

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Under the New Covenant

AT THE VERY END OF THIS AGE

Revelation 11:19 “Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.”

The seventh angel has just sounded (*Rev. 11:15*).

“The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our LORD and of His Christ.”

It is the very end of this age.

In the last moments of this age, attention is drawn to the Covenant which was kept in the Ark - The Covenant of Ten Commandments (*Deut 4:13, Deut 10:5*). But why? Why call attention to THAT Covenant if it no longer applies - if it was rendered obsolete long ago?

Is it possible that this law of God is still very much the standard - today?

Will it be the standard in the judgment?

NO LAW - NO SIN

Romans 4:15 “Where there is no law, there is no transgression.”

To “transgress” means to go beyond the limits set by a law or standard.

If there is “no law” to define the limits - then there can be no transgression.

Transgression requires a law.

If there is no law in place - right now - since the death of Messiah - then I have never “sinned” and you have never “sinned.”

Why then, did Paul warn the believers to “abstain from every form of evil” (*1 Thess. 5:22*).

You cannot identify “evil” except by “the law” ?

1 John 3:4 “Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.”

You cannot identify “fornication” except by the law, because the definition of the word means “unlawful sex”. You cannot define “idolatry” except by the Sinai Covenant.

PAUL IS VERY CLEAR

Romans 3:31 “Do we then make void the law through faith?
God forbid: yea, we establish the law.”

Wow! Thru faith - He will establish His law - in our hearts.

Galatians 5:19-21 “Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.” (See also 1 Cor. 6:9-10.)

1 Corinthians 7:18-19 “... keeping the commandments of God is what matters.”

Romans 6:1 “Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not!

TO LOVE - IS TO FULFILL THE LAW

Romans 13:10 “therefore, love is the fulfilling of the Law.”

*Even love - so cherished in the “New” Covenant - is defined by “the law”.
If one does not “keep the righteous requirements of the law” - then one is not loving.*

THE CARNAL MIND - CANNOT SUBMIT TO THE LAW

Romans 8:6-7 “The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; The sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so.” (NIV)

The natural human mind, without the Spirit of God, is selfish (sinful or carnal). It cannot submit to the law of God. This is why it means death to be controlled by the sinful mind.

To be controlled by the Spirit of God on the other hand, is to partake of the divine nature, which is life. The mind indwelt by the Spirit of Christ reaches out towards God. This mind submits to the law of God. The believer is changed and is brought into harmony with the law. This is the New Covenant promise.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS IN THE WRITINGS OF THE APOSTLES

A partial list:

Commandments (Exodus 20)	Sins condemned - New Testament
You shall have no other gods before Me.	covetousness is idolatry (<i>Col 3:5, Eph. 5:5</i>) idolatry (<i>Rom. 1:25</i>)
You shall not make for yourself a carved 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; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them.	idolatry (<i>Gal. 5, 1 Cor. 5:10 & 6:9 & 10:14, Acts 15:20 & 21:25, Rev. 21:8 & 22:14</i>) sorcery (<i>Gal. 5</i>)
You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.	blasphemy of the name of God (<i>James 2:7, Rev. 13:6, 16:9</i>) To engage in wickedness is to blaspheme the name of Christ (<i>2 Tim. 2:19, Rom. 2:24</i>)
Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work:	Please see the studies on the Sabbath at this website. We at Prophecy Viewpoint believe the redeemed will rest on the 7 th Day Sabbath - in the New Earth kingdom of God (<i>Isa. 66:22-23</i>).
Honor your father and your mother.	disobedient to parents (<i>Rom. 1:30</i>) <i>Col. 3:20, Eph 6:1-3</i>)
You shall not murder.	hatred, murders (<i>Rom. 1:29, Gal.5, 1 Tim. 1:9</i>)
You shall not commit adultery.	adultery, fornication (<i>Eph. 5:5, 1 Tim. 1:9</i>), licentiousness (<i>Gal. 5</i>) sexual immorality (<i>Acts 21:25, 1Thess. 4</i>) sexual immorality, fornication (<i>1 Cor. 5:1, 6:9</i>) marriage of 1 man to 1 woman, is retained (<i>Col. 3:18-19, Eph 5, 1 Tim. 3:2</i>)
You shall not steal.	extortion (<i>1 Cor. 5:10-11</i>) stealing (<i>Eph 4:27</i>) kidnaping (<i>1 Tim. 1:9</i>) pilfering (<i>Titus 2:10</i>)
You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.	liars (<i>Eph. 4:25, 1 Tim. 1:9</i>) fraud (<i>1 Thess. 4</i>) perjury (<i>1 Tim. 1:9</i>) deceit (<i>Rom. 1:29</i>) backbiters (<i>Rom. 1:29</i>)
You shall not covet . . . anything that is your neighbor's.	jealousies, envy (<i>Gal. 5</i>) covetousness (<i>Rom. 1:29, 1Cor. 5:11</i>)

It should be obvious to anyone reading over the list, that the Ten Commandments are the standard for the people of God today. While the “first” Covenant was written very simply for a people just freed from slavery, a deeper meaning within those commands was revealed in the “Sermon on the Mount”. Still later the Apostles (especially Paul) explained how the principles embodied in the first Covenant are still the standard for believers today.

The teachings of Jesus the Christ went beyond the simple 10 Commandments of the Sinai Covenant. Under the New Covenant we are to pray for our enemies - for those who despitefully use us or persecute us. We are to love one another as He loved us. These are higher standards. This does NOT void the standards enjoined by the Sinai Covenant, but rather adds to them.

**GOD’S LAW IS FROM EVERLASTING.
IT DID NOT BEGIN AT MT. SINAI.**

Romans 5:15 “Before the law, sin was in the world.”

*There is no sin, where there is no law (Romans 4:15).
Lucifer “sinned,” when he rebelled against God in Heaven.
That means God’s law existed in heaven.
Before the law was revealed in this world, there was law in Heaven.
Where God exists - His law exists.*

Hosea 6:7, Job 31:33 Adam sinned.

Genesis 6:5 The people of Noah’s day sinned.

Genesis 18:20 Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed for their lawlessness (sin).

These people lived long before Mt. Sinai.

Genesis 26:5 Abraham kept Gods commandments, statutes and laws.

Exodus 16:25 To the children of Israel (before Mt. Sinai) God said,
“How long refuse ye to keep my commandments and my laws?”

The LORD sought to bring Israel into Covenant with Himself. If you will keep My law, then you will be My special people, and I will be your God. But His law was not something new to the creation. These principles were as old as God Himself.

Even the remedy for sin - a blood sacrifice - was not something new. It was as old as Eden.

GOD'S LAW APPLIED TO EVERYONE.

Leviticus 24:22 “There shall be one standard for you; it shall be for the stranger, as well as the native, for I am the Lord your God.”

Numbers 9:14 “You shall have one statute, both for the alien and for the native of the land.”

Isaiah 56:6-8 “Also the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to Him, and love the name of the Lord, to be His servants, everyone who keeps from profaning the Sabbath, and holds fast My covenant; Even those I will bring to My holy mountain, and make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be acceptable on My altar; For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.”

Exodus 12:19; Exodus 12:48; Exodus 12:49; Exodus 20:10; Deuteronomy 5:24; Leviticus 16:29; Leviticus 17:10-12; Leviticus 18:26; Leviticus 24:22; Numbers 9:14; Leviticus 17:8; Numbers 15:14-16; 1Kings 8:41-43; 2Chronicles 6:32; Isaiah 56:6-8. These passages speak of non-Israelite participation in worship, and their duty towards the law.

The passage says, “everyone” “who holds fast My covenant.” Gentiles (non-Jews) who joined themselves to Israel were included in the Covenant. They had to first be physically circumcised - something that is not required under the “New Covenant”. Under the New Covenant, both circumcision of the flesh, and circumcision of the heart will be performed for us - by Christ. We will receive new “spiritual bodies” when we are “changed in a moment”. The old “flesh” will be gone.

THERE ARE THOSE WHO SAY THEY OBEY THE LAW OF CHRIST (GAL 6:2), BUT NOT THE COMMANDMENTS OF MOSES.

John 1:17 “For the law was given by Moses but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.”

The “but” was supplied by the King James translators. It is not in the original. The law was given to Moses by the pre-incarnate Christ. He has been the “mediator” from the moment of Adam’s sin. And the law is full of grace and truth. Every command, when accepted by faith, is a promise of power to obey.

When Christ gave His commandments in the New Testament, to love God with all your heart and your neighbor as yourself, He was quoting from the Old Testament (Matt. 22:36-40, Mark 12:28-34, Deut. 6:5, Deut. 10:12, Deut. 30:6, Lev. 19:18).

The answers which Christ gave to Satan when he was tempted in the wilderness, were all quoted from the Old Testament. The words of the Beatitudes were taken from the Old Testament. The words of The Lord’s Prayer (Matt. 6:9-13) - all taken from the Old Testament.

I Chron. 29:10,11; Lamentations 3:30, Deut. 15:7,8; Proverbs 30:8, Proverbs 24:17; Deut. 14:1; Proverbs 25:21; Isaiah 66:1; Job 31:29; Psalm 37:11; Exodus 23:4,5; Isaiah 50:6

There was nothing wrong with the Ten Commandments. They had been covered with a clutter of Rabbinic tradition. Christ came to clarify the Law and to set it free from that tradition. He came to “magnify the Law and make it honorable” (*Isaiah 42:21*). Christ taught nothing new. He clarified the law of love which was as old as God Himself.

GOD’S LAW AND CHRIST’S LAW ARE THE SAME.

Christ said, “I and my Father are one” (*Jn 10:30*). They are one in purpose and thought.

Why would we think that the “law of Christ” is different somehow, from “the law of God” revealed in the Old Covenant?

Psalm 40:8 “I delight to do thy will, O my God: yes, thy law is within my heart.”

Who has promised to “circumcise” our hearts? Christ!

When we see the man - Christ Jesus, we see what we will become when He has perfectly written His law in our hearts. This is the New Covenant promise.

Jeremiah 31:33 “But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.” (*Hebrews 8:10*)

To understand that you are an Israelite - grafted in - we invite you to read the study titled “Israel - The People of God” at this website.

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