

**God's Law Still Stands**  
**Bible Study Notes**

***"Blessed are those who do His (God's) commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may enter through the gates into the city."***

**Rev.22:14**

We live in a world today where we hear a very common statement among Christians, viz., "the Commandments were 'nailed' to the cross." Basically, stating that at the time of Jesus' death upon the cross, this nullified the acknowledgment and keeping of God's Holy Law. Another common statement heard in the Church today is "the Law was only for the Jews." I believe based on scripture that both of these statements are non-biblical and are a lie from the devil himself and as a result we will seek to study the Scriptures under the guidance of the Holy Spirit to see what they have to say on the Law of God and their relevance to the Christian Church.

We must remember that Jesus has said in His Word that in these last days there will be widespread deception in the world, so much so that even His faithful followers would be deceived. However, because of their relationship with Christ and the fact that they study their Bibles diligently, they are able to discern between truth and lies by the help of the Holy Spirit. Just have a read of **Matt. 24** and notice that Jesus repeats the point of deception on three different occasions.

It is also interesting to note that the phrase 'keep the commandments of God' are found 3 times in the Book of Revelation as it relates to the prophecies concerning God's people in the last days. God's Commandments must have to be quite important for them to be repeated as such in a book that God give to His Church to show them the events which must shortly take place, **Rev. 1:1**.

***"And the dragon was wrath with the woman and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."*** **Rev.12:17**

***"Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus."*** **Rev.14:12**

***"Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may enter through the gates into the city."*** **Rev.22:14**

What we can gather from the above scriptures, especially when the entire chapters are read, is that God will have a faithful remnant of believers in the last days who will not only live a blameless life in His sight and believe in His Son, Jesus, but they will also keep His Commandments, all ten of them. Plus, the mere fact that **Rev.22:14** tells us that those who keep/do the commandments will have the right to enter through the gates of Heaven should make people question this statement of 'commandments being nailed to the cross.'

As Christians, we need to study our Bibles more and stop going on traditions, for God's Word is everlasting, it does not change and if we do not know the truth, we are bound to fall prey to the deceptions of satan in these last days.

***"The grass withers, the flower fades: but the Word of our God shall stand for ever."*** **Isa. 40:8**

***"And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you."*** **Matt. 24:4**

## Who wrote the Law:

A careful study of the Bible would show us that God's Law was written by His own finger when He gave it to Moses upon the mount, even when Moses broke the first tablets, God rewrote the commandments again. The Law of God was written on two tablets of stone, by His own finger; this shows great significance.

*"And when He had made an end of speaking with him on Mount Sinai, He gave Moses two tablets of the Testimony, tablets of stone, written with the finger of God."* **Exo.31:18**

*"...and He wrote them on two tablets of stone and gave them to me."* **Deut. 5:22**

*"...for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit."* **2<sup>nd</sup> Tim.1:21**

So, we can see the significance of the fact that God wrote His Law himself and gave it to man, it is set in stone and binding for all eternity.

## What is sin?

Sin, as defined by the Bible is the breaking of God's Law. Now what we must ask ourselves is this, *"Does sin still exist in the world today?"*

One does not have to think too long about that. Death abounds, crime, adultery, sickness, fear, idolatry, and the list goes on.

So, if we know that sin still exist, then God's Law must still be well intact to this day for the Bible says, *"Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law."* **1<sup>st</sup> John 3:4**

## The first sin:

Since we have acknowledged that sin still exists, now we must ask ourselves where sin originated. Again, the Bible has the answer. The Book of Ezekiel shows us that sin originated with lucifer whilst he was still in heaven as a guardian cherub.

*"You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God. Every precious stone was your covering: The sardius, topaz and diamond, beryl, onyx and jasper, sapphire, turquoise and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes was prepared for you on the day you were created. "You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; you were on the holy mountain of God; you walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you."* **Eze. 28:15**

Now if sin originated with the devil when he was still an angel in Heaven, and we know from the Scriptures that sin is the transgression of God's Law, that would mean that God's Law would have also had to be in place from within Heaven.

*'For sin is the transgression of the Law.'*

The Bible is quite clear, we just need to study it diligently and allow the Scriptures to be their own interpreter and not try to put our own interpretation on the Word of God.

Sin originated with lucifer and as a result of him and a third of the angels transgressing God's Law, they were thus cast out of Heaven, **Rev.12:7-9**.

After being cast out, he tempted Adam & Eve as we read in **Gen.3** and eventually led them to sin against God and were thus cast out of the Garden of Eden. If they sinned as the Bible shows us, then God's Law would also have to had still been in place at that time, *'for sin is the transgression of the law'*.

The Law of God was not given to the Jews as some like to falsely claim, the devil himself was the first to break the law of God and after this he led the angels who were cast out with him to also break it. Adam and Eve also transgressed that Holy Law as we have seen and had to suffer the consequences.

It is interesting to note that Adam and Eve were not Jews, the Israelite people came some 2000 years after Adam, so how is it even possible to say that God's Law was only given to the Jews?

If we don't study our Bibles as we should, the devil will cause us to go along with all of these deceptions that we see in the world today.

We see God destroy the earth by a flood in **Gen.6 & 7** because of the iniquity of mankind, to the point where God regretted that He had even made man in the first place. If mankind was destroyed by a flood for their sins, that would mean, based on the scriptures that God's Law was also in effect at that time in the days of Noah.

***"Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart." Gen. 6:5,6***

Brothers and sisters, God's Law still stands, do not be deceived, it is unchanging and unmovable. The Scriptures are clear.

Says God in **Malachi 3:6**, *"For I am the LORD, I do not change..."* He does not change, His standards do not change, His character does not change, why then would anyone expect that His Law would change? He is the same *"yesterday, today and forever more."*

## **The Argument:**

Many like to use the argument that Jesus gave two new commandments, found in **Matt.22:37, Mark 12:30 & Luke 10:27**, as an excuse to disregard the Law of God.

***"Jesus said to him, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." Matt. 22:37***

But let us ask ourselves one question, would God the Son do, say or act in any way that is contrary to will of God the Father? Of course not, God is not the author of confusion. The Son will always act in harmony with the Father and the Spirit for they are in unison.

***"For there are three that bear witness in heaven: The Father, The Word, and The Holy Spirit; and these three are one." 1<sup>st</sup> John 5:7***

If we worship no other gods beside God, worship no graven images, not take the name of the Lord in vain or if we keep our feet from breaking the Sabbath of the Lord then are we not showing our love for God with all of our heart, soul and mind?

Additionally, if we honour our father and mother, refrain from murder, adultery, theft, lies and covetousness, are we not loving our neighbour as ourselves?

Brethren, the keeping of the Ten Commandments is encapsulated within the two 'new' Commandments which Jesus gave. He was not issuing new commands; He was simply reiterating what was already in place from the days of old. Let us not be deceived, for He is not the author of confusion.

## **God's Law; a reflection of His Character:**

a) God is good; the Law is good.

***"So, Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God." Luke 18:19***

***"Therefore, the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good." Rom. 7:12***

b) God is Holy; the Law is Holy.

***"But the LORD of hosts shall be exalted in judgment and God who is holy shall be hallowed in righteousness." Isa. 5:16***

***"Therefore, the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good." Rom. 7:12***

c) God is just; the Law is just.

***"He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: A God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he." Deut.32:4***

***"Therefore, the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good." Rom. 7:12***

d) God is perfect; the Law is perfect.

*"Therefore, you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect."* **Matt. 5:48**

*"The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple."* **Psalm 19:7**

e) God is love; the Law is love.

*"He who does not love does not know God, for God is love."* **1<sup>st</sup> John 4:8**

*"Love does no harm to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilment of the law."* **Rom. 13:10**

f) God is righteous; the Law is righteous.

*"...The LORD is righteous, and my people and I are wicked."* **Exo. 9:27**

*"The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether."* **Psalm 19:9**

g) God is pure; the Law is pure.

*"And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure."* **1<sup>st</sup> Jon 3:3**

*"The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes."* **Psalm 19:8**

h) God is Spirit; the Law is spiritual.

*"God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."* **John 4:24**

*"For we know that the law is spiritual..."* **Rom. 7:14**

i) God is unchangeable; the Law is unchangeable.

*"For I am the LORD, I do not change..."* **Mal. 3:6**

*"For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled."* **Matt. 5:18**

j) God is everlasting; the Law is everlasting.

*"Then Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba, and there called on the name of the LORD, the Everlasting God."* **Gen. 21:33**

***"The works of His hands are verity and justice; all His precepts are sure. They stand fast forever and ever and are done in truth and uprightness."*** **Psalm 111:7-8**

### **Conclusion:**

Brethren, the Scriptures are clear. The Law of God is everlasting, it is the foundation of His government in Heaven; it is the standard by which we are judged in His eyes, **James 2:8-12**. How can it be nailed to the cross, how can it only be for the Jews? Deception is widespread in the world today and if we as God's professed people do not know the truths of His Word, how will we stand when the enemy brings all the false teachings before us. Jesus has warned us that many false teachers, agents of satan, will be prevalent in these last days to deceive if possible, the very elect.

Blessed will be those who do His commandments for they will have the right to the tree of life and to enter the gates of the Heavenly Jerusalem, **Rev. 22:14, Rev. 21:2**.

I want to enter through those gates and eat from that tree of life, don't you?

Let us develop a closer relationship with our Saviour, Jesus Christ, who shed His blood for us and became our advocate and intercessor. Let us draw close to Him the He may draw close to us. We see the times that we are living in, time is of the essence, we must get our lives right before God in this time of judgement and not only that, but we must help to get others ready that they may have the opportunity to hear the good news.

If we love Him, we *will* keep His commandments, not out of fear, or because of any legalistic act, but out of love, for love is the fulfilment of the law, **John 14:15**.

***"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil."***

**Eccl. 12:13-14**