

Only the animal sacrifices and offerings, (the ceremonial law) were abolished at the cross, for Christ Himself was the final sacrifice for sin. This is why they were called “a shadow of things to come” [Colossians 2:17]. A shadow is a reflected image of something, and not the real thing. The real image was and is Jesus, who declared:

“I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE.” [John 14:6]

Who made Sunday the day of rest, God or man?

WHEN A PERSON STUDIES THE BIBLE, THEY WILL REALISE THAT GOD HAS NEVER ABOLISHED ANY LAW OR PRINCIPLE THAT HE HAS SET UP FROM CREATION. To say that the Sabbath (Saturday) is no longer the day of rest is to deny that the fourth commandment exists. The Sabbath is not Jewish as some say, for it was GIVEN TO MAN AT CREATION, BEFORE THERE WERE JEWS (Genesis 2:2-3). The fourth commandment was written to remind us to keep the Sabbath.

The fact is that Sunday became the day of rest by a law given by man, not by a commandment from Christ and God. It came as a law through the leaders of the Catholic Church in order to bring all religions under its power:

Question: Have you any other way of proving that the (Catholic) church has POWER?

Answer: “... had she not such power, she could not have done that which all modern religionists agree with her: she could not have substituted the observance of Sunday the first day of the week, for the observance of Saturday the seventh day, a change for which there is no Scriptural Authority.”

Stephen Keenan, A Doctrinal Catechism, p. 176.

IT IS CLEAR THEN, FROM ALL THE EVIDENCE THAT WE HAVE BEEN PLEASED TO SHARE WITH YOU, THAT THE TEN COMMANDMENTS WERE NOT ABOLISHED AT THE CROSS, AND ALSO, THAT MEN HAVE TRIED TO CHANGE GOD'S LAW TO FURTHER THEIR OWN POWER. BELOVED, TODAY GOD IS CALLING ALL WHO TRULY LOVE HIM BACK TO HIM AGAIN. WE CHALLENGE ALL WHO HAVE READ THIS TRACT TO SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES, AND STUDY HISTORY, TO SEE IF WHAT WE HAVE PRESENTED HERE IS NOT TRUE. GOD BLESS YOU.

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The Law of God

THE OLD TESTAMENT

I

Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

II

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: 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; And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

III

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.

IV

Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: 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: For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

V

Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

VI

Thou shalt not kill.

VII

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

VIII

Thou shalt not steal.

IX

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

X

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 anything that is thy neighbour's.

Exodus 20:3-17 (I-X)

THE NEW TESTAMENT

I

Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

Matthew 4:10

II

Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

1 John 5:21

III

Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honour, that the name of God and his doctrine be not blasphemed.

1 Timothy 6:1

IV

I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet.

Revelation 1:10

For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works, And in this place again, If they shall enter into my rest. Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief: Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts. For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day. There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.

Hebrews 4:4-10

And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath: Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath.

Mark 2:27-28

But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:

Matthew 24:20

V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X

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, Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Matthew 19:18-19

For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Romans 13:9

WERE THE TEN COMMANDMENTS ABOLISHED AT THE CROSS?



“For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.”

Psalms 119:89

“And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.”

Revelation 11:19

The simple answer to this is NO. The whole New Testament teaches the observance of all of the Ten Commandments, **including God's holy day, THE SEVENTH DAY SABBATH.**

Every one of the Ten Commandments found in the Old Testament is in the New Testament (see the back of this tract). If they were abolished then the apostles would not have taught them. The apostles followed the instruction of their Master, Jesus, who said:

“Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.
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.
Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach *them*, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.
For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed *the righteousness* of the scribes and Pharisees, you shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.”
Matthew 5:17-20

Jesus said that He came not to destroy God's law, but to **fulfil it** - to make it known. **He did this by revealing its principles of love**: “If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.” [John 15:10].

“Could its claims have been set aside, then the Son of God need not have yielded up His life to atone for its transgression. The death of Christ proves it immutable ... He came to “magnify the law” and to “make it honourable.”” [The Great Controversy, p. 503, E. G. White].

The law of God reveals His love to the universe, and it is as eternal as He is: “For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.” [Psalm 119:89]. When Adam and Eve sinned, they disobeyed the law of God, for “*sin is the transgression of the law*.” [1 John 3:4]. They deserved to die forever, but Christ, the second person of the Godhead, gave Himself to save sinners.

When we study from the Bible how the commandments of God were given to mankind:

★ **The Ten Commandments were written by the finger of God**
“And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.”

Exodus 31:18

★ **All others were written by men inspired by the Holy Spirit** ★
“Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake *as they were* moved by the Holy Ghost.”

2 Peter 1:20, 21

“That the obligations of the Decalogue (the Ten Commandments) might be more fully understood and enforced, additional precepts were given, illustrating and applying the principles of the Ten Commandments.” [Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 306, E. G. White] These additional precepts are called statutes and judgements, and are also referred to as the “testimony” [Isaiah 8:20].

Thus it can be seen that *every precept, judgement, and statute in the Bible is an illustration of the law of love from the finger of God. To reject any of the moral principles of the inspired writings of scripture, from Moses to John, means in essence, to reject the principles of the Ten Commandments, God's law. By thus doing so a person sins against God.*

The only way that a nation, and individuals, can prosper, is through obedience to God's law: “Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.” [Proverbs 14:34] The kingdoms of this world have a duty to their citizens to make God's law the standard of duty. If they fail in this, as history testifies, God will overthrow them (see Daniel 2).

Now to understand why the animal sacrificial law was included in the inspired writings of scripture, one has to realise that the **scriptures reveal the testimony of Jesus, for they record how He has worked to redeem the human race**: “Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.” [John 5:39] “And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.” [Luke 24:27].

THE SACRIFICIAL SERVICE

Why it was necessary to offer animal sacrifices to God before Jesus came.

It was principally to **remind** man continually that he only had the right to live because God had promised to send a Redeemer, that the sacrificial system was set up. To prove this, as far back as in the book of Genesis, the Bible declares that animals were sacrificed to God as a substitute for men's sins. Even though there was no written record, many of the first inhabitants of the earth were obedient to His command:

“And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and his offering.”

Genesis 4:4

“By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain.” Hebrews 11:4. Abel grasped the great principles of redemption. He saw himself a sinner, and he saw sin and its penalty, death, standing between his soul and communion with God. He brought the slain victim, the sacrificed life, thus acknowledging the claims of the law that had been transgressed. Through the shed blood he looked to the future sacrifice, Christ dying on the cross of Calvary; and trusting in the atonement that was there to be made, he had the witness that he was righteous and his offering accepted.”

[Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 72, E. G. White]

Abel knew about the claims of the law and made his sacrifice in acknowledgement of it. It was only during the time of Moses that the sacrificial law was formally written in Israel. Why? **The plan of salvation was known by all the early peoples on this planet. Satan however blinded our ancestors minds, by introducing countless counterfeit religions, which offered an alternative to the righteous principles of God.**

“... a knowledge of the fall of man by means of the serpent, the Flood, a coming Saviour, and the final destruction of the world has ever been the common heritage of man wherever found on the earth. Threads from the Biblical story, distorted by ignorance and soiled by the greed of a corrupt priesthood, are to be found interwoven in all pagan religious fabrics.”

[The Trail of the Serpent, p. 4, Murle Vance, Oriental Watchman Publishing House]

The *sacrificial law* thus had to be given to Israel, to **restore again the lost knowledge of God and the plan of salvation.**