

#14 Round Table Discussion

1. Is the Old Testament and New Testament the same religion, or two different religions? How do you explain the differences?
For instance:
 - a. “Holy War”-- In the Bible, war between Israel and the nations can be referred to as “Yahweh’s War” (1 Sam.25:28). God is often regarded as a “warrior” who goes into battle with the armies of Israel (Ex 15:2, Ps 24:8, Ex 17:16, Ex 14:14, etc) Should the church take up arms and spread the gospel by military force?
 - b. “Health Wealth” David once said that he “never saw the righteous forsaken, nor their seed begging bread” (Psa. 37:25). And the law of God promises that if you “keep the words of this covenant and do them, that you may prosper in all that you do” (Deut. 29:9). Is this true for Christian’s today?
2. Is the Old Testament a covenant of works and the New Testament a covenant of grace such that in the former you are saved by works and the latter saved by grace—e.g. two different religions fundamentally?
3. Are Christian’s today still expected to live according to laws. If so, which laws and how to distinguished. E.g. What is the practical implications of the following passage?
Col. 2:16
Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. 17 These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ