

## The Bible Is Progressive Revelation

There are three major dispensations of time in the Bible.

1. From Adam to Abraham; 2. From Abraham to Moses; 3. From Moses to Jesus and the present.

The people that lived between Adam and Moses did not have the Mosaic law given to them. When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, he brought with him the 10 Commandments which were engraved in stone. At that time, the children of Israel were put under the law. During this dispensation of time, we see so many instances where God used harsh punishment when they broke the law; but it was never God's desire to put them under the law.

Now, I want you to read one of the most powerful verses in the Bible in **Galatians 3:19 KJV** Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the Seed should come to Whom [the promise](#) was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a Mediator.

Notice in this verse that the law was 'till the Seed should come'. The law put God in a position where He had to bring harsh punishment to His own children. But after Jesus came, God didn't want the law to be over His children again. Read what happened when Jesus came:

**John 3:16-18 KJV** For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. [17] For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved. [18] He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the Name of the only begotten Son of God.

Notice in verse 17 that God did not send Jesus to condemn the world. So many non-Christians believe that God hates them and wants to punish them. The reason they think this is because numerous Christians don't understand God's love for sinners, so they preach condemnation to the world instead of preaching God's love for them. Christians that preach condemnation do not understand the different dispensations of time in the Bible. We have a big job in these last days to give understanding, first to the Church and then to the world, of how much God loves them.

**Ephesians 2:4-7 KJV** But God, Who is rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith He loved us, [5] Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) [6] And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: [7] That in the ages to come He might shew the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

When Jesus came, He was on the mission to take upon Himself the punishment that we all deserved. He never sinned, but He died for our sin. Our Father God did not want to punish us, so He allowed His own Son to take our punishment instead.

After we become Christians, God does not punish us for sin. However when we sin, we open doors allowing Satan to come into our lives and bring destruction; but God is not involved with this destruction. In fact, God has made a way for us to be free from Satan's works. God said in **1John 1:9 KJV**, If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

We live in a very wonderful dispensation of time. Jesus died for our sins, so we no longer have to be under the power of sin or the devil because of the power of the Holy Spirit that lives inside us. Even if we do sin by yielding to our flesh, we have a loving Heavenly Father that sent Jesus to enable us to be free from the punishment of that sin. However, we have the responsibility to confess that sin to God. This closes the door to Satan and opens the door for God to bring His mercy and forgiveness.

Now that we have been loved so much by our Heavenly Father and by the Lord Jesus Christ, how can we respond back to Him with the same kind of love? Meditate on these verses, and you will learn how.

**1 John 4:7-11 KJV** Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. [8] He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. [9] In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. [10] Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. [11] Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

**1 John 4:19 KJV** We love Him, because He first loved us.

**John 15:16-17 KJV** Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in My Name, He may give it you. [17] These things I command you, that ye love one another.

Remember that I love you, and Jesus loves you.  
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