

Heavenly Boundaries – Part 1
Foundational Laws
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Overview

God created everything and placed everything in order. He decreed laws that govern the entire universe. This includes the physical universe and the spiritual universe. God gives us insight into these laws throughout Scripture so that they might help us in our Christian walk. More importantly, what we will learn is that His laws are reminders of His Love and His grace for mankind.

Here are the different topics we will be discussing throughout this series:

- The Foundational Laws - Understanding that Laws really do exist, their purposes, and God's plan
- Your Legal Rights and Inheritance given by God - Jesus has a place for you!
- The Laws of God's Spoken Word - Pray and Expect
- Angelic Laws - Yes, they are bound by laws also.
- Blessings and Curses - Words do matter
- Claiming What God Has Given His Children - Nothing can take it away!
- Binding and Loosing - Breaking the spiritual chains that hold you back.
- The Law's of Loving Others - God's Blueprint for You

In today's lesson, we are going to discuss the Foundational Laws, which are the basic principals in which we will use as the foundation for this series.

A Closer Look at Laws

Let's first look at a definition of law so that we have a foundation to build on.

Laws are the enforceable body of official rules and regulations, established by people in authority who use them to govern the affairs of people in a society. Sanctions are usually used as punishment for those who do not adhere to the laws of the society.

(a) Laws are the principles of a group or society,
the mutual restrictions under which they exist and interact.

Laws define the extent of human rights as they apply to individual conduct, and establish the framework
under which people live and work together.

Members of a society, born or brought into it, are bound by its laws, which

(b) have been established to maintain order, justice, and the common good.

There are important principals here about law that we need to remember:

- (1) Laws are in place to govern the affairs of people.
- (2) There are consequences when laws are broken.
- (3) Laws are in place to protect human rights.
- (4) Laws are a framework for how people live and work together
- (5) Those who are born or brought in are bound by the laws.
- (6) Laws maintain order, justice and the common good.

Now, let's put this into a heavenly perspective.

When we think of God's laws, we often think of the Ten Commandments. Yes, these are His written laws. But what we must understand is that there are far more laws than the Ten Commandments and they are scattered throughout the Bible.

The Legal Jurisdictions

We have
international laws,
national laws,
state laws,

county laws,
and city or municipality laws.

Each of these laws are put into effect to govern the affairs of people within different jurisdictions.

(c) God's Law is the highest jurisdiction and supersedes all others.

He governs not only the physical world in which we know, but also the spiritual realm – The Heavens.

Psalm 66:7

He rules forever by his power,
his eyes watch the nations—
let not the rebellious rise up against him.

If you belong to His kingdom, then God's laws apply.

Since God is the sovereign creator of all things, then His laws apply to everything He created.
His laws were created not only to govern, but also to bring complete joy when we follow them.

God's laws are the directives for how he designed things to work.

Psalm 19:7-8 (NIV)

***7 The law of the Lord is perfect,
refreshing the soul.***

***The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.***

***8 The precepts of the Lord are right,
giving joy to the heart.***

***The commands of the Lord are radiant,
giving light to the eyes.***

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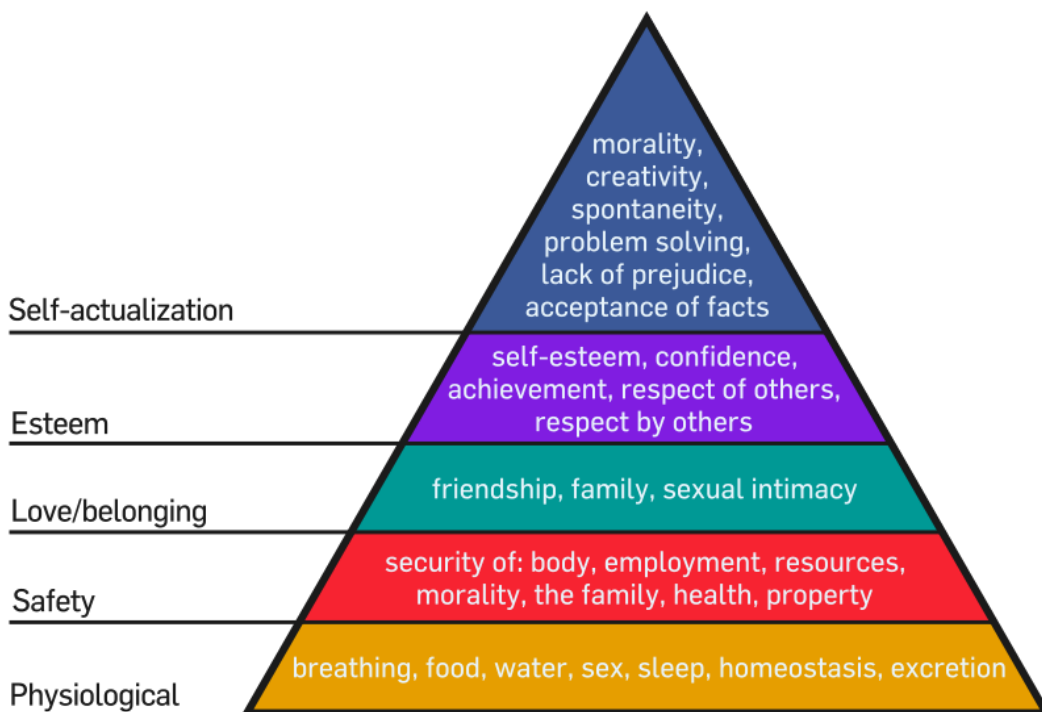
Principal #1

(1) Man is both physical and spiritual.

The human race is the only creation that has physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. All other living creation has either a physical need or a spiritual need, but not both.

God designed us this way.

Let's look at those basic needs



Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs

The most fundamental and basic four layers of the pyramid contain what Maslow called "deficiency needs" or "d-needs": esteem, friendship and love, security, and physical needs. If these "deficiency needs" are not met – with the exception of the most fundamental (physiological) need – there may not be a physical indication, but the individual will feel anxious and tense. Maslow's theory suggests that the most basic level

of needs must be met before the individual will strongly desire (or focus motivation upon) the secondary or higher level needs. Maslow also coined the term Metamotivation to describe the motivation of people who go beyond the scope of the basic needs and strive for constant betterment.

Principal #2

(2) God created both the physical realm and the heavenly realm.

Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth

Nehemiah 9:6

6 “You alone are the LORD. You made the skies and the heavens and all the stars. You made the earth and the seas and everything in them. You preserve them all, and the angels of heaven worship you.

Psalms 148:2

2 Praise him, all his angels!

Praise him, all the armies of heaven!

Col. 1:16

***for through him God created everything
in the heavenly realms and on earth.
He made the things we can see
and the things we can't see—
such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world.
Everything was created through him and for him.***

(a) Since Man is both physical and spiritual, he operates in both realms.

ACTS 7:55-56

But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed steadily into heaven and saw the glory of God, and he saw Jesus standing in the place of honor at God's right hand. 56 And he told them, “Look, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing in the place of honor at God's right hand!”

Romans 8:14-17

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

15 So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father."

16 For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children. 17 And since we are his children, we are his heirs.

Principal # 3

(3) God's sovereignty is over ALL realms

Deuteronomy 10:14

14 "Look, the highest heavens and the earth and everything in it all belong to the LORD your God.

1 Chronicles 29:11-12

11 Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. Everything in the heavens and on earth is yours, O LORD, and this is your kingdom. We adore you as the one who is over all things. 12 Wealth and honor come from you alone, for you rule over everything. Power and might are in your hand, and at your discretion people are made great and given strength

Ephesians 1:22-23

22 God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the church. 23 And the church is his body; it is made full and complete by Christ, who fills all things everywhere with himself.

Principal #4

(4) God has made both man and angels free agents

Job 1:6-7

One day the members of the heavenly court came to present themselves before the LORD, and the Accuser, Satan, came with them. 7 "Where have you come from?" the LORD asked Satan. Satan answered the LORD, "I have been patrolling the earth, watching everything that's going on."

Job 15:15

Look, God does not even trust the angels. Even the heavens are not absolutely pure in his sight

2 Peter 2:4

4 For God did not spare even the angels who sinned. He threw them into hell, in gloomy pits of darkness, where they are being held until the day of judgment.

Jude 1:6

And I remind you of the angels who did not stay within the limits of authority God gave them but left the place where they belonged. God has kept them securely chained in prisons of darkness, waiting for the great day of judgment.

Principal #5

(5) There are laws that govern the heavenly world just like they govern the natural world

Job 1:10

You have always put a wall of protection around him and his home and his property. You have made him prosper in everything he does. Look how rich he is!

Deuteronomy 32:8

When the Most High assigned lands to the nations,
when he divided up the human race,
he established the boundaries of the peoples
according to the number in his heavenly court.*

1 Peter 3:22

Now Christ has gone to heaven. He is seated in the place of honor next to God, and all the angels and authorities and powers accept his authority.

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