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PREFACE

History of The Law is greatly misunderstood. Many people believe The Law in The Bible is The Old Covenant made with Israel (Deuteronomy 5:3). believe, The Torah is The Old Covenant while still others believe The Law of Moses (The Old Covenant) was added to The Torah four hundred and thirty years later. The Book of Deuteronomy is the rewriting of The Law which was added to The Torah (Galatians 3:17). The Law of God is much more, than just The Old Covenant. Much will be revealed, as you continue to read this book. As usual, no money can be accepted. You can order your free CD containing the latest books which can be read on your computer. If one particular book is of interest to you, order that book. As you finish each one, order another free book. It is suggested that after you read the book, reread it while looking up The Scriptures as a Bible Study. Criticisms are welcomed along with any questions which will aid in developing your knowledge of The One True God and Father of everyone. All books are absolutely free. We are not a church and are non-denominational. Our job is to spread the word (freely received – freely given). Use your donations to help the orphans, widows and the truly poor. Should you have objections, please include scripture to prove the point.

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INTRODUCTION

Everyone should know, laws are made for criminals. Honest individuals try to always keep The Law. Laws are, only, written when people are ignorant of right and wrong. When a street's intersection has few or no accidents, there is no reason for a stop sign or a traffic light. *The Law* changes when that juncture has more than average accidents. You are about to embark on a journey concerning God's Law. On this path, you will discover how God thinks.

TWO TYPES OF SIN

"Sin is the transgression of the law" (I John 3:4). The trouble is, this type of law was given for the unrighteous or criminals (I Timothy 1:7-10 and Hebrews 7:16-18). The Law was made for "carnal" people who are weak and succumb to committing crimes. covenant had to be annulled. However, The Law is not done away with. Only The Old Contract, which was made for the unrighteous, is done away. Christ's grace and mercy entered the picture, and God's Law was made for those who chose to be righteous (Acts 10:35). The Law was magnified or enlarged (Isaiah 42:21), as the text in *The Book of Hebrews* signified (Hebrews 10:25-29). Therefore, *The Law* is now made superior to, or more honorable than, The Letter of The Law or The Law of Moses, in The Old Covenant and in The Old Testament. The Law becomes spiritual and far more superior, because it makes you perfect and Holy, thus, you can receive the forgiveness of Christ (Romans 7:14). The Law is never done away with, but is elevated to a saintly standard, so you can be like God, "All unrighteousness is sin" (I John 5:17). The New

Covenant has no weaknesses as long as, Christians live in the spirit. Physical works change absolutely nothing. Only, The Holy Spirit can change your nature and that, my friend, is a gift from God.

LAW OF THE SPIRIT

Jesus said, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit" (John 3:6). You cannot exist in both realms (the spirit and the flesh). To be born again, you must put your flesh to death and, ultimately, you will only live in the spirit. That is why Paul remarked, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh [doing human works], but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life [Salvation] in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death" (Romans 8:1-2). To live in The Spirit cannot be any simpler! If you believe, you must do all the legal works of The Law to be saved, then your end result will be death, "That the righteousness of the law [spiritual] might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit" (Romans 8:4).

If you want to become *righteous* and receive Salvation, you must keep *The Law*, *spiritually*. Christ removed the curse of *The Law* (death) by keeping *The Law spiritually*. *The Law* gives no *mercy*. Only by The Blood of Christ are you forgiven. There is no condemnation for delivering you from the curses (Deuteronomy 28). You must be under *grace* and *mercy*. A God-fearing person who is neither circumcised, nor keeps *The Letter* of *The Law*, but is still accepted by God, as long as the person works and strives for *righteousness*. God, through His Holy Spirit, continues to

produce His mind "In You." As you grow and mature, you become a saint or a Righteous One (Ephesians 1:4). Christ demands each believer exceed the "righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees" as required in The Law of Moses (Matthew 5:20). The New Covenant expects more. John 5, 6 and 7 expands The Law, spiritually. Christians are told to become spiritually perfect, so they can receive Salvation (Matthew 5:48). A law is necessary when humans are weak and cannot control themselves. The Letter of The Law with all its works. will change nothing in your spiritual life. God's Law plays an extremely vital role in every civilization. It is imperative to keep *The Commandments* (Luke 17:10). The Commandments must be kept as a duty to God, so the society in which you live can be a civil place. Remember, keeping The Letter of *The Law* makes you "spiritually useless" to God.

GOD'S PURPOSE FOR LAW

The Old Covenant Law was given because of sin and was added to The Torah, which describes God's path to Salvation. The Israelites lacked faith in God and did not know His ways (Hebrews 3:10 and Galatians 3:19). The Law, added to The Torah, was a pathway to God and to remain until Jesus came to earth (Galatians 3:19). Why was this Old Covenant Law to remain until Jesus came? Obviously, The Messiah brought Salvation, which demanded a New Covenant. In The New Covenant, The Law was not done away, but was changed to The Spirit of The Law. This change is why Paul called The Law "spiritual" (Romans 7:14). Any covenant or law must be studied in "the light of its historical setting." Keeping The Law, spiritually, required a change in the heart and mind of every Chris-

tian. With a change in The Priesthood, The Law, also, had to change (Hebrews 7:12), (Isaiah 42:21) "For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ" (John 1:17). The Law of Moses was only a shadow, or a prophecy about a better law that could make the believer perfect (Hebrews 10:1). The Old Covenant - Law of Moses could never give grace, mercy or truth, but was simply a future shadow of truth. How did Jesus bring the truth to The Law so it could make you perfect? "The Lord is well pleased for his righteousness' sake; He will magnify the law and make it honorable" (Isaiah 42:21). Jesus brings truth to The Law by magnifying it which causes you to have God's righteousness. Thus, The Law is made more honorable or superior. "To magnify," in Hebrew, means "to enlarge" or "make larger" in scope, but this is beyond the righteousness of The Law.

Christ came to write The Law in every Christian's heart and mind (which was perfection). God hates the sinful nature of mankind. For this reason, He planned to change it through Christ. With Jesus, The Law became spiritual. You must seek God, become a Godfearing person and forsake your thoughts, which are mostly wicked (Isaiah 55:6-11). God shows you His thoughts and mind are superior to yours. God reveals that the words from His mouth will not go forward in vain, but will accomplish what pleases Him. His words will prosper and succeed - that is a guarantee! It is reassuring to have The Word of God given as your proof. God's Law can be administered in various ways with different purposes. Under The New Covenant of Christ, The Law can change your very heart and mind. Emulating God's mind is what The Tree of Life is all about.

CHAPTER 1

IN THE GARDEN

Eating from The Tree of Life was the opportunity of Adam and Eve to obtaining Salvation with no "Law Keeping" required. Why have Christians and Jews wasted their time and energy arguing over The Law for 2,000 years? Debates continue regarding The Old Covenant and The New Covenant. Does one, do away with the other? For Adam and Eve, The Law was not an issue for Eternal Life. They had free choice.

NO LAW - NO SIN

The Bible makes a bold statement concerning The Law, "For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law" (Romans 5:13). Sin will always exist, whether there is a law or not. Do you realize what Paul is telling you? Sin, by its very nature, results in death. Rather, it is a natural and automatic result of a criminal society. In nations where the laws are lax, or weak, society will be unstable. Immorality is the basis of all sin. Total freedom from law becomes a free choice to sin or not.

Citizens complain when their jurisprudence (science or philosophy of law) system fails them. Any nation, that does not have laws to protect its sovereignty and

allows illegal immigrants to enter — is a farce. When no law exists, there can be no crime, even though an act can be sinful. "Sin," in its major definition, means "to miss the mark" of Paradise (God's house). In order to have peace, prosperity and eternal life, a house must always be Holy or good. This is the only way to have everlasting Salvation (Ephesians 1:3). "Holiness" is "The Goodness of God" and anything less is sin. Laws define sin, or crimes in a civil society and can change according to conditions. This is the purpose or reason for making laws. The Torah is considered "the way to life" by Muslims. Christians and Jews consider "the way to life" as being from God.

GOD'S REST

In The Garden of Eden (God's Kingdom), there was no sin. Everything God created was very good (Genesis 1:31). Adam and Eve were truly living in God's rest. "Shalom" in Hebrew means "peace" or "God's Sabbath Rest."

Adam and Eve did not sin in The Garden, until they ate from The Tree of The Knowledge of Good and Evil. Until Adam and Eve sinned, no law was needed. Thus, Paul said, "Sin is not imputed when there is no law" (Romans 5:13). Paul's statement describes society with laws. If there is no law concerning a crime, then no crime has been committed.

Since there was no written or codified law, God allowed Adam and Eve to stay in Eden, but without access to The Tree of Life. God gave Adam and Eve free

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choice and they chose the path ending in death.

LAW AND GRACE

Once The Law was codified (made legal), no grace or mercy could be given to those who were under The Law. Each and every sin, or crime, had a curse or penalty, with no exceptions. In short, The Law must be obeyed and kept perfectly, if a society is to know any peace. Citizens continue to have a wrong heart (no conscience), they will have a criminal nature. A criminal's nature, or mind, demands the existence of God's Laws. The Tree of The Knowledge of Good and Evil is comparable to the human mind with all its imaginations of good and evil. Every human looks at life differently, because they do not know what good or evil is. They can only learn by observation and experience.

The Tree of Life is God's word – The Very Mind of God. People can only learn through God's Holy Spirit (John 14:17). Amazing! Only God is full of goodness (Matthew 19:17). God knows all that is good for you, because He created you (Genesis 1:26). God does not need to observe, to know what is good or evil. God is Holy and perfect. God wants you to become like His Son, Jesus. You, through God's Holy Spirit (The Mind of God), are to be just like God and Jesus. God's purpose is to be "All In All" (I Corinthians 15:28).

REPENTANCE

Why does God require repentance, in order, for you to receive grace or mercy? "To repent" means "to have

Adam and Eve chose to follow their human mind to learn good and evil on their own. A repentant person seeks God out of fear and desires to learn from Him. They also labor to seek His righteousness. Initially, you must become a God-fearer (Acts 10:35). Then, when God knows your heart's desire, He bestows grace and mercy on you. God knows, when you are ready to change your mind (in faith) and, eventually, have a mind like His. Why? Because God promised it and He does not lie, but your responsibility is to, completely, trust God. God's "goal" and "will" is to make you in His "image" (Genesis 1:26).

Repentant people have psychologically bottomed out. They want their lives to continue in its current state and are ready to truly change. God knows when all this happens and, consequently, bestows grace through The Blood of Christ. Christ removed the curse of The Law (death) and from then on, Christians were reborn spiritually (Galatians 3 and John 3). Through His Holy Spirit, God reveals His word in your heart, because of His love for you (Romans 5:5). Once the conversion from a human mind to a Godly mind begins, your human flesh is dead. Death occurs after baptism and through faith a new mind begins. You must keep eating from The Tree of Life, so you may receive The Holy Spirit and begin your journey towards The House of God (Request the free book, Faith That Saves).

Those who keep eating from The Tree of The Knowledge of Good and Evil, by choice, are destined to die. They are using their human nature to decide what is

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"Save The World." He is not intending to destroy it (I John 4:14). To offset human nature, God assigned The Law, so that the unrighteous would know what sin was (I John 3:4). God, first sent His Prophets (before Christ) to preach about "righteousness" (God's mind) (Isaiah 55:8-9 and Hebrews 1:1-2). The Law (which reveals sin) was needed for the unconverted (I Timothy 1:7-10 and I John 3:4). The "converted" must advance, or climb the steps, of what is known as "Jacob's Ladder." Jacob's Ladder describes the steps taken to reach The Temple of God. There are the seven pillars, you must climb to reach "wisdom" (Proverbs 9:1).

The first step is called fear, which is why God accepted Israel as His people. Israel feared God. The fear of The Lord gives you wisdom (Proverbs 9:10). The Prophets preached God's righteousness and not the righteousness of The Law. Always remember, The Law was only for the unrighteous and, later, the law was given through a covenant. Noah was The Eighth Preacher of Righteousness (II Peter 2:5). Genesis 5 lists the ten sons of Adam who were like God and were called The Sons of God. The list begins with Seth's son, Enos, whose name, in Hebrew, means "named after God." Counting from Enos to Noah makes Noah The Eighth Preacher of Righteousness.

When The Sons of God and their progeny saw the daughters of men (Cain's lineage), they started marrying them. By doing so, they corrupted themselves. God spoke about these conditions which had become so *evil*. The conditions were so bad, many people

were evil and violent. God had to stop the world from, continually, sinning and committing suicide. So, He flooded the world and drowned all mankind except for Noah and his family (Genesis 6:11-12). Noah was saved, because he was perfect in his ways through faith. God baptized, or put the old world to death, by means of the flood. Once the flood receded, God was ready to make a new beginning.

THE RAINBOW COVENANT

After the flood, God allowed mankind to live 120 years. Before the flood, being able to live for nearly 1,000 years, brought violence and murder. Up to this point, sin was not imputed through a codified law. The Law had always existed and was available, but only "spiritually." One had to eat from The Tree of Life which was lost, until The Promised Seed returned. Only, The Sons of God, The Prophets and The Preachers were God-fearers, waiting in faith, for The Promises of The Messiah.

Enoch, The Seventh Prophet from Adam, preached The Gospel of Christ. He stated, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of his saints [angels]" (Jude 14). Enoch was The Prophet before the flood and, then, God decided it was time for The Law.

CHAPTER 2

THE NOACHIAN COVENANT

The Law was about to change. God was about to change His Law from a Spiritual Covenant (The Tree of Life) to a Conditional Physical Covenant. The "covenant" with Adam and Eve was an agreement concerning free choice and the ability to choose The Tree of Life, or The Tree of The Knowledge of Good and Evil (and death). Now, God gave a new Law pertaining to the entire world and not just God's people (the God-fearing). This new Law was known as The Noachian Covenant.

CIRCUMCISION

Since The Spiritual Law ended with the murder of Abel, God created a New Legal Covenant. Conditions changed from The Time of The Garden of Eden. God gave the world a new law, which only prohibited murder. This Law was necessary, because The Tree of Life had been lost (Genesis 3:24). Circumcision of the flesh was the male's acceptance of this new Law. Signifying all future generations accepted circumcision and were legally bound to keep this Law. This generation came from human parents and did not have God's Holy Spirit, but circumcision validated humans were born in sin (Galatians 3:22). Whether death was by an ani-

mal or by a human, a curse or judgment was issued.

A law must have judgments, or penalties, as punishment for transgressions. Having committed these transgressions, humans could not receive any mercy. If mercy was given, then The Law was weak and corrupted by human reason. The penalty for breaking this Law by murder was death. Cain received no death penalty when he murdered Abel. Having no Law in Eden against murder, his penalty had to be "banishment" from God by losing his Salvation. For this reason, Cain said, "my penalty is greater than I can bear." He needed to repent, but never did.

A biography about Cain's life is called *The Epic of* Gilgamesh. The work depicted a pre-flood king/priest legend, who, continually, sought Eternal Life and died. At that time, God was ready to mandate a law against murder - to guarantee that society would not end in violence again. Even drinking human blood was forbidden. This was God's first legal covenant, which was ratified, not in writing, but through circumcision. God had to put His mark of approval on this covenant with the world. What was His signature? One of His signatures was God's throne in heaven has a rainbow testifying how this covenant was endorsed by Him. The seal of "the rainbow" affirms God's promise to never again flood the world. Consequently, "the rainbow" was "The Signature of God." This signature is similar to when kings press their rings into wax on a document. This practice was used when a new law was proclaimed. Now, this new law was a command for all mankind and was agreed upon (for legal status) through circumcision. The appearance of God's rainbow after rain provided protection for the people. Now, this *law* was enjoined upon humanity and they no longer had *free choice*. This *law* had a curse – the death penalty for committing heinous crimes such as murder.

GOD-FEARING

God gave every nation, not just Israel, the opportunity to receive Salvation (Acts 10:34-35). After Christ's crucifixion, the rest of mankind was acceptable to God. Humans had to fulfill two conditions, mandated by God, to be considered His people, "But in every nation he that fears him and works righteousness, is accepted with him" (Acts 10:35). A God-fearing person, such as Cornelius. The Gentile, was uncircumcised and not a keeper of *The Law*. There were people from all nations who feared God and deeply desired to be righteous. The Greek word "ergazomai" is translated as "works" and means "to labor intensely, like pulling an ox out of a ditch while it is resisting you." God accepts any person of any nation, whether Gentile, Pagan, Atheist or Agnostic, who meets these conditions. Why is this? These individuals have a right heart.

Now, with Christ's death, your sins, as well as, everyone else's sins, are forgiven and forgotten. Repentance is the change of a person's mind to have The Mind of God (Romans 8 and Philippians 2:5). If you keep growing spiritually, you will become either a faithful Christian or a saint. To have faith means to have absolute trust "In Christ" and "In God."

"A saint" in Greek, is "hagios" or "a Holy One." In Hebrew, the word "tsedeq" means "a righteous one." A "saint," who has achieved spiritual righteousness, is "one who has grown spiritually to the point, they are willing to die for God." They have attained agapé love, which fulfills or completes The Law (Romans 13:10). These individuals will become The Bride of Christ. Those who are faithful, or God-fearing, will be the ones saved, not as The Bride, but as guests. They must come to New Jerusalem, annually, under The New Heavens and on The New Earth (Revelation 21:24). They must bring their glory as an admission to be able to eat from The Tree of Life.

Salvation – spiritual growth continues in The Kingdom of God. The healing leaves from The Tree of Life will be available to all nations (Revelation 22:2). Never forget, Salvation is a gift – but a person's work determines the reward they will receive.

THE LAW CHANGES

When a priesthood changes, The Law has to change (Hebrews 7:12). The Priesthood of Levi, under Aaron, could not give Salvation, only a successful, long, safe and prosperous human life. Only God can bestow The Gift of Eternal Life. That is exactly, what Jesus said, "So likewise you, when you shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do [human obligation to do]" (Luke 17:10). To be "unprofitable" in Greek means "one is useless." God cannot use you if you are only keeping The Letter of The

Law; keeping it only brings death at the end of your life. There is no Salvation, because The Letter of The Law only provides a good, decent human life in this present physical world (II Corinthians 3). The Letter of The Law can only tell you the meaning of sin (I John 3:4). To receive Salvation, you must become righteous or Holy (Ephesians 1:4).

The definition of a "Christian" is to "spiritually grow toward righteousness." To grow "spiritually" one must have God's Holy Spirit. The Temple of God is where God's Holy Spirit dwells (I Corinthians 3:16). A saint or Holy One must become righteous, or totally like Jesus, to be Christ's Bride. One has to become worthy to be His Wife (Revelation 19:7). All those on The New Earth must continue growing, spiritually, to become like God (II Peter 1:3-4).

The Letter of The Law gave no grace or mercy (Exodus 23:20-21). God changes The Keeping of The Law under the administration of Melchizedek, "For the law was given by Moses, but grace [mercy] and truth came by Jesus Christ" (John 1:17). Only the administration of Jesus, allows The Law to forgive sin, or give grace. Only Christ gives The Truth of Salvation. The Letter of The Law cannot save anyone, only God can make you righteous through His Holy Spirit, giving you the truth that will save you (Romans 5:5). The Law changes from The Letter, or the physical law, to God's Spiritual Law, which is a continually growing entity. Christ came to enlarge, increase or magnify The Law (to become spiritual). Being spiritual makes one honorable, but spiritual growth is required, to achieve the fulfill-

ment of *The Law* which is composed of one specific element – *love* (Romans 13:10 and Isaiah 42:21).

BACK TO NOAH

In summary, God was in The Garden of Eden with Adam and Eve. He initiated The Law, spiritually, which allowed access to The Tree of Life. Access to Paradise will be in the future. Sin entered, and after the end of civil violence (the flood), God was ready to codify or enforce part of His Law, which was The Noachian Covenant. This covenant was sanctified through the rainbow, and then, was ratified by "circumcision," which only prohibited murder, because of its prevalence in the pre-flood civilization. God's Law is a growing entity depending upon the condition of the people in the world at a specific time in human history. God, in The Torah, makes many covenants, depending on the behavior of mankind in any particular time period.

CHAPTER 3

THE SPIRITUAL LAW AND THE FLESHLY LAW

Keeping The Law is a continuous process. Ultimately, the goal of The Law is to achieve God's righteousness. Those who choose The Tree of Life are led to God's righteousness by His Holy Spirit. God's Holy Spirit directs you to the truth. The revelation of The Mystery of God allows you to become Holy and divine like God and Jesus (Ephesians 1).

TALENTS OF GOD

God is The One who has life, and is The Only One, who can grant you Eternal Life, as a gift through His Son, Jesus. Because of His love for you, God grants you heavenly gifts and blessings, so you can achieve Salvation (Ephesians 1:3). Christ gives you a parable about God's talents. Christ said, the kingdom is like a man who goes to a far country and gives his goods to his servants to manage in his absence (Matthew 25:14-20). He gives the servants one, two and five talents, respectively. When the man returns, he checks his books. The servant with one talent was afraid of his lord and buried the talent, figuring it would not get lost. The servants with two and five talents doubled

their talents. When the lord looked at the account of the one who did not increase his talent, the lord took the talent which laid idle and gave it to the servant who had ten talents. Then, the one who gained nothing was cast into outer darkness where there was weeping, wailing and gnashing of teeth. This parable proves how "spiritual growth" is a process and how Salvation cannot be achieved by attempting to follow The Law.

The history of *The Law* begins with Adam and Eve having an opportunity to remain in God's rest, forever. If they had eaten from The Tree of Life, they would have remained in The Garden and grown in God's grace and truth, without having to repent. Adam was a figure of Jesus (Romans 5:14). Adam, Eve and their children could have experienced Paradise, forever, while maturing in God's likeness. Adam and Eve made a wrong choice which required a painful restoration process (Genesis 3:15). Jesus came to save (restore) what was lost (Matthew 18:11). Adam and Eve lost Paradise and The Tree of Life, which is Eternal Life. Jesus said, you shall know them by their fruits. How is this? "Even so every good tree brings forth good fruits; but a corrupt tree brings forth evil fruit... Every tree that brings not forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire" (Matthew 7:17-19).

This should begin to be quite clear. The Tree of Life, only brings forth good fruit, but The Tree of The Knowledge of Good and Evil causes death. A person who eats from The Tree of Life, which gives Eternal Life, will receive Salvation. In comparison, The Tree

of The Knowledge of Good and Evil is a mixture which produces both *good* and *evil* fruit. Human nature can only bring forth a mixture of good and evil. Why? Humans can only guess what is good or evil based on their observations. No one was present when God made everything to see how it was created, which was a miracle in itself. How can anyone know what God knows?

WHAT IS THE LAW?

The Law of Moses was incomplete and weak. The Old Covenant Law could not give Salvation, because the flesh is weak. The Old Covenant Law was not the fulfilled law or the complete law, but only for carnal people, to help them repent. What makes The Law complete? "Love" is "the fulfilling of The Law" (Romans 13:10). I hope you understand this. Love is the most important part of The Law. Until you achieve love, you are not keeping The Whole Law. Keeping only a part of The Law is sin (James 2:10). Love has no desire to do any harm to anyone.

Three different words are translated as "love" in The New Testament. They are "eros," "philia" and "agapé." The fulfilling love is agapé love (Romans 13:10). Agapé love is caring for the welfare of others and you would be willing to die for them. Only by achieving the spiritual level of The Law can Salvation be given, but anything less will not allow you to enter The Kingdom of God. The Letter of The Law was made for criminals or the unrighteous (I Timothy 1:7-10). Unless you keep The Law according to its spiritual demands, you can-

not enter The Kingdom of God (Matthew 5:20).

God never allows anyone to receive Eternal Life, unless they loved His creation more than their own life. That is why Paul said, "The law is spiritual" (Romans 7:14). God made humans subject to death until they, by free choice, grow in God's agapé love. Then, and only then, do they fulfill or complete The Law. God could not impose or assign the spiritual law until The Israelites' hearts were ready. He gave them a carnal commandment, which applied to carnal people (Hebrews 7:16). Any carnal commandment is a law with curses and penalties, intended to stop individuals from sinning. Some people commit crimes because they have no conscience.

God limited His blessings in *The Law of Moses* to physical things, because a person could perform a duty in a civil society and still have a wrong heart. God still considered individuals to be useless in The Kingdom of God, unless they kept (or keep) *The Law, spiritually* (Luke 17:10). Keeping *The Law spiritually* automatically, includes keeping *The Law*, physically. Therefore, *The Law* no longer requires The Works of *The Law*, which are only shadows of better things to come (Christ) (Romans 2 and Colossians 2:16-17). God's Law allows you to grow spiritually so you can reach maturity and "internally" become "The Law – spiritually."

Jesus came to give grace, mercy and truth (John 1:17). The Letter of The Law did not destroy sin. Only The Keeping The Law, spiritually, can give grace. You must keep The Law, internally and spiritually, in or-

der to actually fulfill *The Law*. Paul summarized this demand by saying, if Jesus were on earth, He would not be a priest. *The Law of Moses* was kept, as long as, the temple was standing. However, this temple worship was only a shadow of the real temple in heaven. In due time, a better "covenant" was introduced that makes Christians perfect, without all the legal requirements of the carnal (work) commandments. (Read the first chapter of Isaiah).

The author of this book has written, at length, about *The History of God's Law The Bible* teaches *a superior*, *magnified Law*, which gives honor to God's <u>complete Law</u> (Isaiah 42:21). This volume proves how God alone reveals *the spiritual part* of *The Law*, when mankind is ready to accept the *truth*.

CHAPTER 4

THE TWO TREES

The history of *The Law* begins with God. God is *agapé love* which fulfills *The Law*. God is *The Law*. God and Christ are *The Torah*.

THE TREE OF LIFE

God introduced The Law to Adam and Eve, which, at that time, was called The Tree of Life. This was not The Law of Moses, which came later, but was The Law of The Spirit of Life (Salvation). Paul said, "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death" (Romans 8:2). The Old Mosaic Covenant (keeping The Letter of The Law) brings death.

There are two types of *laws*. These are the same laws, however, they are <u>administered differently</u>. These two laws represent two types of trees – The Tree of Life and The Tree of The Knowledge of Good and Evil. Paul described, the law of *The Spirit* of *Life*, as The Tree of Life (Romans 8). The Tree of The Knowledge of Good and Evil is *The Law* of *Sin* and *Death*. Both trees in The Garden were very good (Genesis 1:31).

God gave the two trees to allow mankind the opportunity to choose. Adam and Eve were first to make

this choice. They were faced with the spiritual decision between: 1) the righteousness of The Spirit of The Law or 2) the carnal commandment intended for carnal people, which leads to death (Genesis 3). The Law was not carnal (beast like), the people were carnal, like beasts.

God did not create death. A person's human behavior leads to death (Hebrews 7:16). By refusing The Tree of Life, they forsook God's way of righteousness or perfection. There are two definitions for sin, "Sin is the transgression of the law," (I John 3:4) and "all unrighteousness is sin" (I John 5:17). The first definition for carnal (unrepentant) is people. The latter definition for converted people are those working to achieve God's righteousness. The Law given to Moses is for criminals (I Timothy 1:7-10). The Spiritual Law is for God-fearing Christians, who are striving to attain The Righteousness of Christ (Ephesians 4:11-13).

WHAT IS THE LAW?

The Law is defined as something a person must do to achieve a goal. Laws are created for individuals to follow, to live in a human form of peace and security. Laws require consequences which can be either good or bad. The outcome of God's Law is based on conditions. The Law can produce different outcomes. For instance, The Tree of Life produces Salvation and The Tree of The Knowledge of Good and Evil results in death. Laws are directions either to life eternal, or death. However, a law cannot be in force, unless ratified or codified. One can still sin by breaking a law,

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but the person cannot be held responsible if the law is not known, or in force. Thus, ignorance of the law is only a temporary excuse. Paul said (about Adam and Eve), "For until the law [of Moses] sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law" (Romans 5:13). Humans may not be aware, or understand, a certain law, but breaking it is a transgression which may result in a penalty. However, without knowing The Law, a penalty cannot be exacted, which is Biblically called "a curse."

In order for a law to be legal, a person must be "aware" of the law. Also, it must have a specific penalty, or curse, that can be enforced. Adam and Eve were unaware, they had sinned against God's Law. No penalty was exacted, only a choice. However, their choice would, ultimately, produce death instead of life. Life was only possible if they ate from The Tree of Life. That is the reason God had to remove them from The Garden. If they ate from The Tree of Life, they would have had Eternal Life. Now, they had to live their lives by their own human effort or imagination. They were living without their coach. Since sin was not revealed as a law, Adam and Eve were denied access to The Tree of Life, until they were ready to repent and be resurrected into a spiritual life.

Adam and Eve had to wait for Christ to come and pay for their sins. Because they did not know about sin, their only penalty was the natural result of their choice. They chose, knowingly or not, to die at the end of their lives. God is not the one who causes death, Adam and Eve made that choice. The carnal

law, for carnal people, imposed death as the punishment for capital crimes. God only imposes laws when the conditions demand it. God imposed sin after Israel knowingly sinned (Deuteronomy 5:29). Israel received God's Ten Commandments and nothing else. However, because of their wrong heart, God demanded The Law of Moses be observed, without fault, or they would be cursed (Deuteronomy 22 and 29-31).

Deuteronomy is "the added" Law in The Bible and was added only for Israel (Deuteronomy 5:3). Adam and Eve's transgression was not a matter of breaking The Ten Commandments, but a lack of faith, or trust, in God. On the other hand, Israel knew they had transgressed The Ten Commandments. God was ready to impose the death penalty. Because The Commandments were not yet codified, or made legal, God listened to Moses' plea for Israel and sent them into the wilderness for testing. That generation died because of their lack of faith (Hebrews 3:8-19).

CONDITIONS

The Tree of Life represents God's Law both spiritually and physically. Through God's Holy Spirit, His love is manifested and completes all of His Laws of Righteousness. Adam and Eve broke the spiritual aspect of God's Law, because of their lack of faith or trust "In Him."

Israel was given God's *Ten Commandments*, but broke them. Since *The Commandments* were not codified or legal, God gave them *grace*, which allowed them an-

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other chance to be tested in the wilderness.

Both cases had different conditions and, therefore, different penalties. The Law of God is a process. He could not, immediately, impose all of His righteousness, since it was to be fulfilled when freely chosen. The history of God's Law begins with a choice – The Tree of Life or The Tree of The Knowledge of Good and Evil. That is why Jesus said, "By their fruits you shall know them" (Matthew 7:20). If Adam and Eve had chosen The Tree of Life, they would have physically and spiritually matured into God's agapé love and then fulfilled The Law (Romans 13:10).

The Law varies according to human conditions. As God's people change, or the general population changes, God reveals His Law with diverse or different conditions of administration. In fact, you are about to discover how sin changed The Law and the priesthood (Hebrews 7:12).

God and His loving, righteous Law, reveals The Mind of God. He is making you in His image (Genesis 1:26). It is "kind after kind," so God can be "All In All" (I Corinthians 15:28).

CHAPTER 5

THE PRIESTHOOD AND SIN

"Once sin entered the picture, God instituted a priesthood system," so mankind could be pardoned for their sins. This priesthood was chosen either by human genealogy, or directly, from God. God chose The Tribe of Levi and Aaron as His priesthood, so all the male Levites were priests. This priesthood sacrificed meal offerings and animals for those who sinned (had a wrong or carnal heart) and had not repented (Hebrews 5:1-2). This priesthood was for carnal, beast-like individuals.

GOD'S GRACE

The second priesthood originated from The Order of Melchizedek and did not exist, genealogically. This priesthood was conditional, and the priests were directly appointed by an oath from God. The priesthood was based on a person's faith in God and their love of righteousness. However, Jesus was God's ultimate choice (Hebrews 1). This priesthood, through Christ, would pardon and forgive sin, because it was meant for repentant people. Moses instituted The Letter of The Law, but grace, which is total forgiveness of sin, gives truth and only comes from Jesus Christ (John 1:17). The Law of Moses cannot give mercy or

truth, it is only a shadow of the truth to come (Hebrews 10:1). The Priesthood of Levi forgave sin each year on The Day of Atonement. This priesthood reflected a type of The Melchizedek Priesthood, "Which are a shadow of good things to come" (Colossians 2:17). The Levitical Priesthood was a witness of The True Priesthood of Christ (Hebrews 3:1-5). Why did God have two types of priesthoods? God's patience and longsuffering has been consistent for thousands of years (II Peter 3:8-9). Why? God's longsuffering will, eventually, produce Salvation when His plan is accomplished, "And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation" (II Peter 3:15). This description of Salvation cannot be any clearer!

God made the administration of His Law conditional. Likewise, God made the two priesthoods conditional. God makes a distinction between repentant and unrepentant people. God brought Christ into the world to Save The World (I John 4:14). God's grace or mercy is not given to individuals with criminal minds. God only gives grace or mercy to people who repent, or have a change of mind and want to be righteous.

Repentant people have a conscience and decide to "no longer sin." They desire or want to be righteous with a right heart. God alters how His Law is administered according to two principles. First, God does not command humans to do, anymore than they are able to do (Adam and Eve were babes). Secondly, God does not require people to do what they do not desire or want to do (which may include repenting). The entire Law of God is dependant upon these two conditions, as well

as The Priesthood. Both *The Law* and *The Priesthood* are intended to guide mankind to become like God and Jesus Christ, in God's "image."

The first covenant change that affected the world was The Noachian Covenant, ratified by circumcision and the rainbow. Up to this point, humans were given almost 1,000 years to live. These years gave them all the time needed to repent and follow God. However, mankind became corrupt, and hence, violence was still prevalent worldwide. Noah and his family were saved because of Noah's obedience and faith. God, therefore, reduced the human lifespan to 120 years. He gave them His Noachian Law, which stated that the killing of a man, either by another man or a beast, is considered murder and punishable by death. You could not drink blood because human existence relies on blood for life. At that time, it was all God demanded of the world. This Law was intended to mitigate murder, which filled the world at the end of the pre-flood society. God knew that most humans had not repented and, therefore, He protected society with this Law forbidding murder. This Law gave no mercy, because the people were carnal and acted like beasts (sometimes acting like a goat who kicks or a lion who kills).

THE PROPHETS

Why were The Prophets called by God? The Prophets revealed The Truth of God and witnessed, to the carnal world, His great loving purpose for an Eternal Paradise (Hebrews 1). Most of the world, in the preflood days, was concerned with self-interest, much

like today. Except for The Prophets and their families, most humans had no time for God and His plan. Seth was Abel's replacement (Genesis 4:25). Seth had a son named Enos. The name "Enos" means "called by God's name" or "The Son of God" (Genesis 4:26). (In Genesis 5, read the list of the names of God's Sons from Adam to Noah). **Enoch** (The Seventh Son of God) prophesied about The Return of Christ with 10,000 of His angels (Jude 14). Noah was The Eighth Preacher of righteousness (counting from Enos) and called upon God (II Peter 2:5). (Read about The Prophets and preachers of God's righteousness before the flood in Genesis 5). God's Prophets were important, because they pleaded with the world to repent and turn their hearts and minds to God. God, through His angels, is very aware of the human condition and because of His love, God changed prophecies according to the responses of human beings.

God declares how prophecies will fail (I Corinthians 13:8). In Greek, the word "fail" means "to delay which God directs according to human nature." God and Christ will never fail you, because The Word of God is absolute. Prophets and preachers were God's witnesses to the world. This message left carnal people without excuse. In these last days (The Image of Daniel 2 – The Fourth Beast – Rome), Christ became The Witness of God and replaced The Prophets (Hebrews 1:1-2).

Christ reveals God's word through The Holy Spirit. You are warned, "you better hear the voice of God's Holy Spirit while it is still available" (Paraphrased) (He-

brews 3:15). This is God's word, as The Tree of Life reveals. Because of sin, a priesthood was instituted to bring God's people – "To Christ" (Galatians 3:24). The Priesthood of Melchizedek does away with your sins and makes you righteous through God's Holy Spirit. God's Law changed to a spiritual law of life and gives Salvation. Thus, Christians can become Holy like God and Jesus. God's perfect plan will cover all the different options of human behavior and, ultimately, fulfills God's purpose.

God will do His pleasure, "Declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand and I will do all my pleasure" (Isaiah 46:10). (Read all of Ephesians 1 for God's complete counsel). Many Christians may be surprised to learn that The Torah and The Law of Moses are not the same. Genesis and Exodus, before Moses, are *The Torah*, the specific *Law of Moses* began at Mount Horeb. The Torah has existed since the beginning of the universe. When God created the heavens and the earth, The Torah began, although it was not written down until much later (Genesis 1:1-2). The Torah is spiritual, and most of The Torah does not include The Law of Moses. The Torah was already over 2,000 years old when The Law of Moses was added. The Law of Moses only lasted from about 1500 B.C. until the destruction of the temple in 70 A.D. Always remember, The Law of Moses cannot be kept, perfectly, without the temple. In order to keep The Law of Moses, it would have to be kept perfectly (which is impossible) (James 2:10). In order to keep *The Law of Moses*, you need to wait until Christ returns. Why did God cause

The Old Covenant Law to vanish (Hebrews 8:13)?

ORIGINAL TORAH

God created *The Torah* when He first created the universe. The House of God was *the earth*. God put His protective roof, or canopy, around the earth to protect His creation. This canopy is the earth's atmosphere. It provided God's children with a safe place to live (Genesis 1).

THE OLD COVENANT

The rest of the universe was in darkness. The solar systems and other elements of the universe were working against each other at various times. The earth received God's protection so human life could be sustained. Science proves there is no place in the universe like the earth. The House of God was His creation and for all mankind. The Torah Law, from its inception, had no legal demands until The Law of Moses was given to Israel. The Torah, then, became a court requirement with legal demands judgments or curses. The added Law of Moses is not the same covenant (Torah) made with Abraham (Deuteronomy 5:3). These are two different agreements from God (Galatians 3:17).

The Torah, under Moses, is known as The Old Covenant, which was to last until Shiloh comes (until Christ came) (Genesis 49:10). When, Jesus Christ came to His nation, Judah rejected Him and Jesus turned to The Gentiles (Matthew 21:43-46). Christ came to re-

store *The Law of Moses* to Israel. When they rejected John, The Baptist, as Elijah, a curse continued upon the world (Malachi 4:6). (Request the free book, *God's Story*, which clearly relates details of this restoration).

The Prophets preached to mankind, The Original Torah (Hebrews 1:1). The Original Torah had no legal demands to follow, except faith — which is the reason Abraham kept God's commandments and statutes (there were no judgments) (Genesis 26:5). Abraham was under The Melchizedek Priesthood, which was a Priesthood of Faith, and based upon free choice. To receive Salvation, you must have free choice, because Eternal Life is a gift and has no human demands, but only requires faith. The element of faith was needed from the time of Adam and Eve, until Moses.

Moses introduced *The Old Covenant* to Israel, because they feared God would kill them (Exodus 20). The Israelites wanted Moses to tell them what God desired and then, they, would do what God wanted. God said, they were correct in knowing they had wrong hearts. They could not keep His Commandments, no matter how hard they tried. Without repentant hearts, they could never keep them (Deuteronomy 5:29). The Old Covenant was, therefore, added to The Original Torah four hundred and thirty years after Abraham, "And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law [The Law of Moses], which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect" (Galatians 3:17). Do you understand Paul's amazing words? Before The Law was administered by Moses, The Torah (the original promise, or contract, with Abraham) was based upon faith and not any command. Israel needed an order, or a command.

From Adam and Eve until Moses, *The Original Torah Law* was built upon *faith* without a legal court command. All nations have citizens with a criminal nature with no heart or conscience and need a written law outlining *right* from *wrong* (I Timothy 1:7-10). The law has judgments and penalties. When demanded, *The Law* had to be followed, or curses would result. When Jesus came and proved His amazing *agapé love* for humanity, He became Melchizedek, The High Priest for Christians (Hebrews 10).

Christ was the body God required to pay for mankind's sins. The Law of Moses was instituted as a shadow or a witness to, eventually, bring the people to Christ (Galatians 4:19 and Hebrews 10:1), "Wherefore the law [of Moses] was our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith" (Galatians 3:24). Now, The Original Torah Law has come full circle. From Adam to Moses, The Spiritual Torah was based upon faith. Then, from Moses to Jesus, with the addition of The Law of Moses, it became a command with curses and blessings. (Deuteronomy 29-31).

These curses and blessings were removed later (Hebrews 7:1-19). The Torah Law is spiritual and remains forever. The Law of Moses, was added to The Torah, and used as a temporary measure because of sin and wrong hearts. This measure ended when Christ appeared (Hebrews 3:10). Once again, The Old Covenant

will be instituted during The Millennium to bring Israel and other nations "To Christ" (Romans 11:25-26). The Millennium is to invite the whole world to The Wedding Feast, including both the bad and the good (Matthew 22:10). Christ turned to another nation (The Gentiles and The Ten Lost Tribes), because The Jews rejected Him. God reinstituted The Original Torah Law based upon faith through Melchizedek, The High Priest. The Torah was administered by faith or spiritual worship. When a change of priesthood occurred, a change in The Law was required. The Torah was now administered by Melchizedek through faith (Hebrews 7:12).

SPIRITUAL WORSHIP

"For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ" (John 1:17). Christians are under grace. The Law of Moses was written in such a way, it required human works, which are called "dead works" (Hebrews 6:1). These were dead works, because they only led to a successful human existence and not Eternal Life. The House of God needs to be built by God and not by any human effort. This is the reason, Jesus warned about the house built on a foundation of sand (meaning human works). The house will not remain stable, just as human works are not stable and can never bring Salvation.

THREE HOUSES

Biblically, you read Christ's description of two houses:
1) A house built on a rock (Christ); and 2) A house

built on sand (human) (Matthew 7:24-27 and I Corinthians 10:4). When you read about these two houses, ultimately, you will see there is a third house. Christ is vour Apostle and High Priest (Hebrews 3:1). Moses was faithful over his house (The Law of Moses), which required human effort to build. Righteousness requires human effort or good deeds, "For this man [Jesus] was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as he who has built the house has more honour than the house" (Hebrews 3:3). There are two houses. One was built during Moses' time by The Israelites and their own human effort. This house failed, because it was built upon sand. The second house was built by Christ, who is your High Priest. This house had more honor, because it was built upon a rock (Jesus). The House of Moses was not intended to last, because it was merely a witness to Christ's house (Hebrews 3:5).

Now, for a surprise! A third house, will be built by God, "For every house is built by some man [Moses or Christ]; but he that built all things is God" (Hebrews 3:4). Biblically, you will discover God is creating a New Heaven and a New Earth. Jesus said, that He was going to His Father to build a mansion for you (John 14:1-3). God's house will not be in heaven, but will be brought to earth. God is creating a New Heaven and a New Earth, because the first heaven and earth will pass away by fire (II Peter 3). Then, coming out of heaven, New Jerusalem will descend, as a Bride glistening like precious jewels, complete with diamonds and gold, "And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle [house] of God is with men and he will dwell with them and they shall be his people

and God himself shall be with them and be their God" (Revelation 21:3). God, who creates all things, will make a new universe on The New Earth.

This will be God's "new house" where all mankind can dwell with Him. The New Jerusalem, which will be on The New Earth, is God's "new house." At that time. God will dwell with mankind because sin will not exist, "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear" (Isaiah 59:1-2). God will not, and cannot, dwell where sin exists. When people sin, God leaves them alone in the wilderness as He did with Israel until He sent Christ. Christ was sinless, so God delivered Him from Satan and the wilderness. Until people repent of their sins and have a change of mind or heart, God does not hold them responsible (John 9:41). God's new house will be a spiritual (eternal) tabernacle. God will only allow a specific number of people to enter this *house*. God is a Spirit and wants only those who come and worship Him "spiritually" (John 4:24). The Torah, in The House of God, must be within a person's heart and mind so that, in the future, he/she can enter God's new earthly house.

CHAPTER 6

THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

The Torah, or The Way to Christ, and The House of God have many covenants, not just The Old Covenant. The most important contract that God made with mankind allowed people to receive The Free Gift of Salvation.

GOD'S FRIEND

When you are with a close, long-time friend, you feel safe and secure. A true friend would not harm you, or go against you, in any way. Abraham was a friend of God, because Abraham could be trusted and he was faithful to God. Abraham was so, completely, trusting "In God" he was willing to offer Isaac, his son, as a sacrifice. Abraham absolutely knew, in faith, that God would resurrect him (Hebrews 11:19 and James 2:23).

God made two contracts, or promises, with Abraham – each with different results. "One contract" was <u>a physical promise</u> and "the second contract" was <u>a spiritual promise</u>. The first contract promised the land, while the second offered Salvation for everyone. God told Abraham to enter into a "covenant" regarding The Promised Land (Genesis 17). He was told that Sarah would become The Mother of Nations through

Isaac, and this, miraculously, born son would become the inheritor. God instructed Abraham's male children to be circumcised and continue God's agreement with him. This *rite of circumcision* was a token of the promise and physical *covenant* made with Abraham.

After Abraham's willingness to sacrifice Isaac, God's angel intervened and stopped him, "By myself have I sworn, said the Lord, for because you have done this thing and have not withheld your son, your only [legal] son: That in blessing [additional] I will bless you and in multiplying I will multiply your seed as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and your seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; And in your seed shall all the nations of the earth [the world] be blessed; because you have obeyed my voice" (Genesis 22:16-18). Christ, Abraham's seed, came to Save The World (I John 4:14). Why was Abraham the father, or the originator, of the faithful ones? Abraham obeyed God's voice, whatever Abraham was asked to do, he obeyed without hesitation.

Most individuals are required to take many tests and endure many trials before they finally get the message and obey God. God could tell Abraham anything and he would obey. How many times does God's word tell you something and you just read over it and wonder if it means what it says? Often, it may take individuals years to get the point. Thankfully, God loves you and is extremely patient and longsuffering (II Peter 3:9). God is willing to wait ages and ages, therefore, you have the time you need to repent. Abraham always obeyed and did what God told him, no matter how

difficult the command might have been. He, truly, is The Father of The Faithful. Comparing Abraham to Peter – Peter lived with Jesus for three years and still denied Him three times at His crucifixion. After He was resurrected, Jesus had to remind Peter, he denied Him three times (John 21).

ABRAHAM ALWAYS OBEYED

God instituted His promise to Abraham and gave the reason He made His covenant (The Abrahamic Covenant) with him. God's reason was, "Because that Abraham obeyed my voice and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes and my laws" (Genesis 26:5). The word "laws" translated in Hebrew is "Torah." This statement includes far more than The Law of Moses. Abraham was ready to obey, no matter what God told him. Because he was willing to do whatever God wanted him to do, Abraham left his father's house.

Abraham had a human nature and sinned just like everyone else. He should not have followed his wife's advice concerning Hagar, her servant. However, if God told Abraham to do something, he did it without reservation. His "faith," not his righteousness, saved him. Some believe The Ten Commandments and statutes, known as The Law of Moses, were in force in Abraham's day. For a law to be in force, God would produce judgments as well. A law is made for convicts and criminals (I Timothy 1:9-10). There are no judgments given in Genesis 26:5. God's commandments and statutes are not laws with judgments; rather, they are "a matter of faith." The only law from God, up to

this point, was *The Noachian Law* concerning murder and drinking blood. Abraham, by *faith*, did what God said – no matter what. He kept all of *The Commandments* or statutes that God told him to observe. This was accomplished by Abraham's *faith* and not because of *The Law of Moses* (Request the free book, *Faith With Works*).

MELCHIZEDEK PRIESTHOOD

Remember, Abraham was under The Priesthood of Melchizedek, which is a Priesthood of faith and righteousness. No matter what God told him to do, he did it. Abraham tithed to God because he, had not received the promises (Genesis 14, Hebrews 1 and Hebrews 11). Moses was completely different. God issued a decree, because Levi and Simeon (his brothers) had violent tempers (Genesis 49). They lost the opportunity to receive land in Canaan as an inheritance, causing God to choose Moses.

While The Tribe of Levi were to become priests, they were not to receive any inheritance (land). Therefore, they could take tithes, to survive. Tithes are sacred, but only to The Priests who have no inheritance, or to those who have not, received an inheritance. The Melchizedek Priesthood gave righteousness and Salvation while The Levitical Priesthood only gave physical blessings and curses. This was "a law" to be obeyed, but it was not The Way to Salvation. The Letter of The Law had physical blessings and curses, but the end result was not the promise of Salvation. (Read Deuteronomy 27-28). God gives mankind what is good for

them, according to their physical and *spiritual* condition. God always loves those who have no inheritance including the priests, widows and orphans. He has *a plan* to take care of them.

PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL

God only requires from you, what you are able to do and what you desire to do. But, you must have a right heart. The Letter of The Law is designed for people with a wrong heart and only bestows physical blessings in this lifetime and does not promise Salvation. Repentant people with a right heart are willing to let God write His Laws in their hearts and minds. This writing is done spiritually, without The Letter of The Law telling them what sin is (I John 3:4). When The Law is a part of you, you never even think of sinning. Despite being subject to temptation, sinning would never enter your mind. This will occur when you are glorified like Christ who resides in each spiritual body. The Spirit of *The Law* is The Spirit of Life, which goes beyond The Letter of *The Law*. It actually magnifies The Law and makes it more honorable (Isaiah 42). The Spiritual Law of God changes your very nature, mind and heart to become like God and Christ. The Bible continues with the history of The Law according to human conditions and needs. The Abrahamic Covenant guaranteed not only physical blessings, but spiritual blessings, as well. This included a very important gift - Salvation. Only God can give Salvation. Your job is to follow the steps God has outlined, so you will receive your reward.

CHAPTER 7

ISRAEL'S CHOICE

When Israel departed from Egypt (under Moses), they left a polytheistic nation. Egypt was filled with idolatry and Israel understood those beliefs too well. However, they were to go out from that land and sacrifice to The True God. The choice was theirs, if they had the faith.

A MATTER OF CHOICE

When Israel came to Mount Sinai, they had no idea what to expect. Everyone knew there were many gods in Egypt. When God revealed His glory (The Shekinah), they were truly frightened to death by the lightning, earthquakes and roaring thunder. Who was this God? They had never experienced anything like it. Each word God spoke through His messenger sounded like thunder or an earthquake, reminding them of how Egypt's gods had to be appeased.

Israel's own God was to be feared, because He had demonstrated true power, a form of power that the Egyptian gods did not have. Then, they heard *The Ten Commandments* being delivered with a full display of sight and sound. The people saw and heard this before Moses went up to the mountain to receive *the codified Commandments*. These *Ten Commandments* were

truly the oracles, or the words of God (Acts 7:38). An "oracle" in Greek is "one who speaks God's words."

The Israelites separated The Ten Commandments from the statutes and ordinances since God, divinely, delivered The Ten Commandments and added nothing more (Deuteronomy 5:22). Moses had not, gone on the mountain to receive the two tables of stone and Israel had not sinned. Notice how God was considering Israel's heart, "O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them and with their children forever" (Deuteronomy 5:29).

Why did God make this statement? Remember, God had not offered Salvation to anyone. After hearing of Israel's fear of Him, He warned Moses to tell the people what He expected of them, "I have heard the voice of the words of this people, which they have spoken to you [Moses]: they have well said all that they have spoken" (Deuteronomy 5:28). God knew they feared Him, but their hearts were not right. Because of their fear of Him, God accepted Israel, but they still needed to change. You must fear God, but you must desire to be righteous, which is a prerequisite for you to be accepted by God (Acts 10:35). As Moses said, God had to try and prove them, so He needed to know they had a right heart (Exodus 20:20).

ISRAEL'S SIN

When Moses went up the mountain to receive *The Ten Commandments* written on stone, Israel sinned almost,

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immediately, by building the golden calf. They worshipped the calf and broke *The Commandments* which God had just given to them. How could they do this so quickly? They kept the Egyptian ways of worshipping the deity, because they had a wrong heart. God wanted to kill them, but Moses intervened on Israel's behalf. God, because of Israel's sin, decided to come up with a new priesthood, which was different than Melchizedek's. This priesthood was required to keep Israel from sinning.

First, and foremost, since Israel did not know good from evil, God devised The Letter of *The Law*, which was a written decree defining sin (I John 3:4). Also, God made *statutes* and *judgments* with *blessings* and *curses* to keep them from sinning. With this agreement, called *The Old Covenant* or The Letter of *The Law* (a decree), Israel was given a chance to become God's witnesses to the world. They, however, had to be *a righteous people*. Furthermore, they had to keep every part of *The Law*, or else were guilty of breaking God's *contract* (James 2:10). Israel was to represent God.

This covenant was not made with any of The Fathers (Abel, Noah, Abraham, Isaac or Jacob) (Deuteronomy 5:3). This was the first time God introduced The Letter of The Law to mankind. The Fathers were under a different covenant of righteous faith with The Priesthood of Melchizedek (Deuteronomy 5:3). When there is a different priesthood, there must be a change of The Law also (Hebrews 7:12). The Old Covenant, administered by Moses and Levi, was different since

its priesthood was Levitical and not from Melchize-dek. How was The Law under Levi different? "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, said the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts and in their minds will I write them" (Hebrews 10:16). This was a new decree. Only a spiritual covenant can change a Christian's nature (what a person desires and what is in their minds). Amazing!

The Law was not destroyed, rather, The Law is to reside in your very conscience and heart. That is why The Old Covenant (and not God's Law) was disannulled (Hebrews 7:18). The Old Covenant Law should have brought righteousness, but The Letter of The Law had an inherent weakness. What was that weakness? The weakness was the flesh!

The Old Covenant Law could not change human nature. The Letter of The Law only explained what sin was and could not make anyone righteous (I John 3:4). Israel had to be tried and tested before God would allow them to enter The Promised Land. If God was to have a Holy Land as His own, then the people were, also, required to be Holy (Hebrews 3).

GOD'S REST

In order for Israel to be sinless, there had to be no sin in the land. All sin in The Promised Land of God, or Canaan, had to be removed or destroyed. For this reason, God told The Israelites to kill all *the inhabitants of the land*, so no sin would be present. The Israelites were not permitted to marry foreigners, allow them

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to exist in The Land of Canaan or to sign any pacts or agreements with the nations. *The Law* demanded these "rules." No sin can exist in The Promised Land (God's rest).

One generation was tried and tested for 40 years, but, still, they lacked faith in God (just as did Adam and Eve). Therefore, that generation died in the wilderness. A new generation under Joshua entered the land and started to live within The Letter of The Old Covenant Law. They accomplished this by eradicating all sin and destroying all the sinful nations in the land.

All Israel's males had to be circumcised when they entered God's promised land, a physical covenant (Joshua 5). Circumcision proved, they had to keep The Law, because they were still physical. However, over the years, the people grew lazy and never fully conquered the entire land. Instead, they intermarried, and ended up as sinners, like the people they were to replace. Therefore, God removed Israel leaving only two and a half tribes remaining under The Davidic Line of Judah. God's people still had not entered His "rest."

CHAPTER 8

THE NEW COVENANT

God has made many covenants with mankind, many different individuals and groups. Each covenant depended upon the personal condition or works that God would accept. God accepts people from all nations who fear or honor Him and who will work righteously (Acts 10:35). Paul said, "For we know that the whole creation groans and travails in pain together until now" (Romans 8:22). When Christ came, The Time of Liberation for the entire world came.

FROM MOSES TO CHRIST

Before Christ was human, He was "the word" (John 1:1). In the flesh, He was filled with God's Holy Spirit. God was pleased with "the works" of His Son. Consequently, when Jesus was baptized, God's Holy Spirit descended upon Him like a dove (Matthew 3:16-17). Jesus was God's first faithful witness by being resurrected from the dead and glorified (Revelation 1:5), "For the law was given by Moses, but grace [mercy] and truth [Salvation] came by Jesus Christ" (John 1:17). God's goodness should be clear to everyone. Moses explained what sin was, along with its curses. Jesus brought grace and Salvation. Always remember, the

definition of sin has to do with righteousness (I John 5:17). This verse declares there is an unpardonable sin. With unrighteousness as the theme, would John mention what sin was? "Any unrighteousness" is "sin" for a Christian. John warns about an unpardonable sin which, because of Christ's blood, will not be forgiven. The rejection, of God's Holy Spirit, or blasphemy, is the unpardonable sin (Matthew 12:31-32). God will forgive all other sins. John warns that without The Holy Spirit, they had to repent (because of sin) before they could be accepted. Why is The Holy Spirit so vital? Without The Holy Spirit, there is no forgiveness.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

When Jesus preached *The Gospel*, He only went to Israel to restore *The Law of Moses*. Initially, He preached *The Gospel* to Israel only (Matthew 10:6). When Israel rejected Christ and John, The Baptist (who came in The Spirit of Elijah), God cursed the world. (A greater understanding can be found in *The Book of Malachi*). Jesus turned to another nation, which was more worthy and willing, to become His followers (Matthew 21:43). Jesus, while preparing for His crucifixion to pay for the world's sins, changed The Letter of *The Law* to The Spirit of *The Law* (Hebrews 7:12). With the destruction of *the temple* in 70 A.D., keeping The Letter of *The Law* with its works was impossible.

The Old Covenant was set aside and replaced by The Spiritual Law which demanded a change of nature (Hebrews 7). The Law was not done away with. Rather, Christ, through The Priesthood of Melchizedek,

changed the administration from death and curses to mercy (Deuteronomy 28).

THE ENLARGED LAW

Christ came to magnify, or enlarge, *The Law*. He intended to make it more honorable than The Letter of *The Law*, which could only explain what sin was (I John 3:4). Now, *The Law* became a spiritual matter, and could, actually, make you righteous. Thus, you could receive Salvation. What a difference *The Law* makes! *The Old Covenant* brought death, while *The New Covenant* brings life.

The Enlarged Law reveals how The Law of Moses was not the complete law. Jesus said, "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cumin and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy and faith: these ought you to have done and not to leave the other undone" (Matthew 23:23).

The Pharisees and scribes were under The Law of Moses. They had to tithe because The Levites served in The Temple. Once The Temple was gone, The Works of The Law were finished. However, Jesus made a startling announcement regarding The Law. The weightier, or more important aspects of The Law were mercy, judgment and faith. These were the unknown aspects of The Law, because they required spiritual growth from spiritually-minded individuals. A change in The Priesthood required The Law to be changed to a spiritual law with righteousness (Hebrews 7:12). Salvation

can be obtained only through God's *righteousness*. Now, you are aware of a different definition for sin relating to Christians (I John 5:17).

THE LAW OF "THE SPIRIT OF LIFE"

Paul said, "There is therefore now no condemnation [no curse, only mercy] to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death" (Romans 8:1-2). Plainly, for Christians, The Old Covenant Law of Moses, which ends in death, is replaced by The Law of Mercy through faith. God's Law is still in force (not to sin), but now it gives you the power of God's Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5). The Law, under Melchizedek, is based upon righteousness and faith. Now, God's Law guarantees life by causing an individual to grow, spiritually, in the perfection of Christ.

GOD'S LAW AND SALVATION

God summarizes what His Spiritual Law is. He implores you to seek The Lord, while He may be found and call upon Him while He is near. He calls out to the wicked to forsake their ways and their unrighteous thoughts which can lead to sin (Isaiah 55:6-11), "Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that fears him and works righteousness, is accepted with him" (Acts 10:34-35). This is the meaning of "Salvation" for those who fear God and strive for righteousness. God gives mercy to sinners and defines The Law of Life, which corresponds

to The Tree of Life and was God's intention from the beginning. Adam and Eve did not obey their God, rather, they followed their own human thoughts, nature and desires.

God defines His Law as being His thoughts and way of thinking. The *heart* and *nature* of God are the ways in which God thinks. God says, "So shall my word be that goes forth out of my mouth: it shall not return to me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it" (Isaiah 55:11). How does God perform His pleasure? "For God has not given us the spirit of fear [cowardice]; but of power and of love [agapé] and of a sound mind" (II Timothy 1:7). The power of God will give Salvation through His agapé love, which can change your mind into an amazing sound mind. In Greek, "a sound mind" is "a disciplined mind." God has this sound mind, which makes Him think rationally and truthfully. "God's love" is given to you by His Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5).

God grants you Salvation when you receive His Holy Spirit through His Law, which is written in your heart and mind through Christ. This Law is The New Covenant and not The Letter of The Law. The Law is never done away with and, is never null or void. The Law is, now, written in your mind, thoughts and heart. God, by His Holy Spirit and through Christ, has given you The Very Mind of God, The Father. How marvelous and what a loving, giving, compassionate God and Father you have! (Request the free book God's Plan of Salvation which will give you the history of The Law

from The Garden of Eden to Salvation. The history covers the seven steps to wisdom which allow you to, finally, receive Salvation). You must climb the seven steps to reach Paradise and you must understand God's entire purpose and plan for you.

God is composed of true love and honest thoughts. The Will of God, and His desire, are for you to make the right choices in your life, but you must first decide to follow God. As a human, you have made some right choices that were good for you. There were times, when you have made some wrong choices - which led to sorrow and sadness. The best advice you will ever receive is to choose rightly while there is still time. You must pray, study and ask God for understanding and to change your heart so that it becomes pure and clean. God will reveal that The Law, being instilled in your heart, is the clue to The Mystery of God. Should the thought of lying, stealing or breaking any of The Ten Commandments come into your mind, know you must quash those thoughts. The reason you can accomplish this fete is through The New Covenant. You have received the power to override those thoughts. Only then can God give you The Gift of Salvation. Salvation means you will live in complete joy and happiness for Eternity. What can beat that?