

high priest, ordained to offer up sacrifice for the sins of the people, which could not after this be received in any other way; and Paul in his reasoning with the Hebrews has this language, Heb. vii-11 If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law,) for the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law. Wherefore then the law? It was added because of transgression. Now, what was it added to? I answer, *the old covenant*. For the Horeb covenant could not admit of any laws being added to it; that the law the apostle alludes to here is the same law the people received with the priesthood there cannot be a reasonable doubt. You will observe the priesthood was changed from the order of Aaron to the order of Melchisedec, and the old covenant from carnal sacrifices, washings and ordinances, to spiritual sacrifices. And the apostle in contrasting the old and new covenant, directly shows what the laws of the old covenant were, and that they could not be any part of the Horeb covenant; and it may be worth observing that the laws of the old covenant were only changed. Now this does not amount to abolition.

Now, friend Oliphant, I think that I am warranted to say that the covenant given to Noah, the covenant of circumcision, the covenant given to Abraham concerning his temporal and spiritual seed, the covenant from Horeb, and the institution of the Passover, were never abolished; but I have no desire to debate these points with you, or any other; but if they are called in question I believe that the scriptures will sustain the position I have taken.

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OBSERVATIONS ON "OBSERVATOR."

MY DEAR FRIEND:—While I find a commendable measure of sincerity, reverence, and candor in the essay now submitted, I cannot, with all my charity, discover the same amount of scriptural cogency and logical appropriateness in its premises and conclusions.

The essay on the Sabbath in a late Number was before me in full, when a call was made for more light as it respects the Lord's authority for the observance of the Sabbath by his people since the establishment of his spiritual kingdom; and hence some other evidence than said document supplied was evidently required. And with some care have I looked over the present effort, and re-read your former remarks, and yet the light called for, is, in my horizon, not apparent. Nor do I marvel; for, as I view it, the work would be like making brick not only as the Israelites without straw, but also without clay.

Christianity, with me, is all found in the "New Testament of our Lord and Saviour"—all embraced in the inspired writings of the apostles and evangelists of Jesus. Every law, precept, institution; and injunction recorded and made manifest in the Infallible Record of this Dispensation claims my faith and receives my hearty religious