

The Relationship Between Law and Scripture

The study of Scripture is so remarkably similar to the study of Law that I am forced, through logic, to conclude that the two disciplines are, by design, very closely tied.

Look at how the Scripture below flows. Parts of it read like a Preamble to new legislation:

Ezekiel 18:1-13 (KJV)

¹ The word of the LORD came unto me again, saying , ² What mean ye, that ye use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying , The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge ? ³ As I live, saith the Lord GOD, ye shall not have occasion any more to use this proverb in Israel. ⁴ Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth , it shall die . ⁵ But if a man be just, and do that which is lawful and right, ⁶ And hath not eaten upon the mountains, neither hath lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, neither hath defiled his neighbour's wife, neither hath come near to a menstruous woman, ⁷ And hath not oppressed any, but hath restored to the debtor his pledge, hath spoiled none by violence, hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment; ⁸ He that hath not given forth upon usury, neither hath taken any increase, that hath withdrawn his hand from iniquity, hath executed true judgment between man and man, ⁹ Hath walked in my statutes, and hath kept my judgments, to deal truly; he is just, he shall surely live , saith the Lord GOD. ¹⁰ If he beget a son that is a robber, a shedder of blood, and that doeth the like to any one of these things, ¹¹ And that doeth not any of those duties, but even hath eaten upon the mountains, and defiled his neighbour's wife, ¹² Hath oppressed the poor and needy, hath spoiled by violence, hath not restored the pledge, and hath lifted up his eyes to the idols, hath committed abomination, ¹³ Hath given forth upon usury, and hath taken increase: shall he then live ? he shall not live : he hath done all these abominations; he shall surely die ; his blood shall be upon him.

Ezekiel 18:30-32 (KJV)

³⁰ Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord GOD. Repent , and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin. ³¹ Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed ; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die , O house of Israel? ³² For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth , saith the Lord GOD: wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye.

See, the reasoning for the statute is set out first. Then come the effects the people's behavior has had on their society and why those things must be brought under legislative (in this case God's) control. Then it sets-out the effected class (as well as the non-effected class in this case). Then, further down what the law will accomplish. Then its Implementation. All is laid out exactly in the order of both the Declaration of Independence, and many, if not most, of our modern-day legislative drafts.

I think it's fascinating, the close ties between Scripture and our statutory construction!

Sometimes it's so hard for me to believe I've been blessed with the opportunity to study, practice, interpret and augment the law the way I've been blessed to, in spite of the tests & challenges, enabling me to be one of the Lord's "Change-Agents, helping to "morph" the "living law" into conformity with Christ likeness. It all seems like an incredible, amazing "beyond my wildest dreams" kind of a blessing!

I hope, indeed I pray, that each of you be every last bit as blessed in your life's walk with the Lord as I've been.

I hope you have an amazing day!!

- Jack