

Daily Bread

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WHY DO WE STUDY THE NEW TESTAMENT OVER THE OLD TESTAMENT (PART 1)?

The bible is divided in two segments, The New and The Old Testaments. The Old Testament is from Genesis to Malachi and The New Testament is from Acts to Revelations.

The books of Mathew, Mark, Luke, John are not part of the New Testament. Yes, they do appear in The New Testament side of the bible but they aren't necessarily New Testament. I will explain why. Read these two verses below...

Hebrews 9:16-17 (KJV) for where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator.

For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise, it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth.

So those verses explain why the books Mark, Mathew, Luke and John are not part of the New Testament, because for a Testament to be enforce, the testator has to die first, and because in these four books which are called (The Synoptic Gospels), Jesus who is the testator had not yet died. When Jesus was still alive, The New Testament was not yet enforced. So, after Jesus died, the New Testament came to life. He couldn't launch a Testament without blood, so he had to shed his own blood to enforce it. The Old Testament was enforced by the blood of bulls but the New Testament was enforced by the blood of Jesus (**Hebrews 9:12**).

Therefore, the New Testament did not start by the coming of Jesus but it started by the END OF JESUS MINISTRY. Jesus after his resurrection he went to heaven (**Acts 1:9**). Then came the Holy Spirit, Who now is the driver, or the power behind the New Testament. So, the Holy Spirit is the pioneer of the New Testament of Jesus Christ. Jesus didn't and couldn't explain it in full because he knows no one could understand it then but he left the job to the Holy Spirit (**John 16 :12-13**).

The Bible is therefore divided into three regimes or governments.

1. Government of God.

God dealt directly with people himself through prophets. He would speak through bushes and through many signs and wonders (**Hebrews 1:1**). It was God running the show here from Genesis to Malachi. This what is called the Old Testament, it was powered by The Law.

2. The Government of Jesus.

Jesus came preaching the gospel of the Kingdom of God. He was saying the Kingdom of God is near, repent ye and believe the gospel (**Mark 1:14-15**) (**Mathew 4:23**). Which means if Jesus was preaching of a Kingdom that was not yet come but was near, it means he was preaching about what would happen when he dies and resurrects, the Kingdom was not yet in full force at this time..... He was preaching the gospel of repentance, for people to now repent from following the old system (Testament)and be ready to embrace the new....

3. The Government of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus said, "It is to your advantage that I go, because when I don't go the Holy Spirit will not come...." **John 16:7**. Because the coming of the Holy Spirit would kick start the New Testament which was the Kingdom Jesus was speaking about. Remember before Jesus died, no one was born again, no one received the Holy Spirit, because the Holy Spirit had not yet come.

Jesus said I have many things to tell you but you can't understand them now but when the Holy Spirit comes.... **John 16:13-14**.

So, the New Testament is a Testament of the Spirit (**2 Corinthians 3:6**). And of the above three, the last regime is the most important but unfortunately the most misunderstood. It is that which was prophesied by Joel saying "in the last days I will pour out my Spirit upon every flesh.... **Joel 2:28**.

Now that we know what the Old and the New Testaments are...Tomorrow we will discuss with help of scriptures why we should study the New Testament more the Old....we will compare and

contrast the glories each Testament carries...don't miss out on tomorrow's copy of The Daily Bread.

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WHY WE STUDY THE NEW TESTAMENT OVER THE OLD TESTAMENT PART 2

It should be noted here that I am not saying that we should completely ignore the Old Testament, no. But we should read it with an understanding that we are reading a shadow, whose reality is now the New Testament that we are in (**Colossians 2:17**). However, we learn from the Old Testament how God deals with his people, we learn how the heroes of faith in bible overcame certain things, but all those things were a mirror of this reality we now have.

Even Jesus said it himself when he rose from the dead. **Luke 24:44** (KJV) ...And he said unto them, these are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.

Look at the above scripture, its Jesus telling his disciples after his resurrection that all things written about me in Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms has been fulfilled. The Law, the Prophets and the Psalms are the major components of the Old Testament which were all fulfilled in Jesus Christ. The Old Testament was pointing us to Jesus. Its effectiveness ended with the death and resurrection of Jesus, which also ushered the New Testament. Beyond the resurrection of Christ, there is no law, because he took the law, after having fulfilled its requirements, he nailed it on the cross (Colossians 2:4).

Look at this verse closely ...Galatians 3:24-25 "Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster." This means what the Law of Moses was able to do was to lead us to Christ, now since we are in Christ, we DON'T NEED THE LAW ANYMORE. Many Christians are still leaving in the Law despite them having been

born again, what a shame. **Mathew 5:17** "Do not think I have come to abolish the Law, but I came to fulfill it".

We now therefore cannot live by the standards of law(which is the old testament),but by the standards of faith (new testament).We can't go and look again at the same things that caused death, because the law was the instrument of death, the day the law was given 3000 people died (Exodus 32 :28) But the day the Spirit was given 3000 people were saved (**Acts 2:41**).Do you now see the difference between the two Testaments The other one brought death, the other one brought life, we are therefore part of the life giving Testament which is the new, not the death giving Testament which is the old (**2 Corinthians 3:3-7**).

Each time you refer to the Ten Commandments and other types of Old Testament laws, you are killing yourself. You are dying spiritually, that's why most of such people will always be looking for someone to pray for them because they are sensing death in them through believing the Old Testament. They then rob themselves of the liberties that the New Testament in Christ is giving them.... They don't know that if the Son of Man sets you free , then you are free in deed (John 8:36).So why do they always think they are bound? It is because of the death Testament that they are hanging on to....

I will not make it too long, let's continue with the argument tomorrow ...don't miss your copy of the daily Bread.

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WHY WE STUDY THE NEW TESTAMENT OVER THE OLD TESTAMENT PART 3.

Hebrews 8:7 (KJV) ...For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second.

If we look at the above verse, we see that God found fault with the old Covenant (Testament), then he sought to introduce the second one. If the first had served him well then there wouldn't be any reason of bringing the new one.

We now see brethren, God bringing another covenant, which was not fronted by man like the old one which needed priests to offer sacrifice to it, but this one would be fronted by his son Jesus. So, the coming of Jesus was for him to assume the position of the high priest of a new covenant permanently (**Hebrews 7:24**). So, when the old Testament priesthood was abolished or replaced, even the Testament they were serving was also done away with. Now we have a new high priest who is Jesus, who doesn't need the blood of bulls and goats to offer his sacrifices but who used his own blood once and for all (**Hebrews 9:12**).

Now the writer of the book of Hebrews seeks to describe in comparison the new covenant which Jesus received; He points out three important improvements of the new covenant from the old one in **Hebrews 8:6**:

1. Jesus received a more EXCELLENT ministry than the one Moses had, which means the New Testament is more EXCELLENT than the old.
2. Jesus became a Mediator of a BETTER covenant (which means the new is better than the old Covenant)
3. The new covenant is established on BETTER PROMISES, the promises of the New Testament are better than what the Old Testament was offering.

2 Corinthians 3: 7-11 also gives a clear comparison of the two testaments. It explains the differences in the glory that each comes with, it said if the Testament of Moses, which was of the Law was so glorious that even Israelites could not look at the face of Moses because it was shining (**Exodus 34:29-35**). How much more will the Testament of Jesus, which is of the Spirit be more glorious?

The glory contained in the New Testament is therefore bigger and more permanent because our high priest who is Jesus is priest forever. Therefore, our lives in Christ are explained correctly in this covenant than in the old covenant. When we study the old covenant, we should study it with the knowledge that it was done away with (**Hebrews 8:13**) but can help to provide vital knowledge to us on how God dealt with his people. We can also draw important lessons from it by looking at the lives of those who walked and pleased God. We have a richer reference of the Old Testament when we study the New but it should be very clear to us that the law of the Old Testament doesn't bind us in any way, we have a new law in Christ which is the law of righteousness.

NB: Yesterday we erroneously referred to **Colossians 2:4** when we were speaking about Jesus nailing the law to the cross. The correct scripture reference is Colossians 2:14.

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Have a good day

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