Why did God give the Law of Moses?

What was God thinking?

- **#1:** Imagine if are God, the Father.
- **#2:** You are so full of love you decide to make humans to share your love with.
- #3: You have chosen to give man freewill to choose to love you back.

 #3.1 You cannot make robots because that would not be a true relationship.

 #3.2 But you give man complete freewill to chose to love me.
- #4: You know you are so perfect & holy that you cannot allow people to be in a relationship with you unless he or she is also perfect.
- #5: You know all humans will exercise their freewill and sin and die spiritually, precluding them from a relationship with you, unless you do something.
- #6: Finally, you knew even before you made humans, you would have to send your one and only Son to the earth to do the following:
 - #6.1 To live a perfect life, since they cannot.
 - #6.2 To die and to pay the penalty of death they deserve.
 - #6.3 To raise Himself from the dead to prove He has power over death.
 - #6.4 To offer the forgiveness of sins & eternal life to all who trust in Jesus.

Why did God give the Law of Moses? Question for God!

How do you plan to communicate all of these facts to the world so they can be saved?

#1 - Romans 2:12a & 14-16 - To Gentiles.

- #1 God wrote the Law of Moses on their hearts.
- #2 God also gave them a conscience to work with the law.

#2 - Romans 2:12b & 17-29 - To Jews.

- #1 God gave the Law of Moses to the Jews.
 - I also believe the Lord wrote the Law of Moses on the
 - hearts of Jews (what about generation #2 and so on?).
- #2 I gave them a conscience to work with.

The Law of Moses (The Old Covenant)

= Commandments + Penalty + Remedy (Jesus' Sacrifice)

Purpose #1: To point out our sins through the Commandments.

Romans 3:20, 7:7, Galatians 3:19.

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Purpose #2: To point out what we deserve due to sin, the penalty of death.

Romans 4:14-15, Galatians 3:10,21, Romans 7:11-13. (Romans 7:11-13 contains both purpose #1 & #2 in them)

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Purpose #3: To point out God's solution for our sin, a blood sacrifice so we can approach Him. Galatians 3:22-24, Romans 7:4, John 3:16.

The Commandments of the Law of Moses

(2 types of laws in the Law – Which are confused by many)

1. Type 1: Moral

- Examples: Murder, Stealing, Lying, Adultery, etc.
 - These <u>ARE</u> repeated in the New Covenant because they represent our holy God and His nature.

2. Type 2: Ceremonial

- <u>Examples</u>: Sabbath, Dietary Laws, Circumcision, Bodily Discharges, etc.
 - These <u>ARE NOT</u> repeated in the New Covenant because they represent of our need for Jesus.
 - So, once we come to Jesus they have been fulfilled.
 - In fact, we're told specifically these do NOT apply to us anymore in the New Covenant (See Romans 14, Colossians 2:16-23, Galatians 5:6).