

FROM BROTHER HAYES

Greetings everyone!

We are blessed and thrilled as to what our Lord is doing in these last closing hours of time! God is so very, very good. We believe Jesus is coming very soon! Praise the Lord!

These past two years have been trying but faith building as well. With all that's happened I can truly say, God has been good to Sister Glenda and I. We are blessed beyond measure.

We desire very much to do more for the Kingdom of God this coming year. We want to spend more time and effort in all our outreaches. We believe our local church is going to grow this year as never before. We are also expanding our YouTube Channel with many more hour long videos and also short teaching videos that we hope will help establish and empower believers. If you haven't subscribed to our channel, please do so today!

Although our foreign missions have been hindered because of travel restrictions our orphanage in the mountains of Haiti is prospering in spite of all the difficulties in that nation. We now have 52 orphans there. Be a blessing and pray about helping us continue to feed, clothe and finish the second floor of their home there.

2022 is coming fast and many of you will have this issue before the New Year begins. Keep your eyes on Jesus! Remember, Jesus said, "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh" [Luke 21:28]. -Brother Hayes

THE NEW COVENANT

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"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ" [Galatians 6:2].

"If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well" [James 2:8].

From the beginning of creation God has sought to covenant with man. His very first covenant was to Adam. "And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die" [Genesis 2:16-17].

Only One Commandment, but man was not able to obey it! We know the story of the fall of Adam and Eve and how their fall sealed the fate of every human being that would be born. The scripture says, "Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come" [Romans 5:14].

Over 1,000 years had passed since the creation and man had become so wicked that God 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" [Genesis 6:7]. However, God is merciful and full of compassion. A man named Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. God provided an escape for him and his family from the great flood He brought upon the earth. After the flood God gave Noah a new covenant.

In Genesis chapter nine we find God's covenant with Noah and his seed. Verse 9: "And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you". His Covenant came with a blessing. Verse 7: "And you, be ve fruitful, and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth, and multiply therein. Verse 11: "And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood and to destroy the earth." And God sealed it with a sign. Verse 13: "I do set my bow in the cloud, and It shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth." But it also had a law: Verse 5: "And surely your blood of your lives will I require: at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man. Verse 6: "Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man." This law is known as the "Capital Punishment Law".

Again, man was not able to keep his covenant with God. 427 years later we find a man named Abram that found favor with God. God called him Abraham. He is called the father of faith. There were three promises God made to Abraham in Genesis chapters 12 and 17. (1) I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you. (2) I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. (3) I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you.

God required a strange token from Abraham and his descendants as a sign to seal His covenant with Him. "This is

my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised. And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you" [Genesis 17:10-11].

Again, mankind failed to keep his covenant with God. 430 years after God's covenant with Abraham we find God's people being delivered from their bondage in Egypt. God had raised up another man that He could trust. His name was Moses. Once again God sought to covenant with His creation man. On Mount Sinai He gave Moses His covenant that contained Ten Commandments. Many other commandments, ordinances, Sabbaths and so forth were added and became part of this covenant. Again, mankind was not able to keep his part of the covenant given to Moses.

For hundreds of years God sent His prophets to warn His people to return to Him and keep His covenant. He warned that He would cut them off if they didn't repent and keep His laws. "Yet he sent prophets to them, to bring them again unto the LORD; and they testified against them: but they would not give ear" [2Chronicles 24:19].

This brings us to Jesus and the New Covenant He established. God sent His only begotten Son. Surely, they would believe Him! It is estimated that some 1500 years passed from the giving of the Law to Moses to the first coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and the establishment of the New Covenant.

God was giving mankind a New Covenant which would include a "Royal Law" to govern it. Most every Christian will tell you they are under grace and not the Law. They will say they are under the New Covenant, but most don't realize it is governed by laws.

My hope is that every reader be filled with the

knowledge of God's New Covenant in all wisdom and spiritual understanding and be able to declare as the Apostle Paul did, "For I delight in the law of God after the inward man" [Romans 7:22]. I pray your eyes will be opened to see that God has indeed written His laws on the hearts of His people. My hope is for God's people to stop trying to please God under the Old Covenant with all its laws, ordinances, Sabbaths and Jewish traditions and strive to, "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ" [Galatians 6:2].

The modern church must face some facts. Number 1: Few today will submit themselves to any kind of law. We see some today wanting to "defund" the police. Natural brute beasts of this world hate any kind of law and order. Sadly this attitude is also in the church. Many have become a law unto themselves, refusing to submit to the Covenant that God has ordained. Number 2: Multiplied millions have fallen away from any resemblance of the lifestyle demonstrated by the early church. Number 3: Because Christians have not submitted to God's Royal Law, we have witnessed a coldness and disregard of those things that are the most valuable: righteous judgment, a pure mind (clean heart), love, mercy, forgiveness, and godly compassion for lost mankind.

What shall we say then? This message is for the few. It is to those that have an earnest desire to obey that still small Voice of God that lies within the heart. And, my friends, that Voice is saying to all of us, "The way of perfection is obedience to the Spiritual Royal Law of Christ toward the inward man." We often sing a song titled, "There is something on the inside working on the outside." After this message you will know how important it is to "have something on the inside". You will find that it will take the Holy Spirit of the Living God in you to obey the Royal Law of Christ.

The Law of God containing the Ten Commandments was given by Moses. "The law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ" [John 1:17]. We have found various covenants that God has made with man. Most times in the New Testament the "Law" it mentions is the covenant given to Moses. In that respect there are two covenants we will be looking into. "The Law of God given to Moses and the Law of Christ given to our Lord. The Law of God was written on tables of stone, but the Law of Christ is written on our hearts. One an external yoke, the other an implanted life!

First let's seek proof of this change of God's Covenant to man. From Hebrews chapter 8, verses 5-10: "Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount. But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises. For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second. For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord. 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"

The writer of Hebrews is quoting partly from Jeremiah chapter 31, verses 31 through 34. When you have time please

read these verses also. These verses reveal there was an old covenant that was faulty which made it necessary to have a new covenant. In the fifth verse it says: "For, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount." The Apostle was talking about the time Moses went up to Mount Sinai and was given the Ten Commandments written on tables of stone. These Ten Commandments constituted God's covenant with man after their deliverance from Egypt. It was God's condition to man, if man was to enter into life.

Verse six tells us: "But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises." God is saying, I am going to give you something BETTER!

I want us to look at another man that was a prophet like unto Moses. He also went up into a mountain. This time it was Jesus. Jesus took three witnesses with Him; Peter, James and John. These men were to witness the greatest historical event of all time! They were to witness the changing of God's Covenant with man. Keep in mind, the Old Testament is "a shadow of things to come.

In this high mountain, apart from the hustle and bustle of the world, God would speak! In the cool breeze and still quietness of that mountain, they heard with their own ears THE VOICE OF GOD and saw with their own eyes the son of man, Jesus of Nazareth, transfigured before them as His face did shine as the sun and His clothing was white as the light . . . Jesus was transformed before them a metamorphosis occurred. What was before them was no longer human but divinity in all it's glory!

They no doubt were startled as they beheld this incredible sight! Then, suddenly, two men appeared and

began talking with Jesus! Who were these men? Angels? No, for somehow it was revealed to them that one was Moses, the great lawgiver himself. The other was Elijah, one of the greatest of all prophets. Although they had never seen either man or saw a painting of either, they knew who they were! God had revealed this much to them. Although the disciples didn't understand it at this time, these two men represented something very important.

They were overwhelmed! They must have felt highly honored to be there, and I am sure that later in their lives they understood how much indeed they were honored.

"Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him" [Matthew 17:4-5].

Man has not changed much these past two thousand years. The disciples immediately wanted to build something! Let's build a tabernacle, a building for each of these great men. They reasoned in their heart that this was the best thing to do! Let's build a tabernacle for Moses. Moses was the great lawgiver; he represented the Covenant of God containing the Ten Commandments God.

Then, there was Elijah! Let's build a tabernacle for him. Elijah at that time, and even unto our day, is considered the greatest of all the prophets. Preachers will build sermons around Elijah more than any other prophet. After all, didn't God honor him above all the other prophets by taking him up into heaven in a chariot of fire?! Elijah represented the ministry of the PROPHETS! The books of the Old Testament

are divided into two sections referred to as $\underline{\text{The Law}}$ and $\underline{\text{The}}$ Prophets.

The third man was Jesus. Peter also wanted to build a tabernacle for Jesus. Jesus represented far more than they could fathom at this juncture in their lives. He represented the NEW COVENANT of God.

As they were speaking, a cloud overshadowed them, and a Voice spoke out of the cloud, "This is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him." "And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid".

They had heard the voice of God! Fear gripped their hearts! They fell to the ground on their faces! GOD WAS SPEAKING! But what was it He said? What did He mean? They were only trying to honor and do something good for these great men of God.

Three men were standing there: Moses, Elijah and Jesus. God had spoken, but what was the meaning? The spiritual eye sees the Law, the Prophets and The New Covenant! Moses represented the Law of the Old Covenant (The Ten Commandments). Elijah represented the Prophets. But, God said, "Hear Ye Him! Hear My Son!"

God was not going to speak any longer by the Law or the prophets! God was no longer going to honor His previous covenants that He had made with the house of Israel! Moses would no longer be the way! God was changing the order! They had failed to walk in His covenant and He had warned them for hundreds of years that if they did not walk in His Laws, He was going to reject them. Look at Hebrews chapter eight again for a moment . . . "For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their

fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord" [Hebrews 8:8-9].

God had promised A New Covenant! Why? Because the children of God failed to live by His covenant and this is why God cut natural Israel off! John the Baptist had cried, "The axe is laid at the root of the tree." (That tree was natural Israel). The root is where the life is! Toward the end of our Lord's earthly ministry He cursed a fig tree because it had no fruit, although it was not the season for it to bear fruit! withered and died overnight. This fig tree represented natural Israel; they had not brought forth the fruit of righteousness and God would now cut them off! They had left the commandments of God and heaped to themselves lawyers and teachers that taught them traditions of men rather than God's commandments. They were religious, but they were not godly people! Religion had eaten them like a canker, much as it has the modern church today. Natural Israel, the Jew, God's chosen people had rejected God's laws, God's prophets, and now they had rejected the Lamb of God that was able to take away their sin.

"And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light" [Matthew 17:2]. Jesus represented the New Covenant! Not only did God provide a New Covenant, He also established a brand new ministry to minister it. The Law and the Prophets were being discontinued and the priesthood was also being changed! Christianity was going to be a radical New Religion! "For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law" [Hebrews 7:12]. Keep this in mind, "Everything changed when Jesus came!"

"God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds" [Hebrews 1:1-2]. There it is again! God only speaks by JESUS! He doesn't speak by the Law or the Prophets any longer. The Voice that Spoke from Heaven said, "This is my son, hear ye him!" Praise the Lord. God speaks by Jesus who is the mediator of a Better covenant with Better promises.

Yes, Jesus is the New Covenant and the Spirit of Jesus writes God's laws in our hearts, *in our minds*. The New Covenant is the Royal Law and it is based exclusively on love: Love for God and Love for man. God had changed the covenant. Even though the first covenant was holy, it was given as a shadow until the Covenant that God had intended for man should come. This New Covenant was not going to be regulated by rules, traditions and laws written on parchment and stone ministered by carnal men. This New Covenant was Christ in you, the hope of Glory! God was going to actually live in his people and direct them from within their inward man!

"And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only" [Matthew 17:8]. Only Jesus stood before them! No longer would God communicate with mankind through the Law or the Prophets! Moses and Elijah had faded away. Their ministries had foretold of the coming of the Christ and now He had come. Now they would have to decrease; their ministries having ended. Even John the Baptist had testified after he had given witness of Jesus as the Lamb of God, "I must decrease and He must increase." The purpose of his ministry had come to an end. The dispensation of the prophets was ending! The prophets had been God to the people; as they were the people's only way

of hearing from God. But now the Kingdom of God was dawning, and God was going to speak to His people directly.

"But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him" [1John 2:27].

The anointing is the ministry and manifestation of the Holy Spirit of God. Jesus said, "When He the Spirit of Truth is come, He will guide you into all truth." See John 16:13.

This doesn't do away with the New Testament ministry of Apostles, Prophets, Pastors, Evangelists, and Teachers; it just means that they speak by the anointing and the true church hears by the anointing for they have ears to hear what the Spirit speaks. These New Testament ministers are ministers of the New Covenant, not the Old! God speaks by His Son! Let me show you two more scriptures that will further confirm what I am saying:

"And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John" [Matthew 11:12-13].

"The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it" [Luke 16:16].

The law and the prophets <u>were until John!</u> Were! That is <u>past tense</u> my friends! We don't preach the law or the prophets any longer; we preach the Kingdom! *"For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost"* [Romans 14:17]. The Kingdom of God is not natural, it's spiritual. The Royal Law of

the Kingdom rules from within Kingdom people.

We are not under the old covenant law given through Moses, but we are under the New Covenant Law given by the Spirit! "The Kingdom of God cometh not with observation, but behold the Kingdom of God is within you!" (See Luke 17:20,21). The Kingdom is in you. We don't preach by man's wisdom, but we minister by power and demonstration of the Spirit. Your inward man has been translated into the spiritual Kingdom of God. The born again New Covenant Church is only subject to the Law of the Spirit!

Therefore, it should be plain that the Pattern that was established on the Holy Mount of Transfiguration was JESUS, Who is the New Covenant. Christ in you! The Kingdom within man! Praise the Lord. Jesus is the Pattern Son for every son that would be born into the Kingdom. He indeed is the way, the truth, and the life! Jesus only!

God gave the Covenant containing the Ten Commandments to Moses in the Holy Mount Sinai, He gave His New Covenant to Jesus in the Holy Mount of Transfiguration! I hope you can see this.

The old covenant with the Ten Commandments only remains today for unsaved transgressors. For without the law, there would be no sin. But for us, the church of the Living God, we are not under the Old, but the New! "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death" [Romans 8:2].

Paul asked in Romans 6: "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? [Romans 6:1-2].

And again, the Apostle reaffirms Christians are not under the law of a carnal commandment but subject to the much higher law of the Spirit! "For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid" [Romans 6:14-15].

Throughout my ministry I have said, "Dead men don't sin." What did the Word of God say in Hebrews eight? "I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts." God's grace teaches us, "to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, to live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world!" (See Titus 2:11-12). How does Grace teach you? By written instructions and laws? No! Grace teaches you by the Spirit from within! True Christians are born again! They are new creatures in Christ! They don't have to sin! Their "want to" has been changed! They no longer "want to" sin! They don't "want to" get drunk, get high, steal, kill, or commit adultery! God has written a Law on their hearts that has transformed their desires!

When you are truly born again, your mind is impacted. Repentance is a change of direction, a change of mind! When you are born again you no longer "want to" live in sin! You want to live a holy life! You want to abstain from all appearances of evil! You want to please God in all things. You want to keep His commandments! When your want to has changed you know the Royal Law has taken residence in your inner man! It's a born again thing! Glory to God!

A new excerpt from this book will be issued soon. I hope you enjoyed this first excerpt: "The New Covenant".

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