

THE TWO LAWS OF THE BIBLE

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There are many Laws mentioned in THE BIBLE. We looked at one of them last lesson as we investigated THE TEN COMMANDMENTS, which we found to be STILL BINDING on Christians today. There are also CIVIL LAWS, HYGENE LAWS, FAMILY RELATIONSHIP LAWS, SOCIAL LAWS, and LAWS that deal with the WORSHIP SERVICES in THE EARTHLY SANCTUARY, which are called CEREMONIAL LAWS, or RITUAL LAWS, by many BIBLE scholars. This lesson we will be examining together, and contrasting “THE TEN COMMANDMENT LAWS” with “THE CEREMONIAL LAWS”.

THE BIBLE writers did not always clearly distinguish which specific LAW they were referring to, so as we read our BIBLES, we must make a point of making that distinction for ourselves as we study. We must check the CONTEXT of the verses we are reading to know which LAW is being discussed. It becomes IMPERATIVE to do this because in one place we read, “the LAW has been done away with”; and in another place we read, “that not one jot or tittle shall in no wise pass from the LAW_till all be fulfilled”.

We know that there are NO CONTRADICTIONS in THE BIBLE, so we must find an explanation from THE BIBLE ITSELF, as to what the original writer meant.

In Ex 20:3-17, we find THE TEN COMMANDMENTS as they were written by GOD, and referred to as “THE LAW”, or “THE LAW OF THE LORD”. (1) “Thou shalt have no other god’s before ME. (2) Thou shalt not make unto thee any GRAVEN IMAGE, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt NOT BOW down thyself to them, nor SERVE them: for I THE LORD thy GOD AM A JEALOUS GOD, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that HATE ME; and shewing MERCY unto thousands of them that LOVE ME, and KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS”.

(3) “Thou shalt not take THE NAME OF THE LORD thy GOD in VAIN; for THE LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh HIS NAME IN VAIN. (4) REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY, to KEEP IT HOLY. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work, but THE SEVENTH DAY IS THE SABBATH OF THE LORD thy GOD: in it thou shalt NOT DO ANY WORK, thou nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days THE LORD made heaven and earth, the sea and all that in them is, and RESTED THE SABBATH DAY: Wherefore, THE LORD BLESSED THE SABBATH DAY, and HALLOWED it”.

(5) “HONOUR thy FATHER and thy MOTHER: that the days of thy life may be long upon the land THE LORD thy GOD giveth thee. (6) Thou shalt NOT KILL. (7) Thou shalt NOT COMMIT ADULTERY. (8) Thou shalt NOT STEAL. (9) Thou shalt NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS against thy neighbour. (10) Thou shalt NOT COVET thy neighbour’s HOUSE, Thou shalt NOT COVET thy neighbour’s WIFE, nor his MANSERVANT, nor his MAIDSEVANT, nor his OX, nor his ASS, nor ANYTHING that is thy neighbour’s”.

There is no better set of rules TO FOLLOW anywhere else in the world, which would enable ALL MANKIND to live together in harmony. With the help of JESUS, we can keep those WONDERFUL TEN COMMANDMENTS.

And as our last lesson taught, we MUST KEEP THEM if we wish to PLEASE GOD, as this is the way THAT GOD HAS CHOSEN, for us to PROVE OUR LOVE FOR HIM. (See the end of the 2nd. Commandment, and Jn 14:15,16).

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Heb 9:9,10

“Which was a figure for THE TIME THEN PREENT, in which were offered both GIFTS and SACRIFICES, that could not make him that did the service PERFECT, [IN GOD], as pertaining to the conscience; Which stood only in MEATS and DRINKS, and DIVERS [DIFFERENT] WASHINGS, and CARNAL [FLESHLY or OF THE FLESH], ORDINANCES, imposed on them until the time of REFORMATION”.

These verses refer to a set of LAWS that were TEMPORARY, until the time of REFORMATION, that is, until JESUS DIED on the CROSS. (There will be more information about that point in later lessons). These LAWS dealt with GIFTS and OFFERINGS, MEATS DRINKS, and WASHINGS. After reading that, the first thing I must ask myself is, “Do any of THE TEN COMMANDMENTS deal with such things”? The answer to that is NO! So my next question is, “Which LAW does deal with such things”? And the answer is, “THE CEREMONIAL LAWS” which deal with conducting the SERVICES in THE EATHLY SANCTUARY. Where will we learn about such LAWS? From THE BIBLE, which is the only BOOK, dealing with these things.

Lev 23:12,13

“And ye shall OFFER that day when ye wave the sheaf an HE LAMB WITHOUT BLEMISH, of the first year for a BURNT OFFERING unto THE LORD. And the MEAT OFFERING thereof shall be two tenth deals of FINE FLOWER mingled with OIL, an OFFERING made by fire unto THE LORD for a sweet savour: and the DRINK OFFERING thereof shall be of WINE, the fourth part of an hin”.

That certainly is a LAW, which deals with MEATS, DRINKS, and OFFERINGS, so it is this LAW that is “TEMPORARY”. Now it is obvious that there are at least TWO LAWS, one that was only TEMPORARY; THE CEREMONIAL LAW, and the other, THE TEN COMMANDMENTS that are a PERPETUAL [LASTING FOREVER] COVENANT. (See Ex 31:16).

Ex 31:18

“And HE gave unto Moses, when HE had made an end of communing with him upon Mt. Sinai, TWO TABLES OF TESTIMONY, TABLES OF STONE, written with THE FINGER OF GOD”.

These LAWS were written by GOD HIMSELF - ON STONE, (which is a Permanent, and, long lasting material).

Deut 4:12,13

“And THE LORD GOD spake unto you out of the midst of the fire: And HE declared unto you HIS COVENANT, which HE COMMANDED you to PERFORM, even TEN COMMANDMENTS; and HE WROTE them on TWO TABLES OF STONE”.

We learn from this text that another name used in THE BIBLE for GOD’S TEN COMMANDMENTS is, - HIS “COVENANT”, and anyone can also see that GOD COMMANDED, or, INSTRUCTED the people to PERFORM THEM, or KEEP THEM to the GLORY of GOD.

Deut 10:5

“And I turned myself and came down from the Mount, [Sinai] and put the TABLES of STONE in THE ARK which I had made; and there they be, as THE LORD COMMANDED me”.

Verse 4 tells me that these TABLES were the TWO TABLES of STONE on which GOD’S TEN COMMANDMENTS were WRITTEN a second time, (See Ex 34:1) and Moses OBEDIENTLY put them in, the ARK, as he had been instructed.

Deut 1:1-6

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“These be the words which Moses spake unto all Israel. Moses spake unto the children of Israel, according to all that THE LORD had given him in COMMANDMENT unto them; on this side Jordan, in the land of Moab, began MOSES to declare “THIS LAW”, saying,”.

GOD had given THIS LAW to Moses to give to the people. This one is THE CEREMONIAL LAW, which is often called “THE LAW OF MOSES”_in THE BIBLE, because Moses “spoke this law”,

Deut 31:9

“And MOSES WROTE THIS LAW, and delivered it unto the priests the sons of Levi, which bare THE ARK of the COVENANT of THE LORD, and unto all the elders of Israel”.

MOSES WROTE_this LAW OF CEREMONIES and COMMANDMENTS, and gave it to the priests who carried THE ARK of the COVENANT, containing THE TEN COMMANDMENTS. What were THE LEVITES told to do with these CEREMONIAL LAWS.

Deut 31: 24-26.

“And it came to pass, when Moses had made an end of writing the words of “THIS LAW” in a BOOK, ... that MOSES COMMANDED the Levites which bare THE ARK of THE COVENANT of THE LORD saying, Take this “BOOK OF THE LAW”, and put it in the SIDE OF THE ARK of the COVENANT of THE LORD your GOD, that it may be there for a WITNESS AGAINST THEE”.

(1) It was MOSES, who wrote “THIS LAW”, though it was GOD WHO INSPIRED HIM TO WRITE IT. (2) This LAW is written in a BOOK. (3) It was “put in the side” of THE ARK, (or as “THE NEW KING JAMES VERSION”, “THE NEW REVISED STANDARD VERION”, and “THE NEW JERUSALEM BIBLE” puts it, “BESIDE THE ARK”). – not “IN”, as were THE TEN COMMANDMENTS that were WRITTEN BY GOD on TABLES of STONE. (4) Please notice that THE BOOK OF THE LAW_(which was WRITTEN BY MOSES) was there for a “WITNESS AGAINST THE PEOPLE”. That is a very important point, as we will see in our next texts, which will explain what is meant by these verses.

Eph 2:14-16

“For HE is our PEACE,_WHO hath made both ONE, and hath broken down THE MIDDLE WALL OF PARTITION between us; Having ABOLOSHED IN HIS FLESH the “ENMITY” (or something which is AGAINST us) even “THE LAW OF COMMANDMENTS contained in “ORDINANCES”; for to make in HIMSELF of twain one new man, so making PEACE; that HE might RECONCILE BOTH unto GOD in one body by THE CROSS, HAVING SLAIN THE ENMITY thereby”:

There are a number of really important messages to be learned from these verses. So that we can get the CONTEXT right, it is necessary for us to look at verse 11, where we find that Paul is talking about the JEWS and the GENTILES,_THE NON-JEWS, “CIRCUMCISION” and “NON-CIRCUMCISION”.

The DEATH, BURIAL, AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS made PEACE WITH GOD, that is, made it possible for “BOTH JEWS AND GENTILES to be “RECONCILED TO GOD”. The DEATH OF JEDUS on the CROSS-had “BROKEN DOWN THE MIDDLE WALL OF PARTITION” of HATRED that was BETWEEN the JEWS and the GENTILES.

For years, THE JEWS_had WRONGLY taught that the JEWISH NATION was EXCLUSIVELY the only Nation that GOD was interested in. Unfortunately, this had put up a “WALL”, or “PARTITION”, between the JEWS and the GENTILES. The CONTEXT proves that this “WALL OF PARTITION” has ABSOLUTELY NOTHING to do with the VAIL of the Temple that was rent

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from top to bottom when CHRIST DIED on the CROSS, (See Matt 27:51), - or the VEIL that is between THE HOLY PLACE, and MOST HOLY PLACE of the EARTHLY or THE HEAVENLY SANCTUARY. Paul, writing under inspiration of GOD, wanted all the nations to know that GOD'S SALVATION was open to people of all nations. But GOD wants us to learn much more yet from these verses.

Jesus abolished THE LAW of COMMANDMENTS contained in "ordinances". In these "CEREMONIAL LAWS", there were "COMMANDMENTS" to keep SIX SPECIAL FEASTS EACH YEAR. We learn about them in Lev 23:2, introduces the "FEASTS of THE LORD". (1) Lev 23:5 "THE LORD'S PASSOVER". (2) Lev 23:6, "THE FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD", or as it was more commonly called, "THE FEAST OF FIRST FRUITS", Lev 23:11, "THE WAVE SHEAF OFFERING", which is still part of the same feast. (3) Lev 23:15, "THE FEAST OF WEEKS", (See Ex 34:22). Or, as it is also known, "THE FEAST OF HARVEST", (See Ex 23:16), which was later called "PENTECOST". The significance of this name, "PENTECOST" is often NOT UNDERSTOOD ("PENTE" means 50, and "COST" means count), and it is called "PENTECOST", because the people were to count 50 days from their leaving Egypt, to their arrival at Mt Sinai, and the giving of THE TEN COMMANDMENTS. (See also Lev 23:15,16 about the fifty days). Then (4) in Lev 23:24. "THE MEMORIAL of BLOWING of TRUMPETS", (5) Lev 23:27,28 "THE DAY of ATONEMENT", and (6) Lev 23:34. "THE FEAST of TABERNACLES".

Then there were also the SIN OFFERINGS discussed in Lev 4. The SIN OFFERINGS, and the PEACE OFFERINGS, etc. These OFFERINGS were also "COMMANDED BY GOD", and MOSES instructed the people to PERFORM THEM, but as we saw from Heb 9:9,10, these were only "TEMPORARY LAWS, IMPOSED on them until the TIME OF REFORMATION". (Which was when JESUS DIED on the CROSS).

These LAWS and OTHERS (too many to specifically mention), CEASED TO EXIST at THE DEATH OF CHRIST. 1Cor 5:7, "..... CHRIST our "PASSOVER" is SACRIFICED for us". 1Cor 15:20, "But now is CHRIST RISEN from the DEAD, and become the "FIRSTFRUITS" of them that SLEEP, [IN THE GRAVE]".

Each of the SIX FEAST DAYS noted in Lev 23, and each of the SIN OFFERINGS noted in Lev 4, were POINTING FORWARD to, (and depended on), the SACRIFICE that JESUS would make for us on the CROSS.

When JESUS SHED HIS BLOOD for us, "THESE CEREMONIES", and THE CEREMONIAL LAWS were done away with because "THE TRUE LAMB" had DIED. No wonder John the Baptist said in Jn 1:29, "The next day John seeth JESUS coming unto him, and saith, "BEHOLD, THE LAMB of GOD which TAKETH AWAY the SIN of the WORLD". (Not just the Jews).

John the Baptist knew that JESUS was going to put an END to the SLAUGHTER of ANIMALS as SACRIFICES for the FORGIVENESS of SIN. An innocent animal had to die to pay the price for the guilty. It was these "LAWS of COMMANDMENTS" contained in "ORDINANCES"; that "CHRIST ABOLISHED in HIS FLESH". (See Eph 2:15).

And now, through the SACRIFICE OF JESUS, both JEWS and GENTILES were, "ONE WITH GOD" in HIS PLAN OF SALVATION. PRAISE GOD!

Matt 5:17-18

"Think not that I AM COME to DESTROY THE LAW, or the prophets; I AM NOT COME TO DESTROY, but to FULFIL. For verily I say unto you, till HEAVEN AND EARTH PASS, ONE JOT or ONE TITTLE shall in no wise PASS from THE LAW, till all be FULFILLED".

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JESUS wanted the people of HIS day, (and HIS followers throughout the ages), to know that HE had NOT COME TO DESTROY THE LAW, “THE TEN COMMANDMENTS” (see verse 21. “Thou shalt not kill”. Verse 27. “Thou shalt not commit adultery”. (These are the 6th, and 7th COMMANDMENTS of GOD, and they are still binding on Christians today).

Let me ask you a question. “Has HEAVEN and EARTH passed away, or are they STILL there”?

The last time I looked up or down, both were still there; so THE BIBLE does ACTUALLY TEACH that THE TEN COMMANDMENTS are STILL to be KEPT by GOD’S PEOPLE.

I have had many people say to me, “When JESUS said that HE CAME to, “FULFIL” THE LAW, HE MEANT that it was “DONE AWAY WITH THE LAW”, - that it is NO LONGER NECESSARY for us to KEEP THE LAW NOW, because JESUS had KEPT THE LAW for us”. Could that be correct? That means that to understand this verse, it must all hinge on the meaning of the word “FULFIL”.

Let’s read a few verses that use the word “FULFIL”, and see if it could mean, “DO AWAY WITH”.

Matt 3:15, “... it becometh us to “FULFIL” all Righteousness”. Now does that verse tell us to “DO AWAY WITH RIGHTEOUSNESS”, or “KEEP RIGHTEOUSNESS”? Gal 6:2, “Bear ye one another’s burdens, and so “FULFIL”_THE LAW of CHRIST”. That one doesn’t tell us to STOP KEEPING THE LAW of CHRIST. Neither does Jas 2:8, “If ye “FULFIL THE ROYAL LAW according to THE SCRIPTURE, thou SHALT LOVE thy NEIGHBOUR as THYSELF”. No one could possibly decide from that verse, that CHRISTIANS are_“TO DO AWAY WITH”, loving our fellow man. In each of the verses we looked at, “FULFIL” meant to “KEEP”, NOT to “TO DO AWAY WITH”.

So JESUS was DEFINITELY TEACHING that we still HAVE TO KEEP GOD’S TEN COMMANDMENTS. Who could argue with that?

Jas 2:10-12

“For whosoever shall KEEP THE WHOLE LAW, and yet offend in one point, he is GUILTY OF “ALL” [BREAKING ALL TEN] For HE that said, DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, said also, DO NOT KILL. Now if thou commit no ADULTERY, yet if thou KILL, thou art become A TRANSGRESSOR OF THE LAW. So speak ye, “And so DO”, as they that shall be “JUDGED BY THE LAW OF LIBERTY”.

GOD could not “JUDGE” HIS people by “A LAW” that has been DONE AWAY WITH. - GOD could NOT be A FAIR GOD, if HE did that. “THE LAW” which is spoken of here MUST BE “THE TEN COMMANDMENTS”, because two of the TEN are quoted.

Acts 15:24

“Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls, saying, ye MUST BE CIRCUMCISED, and “KEEP THE LAW”: [“THE CEREMONIAL LAW”] to whom we gave no such COMMANDMENT”.

What LAW is being referred to here? Do any of THE TEN COMMANDMENTS teach about CIRCUMCISION?

The Disciples knew that “CEREMONIAL LAW” was “DONE AWAY WITH”. JESUS had told them so. Therefore, they MUST have been REFERRING TO THE CEREMONIAL LAW, (which DOES teach about CIRCUMCISION), and not THE TEN COMMANDMENT LAW which has nothing to do with CIRCUMCISION. The subject gets easier to understand all the time, doesn’t it?

Gal 5:1-4

“Stand fast therefore in the LIBERTY wherewith CHRIST hath made us FREE, and be not entangled again with the “YOKE OF BONDAGE”. Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be CIRCUMCISED CHRIST will PROFIT you NOTHING. For I testify again to every man that is CIRCUMCISED, that he is a debtor to do the whole LAW. THE CEREMONIAL LAW, CHRIST is become of NO EFFECT UNTO you, whosever of you are “JUSTIFIED BY THE LAW”; ye are FALLEN FROM GRACE”.

The CONTEXT tells us that Paul is referring to THE CEREMONIAL LAW of “CIRCUMCISION” etc, here, and that we can NEVER BE SAVED (or, JUSTIFIED) by KEEPING that LAW, but only that we are saved by the GRACE of GOD and JESUS CHRIST. Paul must have known that these people had been led astray by this false teaching; because he told them “not to be “entangled” again”.

Paul calls this “CEREMONIAL LAW” a “YOKE of BONDAGE”. Which it was when COMPARED with THE LIBERTY that we have in JESUS CHRIST. James called THE LAW of TEN COMMANDMENTS, “THE LAW of LIBERTY”, and even; “THE PERFECT LAW of LIBERTY”, (See Jas 1:25).

“LIBERTY”, in that we are SET FREE from the CEREMONIAL LAW, and even “FREE FROM BONDAGE TO THE DEVIL”.

Paul also teaches that if anyone tries to be “JUSTIFIED in CHRIST”, by KEEPING the “CEREMONIAL LAW”, and being CIRCUMCISED.

Then he also must KEEP the rest of the “CEREMONIAL LAW”, but even if they did that, they still would not be “JUSTIFIED”. HE also points out in 1 Cor 1:23. “But we preach CHRIST CRUCIFIED, unto the JEWS [it was a] STUMBLING BLOCK, and unto the Greeks [it was] foolishness”; The JEWS could not bring themselves to believe that the SACRIFICE OF JESUS on the CROSS- was for their SALVATION. To them CHRIST’S SACRIFICE became a “STUMBLING BLOCK”.

They had believed that THE MESSIAH would appear and lead the Nation out of the domination of the hated Romans, so they did NOT ACCEPT JESUS as their SAVIOUR, and continued to “KEEP THE CEREMONIAL LAW”, and they went on making their ANIMAL SACRIFICES in the TEMPLE; believing that this would SAVE THEM.

Those ANIMAL SACRIFICES only had BENEFIT as they “POINTED FORWARD to”, or, “REPRESENTED CHRIST SHEDDING HIS BLOOD on the CROSS”.

Heb 9:23

“It was therefore necessary that the “PATTERNS of THINGS in the HEAVENS”, [the earthly sanctuary] SHOULD be PURIFIED with these [THE BLOOD of ANIMALS]; but the HEAVENLY “THINGS” themselves with BETTER SACRIFICES; [THE BLOOD of JESUS CHRIST]; than these”. [The BLOOD of ANIMALS].

The Greeks thought the idea of a MAN dying on a cross YET “at the SAME TIME” SAVING OTHERS, to be foolishness.

Rom 3:31

“Do we then MAKE VOID [do away with] THE LAW THROUGH FAITH? GOD FORBID: YEA, WE ESTABLISH THE LAW”.

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Greek scholars have told me that “The Greek words translated as “GOD FORBID”, could also be translated as, NO! NO! NO! With more expression and emphasis, each time the “NO”! is said”. Let me read this verse to you from MODERN BIBLES, “THE JERUSALEM BIBLE”.- “Do we mean that FAITH makes THE LAW POINTLESS? Not at all: we are GIVING THE LAW IT’S TRUE VALUE”. “THE NEW KING JAMES VERSION” says, “Do we then MAKE VOID THE LAW through FAITH? Certainly not! On the contrary, WE ESTABLISH THE LAW”. “THE REVISED ENGLISH BIBLE”. “Does this mean that we are using FAITH to UNDERMINE THE LAW? By no means: we are UPHOLDING THE LAW”.

Rom 3: 20, tells us that, “by THE LAW is the KNOWLEDGE of SIN”. So “THE LAW” in this verse must be “THE TEN COMMANDMENTS”.

Rom 7:14

“For we know that THE LAW IS SPIRITUAL: but I am CARNAL, sold under SIN”.

THE TEN COMMANDMENT LAW is “SPIRITUAL” - but man without CHRIST is “CARNAL”, or the opposite of “SPIRITUAL”. PRAISE GOD that when man turns his life over to GOD, then GOD sees him as “SPIRITUAL BEING” because of what JESUS has done for us.

WOULD it make sense for A “SPIRITUAL GOD” to do away with A “SPIRITUAL LAW”?

Eccl 12:13

“Let us hear the CONCLUSION of the whole matter: FEAR GOD, and KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS: - for this is THE WHOLE DUTY of MAN”.

Solomon, the Wise Man, summed up the WHOLE DUTY of MAN, (the WHOLE of MANKIND, not as some say, “that it only applied to the Jews”) as KEEPING GOD’S TEN COMMANDMENTS. How could you or I, or anyone for that matter, have the hide to try to CHANGE a direct COMMANDMENT of GOD?

For now, we will do our review, to see what we have learned so far :-

1. That there are at least, two distinctly different LAWS in THE BIBLE, - “THE TEN COMMANDMENTS”, and “THE CEREMONIAL LAWS”.
2. That “THE CEREMONIAL LAW” was a “TEMPORARY LAW”, and applied until JESUS DIED on the CROSS for our SINS.
3. That “THE TEN COMMANDMENT LAW” is PERPETUALLY BINDING on all CHRISTIANS.
4. That “THE CEREMONIAL LAW” was written by MOSES.
5. That “THE TEN COMMANDMENTS” were written with THE FINGER of GOD.
6. That MOSES wrote “THE CEREMONIAL LAW” in A BOOK.
7. That GOD wrote “THE TEN COMMANDMENT LAW” on TWO TABLES of STONE.
8. That “THE CEREMONIAL LAW” was placed - BESIDE - the ARK of THE COVENANT.
9. That “THE TEN COMMANDMENT LAW” was placed - INSIDE - the ARK of THE COVENANT.
10. That by SHEDDING HIS BLOOD on the CROSS-, JESUS BROKE DOWN the “MIDDLE WALL of PARTITION”, “RECONCILING” both JEWS and GENTILES EQUALLY to GOD - by HIS SHED “BLOOD”.
11. That JESUS DID AWAY WITH “THE CEREMONIAL LAWS”, AND FEASTS, because they had ONLY POINTED FORWARD to the SACRIFICE of CHRIST on THE CROSS, when, as “THE LAMB of GOD”, HE WOULD “TAKE AWAY” THE SIN of THE WORLD. “THE CEREMONIAL LAWS” NO LONGER APPLY to GOD’S PEOPLE.

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12. That JESUS did not do away with “THE LAW of TEN COMMANDMENTS”; on the contrary, HE told HIS FOLLOWERS to KEEP THEM.
13. That GOD is going to “JUDGE” HIS people by “THE TEN COMMANDMENTS”.
14. That “THE CEREMONIAL LAW” of GOD; is also called, “THE YOKE of BONDAGE”.
15. That “THE LAW of TEN COMMANDMENTS” is also called –“THE LAW of LIBERTY” (Jas 2:12) and in Jas 1:25, “THE PERFECT LAW of LIBERTY”.
16. That no one will be “SAVED” by keeping either “THE CEREMONIAL LAW, or “THE TEN COMMANDMENT LAW”.
17. That THE EARTHLY SANCTUARY was CLEANSED or PURIFIED by the blood of ANIMALS = “CEREMONIAL LAW”. THE HEAVENLY SANCTUARY could only be CLEANSED by THE BLOOD of JESUS CHRIST = “CEREMONIAL LAW” NOT to be KEPT ANY LONGER.
18. That “THE TEN COMMANDMENTS” were NOT done away with by FAITH.
19. That A “SPIRITUAL GOD” would not do away with A “SPIRITUAL LAW”, “THE TEN COMMANDMENTS”.
20. That it is “THE WHOLE DUTY of all mankind, TO KEEP GOD’S HOLY LAW of TEN COMMANDMENTS”.

Now that we understand these matters better, we can understand how people get confused. It is obvious that when they see the word “LAW”, they automatically think that it must apply to “THE TEN COMMANDMENTS”, when in fact; it could have been discussing “THE CEREMONIAL LAW” instead. From now on, we will look for the CONTEXT of the texts, and determine which of “THE TWO LAWS” were being referred to. Actually, that is a good principle to follow when studying ANY SUBJECT in THE BIBLE.

It is good to know that my Church is not the only Church that believes the way we do about THE TWO LAWS; “THE TEN COMMANDMENTS”, (“THE MORAL LAW”), and “THE CEREMONIAL or RITUAL LAW”.

I thought it would be a good idea if I included some quotes from prominent scholars of other Churches, teaching how they stand on this subject. All emphasis in the following quotes are my own, not the Authors.

John Wesley. (The Founder of Methodism.) “Sermons on Several Occasions”, Vol 1, page 221. Sermon 25 1836. “The RITUAL or CEREMONIAL LAW, delivered by Moses to the children of Israel, containing all the Injunctions and Ordinances which relate to the old SACRIFICES and SERVICE of THE TEMPLE, [this Law], our LORD did indeed come TO DESTROY, to DISSOLVE, and UTTERLY ABOLISH”.

“To this bear all the Apostles witness. This “HANDWRITING of ORDINANCES” our LORD did BLOT OUT, TAKE AWAY, and NAIL to HIS CROSS”. But “THE MORAL LAW” contained in “THE TEN COMMANDMENTS”, and enforced by the Prophets, HE DID NOT take away. It was NOT the design of HIS COMING to REVOKE any part of this. “This is A LAW which NEVER can be BROKEN, “which STANDS FAST as a FAITHFUL WITNESS in HEAVEN”. “THE MORAL [Law]” stands on an entirely different foundation from “THE CEREMONIAL”, or “RITUAL LAW”.

Methodist Church View, (1956) “Doctrines and Discipline of the Methodist Church”, 1956. Sec 66, pages 28,29, Published by “The Methodist Publishing House”. “Although THE LAW given from GOD by Moses as touching “CEREMONIES and RITES” DOT NOT BIND [today’s] CHRISTIANS, nor ought the “Civil” precept there of necessity be received in any Commonwealth; yet notwithstanding, NO CHRISTIAN whatsoever is FREE from OBEDIENCE to “THE COMMANDMENTS” which are called “MORAL”.

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Dr. Adam Clarke. (Prominent Methodist BIBLE Commentator.) and quoting from his BIBLE Commentary, and his comments on Col 2:14, “By the HANDWRITING of ORDINANCES”, the Apostle most evidently means “THE CEREMONIAL LAW”.

Church of England, “Thirty Nine Articles of Religion”, Quoting from “Creeds of Christendom”, by Philip Schaffe, Vol 3 page 491. “Although THE LAW given from GOD by Moses, as touching CEREMONIES and RITES”, DO NOT BIND CHRISTIAN MEN, ..., yet notwithstanding, NO CHRISTIAN MAN whatsoever is free from OBEDIENCE to “THE COMMANDMENTS which are called MORAL”.

Baptist Church, “God's Decrees for Moral Living”, by J. Philip Hyatt. “The Teacher” (Baptist), Oct. 1943, Vol 57, No 10, page 5, “JESUS did NOT give a new CODE, but HE also did NOT say that “THE MORAL teachings of THE OLD TESTAMENT were SUSPENDED. “THE CEREMONIAL and RITUALISTIC” LAWS of THE OLD TESTAMENT” ARE “ABROGATED” [REPEALED; CANCELLED] for THE CHRISTIAN, but NOT “THE TEN COMMANDMENTS”.

Albert Barnes, (Prominent Presbyterian Bible commentator), “Notes, Explanatory and Practical, on the Epistles of Phillipians, and Colossians”, page 307, Commenting on Colossians 2:16. “The use of the term (“SABBATH DAYS”) in the plural number, and connection, show that he had his eye on “THE GREAT NUMBER of DAYS” which are OBSERVED by the HEBREWS “AS FESTIVALS”, as a part of their “CEREMONIAL” and “TYPICAL LAW”, and not to “THE MORAL LAW”, or “THE TEN COMMANDMENTS”. NO PART of “THE MORAL LAW”, NO “ONE” of “THE TEN COMMANDMENTS” could be spoken of as “A SHADOW of THINGS to COME”. These COMMANDMENTS are, from the NATURE of “THE MORAL LAW”, PERPETUAL”.

There we have some prominent scholars of other Denominations, who are completely in agreement with the findings of our lesson, that there are “TWO LAWS” in THE BIBLE. “THE TEN COMMANDMENTS of GOD”, and “THE CEREMONIAL LAWS” of GOD. They each agree that “THE CEREMONIAL LAW” has been DONE AWAY with by CHRIST’S DEATH on THE CROSS-, and that “GOD’S TEN COMMANDMENTS” are still BINDING on all CHRISTIANS.

Do you have any questions on our subject tonight? I think that you will agree that it is an interesting lesson, and a very important part of Christianity, that we need to know about. Our next subject will be “WHAT WAS NAILED TO THE CROSS”; which we touched on in this lesson; but many people feel that they need more evidence in support of what we have learned at this stage. It is not “a little thing”, to learn that some of the things that we have been taught by other churches, are not correct. That is why I like to spend more time demonstrating the truth of the many subjects of THE BIBLE.

I look forward to my next visit, when we will examine some more texts that cause people to wrongly conclude that “THE TEN COMMANDMENTS” were DONE AWAY with by JESUS, when HE DIED for our SINS on THE CRUEL CROSS. Time for me to go now, May GOD be with you, and those you love. ‘Bye for now, see you soon.

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