

The School of Biblical Law
Introduction to Law and Grace
Lesson Twelve: “The Tablets of the Law”

The Law was and is written upon Tablets, which have been defined and ordained by God.

1. The first Tablets were stone (Ex. 31:18).

Stones were a type of the heart in all people who were born after Adam.

The Old Covenant man was required to hide God’s word in his heart (Ps. 119:11).

2. The Prophets promised a new type of Tablet.

Ezekiel 36:26, “A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.”

Jeremiah 31:33, “But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.”

This new container, the heart, is now the container for the Law.

- The change of covenant promised a change of the container – from stone to heart.
- The change of covenant spoke nothing of a change in what was to be written – the Law.
- II Corinthians 3:3, “Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.”

3. The stewards of the Kingdom, which was Israel in the Old Covenant and the Church in the New Covenant, were given the Law for the purpose of facilitating Kingdom rule.

Israel of Old received the Law. Ex. 19:4-6, “Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself. Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.”

Similar language was used when describing the Church, who is commissioned by Christ to administer and advance the Kingdom. I Peter 2:7-10, “Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed. But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.”

The Spirit of God enables the heart of the believer to become compliant to the holy standards of God. The change of heart from rebellion to submission is reflected by loving obedience to the Word of God. “For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous” (I Jn. 5:2-3).