

WEDNESDAY Week 10B

First Reading: 1 Kgs 18: 20-39;

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 16: 1b-2ab, 4, 5ab, 8, 11;

Gospel Reading: Mt 5: 17-19.

THEME: The Law of Love

The "law" for the people of Israel referred to the Ten Commandments or the five Books of Moses, called the Pentateuch or Torah. The Law also meant the oral or the interpretations of the Law by the Scribes. The Law was so central in the life of the people of Israel. God's law is true and righteous because it flows from his love, goodness, and holiness. It is a law of grace, love, and freedom in Spirit. The Prophet Elijah demonstrated his commitment to God's commandments.

Far greater than Elijah, Jesus spoke with great authority about the Law. Jesus stated with authority that no one should tamper with the smallest part of the Law of God but went to summarize the Law into the Law of the love of God and neighbor. This two-faced law is not negotiable. Jesus taught us how to love by laying down our lives for one another. He did this by lay down his life for humanity. Jesus promised the gift of the Holy Spirit who writes God's Law of love and truth in human hearts.

There is great blessing and reward for those who obey God's commandments and help others, especially younger generations, to love, respect, and obey the Law of God.

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