Questions For Reflection

1. When was the law of God mentioned for the first time?

2. How should the law of God be received by men?

3. Why should humans keep the law?

4. What is the internal clue in the Ten Commandments which suggests that they are universal and apply to all men and women?

5. What other laws point to the same universal scope as the Decalogue?
6. What are the social/civil laws which are not universal and are no more relevant today?

7. What cultic/ceremonial laws are not universal and are no longer relevant today?

8. What clues suggest an essential difference between the Decalogue and the laws dealing with sacrifices?

9. What kind of laws did the ancient rabbis and the early Christians declare binding for the non-Jews as well as for the Jews?

10. Does the experience of “renewal of covenant” (teshuvah) encouraged by the Hebrew prophets between God and Israel imply the law has been done away with?
11. Does the experience of “renewal of covenant” (teshuvah) encouraged by the teaching of the New Testament imply the law has been done away with?

12. Why does the experience of “renewal of covenant” imply the observance of the Law?

13. What will characterize God’s people in the “last days” in regard to the Law?

14. How will the nations respond to the Law in Messianic times?

15. What is the purpose of the Law?

Now that you know God gave His law to guide you, to free you and express His love for you, do you desire to obey His law out of your love for Him?
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