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**Kategori** : P3-P4

**Judul** : Pel. 12. Responding to God's Commandments

**Bahan Alkitab**: Mat 19:16-30, Mat 5:17-48

**Ringkasan Bahan SM**:

Points of Learning:

I.

Cognitive: The rich young man thinks he is able to obey the 10 commandments to earn the eternal life.

Affective: Children realize they need the Lord Jesus to save them from sin.

Psychomotor: Children want to obey God for God's glory alone.

II.

Cognitive: As God's people, we are to keep God's law as a guidance how to live.

Affective: Children realize that obeying His laws is the right way to respond to the law.

Psychomotor: Children learn to self-examine in which laws they still don't obey God.

**Introduction**: Story “The smuggler and my baby”; a person who tried to enter a country with fake passport. This story shows that it has to be a legal way to be allowed into and live in a country. Is there an Entry Permit to enter God’s kingdom/Eternal Life? Can a sinner do anything to get that permit?

**Background of story**: Mat 19:16-30

I.

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| The rich young man came to Jesus and asked: “Good Master, what good deed should I do to enter kingdom of God / have eternal life?" |
| According to him, good deed is The Entry Permit to enter the kingdom of God. He answers Jesus that he'd been keeping all laws since he was young. And he is sure he can be accepted in the kingdom of God. |
| Unfortunately, the young man did not see his failure in carrying out God's Law, which according to him everything had been accomplished; that:A. when he felt he had done everything and asked: 'what else was lacking?" (He is proud of himself) - *He failed the 3rd Law where he glorified himself*, b. when asked to sell everything and give it to the poor he could not do so because he had great possessions - verse 22 (Wealth is his god). *He failed the 1st Law*. |
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Rom 3:20 through the law comes knowledge of sin. We have learnt the 10 commandments in this quarter, do you understand the deeper meaning of each laws? When the law shows you your sins, do you realize that you need Jesus as Savior to enter Kingdom of God?

Jesus answered the young man: "Only God is good.", And verse 21 Jesus said: "follow me". Meaning: "I am God, follow me who can bring you into God's kingdom / have eternal life."

In Isa. 64: 6, our good deeds are like polluted garment. Whatever good we do; it is still sinful before God to get eternal life. Only God can make us righteous. So, instead of boasting about his obedience to the Law, Jesus called him to follow Him.

In John 3:16, Rom 3:24-28 only through faith in Jesus can we have eternal life. May we be humble to obey God's commandment and to give glory to Him only.

II.

Why did the Lord Jesus answer the young man (Matthew 19: 17-19) to obey the law if not to have eternal life? Or do people who have believed in the Lord Jesus / are saved do not need to obey the law then?

In the OT, God saved the Israelites from Egyptian bondage. Then at Mt. Sinai, God gave 10 commandments to guide them to live as God's people. God's people who have been saved must obey the law to please God. The laws given are guidance on how to live for God.

In Mat 5:17-20 … I have not come to abolish the law... but those who do the law will be called great. Here, Jesus emphasized by saying that if your religious life is no more than the Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Then from verse 21 with a deeper understanding of obeying the 10 commandments, then closed in verse 48: therefore, you must be perfect.

So, Jesus shows how important it is to understand and respond to God's law in the right way. Obeying God's commandments should become a lifestyle for God's children. As people who are saved, when we obey God, it should be a sense of gratitude to please Him every day.

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| **Questions to ponder**:  |
| 1. Why don’t good works get us eternal life? A sinners’ good works are still sin before God.
2. Why is it only through faith in Jesus that we can be saved? Because He is a righteous person who can be the atonement for our sins. Through faith in His redemption we become righteous.
3. Why did the Lord Jesus answer the young man (Matthew 19: 17-19) to obey the law if not to have eternal life? God gave the law in OT as a guidance how to live as God’s people. Now Jesus wanted to emphasized that obeying the law should be the lifestyle of God’s people.
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**Ayat Hafalan**: Gal 3:11  Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.”