

AMANA TRUST BIBLE STUDIES

Lesson 11

Four Laws

Bible reading

Please pray over these verses.

Romans 7:22-23

22 For I delight in the law of God according to the inner man,

23 But I see a different law in my members, warring against the law of my mind and making me a captive to the law of sin which is in my members.

Romans 8:2

For the law of the Spirit of life has freed me in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and of death.

Introduction

We Christians are very complicated persons because we possess three lives with three laws. These laws are in each part of our tripartite being as principles of operation. The law of sin and death from Satan resides in our body; the law of good from our human life resides in our soul; and the law of the Spirit of life from God resides in our spirit. Furthermore, outside of man is a fourth law, the law of God. There is a constant, daily battle raging within us between these three lives and four laws.

Bible study reading

Please prayerfully read through the following portions of ministry related to this lesson.

In Romans 7 and 8 there are four laws. The law of God is the outward law written in letters (7:22). The law of good is in our natural being, represented by our mind. In our mind is a law that always tries to do good, and this is the law of good (v. 23). Also, the law of sin is in our members (v. 23). When a person wants to do good, there is another law, the law of sin, that defeats him and captures him. Last, Romans 8:2 refers to the law of the Spirit of life.

The first law is the law of God, the Mosaic law. The second law is the law of good that is a kind of natural law of mankind. Mankind was created according to God, and because God is good, there is a natural law within man always trying to do good. The third law is called the law of sin, and sin is the very embodiment of Satan. The law of sin may be called a satanic law. The fourth law is called the law of the Spirit of life. This is the divine law because the very Spirit is also the ultimate consummation of the processed Triune God in contrast to sin, which is the embodiment of Satan. The law of sin is satanic, and the law of the Spirit of life is divine. The four laws are the Mosaic law, the natural law of the human being, the satanic law, and the divine law.

Furthermore, every life is a law. The satanic life is the satanic law, the divine life is the divine law, and the natural life is the natural law. As a believer in Christ, we are also a created person. As a created person, within our being we have the natural law. We became fallen and received the satanic life and nature into our being, and with this satanic life is the satanic law. Then we got saved, and we received the divine life with the divine law. Therefore, in Romans 7 and 8 we see

four laws and three lives. (*Elders' Training, Book 6: The Crucial Points of the Truth in Paul's Epistles*, ch. 2, section 4)

Going deeper

Please read or listen to these materials for an in-depth study of this lesson.

Further reading:

[*Life-study of Romans*, msg. 13](#)

[*Life-study of Romans*, msg. 14](#)

[*The Knowledge of Life*, ch. 9](#)

Radio broadcast link:

Broadcast 14, [*The Bondage of the Law in Our Flesh \(2\)*](#) (start at the 12:31-minute mark)

Broadcast 15, [*The Freedom of the Spirit in Our Spirit \(1\)*](#) (start at the 11:09-minute mark)

Footnotes from Recovery Version of the New Testament:

Romans 7:23, footnote 1

Romans 7:24, footnote 3

Romans 8:2, footnotes 1, 4, 6

Questions for personal or corporate study:

References in brackets indicate readings or broadcasts that may be helpful in answering the questions.

- What are the four laws revealed in Romans 7—8? (Broadcast 14)
- Considering your own spiritual experience, how would you confirm the reality of the warfare that is taking place within our inner being? (*Life-study of Romans*, msg. 14, section 3; Romans 7:23, footnote 1, Recovery Version)

Works Cited

Lee, Witness. *Elders' Training, Book 6: The Crucial Points of the Truth in Paul's Epistles*. Anaheim: Living Stream Ministry, 1985. www.ministrybooks.org

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