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- Genesis 9:6
- Matthew 19:7-8
- Matthew 22:19-21

Read Romans 13:5. What keeps you from disobeying the law: the possibility of punishment or your conscience? Explain your answer.

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