

Old Testament Laws and Spiritual Requirements repeated in the New Testament

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"The Ten Commandments are the supreme expression of God's will in the Old Testament and merit our close attention. They are to be thought of not as the ten most important commands among hundreds of others, but as a digest of the entire Torah. The foundation of all the Torah rests in the Ten Commandments, and somewhere within them we should be able to find all the law. Jesus expressed the essential unity of the Ten Commandments with the rest of the law when he summarized the law in the famous words, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets" (Matt 22:37-40). All the law, as well as the prophets, is indicated whenever the Ten Commandments are expressed."

<https://www.theologyofwork.org/old-testament/exodus-and-work/israel-at-mount-sinai-exodus-191-4038/instructions-about-work-exodus-201-17-and-211-239/the-ten-commandments-exodus-201-17>

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Introductory Remarks

Many non-Sabbatarian churches, scholars and researchers laud the 10 Commandments and even the Sabbath (see for example the quote on the cover page¹). Yet they don't full grasp and observe all the Commandments, including the 4th Commandment (Sabbath).

This is both puzzling and disconcerting. However, at least they understand and accept the 10 Commandments as the 'great moral code' for humans that has not been abolished.

In both Testaments we are told not to add or take away from His Laws and ways (Matt 5:17-19; Rev 22:19; Deut 4:2; 12:32; Prov 30:6). By observing them we strive for perfection (Matt 5:48; Deut 18:13). That is why this Bible study is so important: these laws are still in vogue though many only in a spiritual way. Otherwise, they are kept physically.

Below I have assembled a listing of as many laws and other requirements that I could find although there are probably others I have overlooked. It is self-evident that some laws cannot be observed physically today. But that does not mean that they are abolished as they will make a reappearance in the Millennium. Some we can only try and understand and observe or practice spiritually at this time.

Chart. Old Testament Laws repeated in the New Testament

Law or Spiritual Requirement	New Testament Scriptures	Old Testament Scriptures	Comments
Ten Commandments			
First (no other gods)	Matt 4:10; Rom 6:16; ICor 8:5-6; Gal 4:8	Ex 20:2-3	
Second (idolatry)	Acts 15:20; Rom 1:22-23	Ex 20:4-6 Josh 24:2	
Third (blasphemy)	Matt 5:33-37; ITim 1:20; James 2:7	Ex 20:7	
Fourth (Sabbath)²	Mark 2: 27-28; Luke 4:16; 23:55-56; Act 17:1-2; 13:14; 16:13; 18:4; Heb	Ex 20:8-11	

¹ Here are a few further examples <https://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/view/document/obo-9780195393361/obo-9780195393361-0208.xml>

² The notes in Bullinger's *Companion Bible* reveals that the Sabbath is referred to in Genesis chapters 7 and 8:

Genesis 7: "Verse:4 seven days. The number of spiritual perfection (App-10). All the Flood dates are Sabbaths except one (Genesis 8:5)."

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	4:9; 10:25; IJohn 2:6		
Fifth (dishonoring a parent)	Matt 15:4-9; Mark 7:10; Luke 18:20; Eph 6:1-3; IITim 3:2	Ex 20:12; Gen 22:7-8	
Sixth (murder)	Matt 5:21-22; Mark 7:10; Luke 18:20; Eph 4:26; James 2:11; IJohn 3:15	Ex 20:13	
Seventh (sexual)	Matt 5:27-28; 19:18; Luke 18:20; Rom 2:22; James 2:11	Ex 20:14	
Eighth (stealing)	Matt 19:18; Luke 18:20; Eph 4:28	Ex 20:15	
Ninth (lies)	Matt 19:18; Luke 18:20; ICor 15:15; Eph 4:25	Ex 20:16	
Tenth (coveting and lust)	Acts 20:33; Rom 1:29; 7:7; ICor 6:10; Gal 5:19-21; ITim 3:3; IITim 3:2; IIPet 2:14	Ex 20:17; 18:21	
Holy Days³			
Passover	John 13; Acts 12:4 etc	Lev 23:5; Ex 12	
Unleavened Bread	Acts 12:3; 20:6; ICor 5:6-8	Lev 23:6-8	
Pentecost	Acts 2:1; 18:21; 20:16; ICor 16:8	Lev 23:9-22	
Trumpets	Not mentioned directly, only symbolically	Lev 23:23-25	
Atonement	Acts 27:9	Lev 23:26-32	
Tabernacles	John 7	Lev 23:33-43	
Last Great Day	John 7:37 "For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God." (Heb 11:10)	Lev 23:39	

Genesis 8: "Verse 10 seven = the seven. Another Sabbath, 18th day of 11th month." "Verse 12 seven. Saturday, 25th day of 11th month."

To this I add that the meticulous chronological records kept by Noah of major events of the flood, giving us the month and day, shows his concern and knowledge for the calendar times. One would expect this of someone observing God's festivals. The 7th day of the 7th month (Gen 8:4) was this during the Feast of Tabernacle or 17 Abib when Christ was resurrected? The former may symbolise that Noah and his family lived in a temporary dwelling; the latter the restoration of the earth to new life.

³ Jude 12 and IIPet 2:13 may refer to feast days. See Col 2:16-17

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Other Laws and Requirements			
Abstaining from blood	Acts 15:20-29; 21:25	Lev 17:10-14	
Abuse and oppression	Matt 7:12; 20:25-28; IPet 5:3	Lev 25:17, 43; Prov 22:22-23	
Altar	ICor 9:13-14; 10:14-15; Heb 13:10-12	Ex 20:24	We come before the altar of God today
Anointing with oil	Mark 6:13; Luke 4:18; IICor 1:21; James 5:14	Ex 28:41; 40:15; Lev 8:21; ISam 16:13; Ps 105:15	Spiritual anointing too
Baptism (physical and spiritual)	Matt 3:4-6; Acts 2:38; Rom 6:3-9; ICor 10:1-2; Titus 3:5; IPet 3:20-21	Ex 40:30-32; Lev 14:7-9; 15:10; IIKings 5:8-10; ICor 10:1-2	
Becoming perfect/blameless	Matt 5:48; Phil 2:14-16; Heb 10:14	Deut 18:13; Ps 15:2-3	
Birthright	Rom 8:29 Heb 12:22-23	Ex 4:22; 22:29; 34:20; Deut 21:16-17; IChron 5:1	Spiritual birthright too
Blessings	Matt 5:3-10; Acts 3:26; IPet 4:14; James 1:25; 3:9	Ex 39:43; Jud 5:9	
Bribery	Acts 8:20; IITim 3:3, 8; Titus 1:7; IPet 5:2	Ex 23:8; Deut 16:19	
Capital punishment	Matt 15:4; Acts 25:10-12; Rom 13:3-4	Ex 12:12-15, 23; 21:12-15; Lev 24:17-21; Num 35:30-31	
Care for animals	Matt 6:35-26; 12:11-12; Mark 1:13	Ex 23:12; Deut 22:10; 25:4; Prov 27:23; 12:10; (Hos 2:18) [cp Job 5:23; Is 65:25; Ezek 34:25; Is 35:9; Lev 26:6]; (Is 11:6-9); Ps 50:10-11	cp Job 5:22-23; Hos 2:18; Gen 1:28-30. See also Job 38:39-41; 39:4, 8, 30; 40:15, 20; Ps 104:14; 145:15-16; 147:9
Cleansing & Purifying (Ceremonial)	Acts 21:23-26; James 4:8; Titus 3:5; Heb 10:19-22; IJohn 1:9	Ex 19:10; Num 8:5-7; Ps 51:7	

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Cleansing prior to worship (ceremonial & spiritual)	Matt 5:23-25; 8:1-4; IICor 6:17; 7:1; 12:21; Gal 1:19; Eph 5:5, 25-26; James 4:8; IJohn 1:7, 9	Lev 14; 15; 22:4; Num 19; Ps 51:10	
Child-rearing	Eph 6:1-4; Col 3:20-21; ITim 3:4-5	Deut 4:9-10; 6:6-7; 11:19; Prov 22:6	
Circumcision (physical & spiritual)	Luke 2:21; Rom 2:28-29; Col 2:11	Ex 12:48; Lev 12:3; Deut 10:1; Jos 5:3	
Clean and unclean meats (ceremonial & spiritual)	Matt 5:17-18; Rom 7:12; ITim 4:1-5; Acts 10; 15:20, 29; 21:25	Lev 11; Deut 14	
Covenant-making	Heb 8:13; 9:15-28; 12:24; Matt 26:28	Ex 34:27; 19:5	
Cursings	Matt 15:3-6; 25:41; Luke 6:28; John 7:49; Rom 3:14; 12:14; IICor 4:12; Gal 1:8-9; 3:10, 13; Col 3:8; IIThess 1:5-10; Heb 6:8; IIPet 2:14; James 3:9	Num 5:23; Deut 27:15-26; 28:16; Prov 3:33; Mal 2:2; 3:9	
Disfellowshipping for very serious issues	Matt 18:17; John 9:22; Rom 16:17; IICor 5:9-13; IIThess 3:14; Gal 5:12; Titus 3:10	Ex 12:19; Deut 13:5; 27:15-26; 28:16; Num 5:1-2, 23; 12:15; 15:29-31; 19:20; Ezek 28:17; Prov 3:33; 6:19; Mal 2:2; 3:9	
Divorce & Remarriage laws	Matt 5:31-32; 19:8-9; Mark 10:49; Luke 16:18	Deut 24:1-2; 22:13-21; 21:10-14	
Dowry (physical and spiritual)	A marriage dowry as such is not given a mention in the NT. However, purchasing and redemption as payment is (Matt 20:28; Acts 2:38; 20:28; I Pet 1:18; I Cor 6:20; Eph 1:14; 2:8; I Tim 2:6; 4:14; IITim 1:6; Titus 2:14; Rev 5:9; etc.)	Gen 29:21-24; Ex 22:16-17; ISam 18:25; IKings 9:16	
Drunkenness	IICor 5:11; Gal 5:19-21; Eph 5:18; Titus 2:3; ITim 3:8	Prov 20:1; Is 5:11-12;	
Family (man head of)	IICor 14:33-34; ITim 5:8; Eph 5:23	Num 13:2; Prov 4:1; 6:20	
Fasting	Matt 6:16-24; 9:15; Acts 13:2	Ex 34:28; Lev 23:27; Est 4:3; Is 58:6	
Fornication	Acts 15:20, 29; 21:25; IICor 7:8-9; 16:18; Eph 5:3	Ex 22:16-17; 32:6, 25; Num 25:1-3; Est 4:3	
Fraud	IIThess 4:6	Deut 25:13-16; Prov 11:1	

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Gluttony	Phil 3:19; Titus 1:12; ICor 3:16-17; 6:19-20; 10:31; Rom 13:14	Deut 21:20; Prov 23:1-3, 21; 25:16, 27; 28:7	
Hatred	Matt 5:43-44; Gal 5:20	Lev 19:27	
Healing	Acts 10:38; Matt 14:14; ICor 12:9; James 5:15	Ex 15:26; Jud 13:1-56; Ps 147:2; Is 53:5	
Helping the poor & Third Tithe	Matt 5:42; 12:1; ITim 5:16; Acts 9:36; 10:1-2; 11:29-30; 12:25; 24:17; Rom 15:25-28; ICor 16:1-3; IJohn 3:17-18; James 2:15-17; IIIJohn 5-6; Rom 12:13; Luke 14:12-14; James 1:27	Ex 23:11; Lev 19:9-10; 23:22; Deut 14:28-29; 24:19-21; 25:35; 26:12-14; Ruth 2:2 (see also Prov 19:4, 7, 17; 22:9; 28:27; Ps 41:1)	NB: See Matt 25:35; Luke 3:10-11. Gr = "alms" = compassionateness or beneficiaries towards the poor. This may allude to Third Tithe. Also, compare Matt 12:1 with Lev 19:9-10
Hospitality	Acts 16:14-15; Heb 13:2; ITim 5:10; IIIJohn 5	Ex 22:21; 23:9; Lev 19:33-34; Deut 10:18-19	
Inheritance	Luke 12:13-15; IICor 12:14; ITim 5:8	Deut 21:15-17; IKings 21:3; Job 42:15; Prov 11:29; 13:21-22; 19:14	
Judging righteously & no respecter of persons	Luke 11:42; John 7:24; Acts 10:34; Rom 2:11; ICor 6:1-5; Eph 6:9; Matt 5:22-24; 18:15-17; James 2:1-4, 9; IPet 1:17	Deut 16:18-19; 17:8-13; Lev 19:15; Ps 82:3; Is 1:17	A court system that is neutral is imperative to justice
Labourer's hire	Luke 10:7; ITim 5:18	Lev 19:13; Ps 142:2	
Laying on of hands	Acts 6:6; 13; Luke 4:40; ITim 5:22	Lev 3:2; Num 27:22-23; Deut 34:9	
Making Restitution	Luke 19:7-9	Ex 22:11-14; Lev 6:2-5	
Marriage between believers and non-believers	ICor 7:39; IICor 6:14; Rom 8:17	Deut 7:3-4; IKings 11:1-10	
Marrying a dead brother's wife	Not applicable	Deut 25:5-6; Ruth 3:12-4:10	
Meat (permissible to eat)	Rom 14:2	Deut 12:20; 14:4	

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Monogamy	Matt 19:10; ICor 7:2; ITim 3:2	Deut 17:14-17	
Meditation	Phil 4:8; ITim 4:15	Jos 1:8; Ps 1:2; 5:1	
Men head of the family	ICor 11:3; Eph 5:22-24	Num 13:2; Josh 24:15; Prov 4:1; 6:20	
Monogamy	Matt 19:3-6, 19; ICor 7:2; ITim 3:2	Ex 20:17; Deut 17:17; 24:1-2	
Oaths	Matt 5:34; IICor 1:23; Gal 1:20	Ex 22:11; Num 5:19.	
Paganism	Matt 15:6; Mark 7:13; Gal 4:10; Eph 2:14-16; Col 2:20-22	Lev 18:3; 19:26; Deut 12:30-31; 18:10, 14	
Pledges	Matt 5:40	Ex 22:26-27; Amos 2:8	
Prayer & Intercession	Eph 6:18; ITim 4:15; IJohn 5:14-15	Num 11:2; IIChron 6:21	
Preaching, Ordination and warning ministry	ITim 2:7; IITim 4:17; Acts 13:2-3; Heb 4:2, 6 Full-time ministers live off tithes: ICor 9:4-8, 17-18	Lev 10:11; Deut 33:10; Neh 6:7; Num 18:21-19	
Priesthood	Heb 7:11-28; IPet 2:5; Rev 1:6	Lev 18:21-29; Ex 2:16; 28:1 (cp Gen 27:15); Ex 28:2-4, 39; 35:19; 39:1; 40:15; Lev 10:6; 21:10; Num 27:22-23; Deut 33:10; Neh 6:7	
Prostitution	ICor 6:9, 15-16; Eph 5:5	Lev 19:29; 21:7-9, 14; Joel 3:3	
Rebuking	Luke 17:3-4	Lev 19:17; Prov 27:5-10;	
Respect	Phil 2:1-4	Lev 19:14-15, 32	
Restitution	Luke 19:8-9	Ex 23:1	
Sacrifices (ceremonial and spiritual)	Acts 21:26 Spiritual sacrifices today: Eph 5:2, 9-10; Rom 12:1; 14:18; IPet 2:5; IICor 2:15; Heb 13:15-16; Phil 4:18; ITim 2:1-3; 5:4 ⁴	Lev 1-3; 6:9; 10:1; 22:27; Ex 30:9; 29:39	Compare Lev 1:4 with Acts 10:35

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Sacrifices (drink offerings ceremonial & spiritual)	Eph 5:18; Phil 2:7; IITim 4:6; Rev 17:6; 6:9	Ex 29:40; Lev 23:13; Num 15:5, 7, 10; 28:7, 14; ISam 1:24; 10:3; Hos 9:4	Cp symbolism in Gen 4:9-10
Servants	Eph. 6:5-9; Col.3:22-24; 4: 1; ITim 6:1-2	Ex 22:1-3; Lev 25:42-46; Deut 24:14-15; Jer. 22:13	
Seventh year release from debt	Cp Matt 6:12; 18:32	Deut 15:1-2	
Sexual sins	Rom 1:26-27; ICor 5:1; 6:9-10; ITim 1:9-10; Jude 1:7	Lev 18:6-24; 20:13; Deut 23:17; IChron 5:1	
Talebearing	ITim 5:3; IPet 4:15; James 3:5	Lev 19:16; Prov 18:18	
Tithing	Matt 23:23; Heb 7:1-28 (this would include Second Tithe given that the holy days were observed)	Lev 27:30-32; Deut 26:11	
Uncleanness	Matt 8:3-4; 9:20-22; Mark 1:44; Luke 5:14	Lev 14; 15:19	
Usury and loans	Matt 5:42; Luke 6:34-35; IJohn 3:17-18; IIIJohn 5-6; ICor 5:10	Ex 22:21-27; Lev 25:35-38; Deut 15:6-11; 23:19-20	ICor 5:10 - In one sense this may include the concept of extortion, blackmail, swindling and such like
Vow obligations	Acts 18:18; 21:23; James 5:15	Deut 23:21-23; Num 30:32; Jonah 2:9	
Widows	Acts 6:1; 9:41; ITim 5:3-10; James 1:27	Ex 22:22; Deut 10:18; 25:5-10; Is 1:17, 23; Mal 3:5	
Witchcraft and Spiritism	Gal 5:20; Rev 21:8	Ex 22:18; Lev 19:26, 31; 20:27	
Witnesses concerning crimes	Matt 18:16-17; John 8:17; ICor 6:1-5; IICor 13:1; ITim 5:19; Heb 10:28	Lev 19:17; Deut 13:6-10; 17:6-13, 16; 19:15; 31:19, 21, 26; Prov 25:8-12	

Concluding Remarks

From the above it is clear that the New Testament does not abolish the Old Testament laws and requirements – rather the New establishes the Old and in fact builds upon it.

“And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

This is the great and first commandment.

And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.” (Matt 22:37-40)

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.” (Deut 6:4-6)

He shows us how to love Him and we cannot simply adopt the way that we think we should love Him such as Sunday observance, Christmas, Easter and many false doctrines (Deut 4:1-2; 12:1-4, 30-31; Prov 30:6; Matt 5:17-19; 22:19).

Observing God’s Law is indeed an aspect of The Way – a term used in both Testaments (Acts 9:17, 27; Deut 5:33) and which we must continue with, following on in the footsteps of Christ – but also the saints in both Old and New Testaments.

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