

## Lesson 3

### A Guidebook

Have you ever heard of the Torah, the Pentateuch, or the Law of Moses? These are three titles for the first five books of the Old Testament. Pentateuch means “composed of five books.” Torah is a Hebrew word meaning “to point out, show, direct, and teach.” The first five books of the Bible contain the laws and rules which God gave the nation Israel. This Law of Moses would help God accomplish His great overall plan

What was God’s great overall plan? How did the Law help God perform that plan?

The Law was a type or symbol of a higher standard of faith and duty than the people of Israel had ever known before. The Law prepared the way for Christ. The Law was able to show right from wrong. However, the Law could not cleanse a soul from wrongdoings. So when Christ came He did what the Law was not able to do. Christ forgave, just as He does today for those who will confess to Him.

**Search the Scripture:** Exodus 6:5-9; 19:4-6; Numbers 10:29; Deuteronomy 7:7-9; 11:26-28.  
God gave the Law to teach spiritual religion and prepare the way for Christ’s work of redemption.

### B. Deliverance Given

The deliverance out of Egypt did not come, however, until the Israelites used their faith. They had to get dressed and pack their bags by faith for their journey out of Egypt. Then they had to take a **spotless lamb** (a type of Christ), sprinkle its blood on the **lintel** and side-posts of the door, and eat the lamb quickly. By these acts they showed their faith in the promise of God. They acted as though they were really going to leave. God did not fail them! He brought them through the Red Sea, gave them final deliverance from Pharaoh, and proved He was their Saviour (Exodus 14: 30 to 15:2).

The trip to the Promised Land took much longer than God wanted. The Israelites were easily detracted from their faith. How did God increase their faith? As the Israelites journeyed into the wilderness, God increased their faith through many tests. He made bitter water become sweet. He fed them quail and manna and gave them water from a rock.

Their escape from Egypt and the victories they had, immediately became a testimony to Jethro, the father-in-law of Moses (Exodus 18:10-11). God did more than deliver Israel. He gave them a testimony that brought an unbeliever into fellowship with God. This is still the high purpose of God. He saves us by grace through faith, provides our needs, and shows us His power to make us witnesses.

### WORD POWER

**spotless lamb:** A perfect lamb. This lamb of the Old Testament is a symbol of Jesus whom we speak of as the “Lamb of God.” Jesus became God’s lamb that was sacrificed for the sins of every person who would accept Him.

**lintel:** The support beam over a door or window.