

Q & A Series

Old Testament God vs New Testament God

Hebrews 13: 8

Supporting Scripture

Question: *If God is the same, yesterday, today, and forever; why did some laws or requirements for Christians change from the Old to the New Testament?*

This question is phrased different way.

If you think the God of the OT is different from the God of the NT then you haven't _____ the _____.

The reason that some laws are required under the OT which Are not required under the NT is because of _____.
_____ fulfills the _____.

Jesus is the fulfillment of God's _____.

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Message Application:

When I was little I didn't understand my parents. They made demands of me. They laid down the law and said if I transgress I would be punished. They would laugh at things and I couldn't figure out why they were laughing! They would get very serious and I couldn't understand what was so important. As I grew up things seemed different. At some point many of the restrictions were no longer imposed. I took part in conversations that earlier I could not. I got the joke I hadn't previously understood. I grasped what was so serious. I started seeing my parents in a different light. It wasn't that they had changed as much as it was that I had grown. I know the illustration breaks down because my parents were human and flawed and they changed themselves. God doesn't change. If we take the well worth time to see God's character in all His glory; we would come to see a God that hates sin but loves humankind. We would see a jealous God who is jealous for us, so He pours mercy and grace on us although we don't deserve it. The whole character of God. A God that loves, judges, punishes, is gracious, is demanding yet forgiving.

We should be thankful he is a God who corrects and forgives. I'm so happy God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

This week take your Bible and Saint Google and look up all the Old Testament Scripture that speaks of God's mercy, compassion, forgiveness, and grace. I think you will find that there isn't any big, bad, God in the Old Testament.

Do the same thing with Jesus in the New Testament, but look up words like demands, Hell, judgment. I think you will see a Jesus that is in no way diminished than the way he was in the Old Testament.

Throughout the Scripture we find God is a real person who loves, gets angry, shows compassion, punishes, corrects, gives love and grace. You find a perfect person that chooses to love imperfect people.

Thank you my God!

Grace & Peace,

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