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# **“The Law’s Ministry”**

**Romans 7:7-13**

<sup>26</sup> “‘Cursed be anyone who does not confirm the words of this law by doing them.’ And all the people shall say, ‘Amen.’”

**Deuteronomy 27:26**

*<sup>10</sup> For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it.*

**James 2:10**

*<sup>23</sup> for all have sinned  
and fall short of the glory of God,*

**Romans 3:23**

*<sup>22</sup> Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.*

**Hebrews 9:22**

**I. Romans 6** *Victory Over The Bondage of Sin*

**II. Romans 7** *Liberty from Bondage to the Law*

*A. The Law's Authority (vs. 1-6)*

*B. The Law's Ministry (vs. 7-13)*

*C. The Law's Inability (vs. 14-25)*

**III. Romans 8** *Security in The Holy Spirit*

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*<sup>56</sup> The sting of death is sin,  
and the power of sin is the law.*

**I Corinthians 15:56**

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<sup>48</sup> *You therefore must be perfect,  
as your heavenly Father is perfect.*

**Matthew 5:48**

<sup>20</sup> *For by works of the law no human being will be  
justified in his sight,  
since through the law comes knowledge of sin.*

**Romans 3:20**

*<sup>5</sup> For while we were living in the flesh,  
our sinful passions,  
aroused by the law,  
were at work in our members to bear fruit for death.*

**Romans 7:5**

<sup>12</sup> *For all who have sinned without the law will also  
perish without the law,  
and all who have sinned under the law  
will be judged by the law.*

**Romans 2:12**

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*<sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death,  
but the free gift of God  
is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

**Romans 6:23**

*<sup>1</sup> And you were dead in the trespasses and sins*

**Ephesians 2:1**

“But sin, setting up a base of operations through the commandment not to covet, produced in me coveting of every kind; for apart from the Law sin is dead or dormant.



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And I was alive, blissfully indifferent, to the searching demands of the Law; but when the commandment not to covet came, sin sprang to life, and I felt the sentence of death.”



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# How Was Satan Successful?

1. By focusing on the negative of God's command and ignoring the positive.
2. By leading her to doubt God's will and oppose Him.

# Sin is a Deceiver:

- It justifies our secret sins.
- It convinces us it is hopeless when we sin.
- It makes us angry at God's law.
- It gets us to think the law is unreasonable.
- It tells us we are better than we really are.
- It seeks to make us believe that obedience is boring.
- It dismisses and makes us forget the consequences of sin.



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*4. Displays the sinfulness of our sin (vs. 12-13)*

“Sin is contrary to the nature of God. God's name is holy, and as his name is, so is he and his nature, all holy; he is so, and cannot but be so. Therefore God takes it worse that men should think him wicked like themselves (Psalm 50.16-22),



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than that they think him not to exist (Psalm 14.1). It is said to weary him when men say that evil is good in his sight (Malachi 2.17). This is the thing God glories in, that he is holy, even glorious in holiness (Exodus 15.11).



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Holiness is the attribute which frees God, not only from evil itself, but from all appearance or suspicion of evil. If God were not holy, many of the things which God does would look unlike him:



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his justice and judgments  
would look not only like  
severity, but tyranny, were not  
it and they holy; his love in its  
conduct and behavior to some  
people would look like  
fondness and respect of  
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his patience would look like a toleration, if not approbation of sin, but that it is holy patience. Thus many acts of God, were it not for holiness, would appear as seemingly evil as they are really good, and would be as much suspected by all, as they are unjustly censured by some.



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God is holy, without spot or blemish, or any such thing, without any wrinkle, or anything like it, as they also that are in Christ shall one day be (Ephesians 5.27). He is so holy, that he cannot sin himself, nor be the cause or author of sin in another.



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He does not command sin to be committed, for to do so would be to cross his nature and will.

Nor does he approve of any man's sin, when it is committed, but hates it with a perfect hatred.

He is without iniquity, and of purer eyes than to behold (i.e. approve) iniquity (Habakkuk 1:13).



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On the contrary, as God is holy,  
all holy, only holy, altogether  
holy, and always holy, so sin is  
sinful, all sinful, only sinful,  
altogether sinful, and always  
sinful (Genesis 6.5). In my flesh,  
there dwelleth no good thing  
(Romans 7.18).



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As in God there is no evil, so in sin there is no good. God is the chiefest of goods and sin is the chiefest of evils. As no good can be compared with God for goodness, so no evil can be compared with sin for evil.”



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*⁸Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.*

**Romans 8:8**

*<sup>3</sup>For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another.*

**Titus 3:3**

*<sup>14</sup> But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.*

**Romans 13:14**

*<sup>29</sup>They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, <sup>30</sup> slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, <sup>31</sup>foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless.*

**Romans 1:29-32**

*<sup>32</sup>Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.*

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“To be totally depraved is to suffer from corruption that pervades the whole person. Sin effects every aspect of our being: the body, the soul, the mind, the will, and so forth. The total or whole person is corrupted by sin. No vestigial ‘island of righteousness’ escapes the influence of the fall. Sin reaches into every aspect of our lives, finding no shelter of isolated virtue.”



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*<sup>19</sup>For through the law I died to the law,  
so that I might live to God.*

**Galatians 2:19**