



BIBLE TALK

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Question: Are we obligated to obey the Old Testament?

Answer: A cursory study will show us that we are not. It is so vital to "*...rightly divide the word of truth*" (2 Tim. 2:15).

The Old Testament was given to the Jewish nation (Ex. 20:2). It was their rule for worship and acceptable living. For nearly 1500 years the Jews sought justification by the Law of Moses. Every man found it impossible to live it perfectly. It rebuked the violator (Gal. 3:10). It also offered no forgiveness for sins (Heb. 10:4). It could not justify the sinner (Gal. 3:11). The apostle Paul called it a "yoke of bondage" (Gal. 5:1); "a ministration of death" (2 Cor. 3:7). The Old Testament was made obsolete because it was fulfilled by Jesus (Matt. 5:17), nailed to the cross in His death (Col. 2:14), establishing the second, or new law (Heb. 10:9), which is our only rule today.

God declared that we are to "*hear him*", speaking of Jesus (Matt. 17:5). God has spoken through His Son (Heb. 1:1), by whom He will judge the world (Jn. 12:48). The New Testament is good news for our salvation (Rom. 1:16), providing *all things* that pertain to life and godliness (2 Pet. 1:3), furnishing us unto every good work (2 Tim. 3:16, 17). Salvation is only possible by obedience to the New Testament (Heb. 5:8, 9). This is not to speak disparagingly of it for it was "*written for our learning*" (Rom. 15:4) to tutor all who would come to Christ where salvation is to be found (Gal. 3:24, 25). Those who return to follow the law have "*fallen from grace*" for Christ intended salvation to be found in the gospel (Gal. 5:4).

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