

The Permanence and Authority of Law

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In the newspaper excerpt at the end of this article we see that Christians 200 years ago understood simple logic and Scripture far better than “Christians” today. They clearly understood that God’s Law—as any law instituted by a legitimate authority—is **never** revoked unless by *equally explicit orders from the same authority that gave the Law* (unless, of course, that authority is overthrown—has *God* been *overthrown...?*). The validity of a law is not established by whether or not *all, the majority, or even a few* (continue to) obey it. Morality is a Constant (K) factor, as is true Law; because the only Morality is that established in the Word of God, which never changes. The validity of true law is *existential* based upon the legitimate nature and authoritative institution of the Law.

Nowhere in the Word of God does God ever say that He abolished any part of His Law. Those who think so, violently rip a verse, clause, or word from context, and then “free associate” and invent their own fantasy of what they want reality to be, based upon their carnal lusts or stunted spiritual understanding. Those who think that the Law was abolished do not know God and follow a false christ. Not even the sacrifices for atonement were abolished—they were *fulfilled* in Christ, the Spotless Lamb of God in His Eternal Sacrifice of Himself for the elect of His people. The only part of the Law that was “abolished” was the **Curse** of the Law—the **Judgment** that we deserved because of our sin-guiltiness: the Death Penalty (“the soul that sinneth shall die”). But it was not “abolished *de facto*”^{*1} (nor *ex nihilo*^{*2}) but *de jure*.^{*3} It was only cancelled because the debt was paid in full. The debt was not declared illegitimate by imperial decree; which is what would have happened had the Law itself been abolished. Christ Jesus paid that Judgment on behalf of the elect of His people (and God does not “double bill”; the debt was torn up because it had been paid in full: It is Finished).

[*1 “in reality or as a matter of fact”, that is, most often referring to a military junta, coup d’état, hijacking of power by a group of bandits / guerilla military unit—that is, *per vis* (“by force”).

*2 “out of nothing”, that is, how God created the universe; thus, in this context, *per decretum* (by decree) or *per fiat* (by fiat).

*3 “of law”; that is, “legitimate, lawful, by right of law, according to law”.]

However, *the Law itself* was not abolished, which is the only Standard of Morality that God commanded throughout all our generations forever. Morality was established each time that God commanded, “Thou shalt not!” and “This shalt thou do!” The “Ten Commandments” are not merely 10 individual laws—but 10 Categories of Law, under which the entire Law of God is organized.* But most “Christians” don’t obey the Ten Commandments either; so how many do they think that there actually are?

1 / 2: They do recognize other gods by being “tolerant, inclusive, loving, and accomodating” with alien religions, allowing such unholy shrines to be built by the tens of thousands throughout Christendom, by allowing pagans and antichrists to offer prayers in Christian churches, teaching about such pagan religions in schools, granting pagan religions rights, and even befriending and even marrying such aliens. They violate the Commands against other gods and idols by rejecting God’s Own Word and inventing in their minds (or accepting that of their denomination) a paganized, humanistic version of God / Christ Jesus, which, in reality, bears little relation to God / Christ Jesus. Other things in their lives are also their gods: their belly, their lusts, their sinful, even perverse children, corrupt “governments”. Your god is the one you fear and obey. There are over 300,000 Federal Laws alone to which the majority cower in fear. God gave only about 613 laws (some of which are even common sense and decent people observe even without being taught), given for our good, and the majority of “Christians” rebel against it and blasphemously call 613 “too much” and yet bow down, without a whimper of protest, to an endless myriad of godless laws given to impoverish and enslave us. You reap what you sow.

3: They don’t even know God’s Name, though they use His Titles (Lord, God, Christ) in vain, as well as the Anglicization of the Latin, word Jesus (borrowed from the

Greek, based upon the Hebrew Yehoshua: “Yahweh saves”). They take His Name in vain by not even knowing it—for He gave His Name to us by which to call upon Him! “Ask in My Name” does not infer a third-hand Anglicization of it. They also take the title of “God” in vain, by swearing by it in court or to others, despite the fact God’s Word forbids it.

- 4: They don’t keep the Sabbath. Even though there is no passage of Scripture that says God changed the Sabbath to Sunday, the majority of Christians think Sunday is the “Lord’s Day”, when Scripture does not say so (but it only confirms that the 7th Day is the Sabbath*). Even though, *without authority or evidence*, they call Sunday the “Lord’s Day” or the “Christian Sabbath” (a term or concept nowhere found in Scripture)—but then they don’t even keep it *holy* as God commanded. They give God an hour or two (if they even do that) and then treat the day as if it were any other day; even doing things on it they would not do on other days. God did not abolish the Law that He gave at Sinai / Horeb, also called “the Law of Moses”, a few times, in honor of that meek and gentle man of faith; but to those who are deluded into thinking that God abolished HIS Law, the Sabbath was not instituted at Sinai—but in the Garden of Eden after God completed His Work of Creation. However, the majority of “Christians” are so dead hearted they are not even interested in discovering the truth; so completely unconcerned are they that they may be sinning against God. All of the evil that has befallen Christendom, which is about to fall for the first time in 2,000 years, is not because God is “happy” with us...! Still that falls on deaf ears.

[* See my books, Ten Commandments for Youth, 440pp., 6.25 x 9.25, pb., 25.00 + P&H and Are We Keeping God’s Law Yet?, 500pp., 6x9, pb., 25.00 + P&H.

The Hebrew word Sabbath and its root (shaw-bahth) and the Hebrew word Seventh and its root (shaw-bah) are clearly related. The former means “to repose, rest”, the latter, “to be complete, to swear (literally, “to seven oneself””, that is, presumably, to give complete confidence / assurance”. Thus the rest is possible because of completion / assurance / promise. Note: Just because some

false religions / cults may claim the Sabbath does not invalidate God's Command.]

- 5: Children do not respect their parents—which includes preserving their legacy and true faith of our ancestors; and it is the parents' fault that the children do not honor them—children do not emerge from the womb saying, “Yes, sir!” and “Yes, ma'am!”, nor do what they are told, or learn godliness simply by having been born and simply because they continue breathing. It has to be taught to them by both example and command (command that is enforced). All first learn to obey out of fear of punishment; but the hope is that with growth and maturity, they will eventually obey because it is the right thing to do; to be pleasing to their parents and to God. The Commandment to obey and honor your parents is the first Commandment with Promise. The natural inference is that those who do not honor and obey their parents—*God will not give to them long life*. Thus, parents actually shorten the life span of their own children and threaten the very existence of our own people, by refusing to obey God in this one Commandment. God said that if we forgot His Law He would forget our children! If there are no more of our children—there is no more “us”; which is the sign of a curse. You reap what you sow. This is also important because it mirrors our relationship to God. Is it then any wonder that parents who do not raise their children, demanding obedience, and instilling it in them, themselves, do not obey God? Also, wives who are rebellious, disrespectful, and insulting, sow death and destruction into the lives of their children; as do husbands / fathers if they simply ignore the violence against God's Authority.
- 6: They hold grudges and hate individuals of our kinsmen, for the silliest of reasons; though Christ said that if you hate your kinsman without a cause you are guilty of murder; and they are guilty of being accomplices to murder by allowing the death penalty to have been revoked and by allowing murderers to be warehoused at the people's expense (which is theft); even allowing them conjugal visits so that they can continue to reproduce their cursed blood (which God visits to the third and fourth generation of

- those who hate Him), and then have those offspring paid for by taxes (which again is stealing from taxpayers).
- 7: They live carnally with those who are not their Biblically lawful spouse, and shack up freely—and those who themselves don't, most often, treat those who do as if it is perfectly fine—putting their “stamp of approval” on sin, which makes them accomplices. Those who do not rebuke sin, those who ignore it, those who embrace the guilty as if their sin is a “non-issue” are guilty of the sin themselves by proxy.
 - 8: The majority of Christians rob God by not tithing. They engage as accomplices in theft when they do not stand up to corrupt politicians, judges, and all government agencies and employees (public servants) and ignore the thefts of the millions of aliens and criminals with which society has been flooded.
 - 9: Most are probably never in court, but they bear false witness by allowing crimes of aliens and corrupt politicians to go unpunished. Those who may have to appear in court bear false witness because they don't love righteousness and because they are immoral—when, they hire a lawyer for themselves, or their spouse, or children to help “get them off” if they are indeed guilty of violating legitimate laws (this is not in reference to unconstitutional laws or statutory law or police code or other unconstitutional restrictions and abrogations of rights). If they are guilty of committing an actual crime (violating a law of God or legitimate Constitutional law, a sin against God / morality, or actually injuring a kinsman), they should confess and admit it and face the music, in addition truly repenting.
 - 10: They covet, purchase things that they cannot afford, things that bring them into the bondage of debt; which is a form of the “LOVE” of money, which is the root of all kinds of evil. The violation of the 10th Commandment leads to the violation of the other 9. The violation of the 1st Commandment leads to the violation of the other 9. If you truly love God and if you truly love your kinsmen, you will not violate any of the 10 (or any of the other laws under these 10 Categories of Law).

[* Again, see my books, Ten Commandments for Youth and Are We Keeping God's Law Yet?; as well as What's Keeping God From Delivering America, Britain and Europe From Destruction...?, 112pp., pb., 9.50 + P&H.]

Although the Final Judgment was paid for all of the elect of God's people by Christ's vicarious Death and Resurrection, all sin breaks fellowship with God in this life, and will incur chastisement / discipline; and God says that if His people sin without repentance and God does not chastise them—that they are *bastards* and not His sons: for God chastises every son of His that sins, to bring him to repentance and obedience (Hebrews 12:9). The chastisement itself is the “Goodness” of the Lord that brings to repentance (Romans 2:1-6). Scripture says, “²⁶For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the Truth [the knowledge of what sin is and that God forbids it], there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, ²⁷But a certain fearful looking for of Judgment and Fiery Indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. ²⁸He that despised Moses' Law [the Law of God which Moses introduced] died without mercy under two or three witnesses: ²⁹Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the Blood of the Covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of Grace? ³⁰For we know Him [God] that hath said, ‘Vengeance *belongeth* unto Me, I will recompense’, saith the Lord. And again [He declared], ‘The Lord shall judge His people’. ³¹*It is* a fearful thing to fall into the Hands of the Living God.” (Hebrews 10)

If the Law was abolished God cannot judge His people; and if there is no Judgment, there is no reason for fear. Love does not “replace” the Law; *true love* is the **motivation** for *obedience*. Perfect love casts out fear because perfect love obeys and has nothing to fear from Judgment. Love is not an emotional experience but a determination, commitment, self-sacrifice. “For this is the Love of God, that we keep His Commandments.” (I John 5:3) “If ye love Me keep My Commandments.” (John 14:15) Jesus' Commandments were *identical* with those of the Father. “Faith without works is dead.” (James 2:20, 26) Works do not contribute to salva-

tion true salvation and true faith produce the only works that God commanded (obedience to all that He commanded).

³And hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep His Commandments. ⁴He that saith, 'I know Him', and keepeth not His Commandments, is a liar, and the Truth is not in him." (I John 2)

God is Immutable. His Word / His Law is an extension of His Nature—which is Perfect, Holy, True, Just, Immutable. God's Law cannot change. Morality never changes. Sinful man has perverse notions of what morality is. It is all that God commanded; the difference between right and wrong—which never changes. The Law of God is Holy and Just and Good (Romans 7:12). The Law of the Lord is Perfect (Psalm 19; 119). "The Word of the Lord endureth for ever." (I Peter 1:25)

Hebrews 10 does not infer that you can lose your salvation; which you cannot. A person cannot be "unconceived" or "unborn". However, if a person lives as if he is his own person, completely ignoring what God commanded (or picking and choosing *which* of God's Commandments he will obey, if it is convenient—which is not obedience), then most probably he was never regenerated and he was not bought with a price.

¹⁹What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is* in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? ²⁰For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." (I Corinthians 6)

Every tree is known by its fruit; by their fruit ye shall know them (Matthew 7:20; 12:33; Luke 6:44). Even a child is known by his doings (Proverbs 20:11); that is, not merely by what he "says". Bring forth fruits meet for repentance (Matthew 3:8)—the fruit that God commanded (obedience). If there is true regeneration there will be new life.

"Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." (II Corinthians 5:17)

Honorable children obey their father's House Rules

(which is what God's Law is), and walk in their father's footsteps. "Receiving the knowledge of the Truth" is not "conversion"; for if converted / regenerated / saved—there will be change of life to coincide with what God commanded. When Christ forgave sins, He said, "Go and sin no more"; **not** "go live as you please" or "be like a dog to return and eat its own vomit; or like the pig to wallow again in the filth of his feces and urine".

One of the last books of the Bible to be written, I John (which was written AFTER Revelation) defines sin as the transgression of the Law (I John 3:4). If the Law was abolished it is impossible to sin and no one needs to repent or be saved from anything: for where there is no law there is no transgression / offense / violation; and hence, no guilt (Romans 4:15; 5:13).

Those who sin wilfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth were never regenerated by God's Holy Spirit. They had a pseudo-spiritual emotional experience, or changed their pseudo-spiritual country club membership. Like the rich young ruler, however, giving lip service to love of the truth, they did not think that the Pearl of Great Price was worth the asking price, and decided to pass on by, as they were merely "window shopping"—and they leave behind the Pearl of Great Price and go find something else of inferior quality, but which was "a bargain".

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." (Romans 8:1)

Again, this verse infers that there IS CONDEMNATION to those who are not in Christ, who DO walk after the flesh (in disobedience) and who DO NOT WALK after the Holy Spirit. ¹What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? ²God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? ³Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His Death? ⁴Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into Death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the Glory of the Father, even so we also should **walk in newness of life.**" (Romans 6)

[See also my S.T.E.Commentary on Romans, 758pp., 40.00 + P&H; and Hebrews, 632pp., pb., 30.00 + P&H.]

“In” Christ Jesus infers *oneness* with Him. Walking after the Spirit is going in the direction that the Spirit is going—and the Holy Spirit / Christ Jesus will **not** lead into sin (the ONLY definition of sin being “transgression of the Law”. The lusts of the flesh are everything that God forbade (Galatians 5:16-25). “He that saith he abideth in Him [Christ] ought himself also so to walk, even as He walked.” (I John 2:6) HOW did Jesus walk...? — He “was in all points tempted like as *we are*, **yet without sin**” (Hebrews 4:15). God does not save the elect of His people for them then to return and live in wickedness / unrighteousness / lawlessness.

Free sex and the Free “Gospel”. They are clearly related. The Gospel is not “free”. It cost Jesus His Life. Furthermore, indeed, there are “strings attached”—and thank God...! Had Adam and Eve eaten from the Tree of Life, after having eaten from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil—they would have lived forever in that sinful, unforgiven, cursed state. So also, Christ did not free us to wallow once again in sin (and again, if there is no law, there is no sin, and no need to repent or be saved). If truly of the elect, the child of God was bought with a price and Christ owns him twice: Once as Creator, once as Redeemer.

We were created and pre-ordained (before the foundation of the world) unto “good works” (obedience to all that God commanded)—that we should walk in them (Ephesians 2:10). *This is the way, walk ye in it; turn not to the left hand or the right; walk in His Commandments, throughout all your generations forever* (Deuteronomy 5:32,33; Joshua 1:7,8; Isaiah 30:21)—which is NOT for salvation. Obedience is required in sons; and honorable sons obey. It is also required for blessing; and required to have prayers answered. The majority of “Christians” imagine that the Bible and all that God commands is merely a “quaint idea”. Their faith is not real. Faith without works (the works that God commanded—obedience to His Law) is dead. It is **not** that faith + works = salvation. It is that true regeneration will result in newness of life, obedience to all that God commanded—not one jot or

tittle of which has passed away. Obedience to the Law of God is a by-product of regeneration. If there is no change of life (according to what God commanded—NOT what the individual prefers to do) there was no regeneration. There is false life; counterfeit fruit. Christ is the True Vine—that infers the existence of false vines / counterfeits.

Jesus Himself said,

“¹⁷Think not that I am come to destroy the Law, or the Prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. ¹⁸For 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.” (Matthew 5)

Why then do the majority of “Christians” think *the very thing* that Jesus told us NOT to think...? why do they believe *the very opposite* of what Christ Himself said? Even if they are terribly low IQ, even if they are easily confused—all they have to do is focus on the above passage—on what JESUS SAID. A “Christian” is supposed to be a follower, that is, an IMITATOR of Christ; one who obeys Jesus and is conformed, day by day, more and more into His Image *through obedience*. Jesus said “ye believe not because ye are not of My sheep” and “My sheep know My Voice and follow [obey] Me” and “the voice of a stranger they will not follow”. It is a false inference that once “all has passed” that the Law too will pass. The word of the Lord abideth forever. “Though heaven and Earth pass away My Words shall never pass away.” Christ is Lawgiver. Morality never changes. What was sin and abominations 4,000 years ago still are and ever will be. The very same Law will be the Law in the Kingdom. The parallel passage is a little clearer, for those easily confused by logic: “And it is easier for heaven and Earth to pass [on its own], than one tittle of the Law to fail.” (Luke 16:7) “Heaven and earth shall pass away: but My Words shall not pass away.” (Matthew 24:35; Mark 13:31; Luke 21:33) “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceedeth out of the Mouth of God.” (Matthew 4:44; Luke 4:4; Deuteronomy 8:3)

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“ One from among thy brethren shall thou set king over thee : thou mayest not set a stranger over thee, which is not thy brother.”

These words of Moses, which were among some of the last spoken to the people of his charge, contain a divine direction to professing Christians at this day. Doubtless Moses in vision ^{*} saw the time when the people would not be possessed of sufficient virtue among themselves to govern themselves, but would need the authoritative control of Kings and other subordinate officers. Hence, in the text, we find him giving them directions of this kind, and strictly charging them not to resign their liberties into the hands of any of the nations round about them. Here we may remark, that all the precepts, commands, prohibitions and restrictions of Scripture once laid, continue in force and are binding upon *all* men, until the same authority which first imposed such command is pleased to revoke it in the same public manner. The holy spirit by the mouth of Moses directs the children of Israel, God's visible church, to select for public office such as professed to worship the true God and none others. Hence we find him saying in the text “ thou mayest not set a stranger over thee, &c.” The inference now is easy. The body of professing Christians represent the children of Israel, and people of no devout feelings, together

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* My notes are on pp. 13-16.

with such as never professed to have any, represent the nations round about them.* therefore, if it was the duty of ancient Israel in obedience to the commands of God to bestow their dignities on their brethren only, it is equally the duty of Christians at this day to scrutinize the religious belief of their Candidates for public office, and in no case whatever give their votes for persons of loose morals, or heretical sentiments. Nay, farther, it is believed that the interest of Zion is not likely to be advanced except all public men are men of experimental piety.*

It is probable that when the words of the text were uttered reference was had to the evils which must of consequence be felt. If the heathen nations round about Israel had been possessed of the power they would not only have subjugated the people, but destroyed the public ordinances of religion, and if possible exterminated the true knowledge of God among them. Irreligious men now have the same hatred to true religion as those heathen had, and if possessed of the means for accomplishing their purposes would persecute it with as much cruelty, saving those barbarities which were confined to those barbarous ages.* Let sober and considerate men think for a moment on these things. Let them for a while heed the dictates of duty and conscience, and it is presumed they will feel the force of the foregoing remarks.

* My notes are on the following pages.

*¹ On this point the author is in error. Moses did not need a vision. It was not for that reason that they then had kings. God ordained for God's people to reject God as King, administered through the Governorship of a Moses or a Joshua, to show that there is no other way. God warned the people of how wicked kings would be, in rather blatant and detailed language (I Samuel 8:6ff.). The sinful people (under delusion) persisted anyway—because they wanted to be like the perverse, wicked, cursed alien peoples around them. Today, those who reject the U.S. Constitution (not understanding it as intended by the Founders, and thinking of the subverted interpretation of it) and declaring that we should be under a Theocracy are themselves under delusion—because it was God Himself who ended the direct democracy. This shall not be restored until the Kingdom. Anyone who persists in this foolishness has not even begun to think. First of all, they do not have the power to enforce the democracy; secondly, God Himself is not going to take that Role until the Kingdom; and thirdly, a lot of it (as our Constitution) is based on “the honor system”—which savages and perverts and antichrists and communists do not have it within them to keep. Declaring that we should have a Theocracy—when GOD HIMSELF has NO intention of assuming, would be like having all of the moral, honest people give up their guns, but not demand that the wicked, immoral, criminals do the same. God forbade us to allow aliens to live among us and God forbade us to intermarry with them. Even as our Second President and Founder John Adams said, “Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate for the government of any other”. Our Founders never for a moment envisioned the polluted, putrid melting pot that our nation has been reduced to—and God forbade it. Those who think that it is wonderful, and that everyone should be equal do not know God.

*² Here the author waffles. However, in his defense, he had no clue about how the U.S. would become a third-world nation, so he thought only in terms of our own people; which is all our nation would have been had we obeyed God. There is no such thing as “Spiritual Israel”. Again, the nature makes the

act, not vice versa. The tree makes the fruit—but the fruit that is on the tree does not change the nature of the tree itself. Doing good / obeying God’s Law does NOT “make” you a child of God—it establishes you as an honorable son. If a child of God acts wickedly, that does not make him “an alien nation”; however, such might find himself *disowned*. PEOPLE do not “represent” PEOPLE. PEOPLE ARE PEOPLE. *Dogs, sheep, pigs, stones, wooden posts (“stocks”) floods, rivers,* etc., in prophetic language or parables, represent various peoples. True Israel is not “represented” by anyone; true Israel IS Israel (and this does not refer to the people known as Jews / Israelis). God does not have an “imaginary” people. If there can be a “spiritual” Israel, there was no need for a “physical” Messiah—all that was needed was a “nice idea / analogy” or “spiritual messiah”, who would embody all that a REAL Messiah would have been, had there actually been one. This is humanism and unbiblical. The act does not make the nature; but vice versa. The only Biblical brethren / brother / sister / neighbor are *kinsmen*. No other intention is made in Scripture because God commanded complete separation.

*³ The author here does NOT mean “Zionists”. The time in which he wrote this was nearly a century before the Jews founded the Zionist Movement; and nearly a century and a half before the illegitimate bandit State of Israeli was given to the Khazars / “Jews” spuriously claiming to be Biblical Israel. The respected Jewish scholar and medical doctor (son of a banker), Dr. Oscar Levy (1867-1946), of London, declared, “We the Jews invented the myth of being God’s Chosen People!” *The Jewish Encyclopedia* (1925 edition) itself recorded, “Edom is in modern Jewry.” (Vol. 5, p. 41) The Edomite Cananites replaced Biblical Israel, which corruption began in 126 B.C., when Judaeen Maccabee leader John Hyrcanus conquered the Edomites (who had been slowly encroaching about 30 miles into Israel’s southernmost territory). But then, in violation of the Law of God, he “force converted” them, at which time they “adopted” Israelite custom (when it suited them; circumcision, dietary laws, Sabbath, names, etc.) and then began their age-old goal of

“blending in” and replacing God’s true people. By Christ’s day, they were in control of the Sanhedrin. Caesar had made the Herods — who were *Edomites* (or, according to the Greek word, *Idumeans*) puppet kings over Israel (but not legitimate kings of Israel); knowing that he could trust the vile Herods to be loyal to Caesar who buttered their bread; and not be loyal to Israel or to God. Herod then polluted the priesthood with his own kinsmen.

Zion, in Scripture, has nothing to do with the Jews / Israeli. It is a poetic / figurative name for Jerusalem (which was situated in the territory of the Tribe of Benjamin) and consequently, it was a poetic / figurative name for God’s people as a whole; since Jerusalem (Zion) was the capital, the seat of Government, and thus, represented all Israel.

*4 The terms “experimental” and “experiential” were used in older Christian writings, and were not intended as those terms are understood today. They referred to the “daily practice” and “true conversation” (conversation referred not to talking, but actually a person’s “walk”, that is, his profession, daily practicing the morality / Commands of God’s word that he professed to espouse). Experimental can infer an open-ended result that is uncertain. Experience most often infers an individual’s subjective perception, feelings, fantasy, prejudices, delusions as if whatever each individual “experiences” somehow establishes right and wrong and reality.

*5 This is a stupid expression. “Public ordinances of religion” makes it sound as if an official religious ritual or ceremony is all that the Bible / Christianity is. The proper expression is “the true faith”—which is all pervasive and touches every single area of life: thought, attitude, word, and deed. Furthermore, true faith exists solely within the elect of God’s people. When Christ Jesus rhetorically queried, “When the Son of man returneth, shall He find faith [yet / still] upon the Earth. Faith is a not a free-floating phenomena. It exists solely within the elect of God’s people. If there is no faith left on the Earth, the inference is that God’s people have become extinct—which God will not allow; which is why He shall draw short the final days of evil: because He promised

to preserve a Remnant of His people—not an imaginary, “spiritual” remnant of “anyone”. God has a REAL Family; not an imaginary one.

*6 Here, the author is terribly confused. The notion of “barbarities being confined to barbarous ages” is a fantasy. Savages will always act savage. When the law is imposed on them with swift punishment, they conform to a certain degree, but the learned behaviour is extinguished the moment that punishment is not hard and swift. When savages are tolerated in civilization, barbarity returns.

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They are not “The Ten Suggestions”
—and there are not merely 10 of them.

Your Lord / God is the one whom you OBEY.

Doing what *you* want is not obedience.

Picking and choosing which of God’s Laws you will obey, and when, if it is convenient, is not obedience.

Why do Christians not obey God? and make excuses rather than obey? and show no concern when confronted?

—because they neither fear nor love God.

Those who argue with that declaration call God a liar (I John 2:3,4)
Man cannot come to God on man’s terms, and expect God to conform to man.

In reality, they don’t even know Him.

They think fondly of the false god that they have formed in their own mind, after their own image.