

THE WHOLE COUNSEL OF GOD

**A Journey Through the
Old Testament**

Romans 15:4 For everything that was written in the past was written for our instruction,
so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures, we might have hope.

The New (Old) Covenant

Exodus 20

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.

**“Is God willing to prevent evil, but not able?
Then he is not omnipotent.
Is he able, but not willing?
Then he is malevolent.
Is he both able and willing?
Then whence cometh evil?”**

- Epicurus -

Romans 2

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

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

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Romans 3

19 Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God.

20 Therefore no one will be justified in His sight by works of the law.

For the law merely brings awareness of sin.

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Galatians 3

23 Before this faith came, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until faith should be revealed.

24 So the law became our guardian to lead us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

25 Now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.

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Exodus 20

1 And God spoke all these words, saying:

2“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

First Commandment

3 You shall have no other gods before Me.

Exodus 20

Second Commandment

4 You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of anything that is in the heavens above, on the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth.

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13 He declared to you His covenant, which He commanded you to follow—the Ten Commandments that He wrote on two tablets of stone.

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15 So since you saw no form of any kind on the day the LORD spoke to you out of the fire at Horeb,

be careful 16 that you do not act corruptly and make an idol for yourselves of any form or shape,

whether in the likeness of a male or female,

17 of any beast that is on the earth or bird that flies in the air,

18 or of any creature that crawls on the ground or fish that is in the waters below.

Deuteronomy 4

19 When you look to the heavens and see the sun and moon and stars—all the host of heaven—

do not be enticed to bow down and worship what the LORD your God has apportioned to all the nations under heaven.

20 Yet the LORD has taken you and brought you out of the iron furnace, out of Egypt, to be the people of His inheritance, as you are today.

What does the second commandment say to those in the New Covenant?

- **Our God is Holy.**
He is set apart from His creation.
- **We walk by faith and not by sight.** [2 Cor. 5:7]
- **Faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.** [Rom. 10:17]
- **We worship Him in Spirit and in truth.** [John 4:24]

Exodus 20

Third Commandment

**7 You shall not take the name of the LORD
your God in vain,
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unpunished who takes His name in vain.**

Leviticus 19

12 You must not swear falsely **by My name** and so profane the name of your God. I am the LORD.

Deuteronomy 18

20 But if any prophet dares to speak a message **in My name** that I have not commanded him to speak, or to speak in the name of other gods, that prophet must be put to death.”

Ezekiel 36

16 Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

17“Son of man, when the people of Israel lived in their land, they defiled it by their own ways and deeds.

Their behavior before Me was like the uncleanness of a woman’s impurity.

18 So I poured out My wrath upon them because of the blood they had shed on the land, and because they had defiled it with their idols.

Ezekiel 36

19 I dispersed them among the nations, and they were scattered throughout the lands.

I judged them according to their ways and deeds.

20 And wherever they went among the nations,

they profaned My holy name,

because it was said of them, 'These are the people of the LORD, yet they had to leave His land.'

21 But I had concern for **My holy name,**

which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations to which they had gone.

Ezekiel 36

22 Therefore tell the house of Israel that this is what the Lord GOD says:

It is not for your sake that I will act, O house of Israel, but for **My holy name**, which you profaned among the nations to which you went.

23 I will show the holiness of **My great name**, which has been profaned among the nations—**the name** you have profaned among them.

Then the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD,

when I show **My holiness in you** before their eyes.

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24 For I will take you from among the nations and gather you out of all the countries, and I will bring you back into your own land.

25 I will also sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean. I will cleanse you from all your impurities and all your idols.

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36 Then the nations around you that remain will know that I, the LORD, have rebuilt what was destroyed, and I have replanted what was desolate.

I, the LORD, have spoken, and I will do it.

What does the third commandment say to those in the New Covenant?

- **We are no longer just image-bearers, we are Name-bearers.** [1 Peter 4:16]

Acts 15

14 Simon has told us how God first visited the Gentiles to take from them **a people for His name.**

15 The words of the prophets agree with this, as it is written:

16 'After this I will return and rebuild the fallen tent of David.

Its ruins I will rebuild, and I will restore it,

17 so that the remnant of men may seek the Lord, and all the Gentiles **who are called by My name,**

says the Lord who does these things

18 that have been known for ages.' [Amos 9:11–12]

1 Peter 4

12 Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.

13 But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.

14 If you are insulted because of **the name** of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

15 If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler.

16 However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that **you bear that name.**

2 Thessalonians 1: 11 With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith.

12 We pray this so that **the name** of our Lord Jesus may be glorified **in you**, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 13: 15 Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess **his name**.

Romans 1: 5 Through him we received grace and apostleship to call all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith for **his name's** sake.

Colossians 3: 17 ... whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in **the name** of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

1 Timothy 6: 1 All who are under the yoke of slavery should consider their masters worthy of full respect, so that **God's name** and our teaching may not be slandered.

Revelation 2: 3 (Ephesus) You have persevered and have endured hardships for **my name**, and have not grown weary.

Revelation 2: 13 (Pergamum) I know where you live—where Satan has his throne.
Yet you remain true to **my name**.

Revelation 3: 8 (Philadelphia) I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied **my name**.

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Ephesians 5

1 Be imitators of God, therefore, as beloved children,

2 and walk in love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us as a fragrant sacrificial offering to God.

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- **We live for the purpose of the Name.** [Acts 4:18]

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10 but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God, on which you must not do any work—

neither you, nor your son or daughter,

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Colossians 2

13 When you were dead in your trespasses and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ.

He forgave us all our trespasses,

14 having blotted out the handwriting in the decrees against us, which stood against us.

And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

15 And having disarmed the powers and authorities, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

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16 Therefore let no one judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a feast, a New Moon, or a Sabbath.

17 These are a shadow of the things to come, but the body that casts it belongs to Christ.

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- **Christ has provided an eternal Sabbath rest for us.**

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