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Old Testament replaced by a New Testament

I have watched and listened to the preachers and teachers of many churches preach on the Old Testament, both on Television and in churches and I see very little of the signs and wonders that God promised happening with them. I personally have been drawn to the New Testament for over thirty five years as a Christian. I looked at the Old Testament as being that, the 'Old will of God' and looked on the New Testament as being the 'New will of God,' so why would I stay in the Old Testament if God changed his will, his way of doing things

I believe every book in the Old Testament which was for their time. I believe in the prophecies and messages regarding the saviour Jesus and prophetic messages given in the book of Daniel and other books, where Daniel is foretelling the future for the Christian believers about the antichrist who is coming and the evil work he will be doing; but as for the rest I prefer to leave most of it where it is, in the Old Testament, the old will of God. I love the Psalms, and Anything I see in the New Testament that includes a part of the Old Testament, shows me that it has been brought forward into the new and is included in the new as being a blessing in the old and new together a double blessing scripture says. For the rest of the books I leave them unless drawn there by the Holy Spirit.

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In the New Testament there is multiple wealth of promises fulfilled through Jesus Christ that should keep our attention securely locked there unless as I said the Holy Spirit draws us back to the Old Testament. I cannot understand why Christians who are born again and baptised in the Holy Spirit want to keep preaching from the Old Testament when things changed when Jesus came and died for us giving us a new life to live, {his new life} we can't live his new life if we live mostly in the Old Testament, The enemy is robbing the Christian from all the treasures that are available in Christ Jesus, these great treasure were promised in the Old

Testament and fulfilled in the new by Jesus, Jesus is New Testament, what he did for us is New Testament, what he made us is New Testament, and what we are going to be is fulfilled in the New Testament.

Our sins were not paid for in the Old Testament, we were not washed clean in the Old Testament, we were not raised up into glory and sitting in the heavenly realms in the Old Testament, and the churches wonder why there are very little signs and wonders happening. The signs and wonders are for this present age and time. What prophet worked the signs and wonders that Jesus did in such magnitude, sure some prophets raised a dead person, and healed some people {but they couldn't save mankind ;} but never on the scale of what Jesus did and he says, "We will do even greater works than he did." Where was the promise given that you would lay hands on someone to receive the Holy Spirit and you could lay hands on the sick and heal them given in the Old Testament? The Old Testament is exactly that, we have been blessed by it for years but the real blessing lay in the New Testament, read the following scripture.

Colossians-2:3-Amplified-Bible

in Him all the treasures of [divine] wisdom (comprehensive insight into the ways and purposes of God) and [all the riches of spiritual] knowledge and enlightenment are stored up and lie hidden.

Think of it like this; the Old Testament was for the past generations, The New Testament is for the present and future generations. Now we are coming near the end times and we are still preaching Old Testament, what happened to the time in between, the time of Jesus and now we are in the time of the Holy Spirit and he is the end time's bringer.

On TV you hear end time's preachers telling us how close this time is and on the other hand we have the Old Testament preachers preaching like it was yesterday, and then you have the Jesus preachers and there you see the signs and wonders happening; this is the time of the Holy Spirit and the time of signs and wonders as we approach the end times, it is increasing in power with some, others are still stuck in the rut of Old Testament preaching and living, it is not an insult to God to move into the New Testament, you are not letting God down when you shift to the New life Jesus brought; you are giving God glory for what he did and for what he is doing and for what he is going to do in the future; scripture even say's, "When you put your hand to the plough, don't look back." I know that this scripture does not mean about the Old Testament, but Jesus came to bring a better way, and so we should move on.

In the Old Testament God did not promise us any power, he did not promise us his Holy Spirit would come down from heaven and stay on anyone permanently; the Holy Spirit did come down and fall on people but he never stayed with them. The Holy Spirit was waiting for his time to manifest his authority as part of the Trinity, first we had the Fathers time, then we had Jesus time and now this is the time of the Holy Spirit, and this is the time I live in now. I do

not live in the past or future but the present, and the present moment is now today, this very instant.

Jesus came and fulfilled the work he had laid out for him by the father, and that work was to save mankind, by setting them free from Satan's clutches and he done this successfully by defeating Satan and all demonic powers and principalities. He handed his baton to the Holy Spirit to run his race so to speak as this was his time now.

Then Jesus turned around and gave us the commission of passing on the good news of the gospel of salvation and reconciliation with God the Father again, and he gave us his own Holy Spirit to help us do the will of God the Father as children of God. He equipped us with heavenly power, the Power of his own Holy Spirit so we could go and preach the gospel, lay hands on the sick and heal them and deliver them from the oppressor by casting out his lying deceiving evil spirits. He gave us his Holy Spirit so that we could do as he did because he could do nothing as a human being which he became by giving up his Godhead and becoming like us flesh and blood.

Then at the Jordan River he received the Holy Spirit and it was then after he received the Holy Spirit that he was able to preach the good news and heal the sick and raise the dead and work miracles. And he did this all through the power of the Holy Spirit who was on him without measure, and then he gave us the same Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost and he remained with man ever since, and so began the **new work of God** through frail man who has been filled with the Holy Spirit, the same Holy Spirit that remained on Jesus, and we can have that Spirit without measure by surrender to the will of God alone and renouncing ourselves and our secrete desires and yielding to God's perfect will, brought about in us through the Holy Spirit.

This was never in the Old Testament; the promises in the New Testament were for this present generation and for evermore amen.

By sticking to Old Testament teachings the things of the new could never be brought to the fore. For instance did you know that Jesus did not baptise anyone in the Holy Spirit whilst on earth? It was as he was leaving earth that he promised that he would send the Holy Spirit who is the third person in the Holy Trinity, and he did so as I said, on the day of Pentecost; and then man began laying hands for people to receive the Holy Spirit and to receive the gifts the Holy Spirit gave them, this did not happen in the Old Testament, this is a new thing says scripture, 'see I am doing a new thing,' says God. Laying hands on people to receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit is something that Jesus did not do and it is one of those greater works that scripture says we will do.

Jesus told us very distinctly that we would go and preach the gospel of the good news in the New Testament.

But first let's understand what the words Old Testament and the words the New Testament mean. The word Testament means the will, for example, the last will and Testament of Mr so and so and a will only goes into effect after a person is proved to be dead. The Old Testament was the Old will, the New Testament is the new will, the new will cancels out the old will, so

if the old will has been cancelled then we should look at the new will only, unless some of the old will had been included in the new.

This is my own belief and not something the lord showed me. *I believe that the Christian churches have been deceived into concentrating on the Old Testament teachings because they do not have the promises in them fulfilled, and so there is very little supernatural power exhibited in the Old Testament except through certain people God chose. And this suits the enemy perfectly; he has no need to fear someone who is rooted in the Old Testament, unlike the people of the New Testament who have been born again and filled with the Holy Spirit and with supernatural power.

In the New Testament God chose all of us, his Christian children to exhibit his power and authority, Jesus himself said so in **Mark-16-15-** Jesus gave us his authority and power, to do the will of God in this present age. {End}*

To concentrate solely on the Old Testament teachings may seem great but there are multiple blessings awaiting the born again believer in the new, there are treasures to be found, as scripture says; 'treasures of darkness.' Pearls of great price and wonderful revelation of who and what we are, and if we concentrate on the Old Testament and not on the New Testament we will never find those treasures. The Old Testament does not tell the born again believer that they and Jesus are the same as far as God is concerned, it does not tell us that we share the same DNA as Jesus; it does not tell us that we have been raised up with Jesus and sit with him in the heavenly realms or that we stand in the place of highest privilege in heaven, a place where only Jesus stood before, but now where we stand with him and in him now.

The enemy does not want the christen believer to know and understand that God is Father to them, and by saying Father, I mean a real genuine Father; and if God is Father then what does that make you, apart from being a son or daughter, and not just a son or daughter but his son and daughter made of the same substance as Jesus, this makes you a supernatural being the same as Jesus.

The Old Testament does not inform you of this fact and make it a reality; only the New Testament gives you the awareness that you have become a supernatural being the moment you asked Jesus into your life as Lord and saviour. The Old Testament does not reveal the power and authority you received when you became a son or daughter of God through accepting Jesus as lord.

The Old Testament does not tell you that you have been given total authority over the enemy and that life and death are your servants, or that you can lay hands on the sick and heal them for the glory of God. These are just some of the reasons the enemy will keep the Christian church stuck in the Old Testament, reading and teaching about some prophet or person God chose for a particular role, and telling them this is great teaching, it was for its time.

Every word of God is great teaching and is there to show us by example but the will of God and I mean the perfect will of God changed and he changed his mind and made a better way as the old way of doing things did not work, and that is God's own words. **I diminish not the word of God** but the word of God tells us itself to move on to the new will of God. **Let no one mistakenly believe I trash the Old Testament, I do not, this is the word of my God, and I reverence his Holy word,** but God himself is telling us this was his Old Will and now he has a New Will, full of vibrant promises and power.

God says by his own word that the new will is a better will than the old will and is much superior; if it is much superior then Christian teachers and preachers move to the superior will of God, do not let your congregation starve for lack of truth; Jesus said, 'I am the way the truth and the life.' If he truly is the way the truth and the life or light as some scriptures say then let the Christian move into the truth the way and the light or life.

If God says the new will is superior then that means the old will was inferior and the superior will is a much better way.

Two

The word

Hebrews 8-6

Amplified Bible (AMP)

But as it now is, He [Christ] has acquired a [priestly] ministry which is as **much superior and more excellent** [than the old] as the covenant (the agreement) of which He is the Mediator (the Arbiter, Agent) **is superior and more excellent,** [because] **it is enacted and rests upon more important (sublime, higher, and nobler) promises.**

The majority of Christians that I know live out of the Old Testament and either teach or preach the Old Testament, and there is nothing wrong with the Old Testament but scripture tells us that we have a better way. Jesus has brought with him a much superior way in the New Testament and a more excellent way, a better way than before, because he himself is the mediator the only one who could bring about such new promises a better way of doing things, and for us Christians an easier way to please God.

Hebrews 8-7

King James Version (KJV)

⁷For if that first covenant had been faultless then should no place have been sought for the second. ⁸For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah:

²Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord. ¹⁰For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

¹¹And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.¹²For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.

¹³In that he saith, a new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayed and waxed old is ready to vanish away.

{The Way Bible translation says, 8-13-God speaks of the promises, of this new agreement, as taking the place of the Old one: for the old one is out of date now and has been set aside forever.}

He says here he made the first covenant old and waxed and ready to vanish away, the new Testament made the Old Testament old and waxed, when you replace something that's old with a new item you get rid of the old one you discard it. Or as the way Bible says; it has been set aside forever. The Old covenant with its promises and agreement with God have been done away with because man did not keep his part so God got rid of it and placed a new agreement between him and men, and Jesus bridged that gap.

This scripture does not only apply to the Jews it is for the gentiles as well and if you are not a Jew then you are a Gentile.

In the next few scriptures I will not be including the entire portions because they are too long and these sections deal directly with what I have been trying to express, and it is better for you to read the entire scriptures for yourself; so please do that; but I will cut them short to show the importance of their significance.

Hebrews 9-1

Amplified Bible (AMP)

¹NOW EVEN the first covenant had its own rules and regulations for divine worship, and it had a sanctuary [but one] of this world.²For a tabernacle (tent) was erected, in the outer division or compartment of which were the lamp-stand and the table with [its loaves of] the showbread set forth. [This portion] is called the Holy Place. ³But [inside] beyond the second curtain or veil, [there stood another] tabernacle [division] known as the Holy of Holies.

The first covenant that God made between himself and man had rules and regulation and man had to stick to these rules and regulations or he was in deep trouble. Under that old system of rules and regulations gifts and sacrifices had to be offered to keep us right with God, and this was to tide us over until the time for Jesus to arrive.

Hebrews 9-11

Good News Translation (GNT)

But Christ has already come as the High Priest of the good things that are already here. The tent in which he serves is greater and more perfect; it is not a tent made by human hands, that is, it is not a part of this created world.¹²**When Christ went through the tent and entered once and for all into the Most Holy Place, he did not take the blood of goats and bulls to offer as a sacrifice; rather, he took his own blood and obtained eternal salvation for us.**¹³**The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a burnt calf are sprinkled on the people who are ritually unclean, and this purifies them by taking away their ritual impurity.**¹⁴**Since this is true, how much more is accomplished by the blood of Christ! Through the eternal Spirit he offered himself as a perfect sacrifice to God. His blood will purify our consciences from useless rituals, so that we may serve the living God.**

¹⁵ **for this reason Christ is the one who arranges a “new covenant,” so that those who have been called by God may receive the “eternal blessings” that God has promised. This can be done because there has been a death which sets people free from the wrongs they did while the ‘first covenant’ was in effect.**

Jesus replaced the Old covenant with a greater new covenant; his sacrifice on the cross. Christ Jesus came and took his own blood and placed it on the mercy seat in heaven and he obtained mercy and forgiveness through his Divine blood for us Christian children of God, once and for all, and this was the beginning of a better covenant that God made with you and I. And to prove that all this now has been given to us he proved it all by dying for us and in dying he made the New Will, New Testament come into effect.

Hebrews 9-16

Good News Translation (GNT)

In the case of a will it is necessary to prove that the person who made it has died¹⁷**for a will means nothing while the person who made it is alive; it goes into effect only after his death.**

{****Remember what I wrote at the beginning of this book that when I talk about the ‘**Old Testament**’ I am referring to the ‘**Old Covenant**’ “**The Old Will**,” that God had with man, I am not literally talking about the books of the Old Testament. As scripture says, those books were recorded so that we could learn by their example and also by their mistakes. So those

books as you know are referred to as the Old Testament books, the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John and the Acts and so on, are the books of the New Testament and are dealing with the new will of God, **“The New Covenant,”** because of Jesus.*****}

The **New will and Testament** could only come into effect after Jesus died and his death was proven. On dying Jesus made the old will, ‘Old Testament’ the Old Covenant, null and void. The old will was cancelled in favour of the New Will. Now this New will is in effect at this present moment so why Christian brothers are you so attached to the Old Will and spend most of your time preaching and teaching on it and showing little power and effect for the Glory of the Lord, God was glorified in the past, we’re in the present, and he was the one who changed the will, the agreement with man, no one else.

God changed the Old Will into his New Will so that he could demonstrate his glorious power to all of his children in this present time through Jesus and in doing so bring glory to Jesus. In the New Will God focuses his attention in giving Jesus all the glory for accomplishing everything he designed millions of years ago, to bring into effect what Jesus accomplished two thousand years previously and in doing so he brought millions of children to himself, filling his kingdom with them and is still doing so in the New Will, the New Testament.

Hebrews 9-24

Good News Translation (GNT)

Christ did not go into a Holy Place made by human hands, which was a copy of the real one. He went into heaven itself, where he now appears on our behalf in the presence of God. {As our friend}

Jesus now sits in heaven on our behalf, the old never did that for us, if even a man touched God, he died, just like the two men who ran to catch the ark as it was being carried by David’s men as they stumbled, and these two men tried to catch it, and they touched it and died instantly because, they touched God’s presence. We were under rules and regulations in that time of the Old Testament, the Old Covenant; but now in the New Will we have a better way, Jesus is the way. We have freedom through Jesus Christ himself we can now walk boldly into the very presence of God himself and receive a glad welcome, boy have things changed.

Hebrews 10-8

Good News Translation (GNT)

First he said, you neither want nor are you pleased with sacrifices and offerings or with animals burned on the altar and the sacrifices to take away sins. He said this even though all these sacrifices are offered according to the Law.⁹ Then he said, here I am, O God, to do your will. So God does away with all the old sacrifices and puts the sacrifice of Christ in their place.¹⁰ Because Jesus Christ did what God wanted him to do, we are all purified from sin by the offering that he made of his own body once and for all.

The Way Bible says this; ‘he cancels the first agreement in favour of a far better one. Verse-9

The Way Bible says, God does away with the old agreement and puts in place the sacrifice of Christ Jesus. It says he cancel the first system in favour of a far better one. The one sacrifice that Jesus made was his life for ours and in doing so he made us forever perfect in the sight of God and that did not happen in the Old Testament it only happened in the New Testament the new Will of God. God made it easier for us to get into heaven and to receive all the wonderful promises he made through Jesus Christ alone. For instance the Old Testament never made you forever perfect in the sight of God or made you Holy. But because of what Jesus did in fulfilling the New Testament, the new Will of God, he made you this way, the old never could, so why live in the Old Testament and preach from the Old instead of concentrating on the new where there multiple blessings awaiting the believer who search for them in the word of God, the New Testament.

I have written over two hundred little books all on different subjects on the New Testament and I am still writing more books because the more I study the New Testament the more I see revealed to me by the Holy Spirit, there are vast treasures awaiting the believer in the New Testament so that he never even has to touch the Old Testament

Hebrews 10-14

Amplified Bible (AMP)

For by a single offering He has forever completely cleansed and perfected those who are consecrated and made holy.

Jesus is the only one who in fulfilling God's plan made you and I forever perfect in the sight of God and made us holy like him, the Old Testament could never do this so why spend so much time preaching from it?

Like I said, I believe the Christian church the body of Christ has been deceived into spending most of their time in the Old Testament, because in there lies no power promised until after the new would come into effect through Jesus the Christ.

Hebrews 10-19

New International Version (NIV)

Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is

faithful. ²⁴ **And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.**

Three

Through what Jesus did we have confidence to enter into the Holy of Holies because of what Jesus accomplished in the New Will of God? And let us consider ways to spur others on towards love and good deeds. And there is no better way than to encourage Christians to begin reading and practising their New Testament ways, to encourage them to learn what Jesus has exactly given them; let them know that they have mercy and forgiveness and have been washed in the cleansing blood of Jesus and washed in pure water.

You can't inspire others to move in the gifting and powers of the New Testament if you yourself are locked in the Old, or coming to the New now and again. You have to move on to inspire others to move with you. If all you teach, or if the majority of what you teach is from the Old Testament how then do you expect others to mature or grow in the powers and blessings of the New Testament, remember the old is not blessed anymore it has been **replaced by the new**. The Old Testament has been replaced, and every Christian should know that, because that is what Jesus done for us; the only parts of the Old Testament that should be referred to is the parts that are brought into the New Testament from the Old, the Old was to teach what to do and what not to do, it has now been ratified changed forever by God. What the people in the Old Testament did was for their time and not for this time, you can learn from the Old of course because the word of God is alive but the **will of God has changed**, and that is the part most Christian preachers and teachers are still not teaching.

We Christians are a New Testament people, we have been born again into the new will of God that offers us a new life in Christ Jesus, and the Old Testament does not offer us righteousness with Christ Jesus, only the New Testament offers us that and guarantees it. The Old does not offer us a new life in Christ Jesus, his new life, it does not offer us a new life where we are seated in heaven in Christ Jesus; it does not offer us salvation; it talks about salvation coming in the new will but does not offer salvation until the new will arrives and it has arrived via Jesus.

Hebrews 10-17

Good News Translation (GNT)

And then he says, I will not remember their sins and evil deeds any longer.¹⁸ so when these have been forgiven, an offering to take away sins is no longer needed. Let Us Come Near to God ¹⁹ **we have, then, my friends, complete freedom to go into the Most Holy Place by means of the death of Jesus.**

God says in the New Testament that he will never remember our sins and evil deeds that promise is not in the Old Testament it only came about through Jesus. And in the New Will of God Jesus is the one who became the offering for sins committed by us. And in the New Will of God the New Testament God gave us complete freedom to come into the Most Holy place where he himself is sitting, you could not do that in the Old Testament. These are the reasons we should be New Testament people living breathing and acting New Testament values because of the grace of God himself.

God changed things and we should change with him in the new changes he introduced. God did not do these things on a whim but because he knew the first plan he had didn't work, mankind would always sin, they would always fall because there is an enemy in this world working and struggling to make all of God's creation fall. But now in the New Testament Jesus defeated the enemy and dethroned him from his throne and paraded him and his followers naked as the day they were created before the throne in heaven and in front of all the angels and heavenly beings.

In the New Testament our enemy is defeated and we have been given power over him and his followers, we didn't have that in the Old Testament, only in the new. And when we act in the new we act in the new power and authority that God has given to us through Jesus.

Jesus acted in the new, he did not live in the past he ministered a new policy, he healed the sick, raised the dead, cured the blind and set the captives free; he gave eternal life to all who required it he showed them a new way of life, he gave us his very own New life which he shared with us and gave us right standing with himself and with the father, the old Testament never gave us those things, it pointed towards them but didn't give them.

Christian leaders, begin to preach and teach from the New Testament, teach people what they have been given by Jesus, stop living in the past, as scripture says itself, **'forget the past,'** learn from its failures and success and move into the new unlimited values that we have been given to us by Christ the Messiah himself. There are sufficient treasures in Christ Jesus that will keep you going for eternity in preaching and teaching without having to go back into the past.

We were told to go and preach Jesus and his salvation, we cannot do that if we just preach from the Old Testament, and Jesus came bringing the New Testament, the New Will of God, he fulfilled the law for us and the old testament is governed by the law, but we have been given freedom from the law by Jesus dying for us.

Galatians-5-1-The Way Bible

So Christ has made us free. Now make sure that you stay free and don't get tied up in the chains of slavery to Jewish laws and ceremonies.

5-4- Christ is useless to you if you are counting on clearing your debt to God by keeping those laws; you are lost from God's grace.

The Old Testament is great in its proper place when it points towards Christ the messiah and there are many lessons we can learn and have learned from the Old Testament, we have wonderful instructions in the Psalms, and from Proverbs wise instruction; and we have learned how the spirit of God came upon certain people and these humble people preached prophecies from God telling the people to get back into repentance and sort themselves out or else they would be wiped out. We see how obedience to God is rewarded by God and how disobedience is taken seriously by him also and how nations have been wiped out or enslaved because people did not obey. But for all of this, it does not compare to the new will of God in the New Testament, because God changed things, he changed his mind from what he originally planned. God tells us clearly that he changed his mind and thought up a better plan through which he implemented in Christ Jesus his Divine son.

No true Christian Bible scholar will ever compare the Old Testament as being a better one than the New Testament.

I would never try and trash or diminish the Old Testament because it is the word of God and the word of God is alive and active; but God himself said he changed his mind about things and placed a new plan into place through Jesus, and he tells us to **go and preach Jesus, tell others the gospel** and he will work signs and miracles through us as we do. No amount of preaching from the Old Testament will bring signs and wonders and miracles of healing simply because the word of God does not promise to do this, he made that promise in the New Testament through the words of Jesus himself in **Mark -16-15** and this is what carries the promise.

The old is great but people need the new now, there are souls perishing, going to hell because no one tells them the good news, maybe some of them go to a church seeking God and all they hear is something from the Old Testament, not the Good news of Jesus Christ forgiving them their sins and giving them eternal life. In the old you were told that is to come in the future, that was the future for the last two thousand years.

Mark 16-15

Good News Translation (GNT)

He said to them, **Go throughout the whole world and preach the gospel to all people** **Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned** **Believers will be given the power to perform miracles: they will drive out demons in my name; they will speak in strange tongues;**¹⁸ **if they pick up snakes or drink any poison, they will not be harmed; they will place their hands on sick people, and these will get well.**

{Jesus Is Taken Up to Heaven}

19 after the Lord Jesus had talked with them, he was taken up to heaven and sat at the right side of God.20The disciples went and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and proved that their preaching was true by the miracles that were performed.]

Again I say I do not wish to make it seem like I hold the old in disregard or contempt or anything else derogatory; I love the Old Testament and loved the things I have learned from it but the lord God is telling us to **go preach the gospel**, the **Old Testament is not the gospel is it?** the New Testament is what we are being urged to preach, and this is the promise from God himself that these signs and wonders would accompany those who preach this message, because Jesus himself will be there working his signs and wonders by working with them.

I cannot stress enough to my fellow believers we have been commissioned to go preach the gospel the good news, and the good news is not just salvation but the good news for someone who is sick or diseased is that they will get healed, the good news for the poor is that God promises to supply their every need. He promises to those who feel unworthy a new nature, a holy nature, the very nature of Jesus himself. The good news is everything the New Testament tells us is ours, for example; **“We are the righteousness of Christ Jesus,”** we are forever perfect in the sight of God, we stand in the place of highest privilege in heaven and that we are seated with him in the heavenly realms; these are just some of the gospel messages, we don't only have one little message we have an overwhelming abundance of wealth to share from the Good News, the New Testament.

Salvation is just the beginning of the wondrous things Jesus has in store for us; we have the baptism in the Holy Spirit awaiting us after we received Jesus as lord and got saved, we have gifts awaiting us from that same Holy Spirit and those things are just the beginning of our new life in Christ Jesus. As I said salvation is not the end of everything Jesus done for you, it is only the beginning of awesome blessings that await you.

In the Old Testament you were not given any gifts from God's Holy Spirit, some special chosen people were given the gift to heal at God's direction, or work miracles. But in the new all God's children are offered his Holy Spirit

Living and preaching from the Old Testament is never going to bring those glorious things Jesus did for us into being, will it, be truthful with your self

Hebrews-13-8- The Way bible

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday today and forever.

This is the gospel we are told to declare from now on, we are to preach Jesus; the **Old Testament was meant to point towards Jesus** coming to save us, he came and did save us, now we must proclaim him to the unsaved and how can we do that successfully if we concentrate on the Old Testament.

Hebrews-13-15-The Way Bible

With Jesus help we will continually offer our sacrifice of praise to God by telling others of the glory of his name.

This is the wondrous joy we have in sharing with others the glory of the name of Jesus, the good news for today not centuries ago.

Hebrews 8-6

Amplified Bible (AMP)

But as it now is, He [Christ] has acquired a [priestly] ministry which is as much superior and more excellent [than the old] as the covenant (the agreement) of which He is the Mediator (the Arbiter, Agent) is superior and more excellent, [because] it is enacted and rests upon more important (sublime, higher, and nobler) promises.

God's word itself declares that we have a more superior and more excellent than the old, then why are preachers sticking to the Old Testament when even God himself says the New is superior and more excellent than the Old.

We have a more superior and more excellent new agreement and covenant with God through Jesus Christ the saviour of the world. We have the New Testament the new will of God, the wonderful thrilling exciting amazing things that our brother and saviour Jesus gave us through what he did for us and we need to tell others this. This is the good news, the good news of Jesus Christ our lord. The **Good news** is the Old Testament, Old covenant, has been done away with, with all its rules and regulations and we have been given freedom through Christ Jesus.

Go out into the entire world and preach the gospel the good news of Jesus, the good news for today.

In the New Testament you are declared Holy, righteous, perfect, sinless, spotless, washed in the blood, a new creation, you have a new relationship with God, and you can walk boldly into the throne room of God. You have none of these things promised you in the Old Testament.

Hebrews 12-24

Good News Translation (GNT)

You have come to Jesus, who arranged the new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that promises much better things than does the blood of Abel.

²⁵ Be careful, then, and do not refuse to hear him who speaks. Those who refused to hear the one who gave the divine message on earth did not escape. How much less shall we

escape, then, if we turn away from the one who speaks from heaven! ²⁶ His voice shook the earth at that time, but now he has promised, I will once more shake not only the earth but heaven as well.²⁷ The words once more plainly show that the created things will be shaken and removed, so that the things that cannot be shaken will remain. ²⁸ **Let us be thankful, then, because we receive a kingdom that cannot be shaken.** Let us be grateful and **worship God in a way that will please him, with reverence and awe;** ²⁹ because our God is indeed a destroying fire.

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You have come to Jesus who arranged the new and better covenant through the shedding of his blood and that was a better promise a richer promise than the one made with the blood of Able which cried for vengeance. If Jesus himself arranged the **'New Covenant'** and it only applied in the **'New Will'** of God, then we should spend more time in the New Testament studying and reading what exactly Jesus did for us.

I have been studying the New Testament for over thirty five years, and I seen some beautiful things in his word and recently I have read those same scriptures that I had read and re-read again and again for years on end, and lately over these last few years those scriptures have come to life for me, I see the original truth in them, then I see another side to them something I never noticed before enhancing that scripture. It is one scripture but multisided so it reflects a newness every time I read it from my heart. I seen that the word of God is alive and it became alive in me recently.

God desires us to worship him in **spirit and in truth**, how can we do this if we live in Old Testament living and not live in the fullness of New Testament life as being in heaven already being joined together with Christ Jesus and seated with him in the heavenly realms. The spirit wasn't given until the New Testament so we could not worship him in spirit as requested and we could not worship him in truth if we are Old Testament living. How can we give God all the glory if we don't know or understand the awesome things that Jesus has done for us his brothers and sisters?

Jesus came bringing a new covenant, a new promise and this promise included the promises he made with us in the Old Testament with Abraham; Jesus did not do away with the covenant but he changed it to include us the gentile believers.

Acts 3-22

Good News Translation (GNT)

For Moses said, The Lord your God **will send you a prophet**, just as he sent me, and he will be one of your own people. **You are to obey everything that he tells you to do.** **23** Anyone who does not obey ***'that prophet'*** shall be separated from God's people and destroyed. And all the prophets who had a message, including Samuel and those who

came after him, also announced what has been happening these days.²⁵ **The promises of God through his prophets are for you, and you share in the covenant which God made with your ancestors. As he said to Abraham, Through your descendants I will bless all the people on earth.**²⁶ And so God chose his Servant and sent him to you first, to bless you by making every one of you turn away from your wicked ways.

That prophet that Moses and the rest talked about was Jesus.

Jesus didn't come to rob you of your Old Testament promises he came to make them come true, he fulfilled the message given by Moses and the other prophets who prophesied about himself. He came making a new covenant a better one than the previous one; one that promised heaven, forgiveness of sins, and righteousness with God, one that gave unlimited power to the believer, the promise of giving to all who asked, 'his Own Holy Spirit.' These are much better promises than the ones we previously received from God.

Churches you are robbing yourselves of the incredible blessings that are in the New Testament those wonderful glorious promises given through Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 2-6

Good News Translation (GNT)

In our union with Christ Jesus he raised us up with him to rule with him in the heavenly world.⁷ He did this to **demonstrate for all time** to come the extraordinary greatness of his grace in the love he showed us in Christ Jesus.⁸⁻⁹ For it is by God's grace that you have been saved through faith. **It is not the result of your own efforts, but God's gift, so that no one can boast about it.**¹⁰ **God has made us what we are, and in our union with Christ Jesus he has created us for a life of good deeds, which he has already prepared for us to do.**

How can you do a life of good deeds you were told was going to happen if you are locked in the Old Testament? Those good deeds are prepared for your future not your past, or past Testament. Church you are being robbed by your enemy because you live and teach from the Old and not the new.

Old is past, new is present.

You have been raised up to rule with him, Jesus, in the heavenly world this only applies to the believers since Jesus came to proclaim this gospel. You are members of God's own family adopted into his family as his own children.

Ephesians 3-1-13
New International Version (NIV)

God's Marvellous Plan for the Gentiles

For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—

² Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³ that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly.⁴ In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵ which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets.⁶ This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

⁷ I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power.⁸ Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹ and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. ¹⁰ His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, ¹¹ according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. ¹² In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.¹³ I ask you, therefore, not to be discouraged because of my sufferings for you, which are your glory.

What God planned to do in this present age was to disclose the mysteries in Christ Jesus, which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets.

The New Testament was not made known to the older generations who lived under that Old Testament living. But it is now revealed by the Spirit of God in the New Testament times. ¹⁰ His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, ¹¹ according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. You see it is through the church that the wisdom of God would be seen and made known.

In the Old Testament God did not allow anyone to approach him or they would die, but that has changed, now we may enter boldly the very throne room of God and receive a glad welcome. This was not available in the Old Testament, in this scripture you can see clearly that we have been given access to God the Father; in him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence. In Jesus we can approach the throne room of God and be allowed access to the Father, this was never available before in the Old Testament

living. Only the high priest could enter and after being covered in blood and at certain times could he enter into the holy of holies.

Jesus did away with this by tearing the curtain down the middle and giving us access to his Father by his death on the cross.

Ephesians 3-12

Good News Translation (GNT)

In union with Christ and through our faith in him we have the boldness to go into God's presence with all confidence.

No one could do this in the Old Testament, as stated before **I have no reason to disparage the Old Testament, nor would I dare to;** I only desire that the born again Christian would move on from there into the real treasures where there are countless blessings awaiting them and their churches all brought about by Jesus and what he done for mankind.

Revelation was not made know to other generations but only to the people in the New Testament.

Things have changed between God and us, God changed it not us, he was the one who done away with the old way and replaced it with a new way, and Jesus is the way, the new way.

Hebrews-12-20-Good News Bible

If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned to death.

Before, you could not come near where God was, and even an animal had to be stoned to death if it approached too close to God on that Holy Mountain where his presence was.

Hebrews-10-19 -The Way Bible

But now we can walk right in to the Holies of Holies where God is because of the blood of Jesus.

Now we can walk into the holiest place where God is, because Jesus opened the way for us. There is no longer any room for doubt, God has instigated a new way to approach him and it is not in fear or trembling but boldly and confidently assured of a glad welcome.

You have read what scriptures I have quoted and you can see for yourself how wonderful the New Testament is and you see the wonderful things that you can do through the New Testament through an with and in Christ Jesus, this was never available before, so change with the changes God brought about b y giving us a New Covenant, a New Testament, the New Will of God. It is time to grow up and mature into the New Testament where lay hidden treasures in Jesus waiting for you to find them and lay hold to them.

Be bold be strong and walk in holy boldness because of your new relationship with God through Jesus our saviour and lord.

Amen