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Introduction

“Do we Christians benefit from obeying the Ten Commandment?”

Right from the beginning of the world, there has been an opposing spirit that counters whatever looks good, and that opposing spirit is still in the existence and will continue to be till the end of the world. After God made the Land, livestock, and wild animal, He saw that everything He made was good. He made “man” the last, and He gave man all the power over everything He created, later made Eve through Adam’s rib (Gen: 1) This was when the disobedience started, with “Satan” putting bad ideas and confusion into the world. Since that moment, the world has been struggling with temptations that often give reasons to question if obeying the “Ten Commandments” is worth the stress. Christians should know, that temptation is a path of life, and through obedience, faithfulness, and loyalty to our creator, victory is always ours. Every success comes with its challenges, Jesus Christ found himself in this same temptation, He fought and made victory, all the great men of God found themselves in this too, all concur, so, whatever our own cross is, we should stick to our faith, be strong and wait for God’s intervention.

Where do the Ten Commandments appear in the scripture?

Actually, the ten commandments appeared in (Exo 20:2-17 and Deut. 5:6-21), and some other scriptural passages which I did not mention hear. The importance of these laws is to shape people of God the better ways to love, serve, and obey God their supreme maker. The Ten Commandments has been the ‘rock’ through all Christians both in the olden days and in recent time based on their doctrine to preach the Gospel of God.

Do you think Christians should not obey the ten commandments?

Christians should obey the ten commandments of God because Our lord Jesus Christ uses the ten commandments to teach the crowd that came to him in the mountain; and those that were following Him to whom St. Paul made reference to. Jesus Christ came to the world to fulfill what was written in the scripture. He did not come to abolish the ten commandments rather all his references during his teachings point to the ten commandments and the need to obey them. In summary of the law Jesus made us understand that the ten commandments are based on love for

one another; because for us to fulfill the ten commandments we must love one another, and that will make us obey the laws. Moses's Second Sermon also stressed the importance of obeying the commandment which God laid for His people, the Israelites. "He reminded his audience that at Mount Sinai they committed themselves to live their lives in obedience to God's word." (Alex Varughese pg. 125) Moses, challenged them, that, if they keep their part of these commitments, God is ever ready to bless them more and more with whatever they asked of Him. All Christians should use the Ten Commandments as a standard in their everyday practices, and in doing so, there will be peace, equity, and justice in the land. Not obeying the Ten Commandment is an indirect way of questioning God's authority, and this could lead to doom.

What does the New Testament say about obeying them?

The New Testament answered questions about whether we think that Jesus came to abolish the law. But it was made clear that Jesus came in order that all that was written about Him may be fulfilled and come to manifest.

About emphasizing the word "obeying them"; the ten commandments given by God in the Old Testament contain what God expects from His people right from the days of Moses till our present day. The Scripture made us understand that Jesus did not change His mind about the ten commandments. Rather, He is still the same yesterday, today, and forever. Jesus is an unchangeable God. All that is happening in the New Testament gets its origin from the Old Testament. Although, the New Testament breaks down the Old Testament in a better way so that, everyone who believes in it will benefit from God's blessings.

What is the Old Testament concept of salvation?

The Old Testament concept of salvation is still the same as the New Testament way of salvation, both of which focus on God's grace alone. However, the Old Testament was somehow strict about the punishment for sinners which is death, but the New Testament preaches that there is no more condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus because through Jesus Christ, His death on the cross of Calvary was used to wash our sin away and set us free from the law of sin and death. In the Old Testament, the people had a strong faith in God's promise, that He will send them a 'savior' someday if they could believe and trust only in Him. "Christ with the offer of His grace, forgiveness, salvation, and eternal life." (Alex Varughese pg. 23) Grace of God is consistent regarding His offer of salvation. since the new testament believes that eternal life is secure; so also does the Old Testament even though, the two define salvation in their own different ways

but are all pointing that, the only way to salvation is by obeying God's commandments, serving God, and loving one another in our midst.

Did people in the Old Testament believe that obeying the Ten Commandments would lead to their salvation?

The answer is yes; the essence of obeying the laws (the ten commandments) is that we might be saved by adhering to the teachings and practices of the Old Testament.

But the law was not intended to save anybody; the purpose of the ten commandments was to make us conscious of sin, and by so doing, people's lives and conduct are governed by the law. Abraham's belief and faith in God were counted for him as righteous. The people in the Old Testament were really tough, but they listen to all their Prophets' who led them in one way or the other, but most time, they could become so aggressive and may forget their promise to God their maker. This was shown when Moses was leading them to the promised land, just that Moses was delayed just a little when he went to hear from God, they commanded Aaron to make "gods" for them since they feared Moses was not returning back to them. God's promise to the 'promised land' was fulfilled even though God still punished them for worshipping a hand-made god besides Him.

CONCLUSION

God's Ten Commandments; the "law" is the permanent summary of the moral law. God is a jealous God, and He uses the ten commandments to guide His people's conduct. He visits our iniquities according to our deeds. And "God threatens to punish all who do not obey these commandments". Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not go against these commandments. As Christians, this is not much to ask for from us. This "law" by God indirectly is for our own benefit. Being God He is, He can choose even the trees in the bush to open their mouths and worship Him under His command, but He chose us to do these simple tasks. We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.

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