

# The Law of Moses Prepares Galatians 3-6



# Paul explains the Purpose of the Law of Moses to the Galatians

“Wherefore then *serveth* the law?”



What is the purpose of the Law of Moses?

# Adding to the Commandments

“It was added because of transgressions,

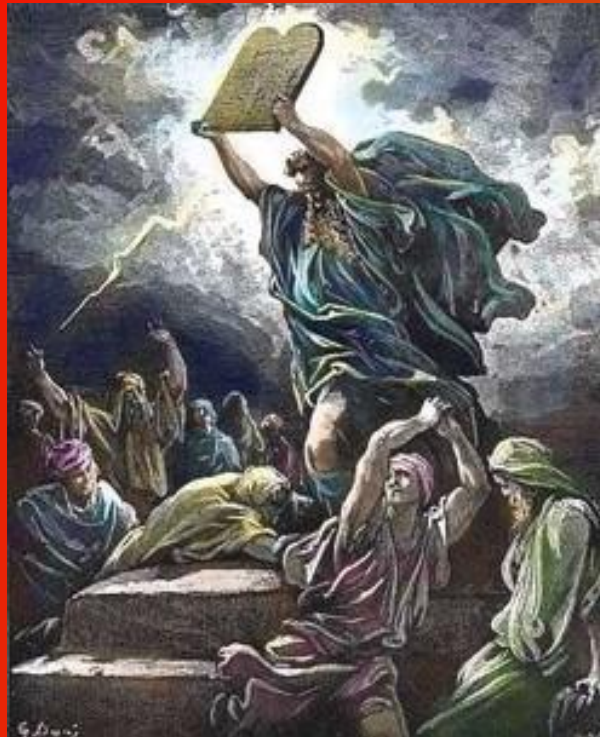


Because the people were not keeping the commandments

Galatians 3:19

# Not Understanding the Law

And now, did they understand the Law? I say unto you, Nay, they did not all understand the law...



...and this because of the hardness of their hearts; for they understood not that there could not any man be saved except it were through the redemption of God.”

# How long shall they be under the Law of Moses?

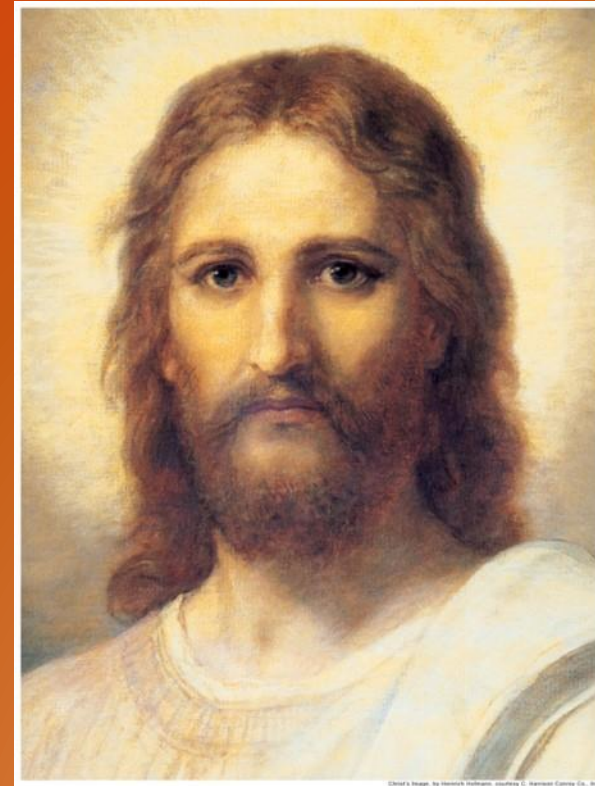
“till the seed should come to whom the promise was made;”



Till Christ comes and brings in the full gospel

# Who is the mediator?

“Now a mediator is not a mediator of one, but God is one.”



Jesus Christ is the mediator

# Promises of God

“Is the law then against  
the promises of God?”



The Law of Moses was a divine  
institution and was not opposed to  
God’s promises.

Galatians 3:21

However...

# A Guidance—A Beginning

“The Law was given as a protection to the Jews as a moral guide to make them sin-and-guilt-conscious.”



Each one of us has started out with guidance since we were born.



# Temporary Wheels

A bike with training wheels



“Yet the Lord God saw that his people were a stiffnecked people, and he appointed unto them a law, even the law of Moses.”

# The Law of Training

Lower Law= The Law of Moses



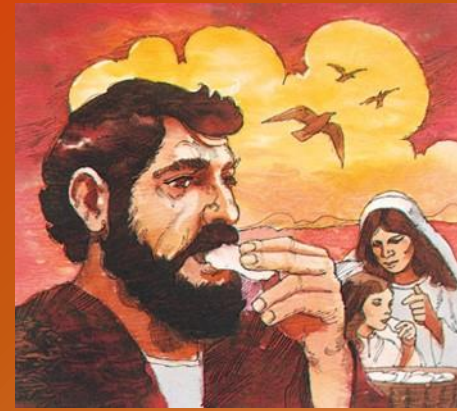
Moses testified of Christ and other prophets, yet the people did not believe Moses therefore they were not prepared to receive Christ.”

Higher Law=Yet to come in the event of Jesus Christ

# Types of Laws

How to eat

How to celebrate an occasion



Rituals such as sacrifices



How to Pray



“Behold, I am he that gave the law, and I am he who covenanted with my people Israel...”

# Law Fulfilled

“Behold, I am he that gave the law, and I am he who covenanted with my people Israel...



...therefore, the law in me is fulfilled, for I have come to fulfil the law; therefore it hath an end.”

# Schoolmaster

“When Christ came there was no need for a tutor (law) for it had filled its purpose”



“Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.”

# Superior Law

Paul wanted the Galatian Saints to understand that the blessings of the gospel are superior to what the law Moses offered.



# Higher Gospel Law

The Bike



“But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

Galatians 3:25

# Nephites look for the law to be fulfilled

“And, notwithstanding we believe in Christ, we keep the law of Moses, and look forward with steadfastness unto Christ, until the law shall be fulfilled.”



“For, for this end was the law given; wherefore the law hath become dead unto us, and we are made alive in Christ because of our faith; yet we keep the law because of the commandments.”



The Law of Moses was given to a righteous people  
(Galatians 3:19)

Yes

No

The law of Moses was intended to last forever  
(Galatians 3:19)

Yes

No

Abraham knew that Jesus Christ would come. (JST  
Galatians 3:20)

Yes

No

The law of Moses removed the need for the  
promised Savior. (Galatians 3:21)

Yes

No

Everyone sins; everyone needs Jesus Christ and His  
Atonement.

Yes

No

The law of Moses, by itself, limited spiritual growth  
(Galatians 3:23)

Yes

No

# Spiritual Training Wheels of Today

Parents



Primary

Institute



Mission



Seminary

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