

Galatians 4:9-10

Galatians 4:9-10 [King James] *“But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye **again** to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage? Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years.”*

The Galatians had wandered from the truth that Paul had first taught them and had begun to follow some Judaizing teachers from Jerusalem who insisted that they should still be observing all the rites of the Jewish religion such as circumcision, etc.

Galatians 4 is not only referring to the pagan days that the **Gentile** Galatians had previously kept [note the word “*again*”] but also the Jewish teachers that were insisting on circumcision and other ceremonial Jewish laws that had to be kept.

[Please see our notes on **Galatians 4:9-10** in article ‘*The Roman Winter Festivals*’ under sub-heading ‘*Religion*’]

The ceremonial Mosaic laws were indeed a bondage but the Ten Commandments are a law of love and liberty.

James 1:25 [King James] *“But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.”*

Also a blessing for all who keep it.

James 2:11-12 [King James] *“For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law. So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty.”*

Confirms what law is being referred to.

“*Weak beggarly elements*” – Greek means powerless, to enrich, poverty-stricken, that are but the beginning of the teaching of God such as taught to spiritual babes.

“*Days and months and times and years*” – comparing with **Colossians 2:16** these are referring to Jewish festivals, the “*years*” are the sabbatical years of release from debt and returning to original land. [**Leviticus 25:1-55**]

“*Months*” – refers to Jewish festivals of the new moon. [**Numbers 10:10; Numbers 28:11-14**]

“*Times*” – refers to stated times of the year, such as the keeping of Passover, Feast of Pentecost and Feast of Tabernacles.

There is in this scripture no command to stop keeping God’s Sabbath Day, the seventh day of the week.

[Other scriptures that should be studied with **Galatians 4:9-10** are **Colossians 2:16; Romans 14:5-6; Hosea 2:11**, that are used by some people to avoid keeping the true Sabbath of God.]