

Conclusion

In examining the totality of the issue, it is clear that the LORD God preempts man in every way. Though it may seem to be the roundabout way to get there, the statement "There is one lawgiver" must be analyzed and explained so no excuse exists for not understanding that it is the LORD God and Him only that we sin against when we do any ill to our fellow man. Clearly, logically, by the Scripture one cannot transgress where no law exists, and one cannot transgress and sin against another if that other is not an issuer or author of the law.

Essentially, this issue is misunderstood due to two points: First, it does not appear, though plainly written, that the statement by King David is absolute, as Scripture speaks of one man sinning against another. However, that is to ignore the fact that Scripture does contain more than one perspective, and when it speaks of one sinning against another, it is from man's perspective. Second, it is because man primarily focuses on himself and his own issues, almost to the exclusion of any other perspective. Moreover, we are far too willing to grant ourselves a pass and view ourselves as better than what we actually are. So it is that we unduly focus on the wrong done to us, and ignore the wrong we do to others, ignoring our own heart and thoughts, thus exercising selective blindness in the matter.

We ought to understand that the LORD God is dealing with every other person even as He is dealing with us. He has not, despite what it seems, released anyone from responsibility for the thoughts of the heart and mind, and the subsequent actions in the flesh. Rather, as he deals with them he renders to them also, even to their utter condemnation. They will not be able to justify the violation of His commandment, even as you or I are not able to justify the violation of His commandment.

In this matter, what the LORD did was insure that we add

transgression to transgression when we take it upon ourselves to usurp His authority and exercise vengeance or take retribution into our own hands. Rather, we are, if we wish to remain blameless, to do as the Lord Jesus Christ instructed Peter:

Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven. (*Matthew 18:21-22*)

We should ever remember what the LORD God told Moses when Moses asked the LORD to take away his life and take him out of the Book of Life:

And the LORD said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book. (*Exodus 32:33*)

Despite Moses' pity party, the LORD used the incident to instruct Moses and everyone else who reads those words, that with Him and Him alone rests the determination of who ends up where, and what is done with them. The LORD God alone is lawgiver and judge. It is His determination how He will deal with man. It is exclusively His determination by what law and standard He will hold man to account. Nonetheless, He is ever merciful to man in letting him know plainly what that standard is.

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