

Direct / Internalized Law

God Rested - After creation God rested from His work. He "blessed" and "sanctified" the "seventh day" (**Ge.2:1-3**)

Cain and Abel - There was instruction for acceptable sacrifices (**Ge.4:4; He.11:4**).

Noah and the Flood - There was "clean" and "unclean" animals (**Ge.6:19; 7:2 vs. Le.11**).

Abraham & Melchisedek - Abraham gave a tithe to Melchisedek (**Ge.14:20**).

Jacob promised a tenth to the Lord - (**Ge.28:22 vs. Le. 27:30-33**).

Isaac & Abraham - Isaac knew his father obeyed the Lord's commandments (**Ge.26:5**).

Circumcision - God makes a covenant with Abraham where circumcision is necessary for a relationship with God (**Ge.17:9-14**).

Sabbath - One day in seven not to gather manna (**Ex.16:22-30**).

Mosaic Law

Sabbath - One day in seven to remember when God rested after completing creation of the earth (**Ge.2:1-3; Ex.20:8-11**). The Sabbath pictures Israel's exodus from Egypt (**De.5:12-15**). They were slaves and God delivered them.

Tithing - God commands a tenth of the land, fruit of the tree, flock or herd, to be given by the Israelites. They become "holy to the Lord" (**Le.27:30-33**). The tribe of Levi is to receive the tithe as an inheritance (**Nu.18:21-32**). (See other related passages: **Du.12:6, 11, 15-19; 14:22-29; 26:12-15; 2Ch.31:4-10; Ne. 10:34-39; 12:44-47; 13:4-14; Am.4:4-5; Ma.3:7-11**).

"Love the lord ... your God"
 (De.6:4-9; 10:12; Mt.22:34-40; Mk.12:30-31; Lk.10:27-28)
The great commandment of the law



New Testament

Sabbath - The Sabbath was made for man (**Mk.2:23-28**). After the death of Christ, the Sabbath is modified or expanded from the Mosaic idea (**2Co.2:16-17; Ro.14:5-6; Ga.4:10-11**). Instead of one day in seven set aside to remember God's graces, the New Testament believer sees all days set aside for God. Everyday is the Lord's day.

Tithing - The Pharisees tithed meticulously down to the smallest detail. But they failed to demonstrate justice, mercy, and faithfulness demanded by the Law. They majored on the minors and vice versa (**Mt.23:23-24; Lk.11:42-44**). After the cross of Christ, giving is to be a free-will expression of gratitude (**1Co.9:7-16; 2Co.8:1-12**). Motivation is the major issue in giving. "God loves a grace-oriented giver" (**2Co.9:7-8**).



Millennial Law

Sabbath - During the Millennial reign of Christ, there will be sacrifices on the sabbath (**Is.66:23; Ek.46:1, 4; 46:12**). The promises made to Abraham (**Ge.12**) will be fulfilled. These promises are not invalidated by the coming of the Mosaic law (**Ga.3:17**). Israel worshiped on the sabbath in the O.T., and will again in the kingdom where God fulfills His promise to Israel.

Sacrifices - **Ek.46:4** "And the burnt offering that the prince shall offer unto the LORD in the sabbath day shall be six lambs without blemish, and a ram without blemish" **Ek.46:12** "Now when the prince shall prepare a voluntary burnt offering or peace offerings voluntarily unto the LORD..."

Christ Rules with a Rod of Iron - Christ will be the Ruler of all nations (**Ps.2:9; Re. 2:27; 12:5; 19:15**). He will be The Law.

Ge.1:7
Re-creation of Earth (Ge.1:2)

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- These laws were revealed directly and sometimes passed-on by word of mouth.
- The sins of men, during this period, are not seen as transgression of the Mosaic law to God since it has not been given to Israel yet. (**Ac.17:30; Ro.5:12-13; 7:9**)
- Some of these above may not be examples of Direct/Internalized law at all. **Ge.2:1-3** tells us that God, not man, rested on the seventh day. Also, Cain seems surprised his sacrifice was not accepted as seen by his countenance falling (**Ge.4:5**). If there was a clear understanding of acceptable and unacceptable sacrifices, he would not be saddened. It appears he simply sacrificed with wrong motives (selfishness).

- The Mosaic law was only given to Israel. The Gentiles were not under this law. God did not see Gentiles as transgressors of this law (**Ro.4:15; 5:13; Ac.17:30**). Thus, only Israel was obligated to keep and be judged by this law (**Ro.2:12**).
- The Mosaic law is a more precise record of the direct / internalized laws. It is a unified law system that can be distinguished into 3 categories:
 - (1) **Moral law** (10 Commandments)
 - (2) **Ordinances** (sacrificial system)
 - (3) **Judgments** (Judicial laws)
- The Mosaic law has never been a means of salvation/eternal life. All men, in any age, are saved by faith. Keeping the law, and obeying God's commands, is simply obedience to God. It is a desire to please Him.

- Some of the commands of the direct / internalized and Mosaic law are carried over into the N.T.. These continue to provide spiritual guidance.
- Some of these commands are modified by Christ and the N.T. writers. These modified commands and principles supersede the previous Mosaic law.
- The external Mosaic system rule of law has been done away as a rule of life (**Ac.15:1-29; Ga.3:17-25; 5:18; Ro.6:14; 2Co.3:6-13; He.7:11-12**).
- Believers do not follow the 10 commandments we follow the new covenant form, which is a modified version, of the Mosaic law.
- There is a "law" in every man (**Ro.2:14-15**). The Gentiles have a conscience, i.e., "law written in their hearts."

- God will internalize His law - "But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD, "I will put My law within them, and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people." (**Je.31:33**).
- **Sacrifices** - Under the Mosaic Law, the sacrifices anticipated the death of Christ. The Millennial sacrifices will look back, as a memorial, in appreciation of the completed work of Christ. As in the O.T. period, the sacrifices can never completely take away sins (**He.10:1,11**). The type and the reality will be as one.

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