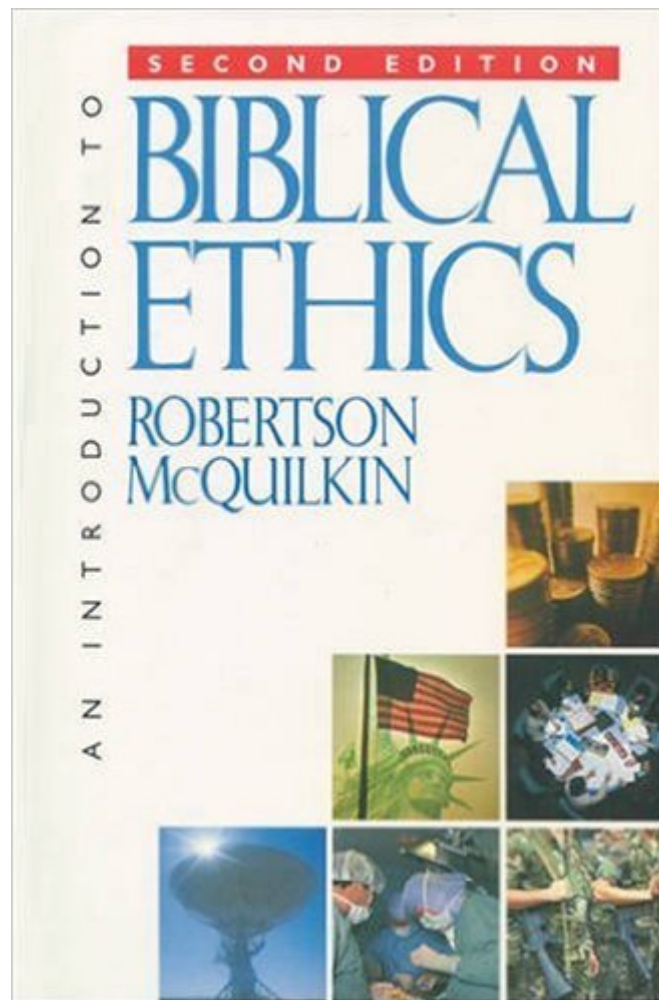


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Synopsis

McQuilkin encourages Christians and nonChristians alike to avoid the trap of seeing the Bible as dry history or a ðœnice words.â • God's Word should be the driving force behind morality.

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I personally divide this book into three parts. First, there are some introductory issues. Second, the heart of the book is a modernizing of the Ten Commandments. Finally, there are a couple chapters on summing up what was taught. McQuilkin himself divides the book into two parts. The introductory issues concern various foundational issues when approaching ethics from a biblical perspective. Here you will see things like biblical vocabulary expounded (biblical idea of sin, love and law) and some broader ideas like root sins and situation ethics. The heart of the book is really a modernizing of the Ten Commandments. McQuilkin holds to a popular evangelical approach to the law which divides the 'types' of laws given to the Jews: moral, civil, and sacrificial. He holds that Christians are not bound by the civil and sacrificial laws, but are bound by the moral laws (for example, the Decalogue). He would also further hold that Christians are bound by the moral laws that undergird other civil laws. For example, the law that says you must put a hedge around your roof is because of an undergirding moral law that we care for our neighbors. Thus, we are not bound to put hedges around our roofs, but we are bound to care for our neighbors, which stands under that particular civil law. McQuilkin takes the Ten Commandments one by one and essentially modernizes their issues to a modern, American culture. Again, this is the brunt of the book. And he does a pretty good job covering a lot of issues. It's not perfect, but it's an introductory text. You should not expect room for

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