

Written & Presented by Grace Elizabeth Cohen Yehoshua 22:5 "But take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law, which Moses the servant of the Adonai charged you, to love Yahuwah your Elohim, and to walk in ALL his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to cleave unto him, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul."

Yehoshua teaches us to take diligent heed to do the commandments and the law of Yahuwah, to walk in all his ways, to cleave unto him, and to serve him with all of our heart and soul.

Yehoshua 23:6 "Be courageous; be to obey all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, without turning aside to the right or to the left.

Yehoshua also teaches us not to deter from his law, 'without turning aside to the left or the right', without doubting his wisdom and holiness by gazing upon the beliefs of others, but to stay steadfast in our obedience to Him.

Deuteronomy details the blessings that will be bestowed upon those who pay attention to His laws and follow them.

Deuteronomy 7: 12- 15 12 If you pay attention to these laws and are careful to follow them, then Yahuwah your Elohim will keep his covenant of love with you, as he swore to your ancestors. 13 He will love you and bless you and increase your numbers. He will bless the fruit of your womb, the crops of your land—your grain, new wine and olive oil —the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks in the land he swore to your ancestors to give you. 14 You will be blessed more than any other people; none of your men or women will be childless, nor will any of your livestock be without young. 15 Yahuwah will keep you free from every disease. He will not inflict on you the horrible diseases you knew in Egypt, but he will inflict them on all who hate you.

In Kings in tells us to observe all that Yahuwah requires which is to walk in obedience to him and all of his statutes, commands and decrees, so that we may receive the blessing of obedience, which is prosperity, and a high place in the kingdom (Matthew 5:19)

1 Kings 2:3 "Observe what Yahuwah your Elohim requires: Walk in obedience to him, and keep his decrees and careful commands, his laws and regulations, as written in the Law of Moses. Do this so that you may prosper in all you do and wherever you go."

The Psalms beautifully and poetically capture how pure, holy, eternal, righteous, precious, wise, upright, truthful, delightful and perfect the law of Yahuwah truly is, through the eyes of a Torah keeper:

Psalms 119: 9-16 "How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word. 10 I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from our commands. 11 I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. 12 Praise be to you, Yahuwah; teach me your decrees. 13 With my lips I recount all the laws that come from your mouth. 14 I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches. 15 I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways. 16 I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word."

Psalm 111: 7-9 "The works of his hands are verity and judgment; all his commandments are sure. They stand fast FOR EVER AND EVER, and are done in truth and uprightness. He sent redemption to his people: he has commanded his covenant FOR EVER: holy and reverend is his name."

Psalm 119:7-11 "The law Yahuwah is perfect, refreshing the soul.

The statutes of Yahuwah are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

8 The precepts of the Yahuwah are right, giving joy to the heart.

The commands of Yahuwah are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

9 The fear of Yahuwah is pure, enduring forever.

The decrees of Yahuwah are firm, and ALL of them are righteous.

10 They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold;

they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.

11 By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward."

Psalm 119:1-8 "Blessed are those whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of Yahuwah. 2 Blessed are those who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart— 3 they do no wrong but follow his ways. 4 You have laid down precepts that are to be fully obeyed. 5 Oh, that my ways were steadfast in obeying your decrees! Then I would not be put to shame when I consider all your commands. I will praise you with an upright heart as I learn your righteous laws. 8 I will obey your decrees; do not utterly forsake me."

Deuteronomy 30:11-16 "Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach. 12 It is not up in heaven, so that you have to ask, "Who will ascend into heaven to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?" 13 Nor is it beyond the sea, so that you have to ask, "Who will cross the sea to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?" 14 No, the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it. 15 See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. 16 For I command you today to love Yahuwah your Elohim, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and Yahuwah will bless you in the land you are entering to possess."

Deuteronomy states that the commandments are not hard to obtain, we are not having to go to great lengths to hear the law of Yahuwah, it is right in front of us, written in our hearts, our conscience convicts us of the holiness of the law, if only we listen to it. The verse ends by reiterating that we must love Yahuwah, be obedient to his word and keep his commandments, decrees and laws AND, that through his, we will be blessed. This statement is almost becoming monotonous! The amount of times that scripture tells us to keep His commandments, decrees, statutes and laws, and that we will be blessed for doing so, is borderline repetitious.

Yahuwah obviously knew that we were a very rebellious, stubborn and ignorant species and that we really need for concepts to be literally drummed into our minds for us to realise their importance. I mean, after thousands of years, we still don't get it yet! YAHUWAH WANTS US TO KEEP HIS LAWS, BECAUSE HE WANTS TO BLESS US. But He's not going to bless those who don't show love, sacrifice, honour and obedience to Him, I mean, even those who teach children know that you don't reward bad behaviour- it makes complete sense that throughout the bible He regularly referred to us as 'Children of YHWH' or 'Children of Israel'! I mean we're easily as hard to train, if not harder than children! But the long and the short of it is, if you want to receive blessings from Yahuwah, be prosperous in your life, be amongst the greatest in the kingdom of Heaven and live a righteous life in His eyes, the scriptures all point back to the original teaching on how to; Yahuwah's blueprint for a righteous life; The Torah.

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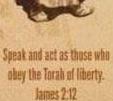


Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My Torah Genesis 26:5



I keep Your Torah continually for ever and ever. Psalm 119:144

I came not to destrey Torah but to fulfill it. Matthew 5:17



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These are just a few of the MANY scriptures within both the Old and the New Testaments that speak of the importance of keeping the Law of Yahuwah. The plethora of scriptures detailing the Law of Yahuwah are so vast and varied; they truly portray the multifaceted nature of his commandments. The law is never once portrayed as being a thing of old, or a burden or a curse. Throughout the scriptures the law of Yahuwah is exalted, acclaimed, adored praised by the many authors of the Bible. The only 'Christian' writings that are apostate to the law, are not within the Bible and are written many years after the death of Yahshua, by those who misunderstand it's purpose and twist scripture so that they can justify their disobedience.

1 John 2:4 "He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him."

They view Yahuwah's Commandments as a burden, as a curse, but the scriptures tell us that they are anything but that! They tell us that the law is a blessing, the law is teaching, the law is holy, the law is righteous! So why has the rebellion against the Law of Yahuwah been accepted for hundreds of years? BECAUSE VERY FEW PEOPLE READ THEIR ENTIRE **BIBLE!** I'm not talking about reading a psalm here and there and maybe some encouraging words from proverbs, I'm talking about actually reading your entire bible, not just picking and choosing what suits you, and disregarding what might not be convenient for you to follow.

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I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, BUT I'VE ONLY FOUND A COUPLE THAT WORK FOR ME

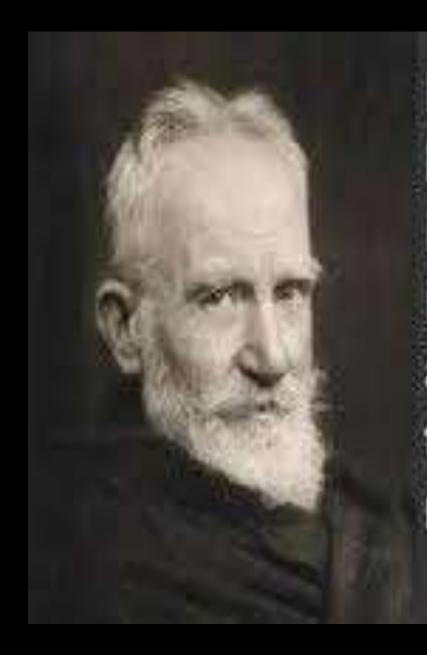
Teachings on the Old Testament in Churches are very much like a 'pick and mix' at a confectionary stand, they choose what fits within their new man-made concept of holy lawlessness, and disregard that which does not conform to this concept. The main issue that has fuelled the propagation of this false doctrine is ignorance and blind acceptance in the Church, many choose to blindly accept the misinterpreted doctrine from their pastors, without questioning the possibility of their deception.



And to be blatantly honest with you, many just don't want to question the teachings of the Christian Church, regardless of whether they may be incorrect. Because if they found out that the Torah was still in effect, that would mean that they might actually have to sacrifice something - and not many Christians enjoy the concept of sacrifice; even though they have freely accepted the sacrifice that Yahshua made for them.

2 Timothy 4:3-4 3 For the time will come when people will not endure sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. 4 They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.





No man ever believes that the Bible means what it says: He is always convinced that it says what he means.

George Benard Shaw

Your pastor is NOT Yahuwah's interpreter, the Bible is now so easy accessible, that we have no excuse to go on accepting everything we hear, we can seek the truth ourselves. Instead of relying on man, we can hear the word of Yahuwah straight from his holy scriptures. So don't continue on living in ignorance, stop accepting every word your pastor says as truth, read your bible (ALL OF IT!) and stop living in constant rebellion against His Word.

Acts 5:29 "Then Peter and the apostles replied, We must obey God rather than men."

Ephesians 4: 14-15 Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. 15 Instead, speaking the truth (TORAH) in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Yahshua HaMashiah.

DISOBEDIENCE

In the same way that obedience brings blessings, disobedience also brings forth an outcome. We are no longer sentenced to death when we transgress the law, however if we fail to keep the law, and do not repent for this sin, we will be punished, whether it is merely the absence of blessing, an actual curse brought about through disobedience or receiving the least among those in the kingdom of heaven. Here are some scriptures that support this:

Deuteronomy 30:19-20 "This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, <u>blessings and curses</u>. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live 20 and that you may love Yahuwah your Elohim, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him."

Though we are no longer under the law of sin and death, there is still blessings and curses for those who obey and disobey the commands of Yahuwah.

Isaiah 24:4-5 "The earth mourns and fades away, the world deteriorates and fades away, the arrogant people of the earth deteriorate. The earth also is defiled under it's inhabitants; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant."

Isaiah 24 is a prophecy of the turmoil that occurs when the people of the earth declare that Yahuwah's law is no longer in effect. The wars, famine, pain and suffering all over the earth today are a direct result of people disregarding Yahuwah's law.

SCRIPTURES ABOUT THE LAW OF YAHuwah

Deuteronomy 29:29 The secret things belong to Yahuwah our Elohim, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children <u>forever</u>, <u>that we may follow all</u> the words of this law.

In Deuteronomy it explains that there are things that belong to YHWH, things that I imagine our human minds cannot comprehend (Isaiah 55:9), but the things that He has given to us (such as his commandments, statutes, ordinances etc.), are for us and our children, through all of our generations, forever, to keep.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 "<u>ALL Scripture is Elohim-breathed</u> and is useful for <u>teaching</u>, <u>rebuking</u>, <u>correcting and training in righteousness</u>, 17 so that the servant of Yahuwah may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

Timothy teaches us that ALL scripture (Not just the New Testament) is Elohim-breathed, and that ALL of it is useful for a servant of Yahuwah, so that he may be equipped with the necessary teachings in how to live a righteous life according to Yahuwah.

Yahshua tells us that ANYONE who breaks the least of Yahuwah's commandments, and teaches other also to break Yahuwah's commandments will be considered the LEAST in the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:19 'Anyone who breaks 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 practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.'

John states that on judgement day, those in the world who have rejected Yahuwah and his commandments will be condemned.

John 12:48 "There is a judge for the <u>one who rejects me and</u> does not accept my words; that very word which I spoke will condemn him at the last day."

Hosea emphasizes the importance of biblical knowledge, and states that the absence of which will cause Yahuwah to reject you as a priest (in his kingdom) and that the children of those who forget (disregard) His law, will be forgotten by Him.

Hosea 4:6 "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because you have rejected knowledge, I reject you from being a priest to me. And since you have forgotten the law of your YHWH, I also will forget your children."

John states that if a man says that he has a relationship with Yahuwah, and knows him, yet does not keep his law, than he is a liar, and the 'Truth' which is Yahshua (John 14:6) is not within him.

1 John 2: 4 "Whoever says, I know Him, but fails to keep and obey His commandments is a liar, and the Truth is not in him."

Proverbs even goes as far as stating that if a man does not heed to the law, even his prayers are detestable! Now that's a heavy statement to make! But it's scripture, and all scripture is 'Elohim breathed' (2 Timothy 3:16).

Proverbs 28:9 "If anyone turns a deaf ear to the law, even his prayers are detestable."

In Matthew, Yahshua states that not everyone shall enter the kingdom of heaven, and that even those that they that they have 'prophesied, cast out demons and done many wonders' in His name, shall not enter the kingdom if they practice lawlessness.

Matthew 7:21-23 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Master, Master,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 Many will say to Me in that day, 'Master, Master, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 And then I will declare to them,'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!"(NKJV)

Yahuwah has made it as straight forward as possible, 'here are my commandments, keep them, and follow them to the best of your ability, and you will be blessed, choose to reject them and sin against me by doing so, and you will not be blessed'. It is our choice, Yahuwah told us that he has set before us, today, blessings and cursings, and whether we choose to follow His law or not will determine which we receive (Deuteronomy 11:26). Righteous or lawless? Greatest in the kingdom or least? Obedient or disobedient? Blessed or cursed?

The choice is yours....

Leading the flock astray

Throughout the Bible we are warned of 'the shepherds who lead the flock astray', 'the false teachers' and 'the false prophets' who distort the truth of Yahuwah's Word and replace it with man-made doctrine. Many of these teachers of lies are in operation today within Christian Churches, leading the endless crusade against the truth of Yahuwah's Word. We must be weary of these so called, 'men and women of G-d', who claimed to be filled with the Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit), but who covertly twist and distort the word of Yahuwah. The only way that we can defend ourselves against these false teachers, is to arm ourselves with the word of Yahuwah, to maintain our knowledge of His Word, so that we are able to discern that which is of Him, and that which has come to corrupt and distort the truth. After detailing the attributes of these false teachers, the statements are almost always followed up by their future condemnation and judgement for leading believers into transgression of the law.

BEWARE FALSE OF FALSE TEACHERS

Throughout Jeremiah it speaks of shepherds that 'ruin His vineyard', 'trample down his field', 'destroy and scatter the sheep of His pasture' and 'lead them astray and cause them to wander and forget their own resting place'. These shepherds are entrusted to guide their sheep in truth, to teach them the commandments of Yahuwah and the grace of Yahshua. These corrupt shepherds are pastors, ministers, evangelists and spiritual leaders who twist and distort His Word. Do not be swayed by their seeming conviction, or convinced by how loud they are yelling, or charmed by their sharp appearance and friendly demeanour, if what they are teaching is unscriptural, they are a false teacher and their doctrines are untrustworthy.

Jeremiah 23:1-2 'Woe unto the shepherds (pastors, ministers, spiritual leaders) that destroy and scatter the sheep (believers) of my pasture!..... I will visit upon you the evil of your doings' saith Yahuwah"

Jeremiah 12:10 "Many shepherds (spiritual leaders) will ruin my vineyard and trample down my field; they will turn my pleasant field into a desolate wasteland."

Jeremiah 50:6 "My people have been lost sheep; their shepherds have led them astray and caused them to roam on the mountains. They wandered over mountain and hill and forgot their own resting place.

But, I think...

he TRUTH of Scripture annut be argued, debated, intellectualized, culturized, raditionalized, personalized or systemized to suit the Massaul It doesn't matter what you think! If it doesn't match up with the Bible, you are wrong!

SCRIPTURE TWISTERS

Acts 20:30 Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them.

Acts tells us that even those from among you will rise up and distort the truth to draw disciples away, sometimes just because a teaching is familiar, and from someone you know, doesn't always mean it's correct.

2 Timothy 3:8 Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so also these <u>teachers oppose the truth</u>. They are men of depraved minds, who, as far as the faith is concerned, are rejected.

Timothy states that teachers who oppose the truth, which is the commandments of Yahuwah (Psalm 119:151), are of depraved minds who are rejected (according to the law). Matthew 5:19 'Anyone who breaks 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 practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.'

James 3:1 "Not many of you should presume to be teachers, my brothers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly."

Matthew states that those who teach others to break the commandments will be called the least in the kingdom of heaven. It is stated in James that teachers of the word are judged more strictly, and this is because teachers are entrusted with the duty to lead the flock into truth, and not into false teaching. A man's transgression of the law will only effect him, however a teacher teaching others to transgress the law will have an effect on the multitude and himself. Therefore, beware teachers of the word, that you are preaching truth, and not false doctrine, as you will be held accountable for your teachings.

2 Peter 2: 1-3 But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will <u>secretly introduce destructive heresies</u>, even denying the sovereign Messiah who bought them —bringing swift destruction on themselves. 2 Many will follow their depraved conduct and will <u>bring the way of truth into disrepute</u>. 3 In their greed these teachers will <u>exploit you with fabricated stories</u>. Their condemnation has long been hanging over them, and their destruction has not been sleeping.

Peter also tells us that these false teachers/prophets will be among the people. It says that they will 'secretly' introduce destructive heresies, so the way in which they will bring in these false doctrines is by slowly altering and twisting scripture so that only those who diligently examine their teachings, in conjunction with the truth of scripture will be able to identify the scriptural discrepancies within their doctrine. These people are not going to blatantly deny clear scripture, but what they will do is twist, manipulate and intentionally misinterpret in a way that is so subtle, that unless you have your eyes open, you may find yourself believing a lie. Matthew 24:24 tells us that in the end times, even the elect will be deceived, so we must really examine the doctrines that we receive, INCLUDING THIS ONE! before we accept their validity.

Matthew 7:15 "Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves."

2 Corinthians 11:13-15 For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Yahshua. And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds.

Both Matthew and Corinthians state that false prophets often disguise themselves as 'servants of righteousness', but like a wolf in sheeps clothing, they only use this façade to gain the trust of believers, leaving them vulnerable and susceptible to manipulation. That is one of the trickiest things about false prophets and false teachers, is that they are more often than not, attractive, charismatic, seemingly learned and pleasant to be around, it is so hard to tell when everything seems so well rounded and presentable. However, remember that a bad tree cannot bear good fruit, and you shall know a man by the fruits of his spirit, and by his works. And if the fruit he bore is one of lies, if his doctrines are unscriptural and blasphemous, do not trust him.



TRY BEFORE YOU BUY

1 John 4:1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from Yahuwah, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.

John teaches us that we should not believe everything that we hear, but that we must test teachings that we receive (by comparing them to scripture) to ensure that they are of Yahuwah before we accept them to be truths. 'Try before you buy' refers to the process of testing and examining a biblical/ scriptural teaching, before accepting it's validity.

GO TO PART 4 LAW AND GRACE — IS THE CHURCH REALLY JUST UNDER GRACE