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Defending Commandments From Obsolescence

God's Spirit enables us to obey His laws.

Christ came as God's sign of the New Covenant. Heb 8:6. God tells us that He altered the original covenant in making "a better covenant, which was established on better promises" Heb 8:6. But not established on different MORAL laws. The (commandments) stayed the same.

In the Old, there was a weakness, **fault with the *people*, not with the "works/law"**. Finding fault *with them*, He says: 'Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a New Covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah'" Heb 8:8. Because the people **"did not continue in My covenant, and I disregarded them, says the Lord"** Heb 8:9.

God wrote the law in stone. It was in their literature but not their hearts. In the New, God writes the law on our hearts. Heb 8:10; Jer 31:33-34. **They went through the motions of rituals, but failed grand-scale badly in keeping laws.** They didn't appreciate and enjoy serving God.

In the New, God places his will IN us, to **internalize His law** – to love and obey Him eagerly, willingly. God promises: "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them" **Ezek 36:26-27**. God's Spirit enables His people to obey His laws. **This is an enormous do-over second chance.**

People lacking the Holy Spirit are incapable of wholehearted obedience. "Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can it be. So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God" Rom 8:7-8.

How Old Covenant and the New Covenant differ; Paul explains "what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh" Jesus in flesh overcame the flesh and "condemned sin [lawlessness] in the flesh, that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit" Rom 8:3-4; 1 Jn 3:4. **A fault with the *people*, not with the law.**

Romans 8:4, says: "God's purpose in 'condemning' sin was that His law's requirement might be fulfilled in us, that is, that His law might be established in the sense of **at last being truly and sincerely obeyed** – the fulfillment of the promises of Jer 31:33 and Ezek 36:26.1."

Jer 31:33-34 is often misunderstood as a new law to replace the old or else as a promise of a religion without law at all! The new *thing* promised in v. 33 is neither. It is an opportunity to have a sincere inward desire and determination on the part of all God's people to **want** to obey the law already given to them..."

Passages in the New Testament confirm, either explicitly or by example, that Jesus Christ and the apostles taught that Commandments Deut. 5:6 are a necessary part of Christian living.

First Commandment:

Matthew 4:10; Matthew 22:37-38.

Second Commandment:

1 John 5:21; 1 Corinthians 6:9; 1 Corinthians 10:7, 1 Corinthians 10:14; Ephesians 5:5.

Third Commandment:

Matthew 5:33-34; Matthew 7:21-23; Luke 11:2; 1 Timothy 6:1.

Fourth Commandment:

Luke 4:16; Acts 13:14, Acts 13:42, Acts 13:44; Acts 16:13; Acts 17:2; Acts 18:4; Hebrews 4:4;

Hebrews 4:9.

Fifth Commandment:

Matthew 15:3-6; Matthew 19:17-19; Ephesians 6:2-3.

Sixth Commandment:

Matthew 5:21-22; Matthew 19:17-18; Romans 13:9; Galatians 5:19-21; James 2:10-12.

Seventh Commandment:

Matthew 5:27-28; Matthew 19:17-18; Romans 13:9; 1 Corinthians 6:9; 1 Corinthians 10:8; Ephesians 5:5; Galatians 5:19-21; James 3:10-12.

Eighth Commandment:

Matthew 19:17-18; Romans 13:9; Ephesians 4:28.

Ninth Commandment:

Matthew 19:17-18; Romans 13:9; Colossians 3:9; Ephesians 4:25.

Tenth Commandment:

Luke 12:15; Romans 7:7; Romans 13:9; Ephesians 5:3; Ephesians 5:5.