

# Reasoning out of the Scriptures by Allegory and Type



Study 15

## Bezaleel - The Spirit of the Law

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**DOCTRINE CONSIDERED: Law. Faith. Truth. Letter. Spirit.**

We have maintained throughout our studies, Scriptures are a testimony of *what* Yahweh teaches His children; and *how* He teaches them. We have upheld the position that doctrine revealed in parables, signs, shadows, types and allegories is a significant part of that revelation.

- *The Spirit of the Law* was taught constantly by the Lord Jesus Christ. As noted in previous studies, the Lord elevated the principles of the Sabbath, Circumcision, Sacrifice, Adultery, Murder, Family, seed of Abraham...etc. The Son of God condemned the scribes and Pharisees for hypocrisy; making the outside clean instead of the inward pure; thereby omitting the weightier matters (Mat 23:1-28)

Yahweh's mode of teaching is constantly set forth by comparing Inspired Scripture: the literal agreeing with the spiritual (1Cor 1-2). This is not exclusive to the O.T. The apostle speaks of the master and servant: Sin/God (Rom 6); the husband and wife: Law/Faith (Rom 7); the groom and bride: Christ/ecclesia (Eph 5); the milk and meat: doctrine (Heb 5; 1Cor 10)...etc.

## **The Bondage of the Law and Freedom-Liberty of Grace**

- 1. The Law could not redeem because it exposed weakness of flesh (Rom 5:20-21; 7:4-14; Gal 3:19)**
- 2. Perfect Obedience to the Law was impossible (Gal 3:10-12; Jam 2:9-11; Gal 5:3-5; Rom 8:3)**
- 3. The Law condemned unrighteousness (1Tim 1:8-10; Gal 5:18-23)**
- 4. The Law was a schoolmaster until Christ (Gal 3:21-29)**
- 5. Christ redeems from the curse/condemnation of Law (Gal 4:4-6; Col 2:12-17; Gal 3:8-14) *\*\*“free” and “liberty” from “bondage” (Joh 8:32-36; Rom 6:18-22; 7:3; 8:2; Gal 4:31; 5:1,13; 1Pet 2:16)***
- 6. Christ did not relax, but elevated spirit of the Law to its true value (Mat 5:17-19; 5:27-28; Mat 23; Heb 2:1-3; 10:28-29)**
- 7. Christ taught justification by raising the conscience of sin (Heb 10:16-22; 9:8-14; 1Pet 3:20-21)**
- 8. Acknowledging sin is needed for forgiveness (Pro 28:13; 1Jo 1:8-10)**
- 9. Repentance not just remorse; but turning to God (Act 20:26; Mat 3:8; 2Tim 2:25)**
- 10. Grace must not be used as license to sin (Rom 6:1-7; Jude 1-5)**

Rom 5:20 “The law entered, that the offence might abound. *But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound*”

**MERCY is based upon LAW**

# The Ark and the Mercy-Seat



————— Mercy Seat

**MERCY is an elevation of LAW**

**Tabernacle Notes #5:**  
***Law & Grace***

————— The Law

Exo 40:20 “And he took and **PUT THE TESTIMONY INTO THE ARK**, and set the staves on the ark, and *put the mercy seat ABOVE upon the ark*”

**Christ “magnified the Law and made it honourable” Isa 42:12**

**Exo 25:21** *And thou shalt put the mercy seat ABOVE upon the ark;* and **IN THE ARK THOU SHALT PUT THE TESTIMONY** that I shall give thee.

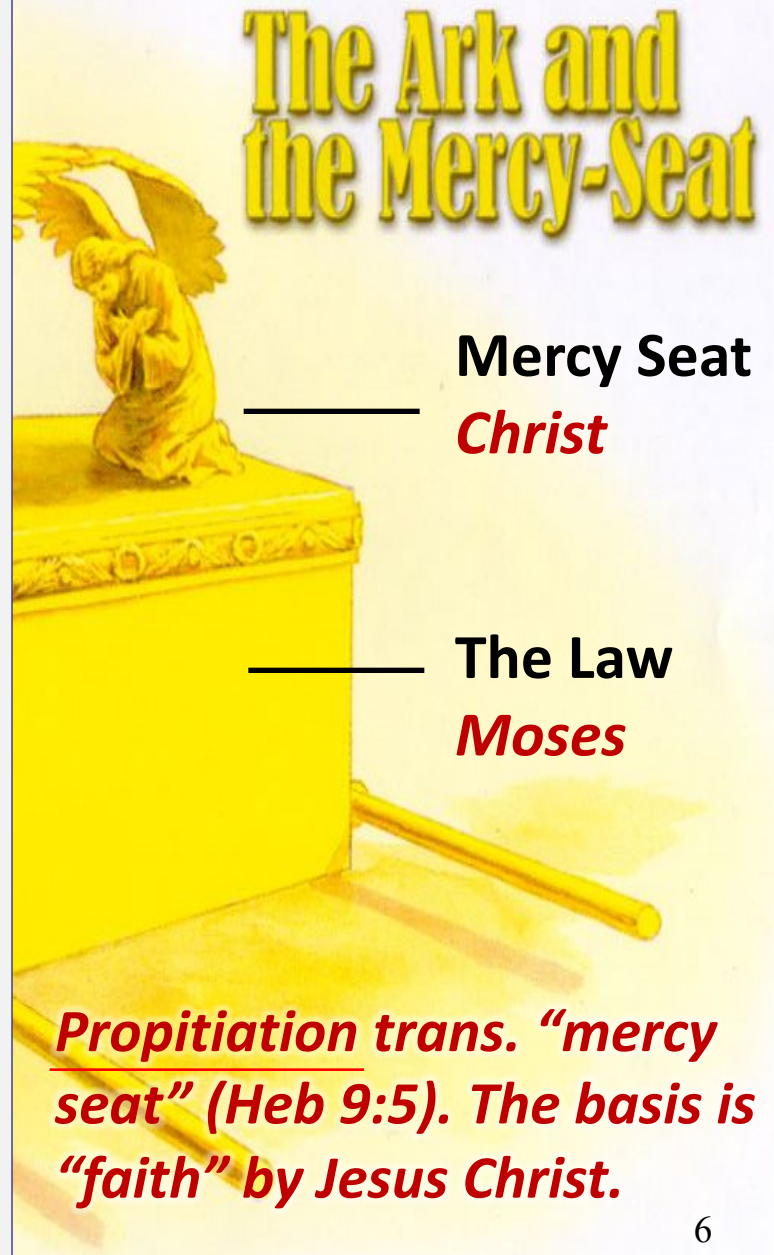
**Exo 25:22** *And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee* **FROM ABOVE the mercy seat,** from between the two cherubims which *are* upon the ark of the testimony, **OF ALL THINGS WHICH I WILL GIVE THEE IN COMMANDMENT** unto the children of Israel.

**Mercy Seat Above The Ark**—the elevation of the Law was a “shadow of good things to come” (Heb 10:1); fulfilled in the *body* or “substance” of Christ (Col 2:17); and this is where Yahweh will “meet with” men.

**Mat 9:13** “Go ye and learn what *that* meaneth, *I will have mercy, and not sacrifice:* for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

- **Neh 8:1-12** Ezra elevated on platform of wood. People understand.
- **John 12:32** Christ lifted up on wood; draws all men unto him.
- **Luke 4:16-22** Jesus stood up to read; fulfilled words of O.T.
- **Act 13:15-36** Paul stood up and declared forgiveness by Christ

**Rom 3:20-26** “By the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, BEING WITNESSED BY THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS; Even the righteousness of God which is by \*THROUGH FAITH of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be A PROPITIATION THROUGH FAITH in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God...” [Rom 9:30-33](#)



**Faith or The Faith**—relates to the doctrine of the atonement by Jesus Christ; forgiveness by the covering of sins. The N.T. term “faith” does not only imply conviction, but rep. the process of redemption through the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ:

Act 26:18 “To turn them from darkness to light... that *they may receive* FORGIVENESS OF SINS, and inheritance among them which are *sanctified* BY **FAITH** that is in me”

**Faith**—is applied in distinction to justification by the works of the Law

Gal 3:1-5 “O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey *the truth*, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you? This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit *by the works of the law*, or by the hearing of **FAITH**? Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?...He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, *doeth he it by the works of the law*, or by the hearing of **FAITH**?”

*Therefore “faith” in Christ Jesus refers to redemption apart from the Law (Act 20:21; Rom 3:21-22; 5:1; Gal 5:6; 2Tim 3:15)*<sup>7</sup>

**Gal 3:21-29** “Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law. But the scripture hath concluded *all under sin*, that the promise by **FAITH** of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe. *But before the FAITH came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the FAITH* which should afterwards be revealed. Wherefore **THE LAW WAS OUR SCHOOLMASTER (UNTIL) CHRIST**, that we might be justified by **FAITH**. But after that the **FAITH** is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. For ye are all the children of God by the **FAITH** in Christ Jesus. *For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ... if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise”*

**In contrast to works by the Law, Faith is forgiveness from Sins by Christ:**

**Gal 2:16-17** “Knowing that a man is not *\*justified by the works of the law, but by the FAITH* of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be *\*justified by the FAITH* of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be *\*justified”* *\*“justification” addressed later*



➤ **Abraham's "seed" not through the Law, but by Faith**

**Rom 4:13-17** "For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. For if they which ARE OF THE LAW BE HEIRS, FAITH IS MADE VOID, and the promise made of none effect: Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression.

Therefore it is of FAITH, that it might be by GRACE; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all"

*The "seed" conceived and offered in sacrifice by the principle of "faith" (Heb 11:11-19; Rom 4)*

**Gal 5:1-6** "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing. For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law. Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace. For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; BUT FAITH WHICH WORKETH BY LOVE" *love can't be legislated*

➤ **Faith is redemption from sin and death by the resurrection of Christ.**

1Cor 15:13-18 “But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, *and your FAITH is also vain.* Yea, and we are found FALSE WITNESSES of God; because we have testified of God *that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: And if Christ be not raised, your FAITH is vain; YE ARE YET IN YOUR SINS.*” (Gal 2:21)

➤ **In contrast to “works of the Law” redemption by Christ becomes “the Law of Faith.”**

Rom 3:25-31 “Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation (mercy seat) *through FAITH IN HIS BLOOD*, to declare his righteousness for the REMISSION OF SINS *that are past*, through the forbearance of God; To declare, *I say*, at this time his righteousness: that *He might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.* Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but **BY THE LAW OF FAITH...** *Do we then make void the law through FAITH?* God forbid: yea, we *establish the law*” “new covenant **IN MY BLOOD**”—1Cor 11:25

**Joh 1:17 For *the law was given by Moses*, BUT GRACE AND TRUTH CAME BY JESUS CHRIST.**

**Joh 1:14 “The Word was made flesh, and *tabernacled* among us, (and we beheld his GLORY, the GLORY as of the only begotten of the Father,) FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH”**

- **The Inspired Scriptures reveal the way in which God has made available the forgiveness of sins and the hope of life eternal. This includes the detailed explanations of: the Law of Moses; the Law of Faith; Grace; Justification; the imputing of Righteousness; not imputing Sin; the Righteousness of God; and the Atonement.**

**Gal 3:22-25 “The scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe. But before *\*the faith* came, we were kept under the law, *shut up* UNTO THE FAITH which should afterwards be revealed. Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster ~~to bring us~~ unto (until) Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster” *\*Young’s...etc.***

**Remember chronology: the Law necessary to come before Grace.**

- The Inspired Scriptures reveal the way in which God has made available the forgiveness of sins and the hope of life eternal. This requires an understanding of the Law of Moses and The Law of Faith.

### The Truth—term referring to Christ as a fulfillment of the Law

- *Throughout the N.T. two men—Moses and Christ—are set as FOUNDATION and FULFILLMENT: shadow and substance. “You have one that accuseth you, even Moses... he wrote of me” John 5:45-47.*
- **Moses is set in Scripture as “the Law” and Christ as “the Truth.”** Two systems: “Law” and “Truth.” John Baptist came before Christ to “bare witness unto the Truth”—Joh 5:33 The Jews sought to kill Christ because he told them “the Truth” (Joh 8:40-46). Only those who loved his Light would come to “the Truth” (Joh 3:16-21)

Rom 2:17-20 “Thou art called a Jew, and *restest in the law... being instructed out of the law... An instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, which hast the \*form of knowledge and of the truth in the law”*

- **\*Semblance.** While “The Truth” refers to all the testimony of Scripture (Dan 10:21; 2Tim 2:15), there is a specific application of “the truth” that relates to the Lord Jesus Christ as a fulfillment of the Law and Prophets.

**Rom 15:8** “Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision FOR **THE TRUTH** OF GOD, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers”

• *The confirmation of the Covenants to the Patriarchs was realized in Christ. Hence, he is “the Truth.” The Jews knew the Lord was teaching the higher elevation of the “spirit” of the Law, and “teachest the way of God in Truth...” (Mat 22:16). They were familiar with the aspect: “Truth”*

• *While debating with the Jews over whether they were Abraham’s children or children of bondage, the Lord said “ye shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall make you free”—Joh 8:32 (seed was Christ—Gal 3:16)*

• *Christ said “I am the way, the Truth, and the life; no man cometh to the Father but by me” (Joh 14:6). He was the “true vine,” and the “true light” — John 1:9; 15:1*

• *Fulfilling the Mosaic “manna,” Jesus was the “True bread” John 6:32*

**Gal 3:1-2** “O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey **THE TRUTH**, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you? This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit BY THE WORKS OF THE LAW, or by the hearing of faith?”

**\*This was “worshipping the Father in spirit and in Truth” Joh 4:22-24**

**Gal 5:1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and *be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage...***

**Gal 5:3 For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a DEBTOR TO DO THE WHOLE LAW.**

**Gal 5:4 Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are JUSTIFIED BY THE LAW; *ye are fallen from GRACE...***

**Gal 5:7 Ye did run well; who did hinder you *that ye should not obey THE TRUTH?***

**Joh 18:37-38 “Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, *that I should bear witness unto THE TRUTH. Every one that is of THE TRUTH heareth my voice. Pilate saith unto him, What is truth?”***

- **In the N.T. “the Truth” is a phrase used for the Lord Jesus Christ as a fulfillment of the Law and O.T. Scriptures. It is found again in Heb 10:26-29, where the Mosaic is in contrast to the Truth.**

***Therefore, the Key to understanding “the Truth” is rightly comprehending the Lord Jesus Christ as a fulfillment of the Law, Prophets and Psalms.***

- When the Holy Spirit was given after the glorification of Jesus Christ (raised up) it led men to a full comprehensive understanding of the death and resurrection of the Messiah; thus, leading them “into all truth”—“the spirit of Truth” John 14:17; 16:13. We are “sanctified” by Christ, and therefore, are “sanctified through the Truth” John 17:17-19

Joh 16:7,13 “Nevertheless I tell you **THE TRUTH**; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you... Howbeit when he, **THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH**, is come, **HE WILL GUIDE YOU INTO ALL TRUTH**: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come”

By this principle, the Atonement is called “The Truth.”

1Joh 1:7-9 “If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and **THE TRUTH IS NOT IN US**. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness”

Therefore, Christ said “every one that is of the **TRUTH** heareth my voice”  
Joh 18:37

- To the Galatians, who struggled with returning to the Law, the apostle desired that “the truth of the gospel might continue with you”—Gal 2:5. By turning back to bondage under the Law, he noted “they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel”—Gal 2:14.
- It is called, “the word of truth, the gospel”—Eph 1:13, and “the truth is in Jesus”—Eph 4:21
- To the Colossians: “ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel”—Col 1:5, and “the grace of God in truth”—Col 1:6
- To Timothy, the apostle stated God “would have all men to be saved and come unto the knowledge of the Truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,” for he was established as a teacher to “speak the truth in Christ”—1Tim 2:1-7
- Those bringing in “damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them,” were those “of whom the way of Truth” was evil spoken of—2Pet 2:1-2

**Heb 9:24** the inspired apostle teaches us the things pertaining to the **\*\*Tabernacle** were “**figures of the True**” **\*\*remember this principle**



## **THE SPIRIT—NOT BY THE LAW, BUT BY FAITH**

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The apostle is making a direct parallel between “receiving the spirit” and the “hearing of faith”—the Truth—and not “the works of the Law.”

- **The Spirit**—Jesus Christ was “full of the holy spirit” (Luk 4:1). This is the same word: “God is a **\*spirit**, and they that worship Him must worship Him in **\*spirit and in Truth**” (Joh 4:24). Also, “he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit and not in the letter” (Rom 2:29). And, “the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life” (2Cor 3:6) **\*God’s personal being is inseparable from His character/doctrine**

## The Law: The Letter and The Spirit—

Rom 2:28-29 “For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: But **HE IS A JEW, WHICH IS ONE INWARDLY; AND CIRCUMCISION IS THAT OF THE HEART, IN THE SPIRIT, AND NOT IN THE LETTER**; whose praise is not of men, but of God”  
(Rom 8:1-5)

•The worship of “spirit” is *not* that of **OUTWARD**, but **INWARD** “of God.” Phi 3:3 adds: “we are the circumcision, which worship God *in the spirit*.”

Jews condemned for emphasis on “outward” (Mat 6:1-5; 23:5)

•Important note: the Law was “holy and just and good” (Rom 7:12-16; Neh 9:13; Gal 3:21). The apostle said “the Law is spiritual, but I am carnal” Rom 7:14. The outward always intended to teach the inward: *circumcision of the heart (Deu 10:22), offerings of personal dedication (1Sam 15:22), the Sabbath rest from works of flesh (Isa 56: 58)...etc.*

“Letter” is tran. “epistle” or “written.” Variations of the context and word are from the Greek *gramma, engrapho. To inscribe*. It implies the written testimony. While the “spirit” is to be written on the heart (Jer 31:33)

1Tim 1:6-10 “WE KNOW THAT THE LAW IS GOOD, IF A MAN USE IT LAWFULLY; Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient...”

## **BRETHREN IN CHRIST ALSO OBSERVE THE OUTWARD TO REMEMBER INWARD**

•The basis of *faith* in Christ Jesus is “repent and be baptized” (Act 2:38). The immersion of a men and women in water (Act 8:12; Joh 3:23) symbolizes the deeds of the “old man” being “crucified” or “buried” *with Christ*, and raised up a “new man” with a new walk in newness of life (Rom 6). The literal directs us to the spiritual.

Gal 5:24 “They that are Christ’s have **CRUCIFIED THE FLESH** *with the affections and lusts*” (Rom 13:14; Col 3:8-12; Eph 4:22-24).

•The basis of the *new covenant* is partaking of the Bread and Wine representing the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ (Mat 26:26-29). The act must include a self-examination (2Cor 13:5).

1Cor 11:27-29 “Whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink *this* cup of the Lord, *unworthily*, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. **BUT LET A MAN EXAMINE HIMSELF**, and so let him eat of *that* bread, and drink of *that* cup. *For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord’s body*”

For those *In Christ*, “**the righteousness of the law** might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, **but after the Spirit**”—Rom 8:4

The “spirit of Christ” was manifested in the prophets (1Pet 1:10-12); and the Lord was identified as coming in the spirit of the prophets; “some say thou art John the Baptism; some, Elijah; and other Jeremiah, or one of the prophets” (Mat 16:14; Neh 9:30). It was the prophets, namely, who rebuked Israel for only observing the “letter” and omitting the “spirit” —

Samuel rebuked Saul “Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams” (1Sam 15:22)

Isaiah cried to Israel “To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the LORD: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats... Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting. Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear them... Wash you, MAKE YOU CLEAN; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; LEARN TO DO WELL...” (Isa 1:11-17)

see: Jer 6:20; Amo 5:21; Mic 6:7; Isa 56:1-3; 58:13

“Sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart” Psa 51

- The Lord Jesus Christ came to “magnify the Law, and make it honorable” (Isa 42:21); to “fulfill” the *spirit of its’* intent (Mat 5:17). This is only be accomplished when Law is elevated above formalism.

Mar 12:32-34 “The scribe said (Christ), Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he: *And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbour as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.* And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God” *Love cannot be legislated by Law*

Rom 12:1-2 “*Ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.* And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind...”

Phi 4:18 “But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things *which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God*” (Phi 2:16-17; Eph 5:1-2)

1Pet 2:5 “Ye also, as lively stones, are built up *a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ*”

- David and his men partook of the shewbread based upon the spirit of its' intent, although the letter was not observed (Mat 12:1-4).

**Mat 22:36-40** “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second *is* like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. *On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets*”

- Obviously, not “all the law and the prophets” were literally “on these two commandments.” However, in the entirety of the Old Testament was rooted in the spirit of these two principles.

**Jam 4:5** “Do ye think that *the scripture saith in vain*, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?”

- The above ref. is more of a principle found throughout Scripture rather than a direct quotation of the Law.

**1Cor 14:34** *women are to remain silent in ecclesial assemblies, wrote the apostle, “as also saith the law.”*

- Again, this is an overall principle rather than a direct reference.
- ***Every time the Pharisees/Scribes debated Christ: Letter vs. Spirit***

Rom 7:5 For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.

Rom 7:6 But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were *\*held; that we should SERVE IN NEWNESS OF SPIRIT, and not in the oldness of the letter. \*the Law: shut up, held, bondage...*

Rom 7:7 What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, *\*Thou shalt not covet. \*this command isn't an outward act, but an inward desire*

Rom 7:8 But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, *\*wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin was dead. \*all aspects of life*

Rom 7:9 For I was alive without the LAW once: but when the *commandment* came, sin revived, and I *died*.

Rom 7:10 And the *commandment*, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto *death*. *Paul an expert in "the Law" (Act 22:1-3; 26:5; Gal 1:13-14; Phi 3:5-6)*

Rom 7:11 For sin, taking occasion by the *commandment*, deceived me, and by it *slew* me.

Rom 7:12 Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.

Rom 7:13 Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working *death* in me by that which is good; that sin by the *commandment* might become exceeding sinful.

## LETTER OF THE LAW: a ministration of Death

2Cor 3:1 Do we begin again to commend ourselves? OR NEED WE, AS SOME OTHERS EPISTLES OF COMMENDATION TO YOU, OR LETTERS OF COMMENDATION FROM YOU?

2Cor 3:2 YE ARE OUR EPISTLE WRITTEN IN OUR HEARTS, KNOWN AND READ OF ALL MEN:

• This premise of the apostle's exposition of Law in contrast to Spirit is important. Does he need a literal letter from others commending him to the brethren? Is not his personal example of expending himself in love not proof of the spirit?

2Cor 3:3 Forasmuch as ye are MANIFESTLY DECLARED to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, WRITTEN NOT WITH INK, BUT WITH THE SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart. (Exo 24:12; 34:1)

2Cor 3:4 And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward:

2Cor 3:5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God;

2Cor 3:6 Who also hath made us able ministers of THE NEW TESTAMENT; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter KILLETH, but the spirit GIVETH LIFE.

• The letter "killeth" because it "condemned" men as sinful (v.9)

• The "new covenant" is "of the spirit," and "gives life"

2Cor 3:7 But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away:

2Cor 3:8 How shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious?<sup>24</sup>



Called “The Law of Moses,” the man Moses personally enacted the doctrine

2Cor 3:9 For if the ministration of condemnation be glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory.

2Cor 3:10 For even that which was made glorious had no glory in this respect, by reason of the glory that excelleth.

2Cor 3:11 For if that *which is done away* was glorious, much more that which remaineth is glorious. “the Law entered that offence might abound” Rom 5:20

2Cor 3:12 Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech:

2Cor 3:13 And not as Moses, which \*\*put a vail over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of that which is abolished:

\*\*this event occurs in Exo 34:33-35

2Cor 3:14 But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which vail is done away in Christ.

2Cor 3:15 But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart.

2Cor 3:16 Nevertheless WHEN IT SHALL TURN TO THE LORD, the vail shall be taken away.

2Cor 3:17 Now the Lord IS THAT SPIRIT: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

- The “Law of Liberty” is freedom from condemnation of the Law by the covering of sin in Christ Jesus—Gal 2:4; 5:1-6,13; Jam 1:25; 2:12; 2Pet 2:16-19.

2Cor 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by *the Spirit of the Lord*.

*This spirit in the heart: basis for forgiveness of sin; the new covenant (Mat 26:26-29)*

Jer 31:31-34 “Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that *I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD: But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I WILL PUT MY LAW IN THEIR INWARD PARTS, AND WRITE IT IN THEIR HEARTS; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more” (Heb 8:8-13 cf. Jer 32:39-40)*

The \*“new spirit” is “walking” and “loving” the “statutes” and “ordinances” of the Law, and “circumcising the heart” (\*Eze 11:19-21; 36:25-27; Deu 30:6; 2Chr 30:12; Jer 24:7).

## The Lord was the embodiment of the spirit of the Law—

Psa 40:6 *Sacrifice* (zebach) and *offering* (minchah) thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened: *burnt offering* (olah) and *sin offering* (chatah) hast thou not required.

Psa 40:7 Then said I, *Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me,*

Psa 40:8 I DELIGHT to *do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is WITHIN my heart.*

Heb 10:1-9 “The Law having a shadow of good things to come... For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, BUT A BODY HAST THOU PREPARED ME: In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure. Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God. Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law; \*THEN SAID HE, LO, I COME TO DO THY WILL, O GOD. HE TAKETH AWAY THE FIRST, THAT HE MAY ESTABLISH THE SECOND”<sup>27</sup>

*\*second covenant based on the spirit not letter*

# God Manifestation/Glory: Completed by The Spirit—

The “pattern” was given by Moses as a “*shadow*” and “*figure*” of what would be fulfilled later in Christ *in Truth* (Heb 8:5; 9:9). Significantly, it was NOT Moses who completed the tabernacle, but a man specially “called” by Yahweh. *Similarly, David prepared/gave “pattern” to Solomon (1Chr 28:11-19)*

Tabernacle pattern is given to Moses—Exo 25-31

Idolatry. Law broken. Moses’ sacrifice rejected—Exo 32

Moses/Joshua enter temporary tabernacle—Exo 33

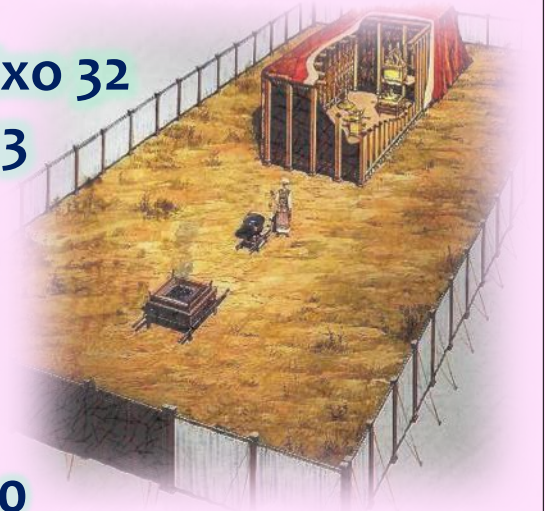
God’s partial glory revealed to Moses—Exo 33

Second Law written: Moses’ glory veiled—Exo 34

Bezaleel, not Moses, appointed to build—Exo 34

Bezaleel calls willing workers to build—Exo 35-39

Yahweh’s Glory fills completed tabernacle—Exo 40



Exo 40:33-34 says “So Moses finished the work. Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle” **Why Moses?**

Mat 5:17 “Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil”

- It is very significant that *when* the “pattern” was given to Moses and *before* Israel turned to Idolatry (Exo 32) Bezaleel was *foreknown* by Yahweh as the One to fulfill the Tabernacle—the Glory of Yahweh!

**Exo 31:1-5** And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, See, I have called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH: And I have filled him with **\*\*the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and IN ALL MANNER OF WORKMANSHIP,** To devise cunning works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, And in cutting of stones, to set them, and in carving of timber, to work in all manner of workmanship.

- **\*\*The “spirit” is used of the Tabernacle in context for Bezaleel and his fellow-laborers (28:3; 35:21-31)! It is not used for Moses. It is the SPIRIT of the Mosaic pattern that Glorifies Yahweh, *not* the LETTER.**

**Luke 24:27-44** “And *beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself...* 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*”

**I Have Filled Him With the Spirit**—the Lord was “filled with the spirit of wisdom and understanding” of the Law/Mosaic (Luke 4:1; John 3:34)—

**Isa 11:1-4** “There shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: But with righteousness...”

- **Bezaleel**—*shadow of El*. The Lord was in the express image of Yahweh Himself (Heb 1:1-3; Col. 1:14-18). \**Heb. shadow, covering*
- **Son of Uri**—*light*. As Yahweh is “Light” and His son a manifestation of that “light” (1John 1:5; John 1:5-9; 9:5; 1Tim 6:16)
- **Son of Hur**—*white linen*. Righteousness (Rev 19:8).
- **Tribe of Judah**—*tribe of the Lord, the king* (Heb 7:14). Not Levi.

**The “worshmanship” resulted in the brethren developed out of him:**

**Eph 2:10** “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them”<sup>30</sup>

**Exo 31:6** And I, behold, *I have given with him Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan: AND in the hearts of all that are wise hearted I have put wisdom, that they may make all that I have commanded thee*      *Eph 4:8-12 gave spirit gifts to men Act 2; 1Cor 12*

- **Aholiab**—(*ohel*) tent or tabernacle of the Father.
- **Son of Ahisamach**—*brother of help*. {Dan—right judgment Jer 21:12}
- **In the hearts of all wise-hearted**—*true Jew/circumcised (Rom 2:28-29)*

Aholiab/others rep the apostles, specifically, Paul, who was the chosen vessel to bring the “light” to the Gentiles (Acts 13:47). How remarkable Paul was a “tent-maker”—the meaning of Aholiab’s name (Acts 18:3).

- Fellow-laborers with the One upon whom rested the “Spirit” are the basis of New Covenant: “heart” and “spirit.” Israel restored by same:

**Eze 11:19** And *I will give them one heart, and I will put A NEW SPIRIT within you; and I will TAKE THE STONY HEART out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh:*

**Eze 11:20** That they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and *\*they shall be my people, and I will be their God.*      *\*quoted for tabernacle (Lev 26:11-12; 2Cor 6:14-18)*

## The Second Law—Greater and More Perfect Tabernacle (Heb 9:11)

**Exo 34:1** LORD said unto Moses, *Hew thee two tables of stone LIKE UNTO the first:* and I WILL WRITE UPON THESE tables *the words that were in the first tables,* which thou brakest.

The second writing of the Law on two tables of stones was “like unto the first.” This time, Moses provided the substance (rep. *the heart*) for Yahweh to write upon it His Law; symbolic of replacing a *stony heart*:

**2Cor 3:2-3** “Ye are our epistle *written in our hearts,* known and read of all men: *Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us,* written not with ink, *but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart*”

- The “new covenant” Yahweh will make with Israel must be after the “spirit” of the “heart” and not the “letter of the Law” (Jer 31:31)

**Eze 36:26** “A NEW HEART also will I give you, and a NEW SPIRIT will I put *within you:* and I will take away *the stony heart* out of your flesh, and I will give you *an heart of flesh.* And I will put MY SPIRIT *within you,* and cause you to walk in my statutes...” **YHWH’s spirit is His character**



**Exo 35:4** And Moses spake unto all the congregation of the children of Israel...

**Exo 35:5** Take ye from among you an offering unto the LORD: *whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it*, an offering of the LORD; gold, and silver, and brass...

**Exo 35:10** And *every wise hearted among you shall come*, AND MAKE all that the LORD hath commanded...

**Exo 35:21** And they came, *every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom HIS SPIRIT MADE WILLING...*

**Exo 35:22** And they came, *both men and women, as many as were willing hearted...*

**A willing heart = A willing spirit**—after the principles of the New Covenant, this is not compulsory, but willing! Yahweh cannot establish a “dwelling among men” that is built upon stony hearts. One man is especially appointed by Yahweh to lead this grand work. Significantly, he is “called” before Moses delayed and Israel turned to idolatry; as Christ told the Jews (John 5:39-45).

Exo 35:31 (Bezaleel) He hath filled him *with the spirit of God*, in wisdom, in understanding, and in knowledge...

Exo 35:34 And he hath put in (Bezaleel's) heart **THAT HE MAY TEACH, both he, and Aholiab**, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan.

Exo 35:35 **THEM HATH HE FILLED WITH WISDOM OF HEART, to work all manner of work...**

Brethren taught by the One who was filled with “the spirit” (2Tim 2:2).

The “spirit” is the Word of God (Joh 6:63; Eph 6:17; 2Tim 3:16-17)

1Cor 2:12-14 “Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, *but the spirit which is of God*; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Spirit teacheth; **COMPARING SPIRITUAL THINGS WITH SPIRITUAL. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God...**”

○ **Those of a willing heart work engage in “all manner of work” :**

1Cor 12:4-11 “There are diversities of gifts, *but the same Spirit...* For to one is given *by the Spirit* the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge *by the same Spirit...*” **called “the unity of the Spirit” Eph 4:3**

## The Mosaic Pattern Accomplished

Exo 38:22 And BEZALEEL THE SON OF URI, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, made all that the LORD commanded Moses.

Exo 38:23 And with him was Aholiab, son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan...

Exo 39:42 According to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL MADE ALL THE WORK.

**All that Yahweh commanded Moses—Christ, the Apostles, and Brethren today do not reject the Law of Moses; they fulfill the “spirit” of its intent. Yahweh, who is Spirit, cannot be glorified in the “letter.” He will be exalted IN those who live the “spirit” of the Law.**

*Christ and the apostles taught from the Law—Acts 13:15-27; 24:14; 28:23. This could not have been done by the “letter,” but by applying the “spirit.”*

**Joh 17:1-23 “I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do... And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one”**

## **Joshua brought Israel into the Land after the spirit of the Mosaic:**

**Deu 34:5 “So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD...”**

**Deu 34:9 “And Joshua the son of Nun *was full of the spirit of wisdom; for Moses had laid his hands upon him:* and the children of Israel hearkened unto him, and did as the LORD commanded Moses”**

**Moses laid hands on him, and Joshua was “a man in whom is the spirit” (Num 27:18-23). *There is a connection between “spirit” and “wisdom” throughout Scripture (Isa 11:2; Dan 5:14; Luk 2:40; Act 6:10; Eph 1:17).***

***In conclusion: To fulfill the purpose of our calling to glorify Yahweh—the tabernacle—Brethren in Christ operate by the second covenant, which is motivated by a willing heart; taught by the One Who lived and instructed ‘the spirit’ of the Mosaic pattern. The Son of Light from the Tribe of Judah, who is the image and shadow of El.***