

A handy chart comparing ...the Old and New Covenants

“...And he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments.”

Exod.34:28 See also Deut.4:13

**“In that He says, 'A new covenant', He has made the first obsolete.
Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away”**

Heb.8:13

	The Old Covenant <small>Exod.20:3-17</small>	The New Covenant adds love and spiritual insight	NT references
1st	‘You shall have no other gods before Me’	“You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment.” Matt.22:37-38 See also Deut.6:5, 10:12, 30:6	Matt.22:36-40 Mark 12:28-34 Luke 10:25-28
2nd	‘You shall not make for yourself a carved image’ (idol)	Has been extended to incorporate not worshipping treasure, money or way of life. ‘You cannot serve God and mammon.’	Matt.6:19-21, 24 Luke 12:33-34
3rd	‘You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain’	Under the new covenant we are forbidden from taking oaths of any kind. We should say, “yes” or “no”, and mean it.	Matt.5:33-37
4th	‘Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy’	The Feast of Remembrance is the compulsory feast. 1 Cor.ch11 Sabbath keeping is now optional (see Col.2:14,16-17; Gal.4:9-11).	Matt.26:26-30 Mark 14:22-26
5th	‘Honour your father and your mother’	Honour your father and mother without using lame traditions of men to avoid responsibility.	Matt.15:3-6 Mark 7:10-13
6th	‘You shall not murder’	Murder is shown to be begin with anger in peoples hearts. Prayer and love for enemies.	Matt.5:21-22, 43-48 Luke 6:27-28
7th	‘You shall not commit adultery’	He who looks on a woman has committed adultery in his heart. No divorce.	Matt.5:27-28, 31-32 Mark 10:11-12
8th	‘You shall not steal’	Included in the list of evil that proceeds from the heart of man.	Matt.15:18-20 Mark 7:20-23
9th	‘You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour’	Love your neighbour as yourself. False witness is from the heart. The new commandment of love.	Matt.15:18-20, 22:39 John 13:34
10th	‘You shall not covet’	Beware of covetousness and opulent living. (the original NT Greek says, “beware of <u>all</u> covetousness”).	Luke 12:15-21

Did you know?

- **“So He declared to you His covenant which He commanded you to perform, the Ten Commandments; and He wrote them on two tablets of stone”** Deut.4:13
The old covenant in its **condensed form** was basically the ten commandments (literally ten words, Exod.34:28) engraved on stones which were stored in the covenant box, known as the **ark of the covenant** (1 Kings 8:21). Each stone represented a participant to the covenant ie **God** and **Israel** with **Moses as the mediator**.
- The **“Book of the Covenant”** is a more **detailed** presentation of the old covenant. Either way we cannot separate the ten commandments on the tablets from the more detailed presentation, as both are referred to as, **“the words of the covenant”** (Exod.24:7; 2 Kings 23:21; 2 Chron.34:30). As well as ceremonial laws and feasts, the Book of the Covenant also contains **many more** commandments **with moral intent** and laws about animals, fish and insects that could or could not be used as food because of health reasons (Exod.ch21-ch22; Deut.6:5, 10:19, 14:3-21; 15:7-11, ch19-ch27; Lev.ch11).
- The two most important moral laws of all time are found in the detailed Book of the Covenant but are **not actually listed in the Ten Commandments** (See Matt.22:37-40).
- Although the old covenant has been superseded you will find that most of the ten commandments and other old covenant commandments have been **restored with new life** under the new covenant. These commandments are now presented by Jesus in a positive fashion going well beyond a **clinical keeping** of commandments, to revealing how our **private intentions and thoughts** are to be held accountable. (Matt.5:21-22, 27-28, 33-37, 38-42, 43-44).
- The feasts under the old covenant are called “shadows” (Heb.10:1) pointing forward to the coming Saviour, who is described as the “body” or “substance”. Our Saviour in a symbol **nailed the old covenant to the cross**, because He was the only human being to be totally obedient to God's will. Jesus has now **taken Moses' place** as Mediator and Teacher, so naturally **He gets to make all the rules under the New Covenant** (John 14:15, 21, 15:10).