

New Order (aka **New Covenant**, Ministry of the Spirit, Ministry of Reconciliation - Purpose of the law (sermon 2))

Throne

[Heb 4:16 NIV] 16 Let us then approach **God's throne of grace** with confidence, so that **we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.**

[Rev 4:1-3 NIV] 1 After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." 2 At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a **throne in heaven** with someone sitting on it. 3 And the one who sat there had the **appearance of jasper and ruby.** A **rainbow that shone like an emerald encircled the throne.**

[Psa 97:2 NIV] 2 Clouds and thick darkness surround him; **righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.**

[Psa 96:13 NIV] 13 Let all creation rejoice before the LORD, for **he comes**, he comes to **judge the earth.** He will judge the world in **righteousness** and the peoples in his faithfulness.

[Psa 94:15 NIV] 15 **Judgment** will again be founded on **righteousness**, and all the upright in **heart** will follow it.

[Psa 72:2 NIV] 2 May he judge your people in **righteousness**, your afflicted ones with **justice.**

[Psa 9:8 NIV] 8 He rules the world in **righteousness and judges** the peoples with equity.

[Heb 1:13-14 NIV] 13 To which of the angels did God ever say, "**Sit at my right hand** until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet"? 14 **Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?**

"The Law" (Moses) & Sin and Death

Good - imputes sin, reveals sin, tutor, shuts up, binds/custody, condemns (self-righteousness,) transitional

[Rom 5:13 KJV] 13 (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.

[Rom 7:7]... I would not have come to **know sin except through the Law**; for I would not have known about coveting if the Law had not said, "YOU SHALL NOT COVET."

[Gal 3:23-25 KJV] 23 But before faith came, we were **kept under the law** (*held in custody - NIV*), **shut up** unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. 24 Wherefore the **law was our schoolmaster** (*tutor - NIV*) [to bring us] unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. 25 **But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.**

[2Co 3:7-9 NIV] 7 Now if the **ministry that brought death**, which was **engraved in letters on stone**, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, **transitory though it was**, 8 **will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious?** 9 If the ministry that brought condemnation was glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness!

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Evil - power of sin, brings sin alive, arousal of sinful passions, increases covetness, guilt/shame, defiles conscience, curses, bears fruit of death

[Rom 3:27 KJV] 27 Where [is] boasting then? It is excluded. **By what law?** of **works?** Nay: but by the **law of faith.**

[Rom 6:23 NIV] 23 For the **wages of sin is death**, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

[2Co 3:7-9 NIV] 7 Now if the **ministry that brought death**, which was **engraved in letters on stone**, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, **transitory though it was**, 8 **will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious?** 9 If the ministry that brought condemnation was glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness!

[Rom 7:4-9 NASB] 4 Therefore, my brethren, **you also were made to die to the Law through the body of Christ**, so that you **might be joined to another, to Him** who was raised from the dead, **in order that we might bear fruit for God.**

5 For while we were in the flesh, **the sinful passions, which were aroused by the Law**, were at work in the members of our body to **bear fruit for death**. 6 But now we have been released from the Law, having died to that by which we were bound, so that we **serve in newness of the Spirit** and not in **oldness of the letter**. 7 What shall we say then? Is the Law sin? May it never be! On the contrary, I would not have come to know sin except through the Law; for I would not have known about coveting if the Law had not said, "YOU SHALL NOT COVET." 8 **But sin, taking opportunity through the commandment, produced in me coveting of every kind; for apart from the Law sin is dead**. 9 I was once alive apart from the Law; **but when the commandment came, sin became alive** and I died;

[Rom 8:2-4] **For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free** from **the law of sin and of death**. 3 For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, 4 **so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit**.

[Gal 2:17-21 NIV] 17 "But if, in seeking to be justified in Christ, we Jews find ourselves also among the sinners, doesn't that mean that Christ promotes sin? **Absolutely not!** 18 If I rebuild what I destroyed, then I really would be a lawbreaker. 19 " **For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God. 20 I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me**. The life I now live in the body, **I live by faith in (of KJV) the Son of God**, who loved me and gave himself for me. 21 **I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!**"

[Gal 3:10, 13, 23-24 NASB] 10 For as many as are **of the works of the Law are under a curse**; for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO DOES NOT ABIDE BY **ALL THINGS** WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF THE LAW, TO PERFORM THEM." ... 13 **Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law**, having become a curse for us--

[Gal 3:15-19 NIV] 15 Brothers and sisters, let me take an example from everyday life. Just as no one can set aside or add to a human covenant that has been duly established, so it is in this case. 16 The promises were spoken to Abraham and to **his seed**. Scripture does not say "and to seeds," meaning many people, but "and to your seed," meaning one person, who is Christ. 17 What I mean is this: **The law, introduced 430 years later, does not set aside the covenant previously established by God and thus do away with the promise**. 18 For if the inheritance depends on the law, then it no longer depends on the promise; but God in his grace gave it to Abraham through a promise. 19 Why, then, was the law given at all? **It was added because of transgressions until the Seed to whom the promise referred had come**. The law was given through angels and entrusted to a mediator.

[Gal 5:16-18, 22-25 NIV] 16 **So I say, walk by the Spirit**, and **you will not gratify the desires of the flesh**. 17 For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. **They are in conflict with each other (ESV-opposing forces- opposites)**, so that you are not to do whatever you want. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ... 22 But the **fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

[Pro 18:21 NIV] The tongue has the **power of life and death**, and those who **love** it will **eat its fruit**.

[Gal 6:2 NIV] 2 Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will **fulfill the law of Christ**.

[1 Cor 15:56 NIV] The sting of death is sin, and the **power of sin is the law**.

[Jas 2:10 NIV] 10 For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is **guilty** of breaking **all** of it.

[Jhn 13:34 NIV] 34 "A **new command** I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, **so you must love one another**.

[1Co 2:12-16 NIV] What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the **Spirit who is from God**, so that we may **understand what God has freely given us**. 13 This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words. 14 The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. 15 The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, 16 for, "Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" **But we have the mind of Christ**.

[1Jo 4:1-3 NIV] 1 Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but **test the spirits** to see whether **they are from God**, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 **This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God**, 3 but **every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist**, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

Lucifer-Devil-Satan

[Isa 14:12-14 NIV] 12 How you have **fallen from heaven**, morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! 13 You said in your heart, "**I will ascend to the heavens; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of Mount Zaphon. 14 I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.**"

[Eze 28:13-17 NIV] 13 **You were in Eden, the garden of God**; every precious stone adorned you: carnelian, chrysolite and emerald, topaz, onyx and jasper, lapis lazuli, turquoise and beryl. Your settings and mountings were made of gold; on the day you were created they were prepared. 14 **You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you**. You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones. 15 **You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you**. 16 Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence, **and you sinned**. So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God, and **I expelled you, guardian cherub, from among the fiery stones. 17 Your heart became proud** on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor. **So I threw you to the earth**; I made a spectacle of you before kings.

[Rom 6:13-18 KJV] 13 Neither yield ye your members [as] instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members [as] instruments of righteousness unto God. 14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: **for ye are not under the law, but under grace**. 15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid. **16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?** 17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. 18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

[Eph 4:17-24 NIV] 17 So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. 18 **They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts**. 19 **Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality** so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, and they are full of greed. 20 That, however, is **not the way of life you learned 21 when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus**.

[Mar 6:52 NIV] 52 for they had not understood about the loaves; their **hearts were hardened**.

[Mar 8:17 NIV] 17 Aware of their discussion, Jesus asked them: "Why are you talking about having no bread? Do you still not see or understand? Are your **hearts hardened**?"

[Jhn 12:40 NIV] 40 "He has blinded their eyes and **hardened their hearts**, so they can neither see with their eyes, nor understand with their hearts, nor turn--and I would heal them."

[Heb 3:13 NIV] 13 But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today," so that none of you may be **hardened by sin's deceitfulness**.

[Psa 17:10 NIV] 10 They close up their **callous hearts**, and their mouths speak with arrogance.

[Psa 73:7 NIV] 7 From their **callous hearts** comes iniquity; their **evil imaginations** have no limits.

[2Co 3:2-18 NIV] 2 You yourselves are our letter, written on our **hearts**, known and read by everyone. 3 You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written **not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts**. 4 Such confidence we have through Christ before God. 5 Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God. 6 He has made us **competent as ministers of a new covenant--not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life**. 7 Now if **the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone**, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, transitory though it was, 8 will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious? 9 If the ministry that brought condemnation was glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness! 10 For what was glorious has no glory now in comparison with the surpassing glory. **11 And if what was transitory came with glory, how much greater is the glory of that which lasts!** 12 Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. 13 We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away. **14 But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away.** 15 Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil **covers their hearts**. 16 But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. 17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 18 And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

[Pro 11:30 NIV] 30 The **fruit of the righteous is a tree of life**, and the one who is wise saves lives.

[Pro 13:12 NIV] 12 Hope deferred makes the heart sick, **but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life**.

[Rev 22:17 NIV] 17 The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let the one who hears say, "Come!" Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life.

[2Th 2:1-13 NIV] 1 Concerning the **coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him**, we ask you, brothers and sisters, 2 not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by the teaching allegedly from us--whether by a prophecy or by word of mouth or by letter--asserting that the day of the Lord has already come. 3 **Don't let anyone deceive you in any way**, for that day **will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction**. 4 **He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God**. 5 Don't you remember that when I was with you I used to tell you these things? 6 **And now you know what is holding him back, so that he may be revealed at the proper time**. 7 **For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way**. 8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming. 9 The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with how Satan works. **He will use all sorts of displays of power through signs and wonders that serve the lie, 10 and all the ways that wickedness deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved**. 11 For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie 12 and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness. 13 But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because **God chose you as firstfruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth**.

[Act 17:29-31 NIV] 29 "Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone--an image made by human design and skill. 30 **In the past God overlooked such ignorance**, but now he **commands all people everywhere to repent**. 31 **For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.**"

[1Ti 2:3-4 NIV] 3 This is good, and pleases God our Savior, 4 **who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth**.

[Jhn 8:31-32 NIV] Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. 32 Then you **will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.**"