



THE TRUTH UNVEILED



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DISPENSATIONS**



Thou shalt
have no other
gods before me

Thou shalt not
make unto thee
any graven image

Thou shalt not take
the name of the Lord
thy God in vain

Remember the sabbath
day, to keep it holy

Honor thy father
and thy mother

Thou shalt
not kill

Thou shalt not
commit adultery

Thou shalt
not steal

Thou shalt not
bear false witness
against thy neighbor

Thou shalt
not covet

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Millions of Christians profess to be living a sanctified and holy life; however, when one looks at most people professing to be sanctified and holy, one finds great contradiction. When it comes to the "sanctification and holiness" proclaimed by many, things are ironically expressed and illustrated. Sanctified and holy (set apart and holy) is all about doing what the Most High God stipulates; He has specified the boundaries that determine what is sacred and what is not. Apostle Peter states this expressly: **1 Peter 1:15-16 "15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; 16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy."**

The Most High God has clearly instructed His servants to write and distinguish between what is holy and what is not in the law and the prophets. Many claiming to be holy and sanctified do things that are contrary to what God has commanded; they:

- Disregard the fourth commandment and worship on Sunday.
- Disregard the dietary and cleanliness laws despite clear instructions from the Most High God (**Leviticus 11, Deuteronomy 14, Isaiah 66:15-17, Isaiah 65:4, Daniel 1:8**).
- Disregard the feasts days outlined by the Most High God in **Leviticus 23**, and embrace pagan-derived feasts brought by the perverted version of Christianity coming out of Rome.
- Celebrate the pagan feast of Easter despite a strong warning from the Most High God to avoid such an idolatrous event.
- Disregard most commandments in the Old Testament in the name of "the laws are not for this dispensation; they are done away with".
- And lots more.

For someone with a sound understanding of the Bible, one would understand that the laws are not done away with except the law of animal sacrifice and all associated rituals. So, why would people claim to be **sanctified and holy** and yet disregard the laws and commandments of the Most High God? Why would someone profess "Sanctification and Holiness" and yet be willfully breaking the commandments of the Most High God? The same yardstick determining the boundary between what is holy and what is not is neglected. Does anyone wonder why people claim to be **sanctified and holy** and break the same commandments that set apart (sanctify) and make holy? The answer is not far-fetched: It is all because of the false idea that the laws of God He commanded Moses to write down are not for this current dispensation; this idea is part of a broader doctrine of DISPENSATIONALISM. Many have unknowingly keyed into this false doctrine. Because of this doctrine, many people comfortably live a partially sanctified and holy life. People have created an abridged version of the set of laws and commandments of the Most High God—this sub-setting is not from God.

In this complete article, we will look at the false idea that the laws of the Most High God are only for particular dispensations or people. We will build precepts from different parts of the Bible, and in the end, you will discover that this doctrine is dumb and silly. It is a doctrine devised by the Devil to trick people into breaking the commandments of the Most High God.

While not every element in this theological system is wrong, the doctrine/system of dispensationalism has many flawed elements—elements flawed on multiple levels. For example, we have already written extensively debunking the doctrine of the pre-tribulation (or mid-tribulation) rapture, one of the critical doctrines of this system. We've also written a short article debunking the idea that Israel is separate and distinct from the church. Israel and the church are the same; the church started in the wilderness and not in the Acts of the Apostles period.

This exhaustive article will focus on an aspect of this theological system (dispensationalism) that teaches that certain laws of the Most High God are not for this dispensation—each dispensation has its own rules. This system teaches that commandments like the feast days and the dietary and cleanliness instructions are not for the so-called New Testament Church.

Whenever one talks to the dispensationalists about keeping the commandments of the Most High God, one of the critical answers that come from them is, "we are in a different dispensation, and we don't have to keep this or that commandment". This argument is unwise, showing spiritual understanding diluted to the high power. In this article, we will walk through the Bible to illustrate that the Most High God's commandments, laws and statutes have always been there, and it is for all dispensations. The dispensationalists claim that under grace, one can disregard the fourth commandment, the cleanliness and dietary laws, the feast days outlined in **Leviticus 11**, and much more. This idea is not only unwise but very dangerous. Let us begin.

IN THE BEGINNING

When it comes to standards, the Most High God expects high standards; He doesn't accept second best. The Most High God never changes (**Malachi 3:6**). But, as wrongly postulated by many, the Most High God never leaves people to their conscience—He always specifies what He expects of man without ambiguity. Just like the entire works of Jesus can not be written down in a book (**John 21:25**), not every commandment, in the beginning, was given and passed in a written form from generation to generation. Therefore, the Most High God has been consistent. So let us begin with the first man, Adam.

GENESIS 2:15-17

15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. 16 **And the Lord God commanded the man**, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; 17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, **for when you eat from it you will certainly die.**"

Watch verse 16: the Lord God commanded the man (Adam); and whenever God commanded something, it is automatically a law and should be obeyed and carried out. The Most High God specified what He expected of Adam and his wife Eve—their disposition to the Tree of Life and other fruits in the Garden. This commandment, as we will see further in the article, is one of the numerous commandments that God commanded them. Notice something very striking in verse 17: **for when you eat from it you will certainly die**. Can you see that the Most High God never changes? You may ask, how? Let us see! What is the Bible's definition of sin? **1 John 3:3** defines sin. Is it not what was there in the beginning? If a man breaks the commandment of God, a sin is committed. What is the wage of sin? Has the Most High God changed the standard? Let us see:

- Genesis 2:17: **for when you eat from it you will certainly die.**
- Ezekiel 18:4: Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: **the soul that sinneth, it shall die.**
- Ezekiel 18:20: **The soul that sinneth, it shall die.** The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.
- Romans 6:23: **For the wages of sin is death;** but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Has the Lord changed the wages of sin from the above bullet points? No! The Most High God never changes from dispensation to dispensation. Where did Apostle Paul get the idea that sin's wages are death? Did Apostle Paul create this idea from scratch? No! Apostle Paul quoted from the Scriptures. It has always been there since the beginning that the wage of sin is death. Apostle Paul is not stating something new. As we dig deep into the word of the Most High God, you would see the idea that the laws are only for certain dispensations falls apart like a house of cards. What other commandments did the Most High God command Adam, Eve and his family? If there are, are they still standing today? Let us see:

GENESIS 4:1-7

4 And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the Lord. 2 And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. 3 And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord. 4 And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering: **5 But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell. 6 And the Lord said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? 7 If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.**

Read the above passage carefully; notice that both Cain and Abel brought an offering to the Most High God. Notice verses 4-5: **“And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering: 5 But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect?”** What was the reason the Most High God had respect for one but not the other? Let the Bible give us the answer. From generation to generation (or dispensation to dispensation), the Most High God is consistent in terms of the standard He accepts. So let us see why one offering was accepted, and the other was rejected.

MALACHI 1:6-8

6 A son honoureth his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, where is mine honour? and if I be a master, where is my fear? saith the Lord of hosts unto you, O priests, that despise my name. And ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name? **7 Ye offer polluted bread upon mine altar; and ye say, Wherein have we polluted thee? In that ye say, The table of the Lord is contemptible. 8 And if ye offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? and if ye offer the lame and sick, is it not evil? offer it now unto thy governor; will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy person?** saith the Lord of hosts.

From the above passage, we can see that the Most High God does not accept a sub-standard sacrifice. **MALACHI 1:6-8** is not a new thing that the Most High God instituted at the time of Malachi; it was there in the beginning. In the beginning, God did not accept a sub-standard sacrifice; at the time of Malachi, He was not accepting a sub-standard sacrifice; in our current dispensation, He is not accepting either.

Notice **Genesis 4:7 “If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted?”** Why is the Most High God saying this? Because He has already specified the standard of a good sacrifice. Cain knew the standards but thought he could get away with offering to God that cost him nothing. The Most High God would have accepted the sacrifice if Cain had done well.

David, a man after God's heart, what did he do? Let us see:

2 SAMUEL 24:24

And the king said unto Araunah, Nay; but I will surely buy it of thee at a price: **neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the Lord my God of that which doth cost me nothing.** So David bought the threshingfloor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.

Why is David saying that He would not offer unto the Lord that which costs him nothing? This commandment was there in the beginning and is for all dispensations. David knew that very well. Can you see that the Most High God is consistent from generation to generation (dispensation to dispensation)? Let us dig further to see.

HAGGAI 1:2-10

2 Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, saying, This people say, The time is not come, the time that the Lord's house should be built. 3 Then came the word of the Lord by Haggai the prophet, saying, 4 Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your cieled houses, and this house lie waste? 5 Now therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts; Consider your ways. 6 **Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes.** 7 Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Consider your ways. 8 Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the Lord. 9 Ye looked for much, and, lo it came to little; and when ye brought it home, I did blow upon it. Why? saith the Lord of hosts. **Because of mine house that is waste, and ye run every man unto his own house. 10 Therefore the heaven over you is stayed from dew, and the earth is stayed from her fruit.** 11 And I called for a drought upon the land, and upon the mountains, and upon the corn, and upon the new wine, and upon the oil, and upon that which the ground bringeth forth, and upon men, and upon cattle, and upon all the labour of the hands.

Look at the time of Prophet Haggai; did the Most High God lower His standards? Were people allowed to offer God substandard service? No! The time of Haggai the prophet was no different. The house of the Lord lieth in ruins, which was unacceptable before the Lord. They offered the Most High God a substandard service, and the consequence was great; watch verses 6: **“Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes.”**

Can you see the consequences in verse 6? Let us read further—verses 9-10:

“Because of mine house that is waste, and ye run every man unto his own house. 10 Therefore the heaven over you is stayed from dew, and the earth is stayed from her fruit.”

Can you see the wages of disobedience? From the beginning till now, the Lord has been consistent. The people who frequently run to the writings of the Apostles to find a cover for offering a substandard service, do you think Apostle Paul will get you off the hook? Let us see:

ROMANS 12:1-2

1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, **acceptable unto God**, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, **and acceptable**, and perfect, will of God.

Can you see what Apostle Paul is saying in the above passage? He says we should offer what is acceptable to the Most High God. Where did he get the idea of offering something pleasing to the Most High God? From the Scriptures! He was not coming up with something new. This standard has always been there since the beginning.

With the abolition of the law of animal sacrifice and all associated rituals, we don't offer animals and burnt offerings; our bodies are the temple of the Holy Ghost, and we offer God what is acceptable. Jesus offered Himself as a sacrifice for our sins; why did the Most High

God accept Jesus as a sacrifice for man's sins? Because His life was perfect and acceptable, and the sacrifice on the Cross was perfect and proper before God.

MARK 1:11

And there came a voice from heaven, saying, **Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.**

LUKE 3:22

And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, **Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.**

The Most High God is consistent in standard from dispensation to dispensation. Let us see further the commandments God gave Adam, Eve, and his family.

GENESIS 4:8-13

8 And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him. 9 And the Lord said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper? 10 And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground. 11 And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand; 12 When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth. 13 And Cain said unto the Lord, My punishment is greater than I can bear.

Look at the above passage; Cain killed his brother Abel, and was that accepted? No! What makes killing at the time unacceptable? Was it conscience? Killing a soul was a sin because the Most God has already commanded them not to kill. Cain was punished because he sinned by killing his brother Abel. Watch **Exodus 20:13: Thou shalt not kill.** In the ten commandments, the Most High God says thou shall not kill; He only reminded people what was there in the beginning. Killing a soul was not accepted in the beginning; it was not during the time of Moses and not when Jesus came. Watch this:

Matthew 5:21 "Ye have heard that it was said of them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:"

The Most High God has been consistent from the beginning till now; from dispensation to dispensation, the standard remains the same. The Most High God never creates different standards for different dispensations.

What did the New Testament say about Abel? Let us see:

MATTHEW 23:35

That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, **from the blood of righteous Abel** unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar.

HEBREWS 11:4

By faith **Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain**, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

Can you see what Matthew and Apostle Paul wrote about Abel? What makes Abel a righteous man? Because Abel obeyed all the laws, statutes, and commandments of the Most High God. To be considered righteous, there must be a standard distinguishing between what is right and what is not. People were not left to their consciences, as claimed by the

dispensationalists. Can you see that the argument that people were left to their conscience is very feeble?

The commandments of the Most High God have been there since the beginning, passed from generation to generation. How do we know this? Let us see:

GENESIS 4:23-24

23 And Lamech said unto his wives, Adah and Zillah, Hear my voice; ye wives of Lamech, hearken unto my speech: **for I have slain a man to my wounding, and a young man to my hurt. 24 If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, truly Lamech seventy and sevenfold.**

Look at the above passage; how did Lamech know that killing a soul was a sin? The commandments were passed unto them from generation to generation. He killed a soul, and he knew very well the wages. The commandments of God were passed from dispensation to dispensation; let us see the life of Enoch, who was living in the same period as Lamech.

GENESIS 5:22-24

22 And **Enoch walked with God** after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters: 23 And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years: 24 **And Enoch walked with God:** and he was not; for God took him.

Enoch walked with God; how does one walk with God? The Bible answers itself; let us see:

HEBREWS 11:5

By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: **for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.**

JUDE 1:14

And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, **prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,**

We can see how Enoch walked with God; he pleased God by keeping all his statutes, laws and commandments. The commandments of the Most High God were there in the beginning. Enoch kept the commandments of the Most High God and was not left to his conscience alone. Enoch was a prophet; who were the people he was prophesying to? He was prophesying to his generation. What was he prophesying? He was prophesying the commandments and instructions from the Most High God.

Can you see the silly idea that people were left to their conscience in one of the dispensations? The Bible never taught this. Apostle Paul and Matthew knew there were commandments, laws and statutes of the Most High God since the beginning, and Enoch kept all of them perfectly.

Let us see the life of Noah:

GENESIS 5:28-29

28 And Lamech lived an hundred eighty and two years, and begat a son: 29 **And he called his name Noah, saying,** This same shall comfort us concerning our work and toil of our hands, because of the ground which the Lord hath cursed.

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32 And Noah was five hundred years old: and **Noah begat Shem, Ham, and Japheth.**

The above verses are some of the numerous passages that talk about Noah. Noah had three sons (Shem, Ham and Japheth), and these three are the progenitors of all after the great flood that engulfed the Earth. Let us look at the life of Noah.

GENESIS 6:5-12

5 And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. 6 And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. 7 And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them. 8 **But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.** 9 **These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.** 10 And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. 11 The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. 12 **And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.**

Look at the account of Noah in the above passage; Noah was a righteous man and found grace before the Lord. Noah was a perfect man and a preacher of righteousness. Watch verse 5: the wickedness of man was great. What determines the boundary between what is wicked and what is not? Because the commandments of the Most High God were there at the time. People were not left to their consciences. Just like Enoch walked with God, Noah walked with God; Noah was a righteous person; he obeyed all the statutes, laws and commandments of the Most High God. Notice verse 12: **“for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.”** The ways of the Most High God were pure, but flesh (man) corrupted His ways. Can you see that there is nothing new on Earth? There was violence during the time of Noah, and God condemns it; is violence permitted in our time? No! The preacher says **there is nothing new under the sun**, and yes, you will truly discover that there is nothing new under the sun. The commandments that we have today were there in the beginning.

2 Peter 2:5 “And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;”

What Noah was preaching during his time is the same thing we preach today. Noah was preaching against violence; today, we are preaching against violence; Noah was preaching against killing; today, we are preaching against killing. There is nothing new under the sun; we are not doing something new. Can you see that the **righteousness** that Apostle Peter is preaching to people is the same **righteousness** that Noah embraced? There is nothing new.

And what is the consequence of practising wickedness? Let us see; the Most High God has been consistent—He never changes!

- GENESIS 6:17: 17 And, behold, I, even I, **do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh**, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall die.
- GENESIS 18:20: And the Lord said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous;
- Genesis 19:24: Then the Lord rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the Lord out of heaven;
- Revelation 21:8: 8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

PROVERBS 11:21 “Though hand join in hand, the wicked shall not be unpunished: but the seed of the righteous shall be delivered.”

The Lord inspired King Solomon to write the above text; the wicked shall not go unpunished. Has the Lord been faithful to His word? Has the Lord honoured what He inspired King Solomon to write in **Proverbs 11:21**? Yes, He fulfilled His words. Look at the above bullet points: the Lord destroyed the earth with a flood because of wickedness; Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed with fire and brimstone because of wickedness; the next is our generation—fire and brimstone waiting for the wicked. Can you see that the Most High God is consistent in what He does? His standard for righteousness has always been the same since the beginning. The idea that the standard for righteousness changes from dispensation to dispensation is a lie; this is a false doctrine from the father of lies—the Devil.

So many people think that when Moses received instructions (Torah) from the Most High God, those instructions were given for the first time—this is not true. Most of the instructions that Moses received were there, and they were not new. How do we know? Let us see.

GENESIS 7:1-3

7 And the Lord said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation. 2 Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female: **and of beasts that are not clean by two, the male and his female.** 3 Of fowls also of the air by sevens, the male and the female; to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth.

GENESIS 7:8-9

8 Of clean beasts, **and of beasts that are not clean, and of fowls, and of every thing that creepeth upon the earth,** 9 There went in two and two unto Noah into the ark, the male and the female, as God had commanded Noah.

The Most High God found Noah to be righteous of all the men living on the face of the Earth. So, let us pause and ask a question: what made Noah a righteous person? The answer is not far-fetched; Noah kept all the commandments and laws of the Most High God. The dietary and cleanliness laws have been there since the beginning. The dietary and cleanliness instructions Moses received were just a reminder of what was there in the beginning. Notice verses 2 and 8: Noah was also instructed to take beasts (animals) that are unclean to the ark. When the Bible says beasts are unclean, is it literal or metaphorical? The Bible isn't referring to something metaphorical—the same unclean beasts outlined in **Leviticus 11, Deuteronomy 14, Isaiah 66:15-17**. The dietary and cleanliness laws were there in the beginning; the Most High God instructed people not to eat unclean animals because all animals are good, but not all are good and clean for food. These animals remain unclean from dispensation to dispensation. Let us see:

- **GENESIS 7:2** Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female: and of beasts that are not clean by two, the male and his female.
- **GENESIS 7:8-9** Of clean beasts, and of beasts that are not clean, and of fowls, and of every thing that creepeth upon the earth, 9 There went in two and two unto Noah into the ark, the male and the female, as God had commanded Noah.
- **ISAIAH 65:4** Which remain among the graves, and lodge in the monuments, which eat swine's flesh, and broth of abominable things is in their vessels;
- **ISAIAH 66:15-17** 15 For, behold, the Lord will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire. 16 For by fire and by his sword will the Lord plead with all flesh: and the slain of the Lord shall be many. 17 They that sanctify themselves, and purify themselves in the gardens behind one tree in the midst, eating swine's flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse, shall be consumed together, saith the Lord.
- **DANIEL 1:8** But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

- **Acts 10:14** But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean.

Can you notice that these animals remain unclean and are not to be turned into food from dispensation to dispensation? Can you see what Prophet Isaiah wrote? People eat swine's flesh and broth of abominable things in their vessel. What makes eating these animals abominable? The Most High God created these animals (unclean animals) to maintain balance in the ecosystem, but to be turned into food. Perverting the purpose of the Most High God translates into "abomination". When God creates something for a specific purpose, deviating from that purpose results in an abomination. Are these animals still unclean today? The facts speak for themselves; let us see:

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"Potentially deadly superbug found in British supermarket pork"

Some British supermarket pork has been infected with a potentially fatal superbug, an investigation has found. Tests discovered that more than 10% of sampled pork products, including joints, chops and mince, were infected with bacteria that showed resistance to a "last resort" antibiotic used to treat serious illnesses in humans. The contaminated products included some pork sold under the "Red Tractor assured" label and RSPCA-assured and organic products. The superbug is a variant of the enterococci bacteria that can cause urinary tract and wound infections, among other illnesses. In the most serious cases the bacteria can infect the bloodstream, heart and brain. It has become resistant to being treated by some types of antibiotics, which means some of the medicines a doctor might normally prescribe would have no effect for treating illness. Drug-resistant strains of bacteria are a significant health concern, with rates known to be rising across Europe. There are many reasons that bacteria are developing ways of getting around antibiotics, but one key issue is that antibiotics have been widely used in livestock production to treat and prevent disease, particularly on factory farms."

Can you see these animals' risk levels with the above passage as an example? The risk level of animals designated as unclean is several times higher than that of animals designated as clean. Pigs don't have a strong framework for eliminating toxins, bacteria, and other microbes; they can develop dangerous strains of bacteria resistant to antibiotics, just like humans. When people eat these meats, people are exposed to toxins and hazardous microbes. Can you see some of the reasons why people get sick? People eat swine's flesh and broth (all sorts of) abominable meats in their vessels (dishes). Can you see that the so-called Pentecostals are teaching people to eat things harmful to their health? Why are we deceiving ourselves that dietary and cleanliness instructions are done away with? Cleanliness should be embraced by all people—whatever the dispensation is. Any pastor or Christian leader teaching people to disregard the dietary and cleanliness instructions is being wicked against the people he is leading—either wilfully or in ignorance. Why? Telling people to ignore instructions to keep them in good health is wickedness.

People have massively misinterpreted the writings of Apostle Paul to think he came and permitted people to eat unclean things. Apostle Paul never allowed people to eat unclean things. We have written extensively on this. Please refer to our article on [The Physical and Spiritual Dangers Of Eating Unclean Meats](#). When the Most High God says these animals are not clean, they are scientifically unclean. People have massively ignored the instructions from the Most High God and turned all unclean beasts into food. When it comes to obeying dietary instructions, even educated people cannot think clearly—people's capacity to think clearly and correctly has been severely diluted. Doesn't it taste nice if you add salt and seasoning to any unclean meat? Yes, it does! Does adding salt and seasoning make it clean meat? No! The unclean meat industry is multi-billion-dollar, and people are turning these animals into food in sheer disobedience to the word of God. The pig carries thousands of harmful bacteria and viruses and has a severe build-up of toxins that heat alone cannot

remove. Unclean animals have long been a source of diseases, but because people make money raising and consuming these animals, people ignore the warning from the Most High God. Who have bewitched people to think we can turn all animals into food? Who did this to us? The Devil did! He is out to steal what gives us good health. Ignoring the cleanliness and dietary instructions, one falls to the deception of the Devil. The Devil is stealing a precious commodity—your health.

John 10:10 “The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.”

Even the least student in a Biology class knows that these animals are unclean. How? Let us do a Biology 101 lesson for people still eating these animals and cannot think properly; people are blinded by salt and seasoning. Crayfish, for example, is unclean because it does not have fins and scale; let us go beyond "not having fins and scale". So how does this creature feed? Where does this creature live? This creature lives in brackish water and feeds on dirt in the water. They clean the water by eating up all the particles in the water. Even people who raise crayfish commercially know that without brackish water (dirty water), crayfish can't survive. Their food consists of all the dirt in the water; they perform the job of cleaning inside the water—they are bottom feeders. What of catfish? They are bottom feeders (any marine creature that lives on the seabed and feeds by scavenging) as well; all these animals have a severe build-up of toxins. These animals' toxins level is higher than acceptable levels. What these animals eat ends up getting concentrated in the flesh of these animals. Crawfish present a significant danger to people with diabetes. Can you see even elementary Biology reveals the truth about these animals? With a simple Biology 101, you can see that these animals are scientifically unclean. If these animals are taken to the laboratory for in-depth analysis, you will be speechless! You will see that turning any and everything into food is a dumb idea! The people making money out of these don't want you to know/give attention to these facts.

So, you can see the idea that the dietary and cleanliness instructions were meant for a different dispensation is a dumb idea. It does not add up. The unclean animals have always been unclean since the beginning. Pause and think: so, for the past dispensation, these unclean animals were not good, but somehow (supposedly), with the coming of Apostle Paul, these animals are now good for us even though their nature has not changed? So, who has bewitched us into this kind of thinking?

The Most High God has been consistent; you will soon see most of the commandments given to Moses were not new—they have been there since the beginning. Watch this:

Genesis 9:4 “But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat. (KJV)”

Genesis 9:4 “But you must never eat any meat that still has the lifeblood in it. (NLT)”

The instruction not to eat meat with blood was there in the beginning. It's not a new instruction—and God has been consistent.

LEVITICUS 17:13-14

13 "And if any native Israelite or foreigner living among you goes hunting and kills an animal or bird that is approved for eating, he must drain its blood and cover it with earth. 14 The life of every creature is in its blood. That is why I have said to the people of Israel, '**You must never eat or drink blood, for the life of any creature is in its blood.**' So whoever consumes blood will be cut off from the community. (New Living Translation)

ACTS 15:20-21

20 Instead, we should write and tell them to abstain from eating food offered to idols, from sexual immorality, **from eating the meat of strangled animals, and from consuming blood**. 21 For these laws of Moses have been preached in Jewish synagogues in every city on every Sabbath for many generations."

Can you see that the Most High God is consistent from dispensation to dispensation? Moses did not receive a new instruction but a reminder of what was already there. Can you see that the instructions of the Most High God were there in the beginning, and it is for all dispensations? Notice verse 6:

6 Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.

Can you see that God is reminding them not to kill? There is nothing new under the sun (**Ecclesiastes 1:9**).

I once had a conversation with a Christian leader who thought that the Gospel is not about keeping the dietary instructions—we are to eat any and everything. So, is your line of thinking the same as this Christian leader I had a conversation with? The Bible is full of blueprints—let us see what the Bible says concerning defiling oneself with food that defileth.

Have you thought about Daniel? Let us see his account.

DANIEL 1:3-17

3 And the king spake unto Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring certain of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the princes; 4 Children in whom was no blemish, but well favoured, and skilful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as had ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans. 5 And the king appointed them a daily provision of the king's meat, and of the wine which he drank: so nourishing them three years, that at the end thereof they might stand before the king. 6 Now among these were of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: 7 Unto whom the prince of the eunuchs gave names: for he gave unto Daniel the name of Belteshazzar; and to Hananiah, of Shadrach; and to Mishael, of Meshach; and to Azariah, of Abednego. 8 **But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might NOT DEFILE himself.** 9 Now God had brought Daniel into favour and tender love with the prince of the eunuchs. 10 And the prince of the eunuchs said unto Daniel, I fear my Lord the king, who hath appointed your meat and your drink: for why should he see your faces worse liking than the children which are of your sort? then shall ye make me endanger my head to the king. 11 Then said Daniel to Melzar, whom the prince of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, 12 Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, ten days; and let them give us pulse to eat, and water to drink. 13 Then let our countenances be looked upon before thee, and the countenance of the children that eat of the portion of the king's meat: and as thou seest, deal with thy servants. 14 So he consented to them in this matter, and proved them ten days. 15 And at the end of ten days their countenances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children which did eat the portion of the king's meat. 16 Thus Melzar took away the portion of their meat, and the wine that they should drink; and gave them pulse. 17 As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.

Do you understand why Daniel refused a portion of the king's meat? If all that is required is to pray over it and meat is sanctified, why didn't he do it? Why didn't he accept the king's

meat, pray, and eat it? Daniel took the instructions of the Most High God seriously. So why would meat defile a man? Let us see from the Bible.

LEVITICUS 11:43

Ye shall not make yourselves abominable with any creeping thing that creepeth, neither shall ye make yourselves unclean with them, that ye should be defiled thereby.

LEVITICUS 11:44

For I am the Lord your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I am holy: neither shall ye defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

Leviticus 11 is one of the passages containing the Most High God's dietary instructions to his children. So, when Daniel says he will not defile himself with a portion of the king's meat, he simply obeys the instructions in **Leviticus 11**. Daniel and the whole of Israel were in captivity, and their captors were heathens—they had no reverence for the commandments of the Most High God—they ate all manner of unclean meat—meat that defileth.

Food for thought: Daniel would not defile himself by eating unclean meats, but somehow Apostle Paul came and permitted people to defile themselves—Is that right? Do these two correlate? Daniel did not defile himself with a portion of the king's meat that is unclean, and as Christians, we are not permitted to defile ourselves by eating unclean meats. The standard of the Most High God is the same for all dispensations. What of other commandments? Let us see further:

GENESIS 9:22-25

22 And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brethren without. 23 And Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid it upon both their shoulders, and went backward, and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces were backward, and they saw not their father's nakedness. 24 **And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him. 25 And he said, Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren.**

Notice two critical things in the above passage:

- Drunkenness.
- Honouring one's parents.

Was drunkenness a good during the time of Noah? No, it was not! Was dishonouring one's parent a good during the time of Noah? No, it was not! Can you see that there is nothing new? Part of the ten commandments says, "honour thy father and thy mother"; Moses was not receiving a new instruction—it was a reminder of what's there already! Apostle Paul condemns drunkenness; where did he get the idea from? It was there in the beginning. Apostle Paul says: "Children obey your parents in the Lord"; he wasn't stating a new commandment. Instead, he was quoting what has been there since the beginning. The Most High God's commandments (laws, statutes, instructions) have existed since the beginning and never changed from dispensation to dispensation. So, if some people choose to dishonour their parents, will those people be blessed or cursed? The answer is obvious! Cursed!

GENESIS 11:3-8

3 And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar. 4 And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. 5 And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. 6 And the Lord said, Behold, the people

is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. 7 Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. 8 So the Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.

Notice the critical issue in the above passage: **Pride** and **Not giving glory to God**. The Most High God hates pride and people not giving Him credit. He deserves all the praise. This attitude was not good in the beginning and is not good now. How? Let us see:

- What happened to King David when he numbered Israel with the wrong motive? He numbered Israel with a view of trusting in his strength rather than the Lord. What happened to him? He and all of Israel were severely punished! (**1 Chronicles 21**).
- What happened to King Nebuchadnezzar when he gave God not the glory?
- What happened to King Herod when he exalted himself above God? He was smitten!
- What happened to Belshazzar as he and his concubines drank wine in vessels that belonged to the temple of the Lord? The kingdom was taken away from Him.

We can see that from dispensation to dispensation, the Most High God doesn't accept pride—people exalting themselves above God. The Most High God is consistent in terms of His principles and standards from dispensation to dispensation. Can you see the idea that different dispensations have different rules is hollow? Very hollow!

THE CALL OF ABRAHAM—FROM ABRAHAM TO MOSES RECEIVING THE LAW

GENESIS 12:1-3

1 Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: 2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: 3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

The Most High God called Abraham (then Abram) and gave him instructions; let us read further to see what happened between Abraham and Pharaoh.

GENESIS 11:14-18

14 And it came to pass, that, when Abram was come into Egypt, the Egyptians beheld the woman that she was very fair. 15 The princes also of Pharaoh saw her, and commended her before Pharaoh: and the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house. 16 And he entreated Abram well for her sake: and he had sheep, and oxen, and he asses, and menservants, and maidservants, and she asses, and camels. 17 **And the Lord plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai Abram's wife.** 18 And Pharaoh called Abram and said, What is this that thou hast done unto me? why didst thou not tell me that she was thy wife?

The above passage accounts for when Pharaoh takes Abraham's wife, Sarah. Sarah was a charming woman. Pharaoh's princess saw the beauty of Sarah and recommended her to Pharaoh. Watch verse 17: The Lord plagued Pharaoh and his household—why? He took someone's wife. Adultery was forbidden in the beginning. The ten commandments (**thou shall not commit adultery**) is a reminder of what's been there since the beginning. The Most High God is consistent from dispensation to dispensation; watch this:

MATTHEW 5:27-28

“27 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: 28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.”

There is nothing new under the sun; adultery was forbidden right from the beginning and is still the same today. God is very consistent in principles and standards. Abraham was a righteous man—he obeyed all the laws, statutes and commandments of the Most High God. Watch what God says:

GENESIS 26:4-5

4 And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; 5 **Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.**

Notice verse 5: my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.

Where did Abraham get the Most High God's laws, statutes and commandments? This is the same set of laws, statutes and commandments that were there in the beginning—the set of laws that Abel obeyed—the set of laws that Enoch followed and prophesied—the set of laws that Noah obeyed and preached. In those days, the laws, statutes and commandments were largely passed from dispensation to dispensation (generation to generation) in a form not written. The laws, statutes and commandments were there since the beginning, and they never changed—the Most High God remains consistent. In the next section, we will further illustrate that the laws were there initially and were meant for all generations. The idea that one generation was required to keep the weekly sabbath, but now people can break it is flawed; the idea that past dispensations were needed to keep the dietary and cleanliness laws but not the present dispensation is deeply flawed.

GENESIS 14:18-20

18 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God. 19 And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth: 20 And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. **And he gave him tithes of all.**

The above passage accounts for when Lot, Abraham's nephew, was captured. Abraham went out to rescue Lot and was victorious in his mission. Notice verse 20: **Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.** Why did Abraham give Melchizedek (King of Salem—King of Jerusalem) a tithe? Where did he get the idea from? Who taught him? Tithing is not a new idea—it was a system of giving to the Most High God and was there initially. Abraham gave tithe as an appreciation to the Most High God. It was passed from generation to generation. After God made a covenant with Abraham, notice what God said to Abraham:

GENESIS 17

“17 And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect. 2 And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.”

Why is God telling Abraham to be perfect? What kind of perfection? This perfection was simply about keeping the commandments of the Most High God. His commandments are not burdensome and grievous (**Deuteronomy 30:11**). This is the same perfection that Elizabeth and Zechariah attained (**Luke 1:6**)—the same perfection that Jesus called on His followers (then and now) to aim for (**Matthew 5:48**). Can you see that the Most High God is consistent from dispensation to dispensation? From Abel to Abraham to Elizabeth and Zechariah to Jesus, He expects perfection; He is constant.

The preacher says there is nothing new under the sun (**Ecclesiastes 1:9**); the laws that Moses received were a reminder; those laws were there in the beginning.

The fourth commandment: **Exodus 20:8** “Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.” Notice something in the above verse; what is it? Remember! Why remember? Because the commandment has always been there, Moses received a reminder.

Can we prove that what Moses received was a reminder? Absolutely! **See Tables 1 and 2.**

PARAMETER	BEFORE MOSES	MOSES	THE PROPHETS	JESUS & THE APOSTLES
1 Homosexuality	GENESIS 18:20 And the Lord said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous;	Leviticus 20:13 Leviticus 18:22-24	1 Kings 15:12 Judges 19:22 Ezekiel 16:49	Romans 1:27 1 Timothy 1:8-11 Romans 1:26-28
2 Drunkenness	GENESIS 19: 35 And they made their father drink wine that night also: and the younger arose, and lay with him; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose.	Leviticus 10:9 Deuteronomy 21:20	Isaiah 5:11 Proverbs 23:20 Habakkuk 2:15	Ephesians 5:18 1 Corinthians 6:10
3 Adultery and fornication	GENESIS: 20:3 But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night, and said to him, Behold, thou art but a dead man, for the woman which thou hast taken; for she is a man's wife. (see also Genesis 26:8-10; Genesis 39: 7-9; Genesis 39: 12)	Exodus 20:14 Leviticus 20:10 Deuteronomy 5:18	Proverbs 6:32 Proverbs 22:14 2 Samuel 12:13 2 Samuel 11:2-5	Hebrews 13:4 1 Corinthians 6:18 Matthew 19:9 Romans 7:2-3 2 Timothy 2:22
4 Restitution	GENESIS 20:7 Now therefore restore the man his wife; for he is a prophet, and he shall pray for thee, and thou shalt live: and if thou restore her not, know thou that thou shalt surely die, thou, and all that are thine.	Exodus 22:7 Exodus 22:5-6 Exodus 22:1	2 Samuel 9:7 1 Samuel 12:3	Luke 19:8-9; Matthew 5:23-24 Philemon 1:18
6 Hatred and Envy	GENESIS 26:27 And Isaac said unto them, Wherefore come ye to me, seeing ye hate me, and have sent me away from you? (See also Genesis 29:31; Genesis 37:4; Genesis 37:19-22)	Exodus 20:17 Leviticus 19:17	Proverbs 14:30; Proverbs 10:12 Proverbs 15:17	1 Corinthians 3:3 Galatians 5:19-21 Titus 3:2 Romans 12:9
7 Stealing, Deception, lie and an unfair wage	GENESIS 31:7 And your father hath deceived me, and changed my wages ten times; but God suffered him not to hurt me. (See also Genesis 29:25; Genesis 39:17-18)	Exodus 20:16 Leviticus 19:11 Exodus 20:15 Leviticus 19:11	Proverbs 12:19 Proverbs 26:28 Psalm 119:163 Malachi 3:8-15 Proverbs 11:1	Colossians 3:9 Ephesians 4:25 Revelation 22:15 Matthew 15:18-20 Romans 13:9

Table 1: A Table illustrating that the laws have always been there. The set of instructions (Torah) that Moses received was a reminder of what had been there. This table illustrates that the Most High God does not change—He is constant. When the nation of Israel was formed, specific rules, like services of the temple, were added but based on the same existing principles of the Most High God.

PARAMETER	BEFORE MOSES	MOSES	THE PROPHETS	JESUS & THE APOSTLES
1 Reconciliation and Forgiveness	GENESIS 33:10 And Jacob said, Nay, I pray thee, if now I have found grace in thy sight, then receive my present at my hand: for therefore I have seen thy face, as though I had seen the face of God, and thou wast pleased with me. (See also Genesis 33:4 ; Genesis 45:3-5)		Proverbs 10:12 2 Chronicles 7:14	Ephesians 4:32 Mark 11:25 Matthew 6:15 Matthew 18:21-22 Colossians 3:13 Romans 12:18 Matthew 15:19
2 Sexual Immorality	GENESIS 34:5 And Jacob heard that he had defiled Dinah his daughter: now his sons were with his cattle in the field: and Jacob held his peace until they were come.	Exodus 20:14 Genesis 2:24 Deuteronomy 27:21	Proverbs 6:26 Proverbs 2:16-19 Proverbs 6:27-29	1 Corinthians 6:18 Hebrews 13:4 Matthew 5:28 1 Thessalonians 4:3 1 Corinthians 6:9 Hebrews 12:16 2 Timothy 2:22 2 Peter 2:14
3 Prostitution	GENESIS 34:31 And they said, Should he deal with our sister as with an harlot?	Leviticus 19:29 Deuteronomy 23:17-18	1 Kings 14:24 Judges 16:1 Proverbs 2:16-17	Galatians 5:19-21 1 Corinthians 10:8 1 Corinthians 6:15
4 Do not worship other Gods	GENESIS 35:2-4:2 Then Jacob said unto his household, and to all that were with him, Put away the strange gods that are among you, and be clean, and change your garments: 3 And let us arise, and go up to Bethel; and I will make there an altar unto God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went. 4 And they gave unto Jacob all the strange gods which were in their hand, and all their earrings which were in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the oak which was by Shechem.	Exodus 20:3-6 Exodus 23:13 Deuteronomy 7:25 Deuteronomy 8:19	Jonah 2:8 Psalm 135:15-18 Isaiah 45:20 1 Samuel 15:23 Jeremiah 7:18 Isaiah 2:8	1 John 5:21 1 Corinthians 10:14 1 Corinthians 10:7
5 Honour Thy Father and thy mother	GENESIS 47:12 And Joseph nourished his father, and his brethren, and all his father's household, with bread, according to their families.	Exodus 20:12 Deuteronomy 5:16 Deuteronomy 21:18-21 Leviticus 20:9	Malachi 1:6 Proverbs 20:20 Proverbs 1:8 Ezekiel 22:7	Colossians 3:20 Matthew 15:4 2 Timothy 3:2 Ephesians 6:1-2 1 John 4:20
6 Ill Treatment	GENESIS 50:15 And when Joseph's brethren saw that their father was dead, they said, Joseph will peradventure hate us, and will certainly requite us all the evil which we did unto him.	Leviticus 19:17 Leviticus 19:17-18	Proverbs 15:17 Proverbs 8:13 Psalm 25:19	1 John 4:7 Matthew 5:44 Luke 6:27
7 Do not revenge evil with evil	GENESIS 50:18-21 "18 And his brethren also went and fell down before his face; and they said, Behold, we be thy servants. 19 And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for am I in the place of God? 20 But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive. 21 Now therefore fear ye not: I will nourish you, and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spake kindly unto them."	Leviticus 19:18 Deuteronomy 32:35	Proverbs 24:29 Psalm 94:1-2 Proverbs 25:21-22	Hebrews 10:30 Romans 12:21 Apostle Paul is saying the same thing.

Table 2: Table 1 continued: A Table illustrating that the laws have always been there. The set of instructions (Torah) that Moses received was a reminder of what had been there. This table illustrates that the Most High God does not change—He is constant. When the nation of Israel was formed, specific rules, like services of the temple, were added but based on the same existing principles of the Most High God.

THE 10 COMMANDMENTS

In the preceding section, we illustrated that Moses' commandments were there in the beginning, even before Moses was born. The commandments of the Most High God never change—the same standard before Moses—the same standard during Moses's time—the same standards during the prophets—the same standard Jesus enforced—the same standard the Apostles upheld—the same standard you and I are to live. When Moses received the law, he received something already there—a reminder, not a new thing. The ten commandments summarise the commandments. Can we illustrate that these commandments existed before Moses went up the mountain to receive the law? Sure! Let us see it in **Table 3**:

	BEFORE MOSES	MOSES: THE TEN COMMANDMENTS—EXODUS 20:1-17	FURTHER COMMENT
1	GENESIS 35:2-4	Thou shalt have no other gods before me.	
2		4. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. 5. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; 6. And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.	
3		7. Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.	
4	GENESIS 2:3 EXODUS 20:8	8. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: 10. But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:	EXODUS 20:8: Remember because the commandment was already there.
5	GENESIS 47:12 GENESIS 9:18-29	12. Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.	
6	GENESIS 4:1-16	13. Thou shalt not kill.	
7	GENESIS 20:1-6	14. Thou shalt not commit adultery.	
8	GENESIS 31:30	15. Thou shalt not steal.	
9	GENESIS 20:1-16	16. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.	Abraham lied, and what he did was bad.
10	GENESIS 30:1	17. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.	Rachel was full of envy and covetousness, and it was not good.

Table 3: A table illustrating that the ten commandments were a reminder of existing laws, statutes and commandments.

We can see that the ten commandments are not new; all these instructions were there in the beginning; the Most High God clearly instructs without ambiguity concerning what they should do and should not. The Most High God is consistent in principles and standards; He never changes. Regarding the tithing laws and instructions, people are quick to reference Abraham giving a tithe to Melchizedek to substantiate their claim that the tithing law was there before Moses. Why are they not doing the same with the other set of laws? The fourth commandment was there even before Moses received the law; why are they not obeying that? Can you see how hypocritical people are? They are in the business of nourishing their pockets. The law was there in the beginning and is for all dispensations; the law serves as a critical reference and landmark point, as we will see later in this article. When the nation of Israel was formed, specific instructions, like guidelines relating to the temple service, were created. But otherwise, you can see that these instructions were there initially. The instructions (Torah) that Moses received were mainly a reminder. What did they use from Joshua to Malachi to Jesus to the Apostles? What set of instructions did they use as the standard for righteousness? Let us see. Let us profile the prophets and the Apostles and see what they used as the bedrock for righteousness, prophecy and writings.

JOSHUA

The law, which was there in the beginning, reinforced when Moses received a written form, is what Joshua was reminded to keep and guard. Joshua and Caleb were successful—how did they become successful in their walk with the Most High God? Let us see:

JOSHUA 1:6-8

6 Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swore unto their fathers to give them. 7 Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper withersoever thou goest. 8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou

shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Can you see what made Joshua and Caleb successful? Obedience to the laws, statutes and commandments. Is our yardstick for success different from that given to Joshua? No! Joshua obeyed the commandments; we are to follow his examples—not just obeying a subset of the law but the entire law. Throughout the book of Joshua, you can see references made to the law several times. Let us see other passages where Joshua stresses the importance of keeping the commandments:

JOSHUA 22:5

But take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law, which Moses the servant of the Lord charged you, to love the Lord your God, and to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to cleave unto him, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul.

The Most High God is consistent. People's spiritual understanding has been severely diluted to think that Apostle Paul came to permit them to break certain commandments and yet be successful like Joshua and Caleb. Apostle Paul never taught people to violate the laws of the Most High God.

THE JUDGES

The judges appointed during this period, who were they? And what was their job description? God established the Judges to judge the affairs of the people of Israel. Matters were brought to them, and they judged and directed the affairs of Israel. The question that we should ask is, what yardstick were they using to judge, lead and direct the affairs of Israel? Let us see:

JUDGES 2:17

17 And yet they would not hearken unto their judges, but they went a whoring after other gods, and bowed themselves unto them: they turned quickly out of the way which their fathers walked in, obeying the commandments of the Lord; but they did not so.

JUDGES 3:4

4 And they were to prove Israel by them, to know whether they would hearken unto the commandments of the Lord, which he commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses.

The Most High God set the Judges in place to guide them (Israel) to obey the laws He instructed them through Moses. Can you see the reference point hinges on the laws Moses received? The above passages show that the judges were to lead Israel to obey the laws, statutes, and commandments the Most High God instructed Moses to write. The Most High God has been consistent—His standards never change. In the following tables, we will illustrate that the word of the Most High God is forever settled in Heaven (**Psalm 119:89**). In summary, the prophets were sent to enforce what Moses received (**See Tables 4-8**)—they acted according to the laws and not against it. The tithing verses (**Malachi 3:6-10**) that people passionately obey because it brings money to the church and the overseers; why did God send Malachi to remind Israel? Israel had backslidden and stopped following the laws of the Most High, including the tithing instruction. Malachi was sent to restore a backslidden Israel to return to keeping the laws, statutes and commandments of which the tithing instruction form part.

MALACHI 4:4

“Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments.”

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1	RUTH	A story in time of the Judges	The Judges used the law to judge and direct the affairs of Israel.
2	1 SAMUEL	1 SAMUEL 15.11 It repenteth me that I have set up Saul to be king: for he is turned back from following me, and hath not performed my commandments. And it grieved Samuel; and he cried unto the Lord all night.	Commandments from Moses—all are to obey.
4	1 KINGS	1 KINGS 2:2-3 “2 I go the way of all the earth: be thou strong therefore, and shew thyself a man; 3 And keep the charge of the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself.” See also 1 Kings 14.8.	David was a man after God's heart—why? He obeyed all the laws, statutes, judgements, and commandments of the Most High God. He was about to die, and was instructing Solomon to follow his path.
5	2 KINGS	2 KINGS 21:8 “Neither will I make the feet of Israel move any more out of the land which I gave their fathers; only if they will observe to do according to all that I have commanded them, and according to all the law that my servant Moses commanded them.”	The laws, statutes and commandments Moses received—the yardstick for righteousness in time of the kings.
7	2 CHRONICLES	2 CHRONICLES 33.8 “Neither will I any more remove the foot of Israel from out of the land which I have appointed for your fathers; so that they will take heed to do all that I have commanded them, according to the whole law and the statutes and the ordinances by the hand of Moses.”	The laws, statutes and commandments Moses received—the yardstick for righteousness in time of the kings.
8	EZRA	EZRA 9.6-10 “6 And said, O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face to thee, my God: for our iniquities are increased over our head, and our trespass is grown up unto the heavens. 7 Since the days of our fathers have we been in a great trespass unto this day; and for our iniquities have we, our kings, and our priests, been delivered into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, and to a spoil, and to confusion of face, as it is this day. 8 And now for a little space grace hath been shewed from the Lord our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a nail in his holy place, that our God may lighten our eyes, and give us a little reviving in our bondage. 9 For we were bondmen; yet our God hath not forsaken us in our bondage, but hath extended mercy unto us in the sight of the kings of Persia, to give us a reviving, to set up the house of our God, and to repair the desolations thereof, and to give us a wall in Judah and in Jerusalem. 10 And now, O our God, what shall we say after this? for we have forsaken thy commandments.”	Israel forsook the Most High God, and kept not His commandments. Which commandments? The law and the prophets.
9	NEHEMIAH	NEHEMIAH 1.1-7 “1 The words of Nehemiah the son of Hachaliah. And it came to pass in the month Chisleu, in the twentieth year, as I was in Shushan the palace, 2 That Hanani, one of my brethren, came, he and certain men of Judah; and I asked them concerning the Jews that had escaped, which were left of the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem. 3 And they said unto me, The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province are in great affliction and reproach: the wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire. 4 And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven, 5 And said, I beseech thee, O Lord God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that keepeth covenant and mercy for them that love him and observe his commandments: 6 Let thine ear now be attentive, and thine eyes open, that thou mayest hear the prayer of thy servant, which I pray before thee now, day and night, for the children of Israel thy servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned against thee: both I and my father's house have sinned. 7 We have dealt very corruptly against thee, and have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the judgments, which thou commandedst thy servant Moses. NEHEMIAH 8.1 “8 And all the people gathered themselves together as one man into the street that was before the water gate; and they spake unto Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had commanded to Israel.” See also Nehemiah 9.13; 9.16;	Why were the children of Israel (Nehemiah, Ezra and others) in captivity? The answer is in verse 7: “7 We have dealt very corruptly against thee, and have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the judgments, which thou commandedst thy servant Moses.” Can you see the yardstick of righteousness? The laws—the entire law.
10	ESTHER		Why were the Jews in exile and persecuted, and at the verge of being exterminated? They kept not the commandments of the Most High God; they broke the covenant.

Table 4: Ruth—Esther: the law is the central reference point; the prophets were mainly sent to enforce the law further. The prophets reminded people of the law and pronounced judgements in certain situations. Today, the whole law and the prophets are still the references for righteousness and holiness. **Matthew 5:17-18** “**7 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. 18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.**” Jesus came and fulfilled what was written concerning Him. You and I still have the responsibility of keeping God's laws.

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1	JOB	JOB 1.1 There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil. JOB 1.8 And the Lord said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?	Why was Job regarded as a righteous man? What was the yardstick for righteousness? The yardstick for righteousness was the laws and commandments of the Most High God, and Job kept them perfectly.
2	PSALM	PSALM 19.7-8 "7 The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. 8 The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. PSALM 119.9 "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word." PSALM 119.172 "My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments are righteousness." See also PSALM 111.7	The laws, commandment and statutes of the Most High God are perfect and pure. Without it, no one can keep his/her ways pure. David obeyed all the laws and commandments of God, and that's why God regarded him as a man after His heart.
3	PROVERBS	PROVERBS 28.9 "He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination." See also PROVERBS 3.1; 7.2	If you disregard the law, your prayer will be disregarded. It will be foolishness to be praying prayers that will be disregarded.
4	ECCLESIASTES	ECCLESIASTES 12.13-14 "13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. 14 For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil."	Why are we here on Earth? To do as we please? We are here to fear God and Keep the laws, statutes and commandments of the Most High God.
5	SONG OF SOLOMON	SONG OF SOLOMON 1:6 "Look not upon me, because I am black, because the sun hath looked upon me: my mother's children were angry with me; they made me the keeper of the vineyards; but mine own vineyard have I not kept. "	Israel is the vineyard of he Lord; Solomon has not kept it well; how? Israel did not keep the laws, statutes and commandments as expected.
6	ISAIAH	ISAIAH 1.1-5 "1 The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. 2 Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the Lord hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me. 3 The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider. 4 Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the Lord, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward. 5 Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint." ISAIAH 24.5 "5 The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant." ISAIAH 58.1-2 "58 Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins. 2 Yet they seek me daily, and delight to know my ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their God: they ask of me the ordinances of justice; they take delight in approaching to God."	Even dumb animals have some sense—they know their owner and where they came from; Israel is clueless—Israel does not know her owner; Israel have done wickedly. Isaiah was sent to "cry aloud and declare unto Jacob their sins and transgression". What did House of Jacob transgress? The laws, statutes and commandment that Moses and other prophets wrote.
7	JEREMIAH	JEREMIAH 3.11-15 "11 And the Lord said unto me, The backsliding Israel hath justified herself more than treacherous Judah. 12 Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the Lord; and I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you: for I am merciful, saith the Lord, and I will not keep anger for ever. 13 Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the Lord thy God, and hast scattered thy ways to the strangers under every green tree, and ye have not obeyed my voice, saith the Lord. 14 Turn, O backsliding children, saith the Lord; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion: 15 And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding."	Why did the Most High God raise Jeremiah and put His words in his mouth? Why did God call Israel backslidden? What did Israel transgress? Israel transgressed the laws of the Most High God, and Jeremiah was to speak to Israel to repent and come back to their God.
8	LAMENTATIONS	LAMENTATION 1.1-5 "1 How doth the city sit solitary, that was full of people! how is she become as a widow! she that was great among the nations, and princess among the provinces, how is she become tributary! 2 She weepeth sore in the night, and her tears are on her cheeks: among all her lovers she hath none to comfort her: all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they are become her enemies. 3 Judah is gone into captivity because of affliction, and because of great servitude: she dwelleth among the heathen, she findeth no rest: all her persecutors overtook her between the straits. 4 The ways of Zion do mourn, because none come to the solemn feasts: all her gates are desolate: her priests sigh, her virgins are afflicted, and she is in bitterness. 5 Her adversaries are the chief, her enemies prosper; for the Lord hath afflicted her for the multitude of her transgressions: her children are gone into captivity before the enemy."	Why Is Solomon lamenting here with great lamentations over Israel and Jerusalem? Judah has gone into captivity, why? For the Lord hath afflicted her for the multitude of her transgressions: What did she transgress? The laws, statutes and commandments

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1	EZEKIEL	<p>EZEKIEL 1.1-3 “1 Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I was among the captives by the river of Chebar, that the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God. 2 In the fifth day of the month, which was the fifth year of king Jehoiachin’s captivity, 3 The word of the Lord came expressly unto Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and the hand of the Lord was there upon him.”</p> <p>EZEKIEL 2.1-7 “2 And he said unto me, Son of man, stand upon thy feet, and I will speak unto thee. 2 And the spirit entered into me when he spake unto me, and set me upon my feet, that I heard him that spake unto me. 3 And he said unto me, Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that hath rebelled against me: they and their fathers have transgressed against me, even unto this very day. 4 For they are impudent children and stiffhearted. I do send thee unto them; and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God. 5 And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear, (for they are a rebellious house,) yet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them. 6 And thou, son of man, be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briers and thorns be with thee, and thou dost dwell among scorpions: be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house. 7 And thou shalt speak my words unto them, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear: for they are most rebellious.”</p> <p>EZEKIEL 44.24 “And in controversy they shall stand in judgment; and they shall judge it according to my judgments: and they shall keep my laws and my statutes in all mine assemblies; and they shall hallow my sabbaths.”</p>	The children of Israel were in captivity, and Ezekiel the priest was sent to them. Why were they in captivity? The nation of Israel rebelled against the Most High God by transgressing his laws, statutes and commandments. Ezekiel was sent to speak to a rebellious people to leave their rebellion.
2	DANIEL	<p>DANIEL 9.11 “11 Yea, all Israel have transgressed thy law, even by departing, that they might not obey thy voice; therefore the curse is poured upon us, and the oath that is written in the law of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against him.”</p> <p>DANIEL 9.13 “As it is written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us: yet made we not our prayer before the Lord our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand thy truth.”</p> <p>DANIEL 9.10 “10 Neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets.”</p>	The children of Israel were in the Babylonian captivity, and Daniel was one of the captives. Why were they in captivity? The answer is in verse 11: Yea, all Israel have transgressed thy law, even by departing, that they might not obey thy voice; therefore the curse is poured upon us, and the oath that is written in the law of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against him. My people are destroyed because of lack of knowledge. What knowledge did they lack? Let us see:
3	HOSEA	<p>HOSEA 4.1-7 “4 Hear the word of the Lord, ye children of Israel: for the Lord hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land. 2 By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood. 3 Therefore shall the land mourn, and every one that dwelleth therein shall languish, with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven; yea, the fishes of the sea also shall be taken away. 4 Yet let no man strive, nor reprove another: for thy people are as they that strive with the priest. 5 Therefore shalt thou fall in the day, and the prophet also shall fall with thee in the night, and I will destroy thy mother. 6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children. 7 As they were increased, so they sinned against me: therefore will I change their glory into shame.”</p>	MALACHI 2:7 “For the priest’s lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts.” They lack the knowledge of the laws, statutes and commandments, and have sinned greatly against the Most High God.
4	JOEL	JOEL 1:14-15 14 “Sanctify ye a fast, call a solemn assembly, gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land into the house of the Lord your God, and cry unto the Lord, 15 Alas for the day! for the day of the Lord is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come.”	Sanctify ye a fast; what sanctifies? The law, statutes and commandments.
5	AMOS	AMOS 2.4 “Thus saith the Lord; For three transgressions of Judah, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they have despised the law of the Lord, and have not kept his commandments, and their lies caused them to err, after the which their fathers have walked:”	Judah despised the laws and commandments of the Most High God.
6	OBADIAH	OBADIAH 10-12 “10 For thy violence against thy brother Jacob shame shall cover thee, and thou shalt be cut off for ever. 11 In the day that thou stoodest on the other side, in the day that the strangers carried away captive his forces, and foreigners entered into his gates, and cast lots upon Jerusalem, even thou wast as one of them. 12 But thou shouldst not have looked on the day of thy brother in the day that he became a stranger; neither shouldst thou have rejoiced over the children of Judah in the day of their destruction; neither shouldst thou have spoken proudly in the day of distress. ”	Why did the children of Judah face destruction in the first place? Judah transgressed the laws, statutes and commandments.
7	JONAH	JONAH 3.8-10 “8 But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God: yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that is in their hands. 9 Who can tell if God will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not? 10 And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not.”	Why did the Most High God plan evil against Nineveh? Because they transgressed the laws, statutes and commandments.

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2	NAHUM	NAHUM 1:14-15 "14 And the Lord hath given a commandment concerning thee, that no more of thy name be sown: out of the house of thy gods will I cut off the graven image and the molten image: I will make thy grave; for thou art vile. 15 Behold upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace! O Judah, keep thy solemn feasts, perform thy vows: for the wicked shall no more pass through thee; he is utterly cut off. "	Why was Judah being reminded to "keep thy solemn feasts and perform thy vows"? Which feasts? Which vows? The laws, statutes and commandments, and the covenant.
3	HABAKKUK	HABAKKUK 1.1-4 "1 The burden which Habakkuk the prophet did see. 2 O Lord, how long shall I cry, and thou wilt not hear! even cry out unto thee of violence, and thou wilt not save! 3 Why dost thou shew me iniquity, and cause me to behold grievance? for spoiling and violence are before me: and there are that raise up strife and contention. 4 Therefore the law is slacked, and judgment doth never go forth: for the wicked doth compass about the righteous; therefore wrong judgment proceedeth."	Why judgment doth never go forth: for the wicked doth compass about the righteous; therefore wrong judgment proceedeth? The law is slacked.
4	ZEPHANIAH	ZEPHANIAH 1.1-6 "1 The word of the Lord which came unto Zephaniah the son of Cushi, the son of Gedaliah, the son of Amariah, the son of Hizkiah, in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah. 2 I will utterly consume all things from off the land, saith the Lord. 3 I will consume man and beast; I will consume the fowls of the heaven, and the fishes of the sea, and the stumbling blocks with the wicked: and I will cut off man from off the land, saith the Lord. 4 I will also stretch out mine hand upon Judah, and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and I will cut off the remnant of Baal from this place, and the name of the Chemarims with the priests; 5 And them that worship the host of heaven upon the housetops; and them that worship and that swear by the Lord, and that swear by Malcham; 6 And them that are turned back from the Lord; and those that have not sought the Lord, nor enquired for him."	Why will the Most High God stretch forth His hand upon Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem? Because they transgressed the laws of God. they turned back from the Lord and did not sought the Lord, nor enquired for him.
5	HAGGAI	HAGGAI 11.1-5 "1 In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, in the first day of the month, came the word of the Lord by Haggai the prophet unto Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, saying, 2 Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, saying, This people say, The time is not come, the time that the Lord's house should be built. 3 Then came the word of the Lord by Haggai the prophet, saying, 4 Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your cieled houses, and this house lie waste? 5 Now therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts; Consider your ways."	Why is the Most High God saying "Consider your ways"? Judah has neglected the law, statutes and commandments, and their duties.
6	ZECHARIAH	ZECHARIAH 1.1-6 "1 In the eighth month, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the Lord unto Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying, 2 The Lord hath been sore displeased with your fathers. 3 Therefore say thou unto them, Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Turn ye unto me, saith the Lord of hosts, and I will turn unto you, saith the Lord of hosts. 4 Be ye not as your fathers, unto whom the former prophets have cried, saying, Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Turn ye now from your evil ways, and from your evil doings: but they did not hear, nor hearken unto me, saith the Lord. 5 Your fathers, where are they? and the prophets, do they live for ever? 6 But my words and my statutes, which I commanded my servants the prophets, did they not take hold of your fathers? and they returned and said, Like as the Lord of hosts thought to do unto us, according to our ways, and according to our doings, so hath he dealt with us."	Why was the Lord displeased with their fathers? Because of their evil ways: they did not keep the laws, statutes and commandments. God is charging them not to follow the path of their fathers.
7	MALACHI	MALACHI 1.1 "1 The burden of the word of the Lord to Israel by Malachi." MALACHI 4.4 "Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments."	Malachi was sent to restore a backslidden Israel—to come back to the keeping of the laws of Moses.

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2	MARK	<p>MARK 10.19 "Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother."</p>	Jesus paraphrasing the ten commandments. What made people think that the fourth commandment is done away with? All the commandments are still intact, except animal sacrifice.
3	LUKE	<p>LUKE 1.6 "And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless."</p> <p>LUKE 18.20 "Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother."</p> <p>LUKE 24:27 "And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself."</p>	Jesus paraphrasing the ten commandments. Jesus fulfilled only what was written concerning him; He did not take away your responsibility.
4	JOHN	<p>JOHN 14.15 "If ye love me, keep my commandments."</p> <p>JOHN 14.21 "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him."</p>	Love is keeping the law. If you love God, you will keep His laws and commandments.
5	ACTS	<p>ACTS 15:21 "For Moses of old time hath in every city them that preach him, being read in the synagogues every sabbath day."</p> <p>ACTS 28:23-24 "23 And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening. 24 And some believed the things which were spoken, and some believed not."</p>	The Apostles used the law and the prophets as the bedrock and standard for righteousness. That is what they used in building their walk with the Most High God.
6	HEBREWS	<p>HEBREWS 8.10 "10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:"</p> <p>HEBREWS 10.16 "16 This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;"</p>	The New Covenant did not cancel the laws. The New Covenant: I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts. Where did people get the idea that the New Covenant cancelled the laws?
7	1 PETER	<p>1 PETER 1:15-16 "15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; 16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy."</p>	Apostle Peter is referring people to the laws and the prophets. As it is written—where? In the Laws!
8	REVELATION	<p>REVELATION 14:12 "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus."</p> <p>REVELATION 22:14 "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city."</p>	Why will people be blessed to have eternal life? Because they kept the commandments of the Most High God. The same commandments that that Jesus instructed the enquirer to keep (Matthew 19:17)

Table 8: Matthew—Revelations: the law is the central reference point; the prophets were mainly sent to enforce the law further. The prophets reminded people of the law and pronounced judgements in certain situations. Today, the whole law and the prophets are still the references for righteousness and holiness. **Matthew 5:17-18 "7 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. 18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled."** Jesus came and fulfilled what was written concerning Him. You and I still have the responsibility of keeping God's laws. The New Covenant means the laws written on people's hearts and placed in their minds (**Hebrews 10.16; Jeremiah 31:31-34**)

DISCUSSION

So many Christians, including preachers and pastors, use the doctrine of dispensationalism as an argument to avoid keeping the commandments of the Most High God. When one talks to people about keeping the commandments of the Most High God, one gets responses like **these commandments are not for this dispensation**. As we have seen, the Most High God is consistent regarding standards—He does not change (**Malachi 3:6**). The idea that the laws

of the Most High God He commanded Moses to write down are done away with is deeply flawed on multiple levels. It is unwise to say we don't have to keep the commandments of the Most High God. There are only two sets of laws—Obedience and Sacrifice. If you fail to Obey, there has to be a sacrifice for it. The Most High God only replaced the sacrificial system with the sacrifice of Christ. When you sin (break God's commandments and laws), the Most High God pays for that with Christ's sacrifice. Do you think, as modern-day believers, we don't have to keep the dietary and cleanliness laws because they are not for our dispensation (as wrongly taught and claimed by many)? Do you think that keeping the sabbath is not for the current dispensation? The prophets were sent to remind people of the laws, statutes, and commandments, as seen throughout this article (see **Tables 4-8**). Jesus reminded people of the laws, statutes, and commandments, and so did the apostles. The New Covenant does not do away with the law; it makes it more binding. So, let us see some passages of the Bible to see if the arguments the dispensationalist are peddling will stand:

ISAIAH 66:15-47

15 For, behold, the Lord will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire. 16 For by fire and by his sword will the Lord plead with all flesh: and the slain of the Lord shall be many. 17 They that sanctify themselves, and purify themselves in the gardens behind one tree in the midst, eating swine's flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse, shall be consumed together, saith the Lord.

The above passage is an excerpt from Isaiah 66; this passage is a future coming prophecy—it will happen at the second coming of the Lord. Notice something in verse 17: the Lord will destroy those eating pork and all unclean meats—why? Everything boils down to the Most High God's commandments before, during and after Moses. Let us pause and ask, do you think the new covenant cancelled the dietary and cleanliness laws? If the new covenant nullified the dietary and cleanliness laws, why would Jesus destroy those eating pork and all unclean meats at His second coming? Were the dietary and cleanliness laws cancelled but would be re-enacted again? Can you see that the arguments of the dispensationalist are very hollow? Their ideas don't add up. So, God gave commandments for the other dispensations to keep them healthy, but not this dispensation? Can you see how absurd this argument is? The truth is, the Most High God has been consistent—eating pork and other unclean meats is an abomination, no matter the dispensation. Let us see another example.

MATTHEW 24:15-22

15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) 16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: 17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: 18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. 19 And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! **20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:** 21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. 22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

Do you know that the above passage is something related to the future? Jesus instructs His disciples that when they see the **Abomination that Makes desolates**, they should flee to the mountains or the wilderness (**Revelation 12:14; Matthew 24:15-18**). They should also pray for their flight not to be on the Sabbath day or in the winter. The dispensationalists have told us we don't have to keep the Sabbath, but Jesus is telling us what to do in the future concerning the Sabbath. If the Sabbath is done away with, why would Jesus say to His disciples to pray for their flight not to be in Winter or Sabbath? The idea that the 7th day Sabbath (or other High Days) have been changed is inaccurate; men attempted to change the commandments of the Most High God. If the Sabbath had been done away with, Jesus

wouldn't have given them the instruction to pray for their flight not to be in the Winter or on the Sabbath. The **Great Whore that sitteth upon many waters** attempted to change the Sabbath—it was not from the Most High God.

Can you see that the dispensationalists' arguments (the sabbath is not for the current dispensation) are very hollow?

MATTHEW 19:16-18

16 And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? 17 And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments. 18 He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness,

If you want to enter into life everlasting, keep the commandments. Remember, the New Testament was not written at this time. Which set of commandments was Jesus referring the enquirer to keep? The laws and the prophets. Elizabeth and Zechariah kept the laws very well.

Master, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?

If Jesus were physically present, what would be His answer to the above question? Let us see.

HEBREWS 13:8 “Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.”**MALACHI 3:6 “For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.”**

Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever. Jesus will re-echo what He said to the enquirer: if you want eternal life, keep the commandments.

What other things would Jesus tell you and me? Let us see:

- **JOHN 8:11 “She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.”**
- **JOHN 5:14 “Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.”**

In other words, Jesus is saying go and do not break the commandments (the whole law, statutes and judgements) of the Most High God. Sin is the transgression of the law (**1 John 3:4**).

The argument that people make is that one cannot keep all the commandments. Before I address this argument, let us look at this example. For example, if you have a son, give that son a list of tasks to do: take out the trash, wash the dishes, take the dog for a walk, and wash the clothes in the washing machine. The washing machine is broken. So, what would a foolish son do? Since the washing machine is broken, I might as well not do all of the tasks. So, what would you expect a wise son to do? A wise son would do what he can and leave what he can't do; he would take out the trash, wash the dishes, take the dog for a walk, and leave the clothes since the washing machine is broken.

With the laws, statutes and commandments of the Most High God, have you done what you can do?

1. You can keep the dietary and cleanliness instructions; have you done it?
2. You can keep the feast days outlined in **Leviticus 23** to the best of your ability; have you done it?
3. You can stop keeping idolatrous feasts like Easter and Christmas; have you done it?

4. You can keep the fourth commandment; have you done it?
5. You can keep away from adultery and fornication; have you done it?
6. You can keep the ten commandments; have you kept them?
7. And lots more.

Ask yourself, honestly, what are the things you can do? Keep the laws, statutes, commandments, and judgement of the Most High God to the best of your ability. Don't be like the foolish son but the wise son in the above example.

Jesus died and gave us liberty, but what kind of liberty? Freedom to break God's laws and commandments? No! Some see keeping the laws of God as bondage, but is that true? No! Keeping the laws and commandments of God is not bondage; the laws of God are meant to protect us, keep us in good shape and health, and ultimately give us eternal life. What does **GRACE** mean?

Let us explain: Obedience and sacrifice are the two sets of law. If one fails to obey a commandment, an atonement is required. Under the Old Covenant, the blood of bulls and goats cannot take away sins completely. See the passage below.

Hebrews 10:4 “For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.”

Why can the blood of bulls and goats not take away sins completely? Under the Old Covenant, if one commits certain sins, there is no opportunity to repent; one will have to die. Let us see some examples:

- **LEVITICUS 20:13** “If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.”
- **LEVITICUS 20:16** “And if a woman approach unto any beast, and lie down thereto, thou shalt kill the woman, and the beast: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.”

What did the sacrifice of Jesus bring to us? Liberty! Liberty in what sense? Jesus' sacrifice means if one commits sins like homosexuality and bestiality, one will not die but have a chance to repent. Isn't that a great liberty? Yes! Jesus gave us freedom (gift of grace) to draw close to the Father. The liberty that Jesus brought is not the liberty to break God's laws, statutes, judgments and commandments.

SUMMARY

The Most High God's laws have been there since the beginning. Before Moses, during Moses' time, during the time of the prophets, Jesus and the apostles, the standards of the Most High God remain the same—they never change. If God requires native-born Israelites to keep the dietary and cleanliness laws, what makes you think God will accept what is unclean (physically and otherwise) because you are a non-native-born Israelite? If God requires native-born Israelites to keep the feasts outlined in Leviticus 23, what makes you think God will allow you as a gentile to replace His feasts with pagan-derived feasts like Christmas and Easter? One standard for all—Israelites and Gentiles. The standards the Most High God expects are the same from dispensation to dispensation—it never changes.