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# The New (Old) Covenant

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## The Giving of the Law

Hebrews 12

18 For you have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom, and storm; 19 to a trumpet blast or to a voice that made its hearers beg that no further word be spoken.

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## **Romans 3**

**23 for all have sinned and fall short of  
the glory of God,**

**1 John 3**

**4 Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness.**

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**Are the Ten Commandments  
for the New Covenant believer?**

## **Matthew 5**

**17 Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets.**

**I have not come to abolish them, but to fulfill them.**

**18 For I tell you truly, until heaven and earth pass away, not a single jot, not a stroke of a pen, will disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.**

## **Matthew 5**

**19 So then, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do likewise will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever practices and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.**



**How does New Covenant teaching  
advance or negate the  
Ten Commandments?**

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## **Romans 1**

**18 The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness.**

**19 For what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them.**

**20 For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood from His workmanship, so that men are without excuse.**



## **Romans 1**

**21 For although they knew God, they neither glorified Him as God nor gave thanks to Him,**

**but they became futile in their thinking and darkened in their foolish hearts.**

**22 Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools,**

**23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images of mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles.**

## **Romans 1**

**24 Therefore God gave them over in the desires of their hearts to impurity for the dishonoring of their bodies with one another.**

**25 They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is forever worthy of praise! Amen.**

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## **Matthew 10**

**37 Anyone who loves his father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me;**

**38 and anyone who does not take up his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me.**

## **Luke 14**

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## **Luke 18**

**18 Then a certain ruler asked Him,  
“Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”**

**19 “Why do you call Me good?” Jesus replied.  
“No one is good except God alone.**

**20 You know the commandments:**

**‘Do not commit adultery, do not murder, do not steal, do not bear false witness, honor your father and mother.’”**

**21 “All these I have kept from my youth,” he said.**

## **Luke 18**

**22 On hearing this, Jesus told him, “You still lack one thing:**

**Sell everything you own and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow Me.”**

**23 But when the ruler heard this, he became very sad, because he was extremely wealthy.**

## **Luke 18**

**24 Seeing the man's sadness, Jesus said, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!**

**25 Indeed, it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."**

**26 Those who heard this asked, "Who then can be saved?"**

**27 But Jesus said, "What is impossible with man is possible with God."**

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## **1 Corinthians 10**

**1 I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our forefathers were all under the cloud, and that they all passed through the sea.**

**2 They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea.**

**3 They all ate the same spiritual food**

**4 and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ.**

**5 Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, for they were struck down in the wilderness.**

## **1 Corinthians 10**

**6 These things took place as examples to keep us from craving evil things as they did.**

**7 Do not be idolaters, as some of them were.**

**As it is written: “The people sat down to eat and to drink, and got up to indulge in revelry.”**

**8 We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died.**

**9 We should not test Christ, as some of them did, and were killed by snakes.**

**10 And do not complain, as some of them did, and were killed by the destroying angel.**

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**But when you are tempted, He will also provide an escape, so that you can stand up under it.**

**14 Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.**

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## **Romans 11**

**1 I ask then, did God reject His people?**

**Certainly not!**

**I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin.**

**2 God did not reject His people, whom He foreknew.**

**Do you not know what the Scripture says about Elijah, how he appealed to God against Israel:**

**3“Lord, they have killed Your prophets and torn down Your altars. I am the only one left, and they are seeking my life as well”?**

## **Romans 11**

**4 And what was the divine reply to him?**

**“I have reserved for Myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal.”**

**5 In the same way, at the present time there is a remnant chosen by grace.**

**6 And if it is by grace, then it is no longer by works. Otherwise, grace would no longer be grace.**

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