

***Study Guide for
The Love Revelation***

Book 1: The Royal Law

Chapter 13

The Vignette: *His Perfect World*

Summary: A Christian man decides to get serious about his Christian life, unfortunately resulting in tragic results.

1. Another title for his vignette might be, “Good Intentions Gone Bad.” Do you think Craig Lawson’s initial intentions were good or bad? Do you think the men’s group leader was wrong to ask the men to sign a covenant, or did that have anything to do with it?

2. Can you describe Craig Lawson’s personality? What were his strong areas and what were his weak ones?

3. Craig Lawson is very sensitive to one thing especially. What was it? Are there some alternative ways he could have dealt with this one area?

4. What was the problem with Craig isolating himself from his family, and then from his accountability group? Do you think Craig had a problem with pride? With perfectionism?

5. How would Craig Lawson define a spiritually mature Christian?

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The Chapter: “Will I Ever Love My Neighbor As Myself?” (Love and the Millennium)

1. Have you ever heard of the millennium? What do you know about it? The author takes a premillennial position; that is, the millennium will not begin until Christ returns at the end of the church age, and will last a thousand years. Do you take a different position, such as an amillennial or post-millennial position? If so, does it make any difference in the final conclusions that author makes in this chapter?

2. The author states in the opening section that the one word most Christians consistently use to describe the millennium is “peace.” Do you agree?

3. The next section presents the theological concept of “progressive revelation.” In your own words, describe progressive revelation. What two “revelations” found in the New Testament does the author describe as typical of progressive revelation? (Hint: one had to do with Jesus and the cross, and the other had to do with the Gentiles.) How does the author relate progressive revelation to love?

4. In the last section, “The Mark of the Millennium,” the author states that Christ will heal all people living on earth at the time, and heal them of their inability to consistently express love to one another. Do you agree or disagree with that statement?
(FYI: The consensus of evangelical, premillennial thought is that during the millennium, both humans and resurrected saints will populate the earth. The resurrected saints will serve as Christ’s priests.)

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5. In your own words, try to describe a world where every person on earth lives in biblical love. What would that world be like? How does this picture relate to the Garden of Eden before the Fall?

6. If the author is correct in his assertion that love will dominate the millennium, how would that affect racism? Gambling? Smoking? Drunkenness? Drug addiction? Response to natural disasters?

7. Write what you believe is the main point of the chapter.

Main Point: _____

Personal Assessment Questions:

- How does this chapter motivate you to live a life of love today? Does this chapter give you more hope in the future?

- In regard to living out love, how does this chapter motivate you to study the Scriptures in greater detail about love? Does it encourage you to begin praying more about living a life of love?