

The Dispensation of Law
the Object of Faith for Salvation

- I.** The object of faith for salvation changes during different Dispensations.
1. Before Law, Abraham till Exodus 19, they had to believe the promise to Abraham that his seed would inherit the Promised Land (Gen. 15:4-7, Rom. 4:1-4; Ex. 19:5).
 2. Christians' object of faith is the Gospel (1 Cor. 15:1-4; Rom. 1:16; 4:24).
 3. Salvation throughout all Dispensations is by grace, through faith (Rom. 4:4, 9, Eph. 2:8), which was also true during Law (Rom. 4:5; 11:6).
- II.** What was the object of faith for salvation during the Dispensation of Law?
1. After the Glory left Israel (Ez. 10) they had to believe that the Glory would return to Israel (Is. 25:9; 41:31; Lu. 2:25).
 2. When the Glory was dwelling among Israel, nonbelievers did not believe that Jehovah dwelt in the Temple (Ez. 8:6-11).
 3. Therefore, saints during the first part of Law while the Glory was present in the Tabernacle/Temple, had to believe that Jehovah dwelt between the Cherubs, above the Ark in the Holy of Holies (Ex. 25:22; Lev. 16:14).
- III.** Keeping The Law was a means for physical blessing, not spiritual salvation.
1. Conditional love from God (Deut. 7:12-13).
 2. Provisions for Gentiles to proselyte to The Law (Ex. 12:48-49; Lev. 16:29; 19:33-34; Num. 15:15).
 3. Provisions for illegitimate offspring (Deut. 23:2).
 4. Restrictions for two nations (Lev. 23:3).
 5. No stranger could come near the utensil for the Tabernacle (Num. 1:51; 3:10, 38; 18:7).