

ever saw they are only names as far as I am concerned. We are in this earth for a brief time, and then we go to be with the Lord, and as Isaiah said, "The place thereof knows us no more." But if our lives have counted for Christ, if we have accomplished something for Him then there is something left here that goes on and on accomplishing and having results even though nobody may connect them up with us as to the part that we had in making them. God wants us to have a correct understanding of the temporariness of our sojourn here and not of hanging on of the body as if it were something in itself.

Now

Now we look at no. 3 here. Which type of law is involved? Which type of law is involved in this command here about putting these different ones outside the camp. We have mentioned that the law is properly divisible into three types. Now certainly this is not a moral law. It is not a law like the wrong of murder lying, of stealing, these things. It is not in that area except by example. We draw much from it that is of importance in connection with our relation to moral law. We will look at that a little later. It is certainly primarily a civil law. Civil law may be that which is the application of the moral law, or that which is vital for people getting along together and cooperating properly. And so this is civil law; this law which is important for sanitation, important to avoid the spread of infection, and to avoid keeping bodies that may decay and cause disease. In - Among the Jews the law was that the body must be buried that very day. When I was in Palestine 30 years ago, that still was the definite law among the Jews then. With our modern means of preservation of course that is not necessary, but the law against keeping bodies that could cause disease, that is civil law. But there also is in this very definitely ceremonial law. It has a meaning in presenting ideas to peoples minds and impressing them upon them. This putting people out of the camp, it impressed upon the people the law of God. It impressed the fact of God's holiness, His separation from what is unclean. It's a ceremonial law in teaching matters about God and also in -- of course avoiding erroneous ideas about the body.