

# How Bible Teaching Keeps Us in the Old Covenant

Do we need to read the OT, when we live under the New Covenant<sup>1</sup>? Strictly speaking, NO.

Studying the OT caused me (like millions before me) to see Father as a cosmic policeman who was just waiting for me to step out of line so he could whack me with his big stick. I'm thankful that I know him personally and intimately now. We're Father and son, the best of friends, and much more.

Unfortunately, most of the people I know, haven't got a clue about the reality of sonship as it's supposed to be in the Kingdom. They're stuck in the Bible and the teachings of men, and that's preventing them from moving into who they really are and the life Father wants them to live.

The transcript quote below is an extract from Mike Parsons' video teaching on this topic.

(NOTE: This transcript contains grammatical errors due to the transcription process.)

*"It's one of those things that we're conditioned, because of the view of the Bible, and this sort of 'solar scriptura'<sup>2</sup> type of evangelical understanding of what the Bible is, that everything that's there is inspired by God and is true. Actually, where do we get that from? We get it from the religious programming that we've received from, "Well, all scripture is inspired by God and useful for..." But it doesn't say that, and the Bible didn't exist for another 300 years after it did say that. What it said was, "all writings inspired by God are useful." Well, of course that's true and any writing today inspired by God is useful. Any podcast inspired by God, any video. We can expand it beyond writing into anything that God is inspiring is useful and helpful. But that doesn't mean that everything that it says [in the Bible] in what was written, is actually correct. They wrote, particularly the Old Testament, from an undifferentiated view of God, of course. So they wrote that anything that happened must be God, therefore the bad things must be God. They didn't differentiate between God being good and Satan being bad. Well, Satan just did the bad things, for God. That doesn't line up with Jesus's coming to reveal what God was really like, in love. But we get all of that, "God said this and God said that." Well, no. They interpreted their understanding of God saying that. Sometimes it's clear what God did do..."*

*We tend to read into something conditioned by the religious way of thinking that we've been taught, that God is a God of judgement and God is a God of righteousness and God can't look on sin, and therefore, God is going to destroy all those things. That's just the programming. He never did those things. He was never anything other than unconditional love. Where do you find God? Seeking people out. It's that religious thing again, "Oh, God can't look on sin." Well, where was Adam and Eve? Hiding when God found them. God didn't say, "Oh, sorry I can't look upon you. I'm gonna have to walk backwards and I won't be able to see where you are." There's just so much religious nonsense around that whole way of thinking..."*

*The books of the New Testament were written to the early church. There are some really good stuff in there, which will be very helpful, and there's stuff in there – unless we understand the cultural context and the audience that was being spoken to – we won't understand. We'll then try and do something, which has already been completed or think something is still future, when actually, now, it's passed and we get so confused. The early church were just like us, so confused because they, the gentiles, didn't understand why they were being persecuted by so-called Christians, who wanted them to come back under the Law. The Jews were being pressured to go back under the Law, when Jesus wanted them to be free from the Old Covenant stuff. There was this huge pressure – you had them being a temple of the Holy Spirit and effectively being the New Heavens and the New Earth and the New Jerusalem, and yet you had the old temple and the old Jerusalem still functioning and then still operating, as if it was the way, when Jesus was now the way, the truth and the life.*

*All these things were very confusing and Paul tried to help them understand what this was all about, in*

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1 – "We Live in a Much, Much Better Covenant"

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2 – WATCH: Mike Parsons "Sola Scriptura" [youtu.be/gmSi09j0MA8](https://youtu.be/gmSi09j0MA8)

*this New Covenant relationship with God, to let go of the old and find all the old is all fulfilled in Jesus. So, any promises that were made in the Old Testament are now fulfilled in Jesus. All the covenants that were in the Old Testament, whether it be to Adam or to Noah or Abraham or Moses or David, all those covenants have found fulfilment in Jesus. So, there's no need for any of the old testament. Why bother even reading it? Part of the problem is we're reading a book written to people which aren't us, who operated a totally different religious system, which we've now [erroneously] adopted into the New Covenant, and we've mixed the covenants. We've brought into it just as much sacrifices and offerings, in a different way. Now you've got to be obedient and be dutiful and fulfil the New Testament laws and rules and regulations that we've developed for ourselves from an old understanding. Hebrew 6:1 says, "Move on from these elementary things about the messiah, and now move into the reality of the truth. Don't lay again all these foundations that were in an old system, which included repentance from dead works, faith in God, washings (or baptisms) and laying on of hands, and eternal judgement and resurrection of the dead. They're all Old Covenant mindsets and theology (doctrine) which now, we don't need, in the New.*

*And yet, we've built our whole system on faith – you've got to have faith in God. I don't need faith in God. I met him. I talk to him every day. I've got a relationship with him. Why do I need faith? Why do I need faith? I don't need faith. Faith is the evidence of things you haven't seen, and of course, all the Old Testament people died in faith, having not seen the fulfilment of the promises in the New Covenant in Christ. So, they hadn't yet seen it, so they died having not yet seen it. Therefore, they were still believing that it was going to come. Great. But I don't need to believe [that] it's going to come. It's already here, now. I'm experiencing it and enjoying it. So, I don't need faith in God. But I do live by his faith in me, because I live in what he says about me. I live in agreement with him, about me, that I'm a son of God. So, I live **by** the faith of the son of God, not in the son of God...*

*So, let's be careful we don't live thinking we're living in New Covenant understanding, when actually, it's Old Covenant foundations, which we no longer need. So we don't need to understand about eternal judgement, because God has judged everyone innocent. We don't need to understand about the resurrection of dead being a future reality when it's a present reality. I died with Christ, I was buried with him, I was resurrected with him, and now I live in newness of life. I don't have to look forward to that at the end of the world, [as] it happened at the End of the Age<sup>3</sup>. Now, I'm living in it...*

*We've built a intellectual religion about studying a book about God, in the book, rather than meeting with God and knowing God for ourselves, which was what God always intended. So, we've just taken another mediatorial system and now the book is the mediator. And sometimes, the priest is the mediator of the book, rather than direct access to God in relationship.”<sup>4</sup>*

(Permission to quote Mike Parsons received on 20-7-2020)

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3 – i.e. The End of the Old Covenant Age

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