

should be imposed for Sabbath-breaking, idolatry, adultery, rebellion against parents, etc. To change the penalty of a law means to abolish that law. A law without a penalty is an anomaly. A law with its penalty abolished becomes only good advice. That all of this is not pointless hairsplitting is as evident as the difference between life and death. It is just this difference that is indicated by Paul's description of the Ten Commandments as "the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones." (II Cor. 3:7a).

In the July 1961 issue Aldrich writes:

The death penalty seems to be mandatory for violation of the first three commandments. The penalty could be death for certain overt violations of each of the remaining seven commandments. No wonder the Apostle Paul calls the Mosaic Ten Commandments "the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones" (II Cor. 3:7).

- [b] The second difference is that the negative precepts and passive morality of the Ten Commandments is replaced by the positive demands of the New Testament moral law.

In the October 1959 issue he says:

The negative precepts of the Ten Commandments have been replaced by positive demands which are as exacting as the ethics of heaven. . . Mere negative or passive morality is condemned as severely as open sin: "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." (Jas. 4:17).

- [c] The third difference consists in the fact that the demands of the moral law are more clearly and emphatically presented in the New Testament than in the Mosaic setting.

In the October 1959 issue Aldrich writes:

The infinitely high and holy demands of the moral law are more clearly revealed in the New Testament than in the Old.

- [d] The fourth difference is that the Ten Commandments are expressed as law, whereas the New Testament moral law is expressed in a gracious form.

In the July 1961 issue Aldrich states:

As a motorist enters a certain residential section of Detroit he sees this sign: "Good citizens drive twenty-five miles per hour." This is different from the usual traffic warning which is something like the following: "Speed limit, 30 miles, radar controlled." The first is a gracious suggestion while the second is law. The eternal moral laws of God were embodied in a code of legislation by Moses with fitting penalties for every violation. Under grace the same moral principles appear but in