The law!

Joshua 8:30-35 ESV

30, "At that time Joshua built an altar to the Lord, the God of Israel, on Mount Ebal, 31, just as Moses the servant of the Lord had commanded the people of Israel, as it is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, "an altar of uncut stones, upon which no man has wielded an

iron tool." And they offered on it burnt offerings to the Lord and sacrificed peace offerings. 32, And there, in the presence of the people of Israel, he wrote on the stones a copy of the law of Moses, which he had written.

33,And all Israel, sojourner as well as native born, with their elders and officers and their judges, stood on opposite sides of the ark before the Levitical priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the Lord, half of them in front of Mount Gerizim and half of them in front of Mount Ebal, just as Moses the servant of the Lord had commanded at the first, to bless the people of Israel.

34,And afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessing and the curse, according to all that is written in the Book of the Law.

35, There was not a word of all that Moses commanded that Joshua did not read before all the assembly of Israel, and the women, and the little ones, and the sojourners who lived among them."

Joshua 8:30-35 ESV

The Alter on Mount Ebal

Deuteronomy 27:1-8 ESV

1, "Now Moses and the elders of Israel commanded the people, saying, "Keep the whole commandment that I command you today.

2, And on the day you cross over the Jordan to the land that the Lord your God is giving you, you shall set up large stones and plaster them with plaster.

3, And you shall write on them all the words of this law, when you cross over to enter the land that the Lord your God is giving you, a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your fathers, has promised you.

4, And when you have crossed over the Jordan, you shall set up these stones, concerning which I command you today, on Mount Ebal, and you shall plaster them with plaster.

5, And there you shall build an altar to the Lord your God, an altar of stones. You shall wield no iron tool on them;

6, you shall build an altar to the Lord your God of uncut stones. And you shall offer burnt offerings on it to the Lord your God,

7, and you shall sacrifice peace offerings and shall eat there, and you shall rejoice before the Lord your God.

8, And you shall write on the stones all the words of this law very plainly.""

Deuteronomy 27:1-8 ESV

Wrong Kind of Fear.

(Exodus 20:18–21 ESVi)

18,Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off

19, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, lest we die."

20, Moses said to the people, "Do not fear, for God has come to test you, that the fear of him may be before you, that you may not sin."

21, The people stood far off, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was. **(Exodus 20:18–21 ESVi)**

The New Covenant

Jeremiah 31:31-34 ESV

31, ""Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah,

32, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord.

33, For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people."

34, "And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.""

Jeremiah 31:31-34 ESV

I Will put My Spirit within you.

Ezekiel 36:25-27 ESV

25, "I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you.

26, And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

27, And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules."

Ezekiel 36:25-27 ESV

Ezekiel 11:19-21 ESV

¹⁹ And I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, ²⁰ that they may walk in my statutes and keep my rules and obey them. And they shall be my people, and I will be their God. ²¹ But

as for those whose heart goes after their detestable things and their abominations, I will bring their deeds upon their own heads, declares the Lord GOD." **Ezekiel 11:19-21 ESV**

Jesus came to fulfill the Law and the Prophets.

Matt. 5:17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them <u>but to fulfill them.</u>¹⁸ For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Jesus, High Priest of a Better Covenant

Hebrews 8:10-12 ESV

10, "For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

11, And they shall not teach, each one his neighbor and each one his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest.

12, For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more."" Hebrews 8:10-12 ESV

2 Corinthians 3:3 ESV

³ And you show that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts. **2 Corinthians 3:3 ESV**