

#103 THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS
STILL STAND TODAY AND FOREVER.

Q: Is it true that we cannot use the Old Testament for doctrine because all those old books and laws were only a school master given because of the hardness of their hearts until Jesus came? Aren't loving God & people the only commandment for today?

Galatians 3:23-25 "But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. ²⁴ Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But after faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster."

A: Many have been deceived to presume the whole Old Testament was done away, not understanding that only the tedious blood ordinance laws carrying penalties of death were nailed to the cross. The N.T. teaches that the Law is spiritual and holy and good.

Romans 7:11-14 "For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me. ¹² Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good. ¹³ Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful. ¹⁴ For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin."

A: Why is the Law called holy? Because the Law of God's 10 Commandments is the testimony of God's character, and defines the iniquity of sin, so that we will not sin!

1 John 3:4 "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for SIN IS THE TRANSGRESSION OF THE LAW."

A: By faith our sin is forgiven, but if there is no Law then we could not know what sin is, so then how could we confess our sin?

Romans 3:30-31 "Seeing it is one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith. ³¹ Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law."

A: O.T. saints were saved in the same way as N.T. saints: by faith in the blood of the Lamb! It is not God who changed, but God became the Lamb who came to take away sins of the world by the New Covenant in His own blood shed once for all!

Colossians 2:13-15 "And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; ¹⁴ blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; ¹⁵ and having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it."

A: Jesus took away the penalties attached to law that were against us. The handwritten ordinances required the penalty of death if you did not perform a daily sacrifice! The penalty of death we all deserve, was nailed to the cross by the blood flowing from Jesus' hands and feet! Jesus did not come to abolish the law, but Jesus came to fulfill the Old Blood Covenant, by establishing the New Covenant in His own blood!

John 15:9-11: "As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. ¹⁰ If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full." OBEDIENCE IS LOVE

A: By the amazing love of His obedience, Jesus demonstrated His love for us and He expects the same loving obedience from us, to lay our own lives down to live for Him.

Hebrews 5:8-9 "Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; ⁹ and being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him."

Q: But I thought the only two laws we have today is to love God and love each other, so there is no other law but to love?

Romans 5:8 "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." LOVE HAS A COST

A: Jesus made it clear to the young ruler, and to us, what love means. If we love God we will obey His Commandments, the same as, if we love our parents we will obey them.

John 14:15 "If ye love me, keep my commandments."

A: What if your son invited all his friends over for a love feast while you were away, took your white furniture outside to the campfire because 'it was too muddy to sit on the ground', had everyone bring booze and drugs so they would all feel good, destroyed your sound system by blasting it outside, and gave these friends all your good clothes to wear home because they couldn't go home all muddy! His defense when you came home was, but I praised you guys, we all love you man!

Matthew 7:22-23 "Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? ²³ And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

A: There is only one group of believers named in the Bible, whom Jesus tells to go away at His coming, and it is not those who obey His word. These say they love God while mocking His word and those who show their love for Him by their obedience.

1 Peter 4:17-18 “For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? ¹⁸ And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?”

The Bible tells us there can be no truth in those who do not obey His Law.

Isaiah 8:14-20 “And he shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence ¹⁵ And many among them shall stumble, and fall, and be broken... ¹⁶ Bind up the TESTIMONY, seal the law among my disciples... ²⁰ To the law and to THE TESTIMONY: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.”

A: God’s 10 Commandments are ‘The Testimony’ that was placed inside the Ark, that are now written upon the hearts of true believers. Yet, many in churches of these last days, are told by pastors they trust, that God’s Law along with the Old Testament has been done away. Jesus tells those who are busy doing good works yet mocking His Law, that He never knew them, and tells us to come out from among them for His true church is built on the foundation of the old.

Ephesians 2:20 “Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; ²⁰ and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone.”

A: What is love? Love is the opposite of working iniquity by transgressing the Law of God. Jesus defined love as “Obeying His Commandments”, showing love for Him from the heart by honoring the Law of God. Paul was persecuted as a heretic for teaching that the Old Testament is the foundation of our New Testament faith:

Acts 24:14 “But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets.”

A: The New Testament saints knew that the foundation of the Kingdom of God was built upon the Law and the prophets, so they searched the Old Testament, as do we, to prove if every teaching is true or false:

Acts 17:11 “These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.”

A: Let us not be afraid to worship the God of our fathers, our Savior, who saves us by faith expecting us to search the whole of His word to see if what we are taught is true.

PRAYER: *Dear Lord Jesus, we worship You, as Lord God Almighty the Ancient of Days, trusting that Your word is true from Genesis through Revelation, preserved for us forever, believing that You are the same yesterday, today and forever. May we always show our love for You by obeying Your Testimony of old, the Law of Love now written upon our hearts, until You come, in Jesus name, Amen.*

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