

**Sermon Study Guide**  
**Sanctuary, Salvation & Our Savior: The Law in the Ark**

To begin, let's read a few texts that seem a bit confusing. Some have said that God's moral law of ten commandments has been done away with and we are living under a new covenant, or not under the law. Let's read the four main verses that are used to do away with the law of God. Beside these, we will read four verses which establish God's law.

Law Established	Law Done Away
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>James 2:10</b></li> <li>• <b>Matthew 5:17-19</b></li> <li>• <b>Revelation 14:12</b></li> <li>• <b>1 John 2:3,4</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Colossians 2:14-16</b></li> <li>• <b>Ephesians 2:15</b></li> <li>• <b>Romans 6:14</b></li> <li>• <b>Galatians 3:23-25</b></li> </ul>

Now that we have examined both sides, it's easy to see why some people teach that the law is done away with and we are not obliged to keep it. Here is the simple answer. The Bible speaks of *two laws* - God's law of ten commandments, and Moses' law, or the "law of ordinances." Below is a simple graph of these two laws. Understanding simple truth makes this subject very clear.

God's 10 Commandments	Moses Ceremonial Law
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Was written by _____ (Exo. 31:18; Exo.32:16)</li> <li>• Written on _____ (Exodus 31:18)</li> <li>• Deposited by Moses "_____ the ark" (Deut 10:5)</li> <li>• Christ was to _____ the law and make it honorable. (Isa. 42:21)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Written by _____ (Exodus 24:4)</li> <li>• In a _____ (Exodus 24:4, 7)</li> <li>• Deposited by Levites "by the _____ of the ark" (Duet 31:26)</li> <li>• Blotted out the handwriting of _____ that were against us. (Col. 2:14)</li> </ul>

Definition of Ordinances from the Strong's Concordance - 1378 dogma *dog'-mah*  
 "the rules and requirements of the law of Moses; carrying a suggestion of severity and of threatened judgment"

**What was the purpose of Moses' Law?**

Let's look at Moses' law and see one way in which it was fulfilled by Christ. There was Passover, a ceremonial sabbath that came on the fourteenth day of the first month. You were required to go to Jerusalem to celebrate this or be cut off from God! Now Passover had been kept each year as a ceremonial sabbath day for hundreds of years. The people's faith was in lambs, rituals, and ceremonies! Then Jesus came. When John the Baptist saw Him, he said "**Behold the Lamb of God.**" Jesus died on Passover. The priest in the sanctuary was getting ready to sacrifice the Passover lamb. When Jesus died, the veil in the sanctuary was rent from top to bottom. The true Lamb of God died. Jesus then nailed Passover to the cross.

## What is the Purpose of the 10 Commandments?

The law of God is like a \_\_\_\_\_. (James 1:23)

As we look in the mirror of God's perfect righteousness, His perfect \_\_\_\_\_, we see that we are \_\_\_\_\_ in need of a \_\_\_\_\_. So, the law points us to \_\_\_\_\_. The law is not like a bar of \_\_\_\_\_, that is, its purpose is not to clean us up, but to show us our great need.

Jesus said, "If you \_\_\_\_\_ me \_\_\_\_\_ my commandments." (John 14:15) So God's faithful people keep His law because they love Him; not in order to be saved, but because they are saved by His amazing grace. Some people say the law has been done away with, but this teaching isn't found anywhere in the Bible. Think of it, which of the 10 Commandments should we get rid of? Which one is obsolete? Which should be thrown out? Here they are, in brief:

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| 1. No other Gods                 | 6. Thou shalt not kill               |
| 2. No worshipping idols          | 7. Thou shalt not commit adultery    |
| 3. Don't take God's name in vain | 8. Thou shalt not steal              |
| 4. Remember the Sabbath          | 9. Thou shalt not bear false witness |
| 5. Honor your parents            | 10. Thou shalt not covet             |

### Exodus 24:9-12

Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, and they saw the God of Israel; and there was under his feet as it were a pavement of \_\_\_\_\_ stone, like the very heaven for clearness. And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank. The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tables of \_\_\_\_\_, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction."

The literal Hebrew should be translated "**tablets of the stone**" or "**the tables of the stone.**"

### 2 Chronicles 5:10

There was nothing in the ark save the two \_\_\_\_\_ which Moses put therein at Horeb, when the LORD made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of Egypt. (Note: Horeb is another name for Sinai. Psalms 106:19, Malachi 4:4)

God was enthroned over the tables of stone just like he was over the blue stone on Mount Sinai. The Bible identifies the ark of the covenant as the place where the stone tablets were placed. It follows then that the blue stone corresponds in some way to the ark of the covenant.

### Ezekiel 10:1

Then I looked, and, behold, in the firmament that was above the head of the cherubims there appeared over them as it were a \_\_\_\_\_ stone, as the appearance of the likeness of a \_\_\_\_\_.

### Ezekiel 1:26

And above the firmament over their heads there was the likeness of a throne, in appearance like \_\_\_\_\_; and seated \_\_\_\_\_ the likeness of a \_\_\_\_\_ was a likeness as it were of a human form.

In these verses Ezekiel identifies the blue sapphire stone God is standing on as the throne of God. That means the sapphire stone God is standing on in Exodus 24 is God's throne. Therefore the ten commandments were taken directly out of God's throne.

### Hebrews 1:8

But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_: a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of thy kingdom.

If God's throne is eternal then it also means that God's law is eternal.