**Reading:** Matthew 5:17-20 & 7:13-29 **Singing:** 166:1-3 – 428:2, 4 – 42:1 – 308:1 – 266:1-2

## Exposition of God's Holy Law (1)

- A. What is God's great purpose in preaching to us? (Matt. 7:13-14; 24-27)
  - Ps. 19:11 In <u>keeping of them</u> there is a great reward
  - John 13:17 If you know these things, happy are ye if ye do them
- B. How will 'law-preaching' increase (or win) your love for God?
  - 1. not through the conviction of your sins it will bring
    - Romans 3:20 for by the law is the knowledge of sin
  - 2. but through seeing God Himself in the revelation of His Law!
    - Matt. 5:17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil

#### THE GOD OF THE LAW (1)

I. Who is God? II. What is His relationship to the Law? III. What is His purpose in His law?

#### I. Who is God?

- A. Why is it vital to spend time on this question?
  - 1. To remove your pre-judice about the LORD our God (Exodus 20:2)
  - 2. To remove our pre-judice about God as our Lawgiver: Ps. 19!
    - a. Gen. 1:1 God declares His Glory in His Creation (Ps. 19:1-6)

b. Ex. 20:1-17 God declares His glory in His Law (Ps. 19:7-9)

B. What does God's law reveal about His Glorious Being?

1. Our Lawgiver is LOVE: Gal. 5:15; Romans 13:8; 1 John 4:16; Matt. 22:36-40

### 2. Our Lawgiver is HOLY: holiness is God's beauty (Ps. 96:8-9)

### 3. Our Lawgiver is sovereign: Ps. 135:5-6

a. as God He has a Divine Right to legislate whatever He deems right

- b. His Sovereignty is merged with all His attributes
- 4. Our Lawgiver is just: Gen. 18:25b; 2 Chron. 19:7; Neh. 9:33; Job 8:3

# Closing Observation: Our Lawgiver is unchangeable – immutable!

A. Do you agree that

- 1. His natural laws stand unchanged?
- 2. His moral laws stand unchanged?
- B. Has God's unchanging law become dear to you?
  - 1. God's gracious power changes us to love His law more than anything else
    - I will delight myself in thy commandments which I have loved
    - The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver?
  - 2. If we don't love God's law, why is that?
- C. Why is God expounding His law to us?