

HEAVEN'S ACCOUNT

Deuteronomy 4:4-20

V. 5: "Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the Lord my God commanded me that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it."

"Complete your papers, then wait *quietly* until I return, class." Mr. Graham said, then walked into the hall, closing the 6th grade classroom door.

Liam looked at Wanda, and snickered. Wadding up a piece of paper, he rolled it into a tight ball. Deftly tossing it onto her desk, he looked down and pretended to fill in the blanks on the paper.

The class became a whirlwind of giggles and tossed balls of scrunched paper, although every seat remained filled.

"Pass your papers to the front, NOW!" Mr. Graham ordered, slamming the door. "What part of quietly didn't you get?"

Moses represents Mr. Graham's counterpart of the 1st century B.C. The modern day 6th graders are the Hebrew Israelites counterparts. Both Moses and Mr. Graham love the people they were leading, and wanted God's best for them. But during their absence, the Hebrews built an idol to worship, and the 6th graders began a paper-throwing war. Moses threw down the stone tablets, (that had God's Ten Commandments inscribed), smashing them to dust. Mr. Graham returned with permission slips (for the class to visit a museum), which he tossed into the trashcan.

Did the kids, and the Hebrew people think their actions wouldn't have consequences?

God has a plan for every person's life. Being human, we can't help but disappoint Him. But we must know that throughout our lives, from childhood into maturity, we remain accountable—accountable to God for breaking Heaven's laws. From the fixed universal laws that maintain order of the celestial bodies to the rules of human behavior, God's certainty prevails. With astounding predictability!

Take Home Nugget

Are God's decrees random? Does He forget promises and covenants after making them? God holds His people accountable to Him for our relationships to each other and to Him. Heaven's fixed universal laws hold God true to the promises (covenants) He made to His people.

Heaven's laws have governed the universe since its creation. Why are we so amazed, then, by being accountable to God's unchanging control?

Allow me to humbly serve

By answering God with each long stride.

Never allow me to lose my nerve-

My life lived so God be glorified!

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