

**Question: Why was the law given?**

Bible used for this study: New King James Version

**Answer:** What Comunidad de la Biblia understands so far is the following: When Adam disobeyed and didn't fulfill what God commanded him, Adam and his family were expelled from Paradise and sin began to multiply until the point where the wickedness of men was great in the earth; every intent of the thoughts of their heart was only evil continually. It was a society without God or Law, very similar to our days (Genesis 6.5). The path of sin chosen by that society ended with the universal flood where only eight people were liberated from the wages of sin. Later Abram was called and chosen by God and believed Yahweh, and it was accounted to him for righteousness; he became the father of many nations (Abraham) from which only a remnant has remained in time faithful to the Lord.

Israel has left us sad examples of how to disobey and defy the Everlasting God by mingling with pagan nations and following their customs. They quickly forgot the Living God and became practitioners of abominable idolatry and fornication.

Nowadays religions have followed a similar path to Israel and have been influenced by doctrines of men. For example, in the year 325 AD, the Roman Emperor Constantine, not long after the recognition of "Christianity", ordered that the courts of justice "oblige" the inhabitants of the city and craftsmen to rest "on the venerable day of the Sun" (Sunday): since then "the great harlot" referred to in the book of Revelation, and the majority of the churches that are born of her, maintain as doctrine this unbiblical commandment of man. This happened as was prophesied in Daniel 7.25 that the fourth beast (Roman Empire) different from all kingdoms of the earth, shall intend to change times and law; which is impossible because God sanctified the Sabbath before giving the law to Moses. The Sabbath is a Holy Time set apart by God for those who, in spirit and truth, love the Lord. It is also a perpetual sign for Israel (Exodus 31.12-18). Remember that the Gentiles, by accepting the sacrifice of Christ, being wild olive branches, are grafted into the original or cultivated olive tree of God, which is Israel, and become partakers of the root and fatness of the authentic olive tree. Therefore it is unlikely that the wild branch feed the root; on the contrary the graft must be fed from the original root. If we have truly received the Spirit of God, clearly indicates to us the day of the Lord, the day sanctified and set apart for Him, a day of blessing, of happiness and joy - the seventh day.

Recapitulating, 430 years after Abraham, the law was introduced which was added because of transgressions, till the Seed (Christ) should come to whom the promise was made (Galatians 3.19-20). Law showed sin in its real measure and when sin abounded, it reigned in death, for the wages of sin is death, and whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness; sin is lawlessness (Romans 5.19/6.5) (1 John 3.4). Keep in mind that of all the word of God, **the only** thing written by YHWH's own finger **was the 10 Commandments** (The Law). God blessed us with this merciful act of Love putting into written form the principles that rule the universe for the benefit of all mankind. David, a man after the heart of the Lord, came to express, *"Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day."* He knew that: *"The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple."* (Psalms 119.97) (Psalms 19.7)

Let's review the old covenant : Deuteronomy 4.13 *“And he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, even ten commandments; and he wrote them upon two tables of stone.”* To do the Ten Commandments written in stone had material blessings. But the new covenant is different: Jeremiah 31.33 *“But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.”* The New Covenant is very different because it requires of men with a clean heart, a heart that we only obtain by accepting the Precious Blood of our Holy Lord; only in this condition the Lord's law will pass from the cold stone to the mind and heart of every child who has really born again and, as a new creature, understands and enjoys doing the will of God. This is the fulfillment of Jeremiah 31.33, the writing of the Law on our hearts. But there are untaught and unstable people who twist the scriptures. Most of these fools recognize as valid 6 or 7 commandments without problem; their greatest conflict is with the **2nd** commandment (**idolatry**), the **4th** commandment (**Shabbat**) and the **7th** commandment (**fornication**). What does the apostle say about the Law? Galatians 3.21: *“Is the law then against the promises of God? Certainly not! For if there had been a law given which could have given life, truly righteousness would have been by the law.”* The Lord is very clear in this. Matthew 5.18-19 *“For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. 19 Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.”* In Matthew 24, The Lord warns that great signs and wonders will be done to deceive, if possible, even the elect. To warn us of the monumental deception that will occur in this last time, He gives us a very clear signal the devil cannot hide: that *till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.* As you may have noticed, heaven and earth have not passed, **therefore not a jot or a tittle of the law have passed.** It is very important to understand that the law is not made for a righteous person, but for the lawless and insubordinate, for the ungodly and for sinners, for the unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers. (1 Timothy 1.9) The law must serve to show sin so that the lost have a parameter and can measure their error. The Law of God is a tutor for those who are dead in their sins so that they may see their wickedness and repent of heart, and truly measure and value the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus. (Galatians 3.24)

If there are people who cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand, they behave like animals and do not know how to identify sin, how are they going to regret anything? It is like asking a dog to be ashamed of not fulfilling the 7th commandment or to asking a dog not to leave its puppies abandoned. Not taking the word of God seriously is the reason for so much greed, idolatry, fornication, hypocrisy, rape, violence, etc., which is not only seen in our present society, but also in many "Christian" denominations.

But the Lord warns us: if your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 5.20). If the scribes and Pharisees could not keep the law, how does the Lord ask us to abound more in righteousness than they? Because they did not have the Holy Spirit! The Law was an

impossible goal to reach for them without the Holy Spirit, because of their evil heart. However, for those of us who know the Lord, those who have the Spirit of God, who do not live according to the lust of the flesh, keeping the Lord's law is the least we can do. That is to say, we must delight in the Law of God (Psalm 1.2). Remember that the law is spiritual; (Romans 7.14) and if you have problems with the Law of God, then you do not love the Lord truly. 1 John 5.2-3 *"By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. 3 **For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.**"* 1 John 2.3-6 *"Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. 4 He who says, "I know Him," **and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.** 5 But whoever keeps His word, truly **the love of God** is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. 6 He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked."* If you have trouble obeying God, I warn you, be vigilant, because our adversary the devil, like a roaring lion, walks around looking for rebels to devour (1 Peter 5.8). Remember that we are not all brothers. Keep in mind Romans 8.9 *"But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now **if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.**"*

If you are from Christ, then you must understand that the least you can do is to keep the Law. Matthew 5.20 *"For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven."*

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To conclude we remind you some verses:

**1 Corinthians 7.19** *"Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing, **but keeping the commandments of God** is what matters."*

**Romans 6.1-5** *"What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? 3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection."*

**Romans 6.14-15** *"For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace. 15 What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not!"*

**Hebrews 5.14** *"But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil."*

**James 1.22** *"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."*

**Romans 2.13** *"for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified;"*

**John 14.21** *“He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.”*

**Hebrews 10.26-29** *“For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, 27 but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. 28 Anyone who has rejected Moses’ law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. 29 Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?”*

**Hebrews 10.30-31** *“For we know Him who said, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord. And again, “The Lord will judge His people.” 31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.”*

We hope that our response has served you and helped you to have a greater understanding and also to be a blessing for you and those around you. May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Blessings.