Subject: Perceptions of the Law...
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Awhile back I put this in my "todo" list and I haven't done anything with it. At the time I was probably going in some other direction and didn't have time to reflect too much on it.

Here is the entry:

Quote:Just a thought to research further at some point in time...

Was the law primarily given as a prohibition against practices of the heathen or was it given primarily to teach the Hebrews truths concerning God's nature?

The way we perceive a particular thing often has implications that go beyond the particular, it can affect way bigger issues.

For instance, if we think of the Law as being only a safeguard against worldliness, we will react to it differently than we would react if we thought of the Law as a revelation of something more than some dos and don'ts strung together. If the Law is viewed more as a revelation of God's attributes/nature, maybe our reaction toward the Law would be different.

How we perceive things isn't limited to just the Law (proper) but it can be extended to the whole of the biblical revelation.

It's like the difference between looking at the bible as a regulatory manual where we look to find specific regulations/verses telling us to do this, or don't do that, or looking at it from the standpoint of a book that seeks to give us an understanding of God in order that we might use the principles to develop our Christian philosophy/way-of-life.

Hopefully someone else might be able to explain it better, please jump in!

Blessings,
William