MAN'S RELIGION vs GOD'S RELIGION

Point #1:

The Law of God is not evil or sinful

Whatever seemed right

(Judges 21:25 NLT) In those days Israel had no king, so the people did whatever seemed right in their own eyes.

The Law is not sinful

(Romans 7:7 NLT) Well then, am I suggesting that the law of God is evil? Of course not! The law is not sinful, but it was the law that showed me my sin. I would never have known that coveting is wrong if the law had not said, "Do not covet."

Point #2:

The Law reveals our <u>sin</u>.

I never knew you!

(Mat 7:21-23 NIV) "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!

A Heart Issue

(Ps 51:6 NLT) But you desire honesty from the heart, so you can teach me to be wise in my inmost being.

Point #3:

Our problem is not the Law but our own sinful **flesh**.

Sin took advantage

(Romans 7:8 NLT) But sin took advantage of this law and aroused all kinds of forbidden desires within me! If there were no law, sin would not have that power.

New Covenant

(Heb 8:10 NLT) But this is the new covenant I will make

with the people of Israel on that day, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their minds so they will understand them, and I will write them on their hearts so they will obey them.

I will be their God, and they will be my people.

Point #4:

We should be wary of trusting in ourselves rather than God's grace

Faith in Jesus Christ

(Gal 2:16 NLT) And yet we Jewish Christians know that we become right with God, not by doing what the law commands, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be accepted by God because of our faith in Christ—and not because we have obeyed the law. For no one will ever be saved by obeying the law."

Evil Purposes

(Romans 7:13 NLT): But how can that be? Did the law, which is good, cause my doom? Of course not! Sin used what was good to bring about my condemnation. So we can see how terrible sin really is. It uses God's good commandment for its own evil purposes.

CONCLUSION