

What God does is permanent.

Ecc 3:14 I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before him.

Placement

Exo 25:16 And thou shalt put into the ark the testimony which I shall give thee.

Exo 25:21 And thou shalt put the mercy seat above upon the ark; and in the ark thou shalt put the testimony that I shall give thee.

Exo 25:22 And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.

Exo 26:34 And thou shalt put the mercy seat upon the ark of the testimony in the most holy place.

These verses tell us again that there is something different about the commandments of God. They are placed in the Ark below the mercy seat. The mercy seat is symbolic of Jesus. The foundation for worship is the commandments on which the mercy seat is placed. The mercy seat is symbolic of Jesus acting on our behalf between the commandments and the

Father, when we fail. That doesn't mean that we should intentionally fail just because we have a "back up". We are warned about this in Hebrews 10:26.

Heb 10:26 For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,

The commandments of God were placed in the Ark. Where was the Law of Moses placed?

Deu 31:26 Take this book of the law, and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may be there for a witness against thee.

The law was placed in the side of the ark showing that it is separate from the commandments.

Did Jesus tell us that the commandments were no longer in effect? On the contrary, Jesus repeatedly told us that they were in effect. The sermon on the mount tells us:

Mat 5:17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. Mat 5:18 For 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. Mat 5:19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall

be called great in the kingdom of heaven. Mat 5:20 For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

What is Jesus talking about when he says he came to fulfill? He came to fulfill the sacrifices required by the ceremonial law. He was the sacrifice, instead of the sheep and goats etc... Jesus is the lamb whose blood covers our sins when we fail. Jesus did not remove sin from the world. Look around. Sin is every where. Jesus paid the price for sin. That does not relieve of us of our obligation to flee from sin. We have already seen that we are not free to willingly sin. Jesus tells us to not break the commandments or teach others to break them.

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Jesus gives a clear warning to any who might decide to teach others that it is OK to break any of the commandments. It is common place to hear that the 4th commandment is no longer applicable or that it has been changed. This is a deception that we must not believe. Jesus said very plainly "*Joh 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.*"

The Law of Moses and the Ten Commandments

What is the "law"? What are the commandments of God? Is there a difference between the two?

The "law" generally refers to the law of Moses, written by the hand of Moses. The commandments of God are the 10 commandments. However, the ten commandments are also sometimes called the law. Several different laws are written about in the Bible. We must be careful not to incorrectly apply a verse which is speaking about the law of Moses, to the law of God or to the law of man. This pamphlet will focus on distinguishing between the law of Moses and the Ten Commandments.

*Exo 31:18 And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.
Exo 32:16 And the tables were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, graven upon the tables.*

These verses tell us that there is something different about the ten commandments. They were written in stone by the finger of God. They are the work of God. There is power in the phrase: "written with the finger of God". The fact that they were written in stone, sends a strong symbolic message that they are permanent.

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The Law and the Commandments



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