to accept you.

3. The Law & Christ move us to thanksgiving in worship.

Remember our call to worship – **Romans 12:1**.

Here is our motivation, our reason for worship – to give thanks to God
for Christ and all He has done and is for us.

a. Delivered from our guilt through Jesus – “Thank you, God!”

This should set the tone for your worship.

b. Delivered by Jesus' Law-keeping, here is my motive now for
striving to keep God's commands: “Thank You God!” **Rom.8:4**

PRAY for a thankful heart in worship,

& PRAY daily for the Spirit's help to keep God's Law,

not for salvation (Jesus did that), but for thanksgiving.

Now we know that whatever the Law says, it speaks to those who are under the Law, so that every mouth may be closed and all the world may become accountable to God; because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin.

Romans 3:19,20

.... the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

Galatians 3:24

God sent His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Romans 8:3,4