

FOUR TYPES OF LAW

Most people don't realize how important law is, and most don't realize that the "Law/instructions" referred to in the Bible can be one of at least FOUR distinct and different meanings. Throughout the Bible the, "Law" (instructions) referred to, can pertain to any one of the following, depending entirely on its context:

SACRIFICIAL LAW

OLD TESTAMENT (TENACH)

ORAL LAW (RABBINICAL LAW/MISHNA)

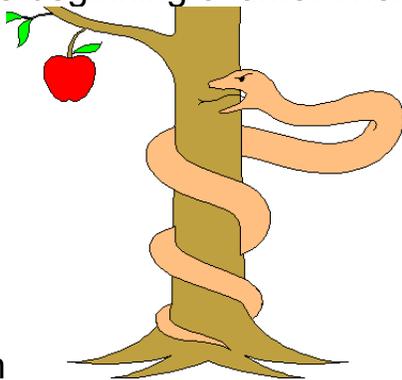
MOSAIC LAW/FIVE BOOKS OF MOSES/TORAH

When we read the Bible we must understand which Law is given reference to, or we will completely miss the proper meaning of the passage.

Abba is our Father, and Father's have rules for their children if they truly love them. What does a father do for his children? He provides for them! He keeps them safe! He rescues them from danger, and then gives them the law! If a child doesn't listen to his Father and breaks the rules, there are consequences for doing so. Not because the Father wants to prove his domination over the child, but because real Father's have selfless love. Sometimes, because we truly care for our children, we must punish them, (tuff love). It is an unfortunate part of a parents job, but because we love them, we must discipline them. Likewise, our Abba in heaven disciplines His children according to their obedience (regard) for His rules (instructions). (Rev. 3:19, Hebr. 12:6)

IN THE BEGINNING

The laws (instructions), existed long before Moses received them on Mount Sinai. The law of the Saturday Sabbath was established long before Moses. It was established at the beginning of time. There was a long period prior to Mount Sinai. There must have



been a standard of right and wrong, or man couldn't have existed. The Sodomites and others perished in the flood because of their wrong doings. If they were doing things wrong, that meant there must have been a proper set of rules declaring what was right. Our Yah would not have killed millions of people with the flood for committing sins, if He hadn't let them know what sin was. The actual laws of Moses are Exod. 21-23, given after the Ten Commandments.

When Cain killed Abel Adonai said **Gen. 4:7** "If you do well, will not {your countenance} be lifted up? And if you do not do well, **sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it.**" Here it shows that sin was crouching at the door. In order for there to be sin, there must have been rules. Sin is called lawlessness. Sin is also known as leaven. Lawlessness (1John 3:4), sin, and leaven, are common

ingredients found all over the world. Leaven puffs up, and so sin and lawlessness cause pride, which is a puffing up of ones self (Matt. 16:6)

All of man's problems are the result of broken law. **1John 3:4** ***“Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness.”*** **1John 3:8** ***“the one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of Yah appeared for this purpose, that He might destroy the works of the devil.”*** also established in **Rom. 3:20** ***“because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law (comes) the knowledge of sin”***

When Joseph acknowledged adultery in regards to his Egyptian masters wife he must have known adultery was sin. How did he know if there were no rules? **Gen. 39:9** ***“There is no one greater in this house than I, and he has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do this great evil, and sin against Yah?”*** Immediately before the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah Adonai told Abraham. **Gen. 18:20** ***“And Adonai said, “The outcry of Sodom and Gomorrah is indeed great, and their sin is exceedingly grave.”***

How could their sin be grave if there was no law? You can't be punished in court if you haven't broken any laws!

Yahveh never spoke about the Law in Genesis because Genesis was the book about creation, it was a brief summary of origin, and a history of the beginnings, from the Garden Of Eden, to Egypt.

The fact that Adonai told Moses in **Exod. 16:28** ***“Then Adonai said to Moses, “How long do you refuse to keep My commandments and My instructions?”*** meant that there had to have been commandments for Moses to keep prior to Mount Sinai.

The fact is; there were commandments prior Mt. Sinai, El Gibor had somehow made them known to the people. How?, we don't know for sure because the book doesn't say. But they were there to guide the people. When Yah gave Moses the Law on the stone tablets, it was just to re-emphasize them and bring them back out front for the people. He did this to re-acknowledge their importance. He did this to formally establish a covenant between Himself and Israel.

The Sabbath forms the centre of the Law. The fourth commandment, about the Sabbath, consists of 55 Hebrew words. It contains approx. half of the 108 Hebrew words of the total in the Ten Commandments. This in itself shows its significance. It was inserted between the first three which deal with man's relationship to Yahveh, and the last six, which deal with man's relationship with man; as a bridge connecting the important relationship between the two concepts; “rest”.

In Ezekiel it explains that if we have Yahveh's spirit in us, we will walk with Him and follow His ordinances, His commands. If we truly have His spirit in us, we will follow His commandments without even thinking about it. If one cannot do so, willingly, than one must truly question whether or not one has the spirit of Yahveh leading him. **Ezek. 36:27** ***“And I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.”*** If one is not being lead to follow in the direction of the Torah than one must search and find out why.

Most Believers consider King David as a great man of the Old Testament. What did David say in **Ps. 1:1-3?** ***“HOW blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the***

wicked, **Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers!**” **But his delight is in the law of Adonai, And in His law he meditates day and night.** And he will be like a tree {firmly} planted by streams of water, Which yields its fruit in its season, And its leaf does not wither; **And in whatever he does, he prospers.**” Sinners are those who don’t follow the law. Later, King David again talks about the law. **Ps. 119:44-45** “**So I will keep Thy law continually, Forever and ever. And I will walk at liberty, For I seek Thy precepts.**” and once again he makes it clear what His opinion is in **Ps. 119:48** “**And I shall lift up my hands to Thy commandments, Which I love; And I will meditate on Thy statutes.**”

What is a statute, or ordinance, compared to a law? A perfect example of a statute compared to a law is the following. In most areas of the Province it is illegal to walk a dog without a leash. This makes total sense in most cities for obvious reasons, yet it makes no sense out in the country. It is a statute compared to a law. People out in the country would have no problem with someone walking their dog without a leash.

From the Hebrew point of view, the Torah laws are seen from two ways. The “Severe” laws are between man and Elohim (the place), and the “life” laws in regards to mankind's interaction between each other. The severe laws, for example: keeping the sabbath, are of course much more important than moral, or life laws. The consequences of breaking a severe law compared to a life law are much greater.

In Old Testament times many people thought they were required to follow the Law in order to receive “**salvation**”. To not receive the “**curse of the law**”, the people had to follow the law, but after the “stake/cross”, Yeshua made it possible for the “curse of the law” to be removed. This didn’t mean that the curse of the law (legalism), was automatically removed, it just made it possible to have it removed. This didn’t mean that we should neglect or not follow the law, it just meant it should become part of us, on our heart. We don’t follow it to receive salvation. **Deut. 28:45** “**So all these curses shall come on you and pursue you and overtake you until you are destroyed, because you would not obey Adonai Yahveh by keeping His commandments and His statutes which He commanded you.**” With the Spirit of Yahveh writing His Law on our hearts, we can now be released from the curse of the Mosaic Law when we break it. **Faith alone brings our salvation.**

It is true that “works” will not get anyone “salvation,” but everyone’s “works” will determine where he fits into the Kingdom of Yahveh when Yeshua comes back upon the earth as “Lord of Lords and King of Kings”, to rule in His “ONE WORLD ORDER”, “ONE WORLD GOVERNMENT” and “ONE WORLD RELIGION”. Too many people today have been duped into believing that “works” is not important, even though it was made clear in the Bible. For example.. In the gospel of Matthew. **Matt. 16:27** “**For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels; and WILL THEN RECOMPENSE EVERY MAN ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS.**” and in **Eph. 2:8-10** “**For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, {it is} the gift of Yahveh; not as a result of works, that no one should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Messiah Yeshua for good works, which Yahveh prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.**”

***NOTE I believe the same voice that tells people today to not follow the Law of**

Yahveh is the same voice that told Eve it's OK to eat from the desirable tree in the Garden of Eden. (1John 3:4,8)

MOSAIC LAW-COVENANT-FIVE BOOKS OF MOSES/MOSHE



TORAH DICTATED

The Torah (first five books of the Old Testament), minus Deuteronomy, were DICTATED to Moses by Yahveh HIMSELF. Moses was not inspired to write what he wrote. Yahveh dictated the words to Moses and he wrote them down. The book of Deuteronomy was not dictated by Yah to Moses. Moses spoke those words to the second generation Israelites just before they entered into the promised land as a reminder of their past. He summarized everything so they could see that following Yah was the answer to everything in the Promised land. That is the reason the Torah and the Prophets is so important, far more important than any other part of our Bible. That is why it is called the footing/foundation of the WORD OF YAHVEH. It wasn't the opinion of Moses that was written down, it was the actual word of Yah written down in what is called Paleo Hebrew (square Hebrew), one of the first ever languages written. There are no other scrolls (five books) that were dictated by Yah. It's significance cannot be overrated. If you have no other written word, the Torah will guide you to salvation through faith in our Almighty, just as it did Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. In the Torah all the instructions ever needed were set down for us. The Torah is the dictionary for the Re-newed Testament.

All the books in our Bible, other than the torah and prophets, were written by men and women **INSPIRED** by Yahveh's Holy Spirit. **Each of those (over 40) individuals wrote the epistles', letters, psalms, proverbs, acts, etc., INSPIRED by the Holy Spirit, not DICTATED TO BY YAHVEH.** There is a huge difference between dictation and inspiration. It is similar to hearsay compared to eye witness. The writers of the books other than the Torah, each had their own personality or trait that was inspired by the Holy Spirit. As individuals, they wrote of their personal experiences and encounters from their perspective, guided by the HOLY SPIRIT. Please keep this in mind when reading the Bible, it is a major key to understanding the Bible.

As you read these books/letters you will see the personalities of these individuals show up in the words written. They all have slightly different ways of doing and perceiving things. Let me give you an example of what I mean. Let's say we all went to a football game. At the end of the game we are all asked to write a summary of the game we

witnessed. All those in attendance saw the same game but from perhaps different angles. Some are very interested in the details of the game, while others were more interested in people watching. Some rooted for the winning team, and some for the losers. Some like the uniforms, some liked the half-time show. Can you see where I'm going yet? If all of those people now sat down and wrote a summary of the game, they would all come up with various descriptions of the events that took place, even though they would all know the end score of the game, and who won. The gist of the summaries would all be the same, but the descriptions would vary. Everyone at the game saw the same thing, but wrote it down from different perspectives. If you keep that s in mind when reading the Bible, it will help tremendously.

We must always remember that the Bible as we know it originated in Hebrew, was translated into Greek, then from Greek into Latin, then from Latin to German, then into English. It's easy to see why there is so much confusion.

We must always keep in mind what Isaiah said so well in, **Isa. 28:9-10** *"To whom would He teach knowledge, And to whom would He interpret the message? Those [just] weaned from milk? Those [just] taken from the breast? "For [He says], 'Order on order, order on order, Line on line, line on line, A little here, a little there.'"*

THE LAW

What is commonly referred to as "THE" LAW, is the Mosaic Covenant. There are actually 613 commands in the five books of Moses compared to over 1,000 commands in the Renewed Testament. These commands were set up to reveal everything that man would ever require to have true justice, morality, and an everlasting closeness in our walk with Adonai. If followed, mankind could have peace and perfect order on earth. These ordinances and rules make possible the ultimate saintly society known as the One World Order, One World Government, and One World Religion, that Yah has available to us. This is His diagram and detailed instructions for a true Biblical society, the Kingdom Of Yah.

Have the heaven and earth passed away yet? The law NEVER passes away, as so clearly shown in **Luke 16:17** *"But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one stroke of a letter of the Law to fail."*

These commandments can be broken up in various ways. These commands are divided up into different groups, some specifically for: women, men, prophets, slaves, Levites, witnesses, soldiers, orphans, leaders, false prophets, priests, kings, children, elders, temple, and sacrifices. Not all these commands are for all the people. Throughout the Torah we discover incredibly advanced medical laws and principals that are designed to protect us from the devastating diseases that have afflicted mankind throughout history. It is fascinating to note that a total of 213 of the 613 torah commandments were detailed medical regulations that insured the good health of the children of Israel if they would obediently follow the laws of Yah.

When you consider that most Nations have millions of laws set forth, it seems ridiculous that proclaimed christians ignore most of the laws Yah gave us in His instructions.

Throughout history the Pharisees (religious leaders) have been adding man-made oral laws to the Torah, making it a burden for those trying to follow these traditions. On the

other side of the coin we have the proclaimed Christians who have tried to remove laws from the Torah because they don't agree with them. These Christians have created lawlessness, while being under the millions of laws of the secular government.

The everlasting (perpetual) Mosaic Covenant is split up into four categories, each one pertaining to a separate set of rules. They are as follows:

(A) THE TEN COMMANDMENTS (as listed in Exod. 20 and Deut. 5)

(B) THE SACRIFICIAL SYSTEM/LAW (the ways of sacrificing)

(C) THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM/LAW (criminal and civil codes)

(D) THE MODELS OF WORSHIP AND LIFESTYLE (holidays, dietary, dealing with diseases, tithing, etc.)

The Mosaic covenant is talked about in Deut 28 in regards to the people following the commandments of Adonai and receiving the blessings, or not following the commandments and receiving the curses. Putting it another way, they were given the choice between prosperity, abundance, and victory over their enemies if they followed the rules, or defeat, exile from the land, plagues, poverty, oppression, illness, disaster, and frustration, if they didn't. The people were given an obvious choice; the covenant was conditional, either they would, or they wouldn't, follow it's instructions. The importance of the Law was written about in **Hebr. 10:26-28** ***"For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain terrifying expectation of judgment, and THE FURY OF A FIRE WHICH WILL CONSUME THE ADVERSARIES. Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on {the testimony of} two or three witnesses."***

Many people think of the law as being Moses law, but the scriptures explain it is Yahveh's law. It is often referred to as "Moses Law" but this is simply a Hebrew idiom. It is Yah's law. Yah DICTATED IT to Moses and Moses wrote it down line upon line precept upon precept, every jot and tittle. **Rom. 7:22** *"For I joyfully concur with the **law of Yahveh** in the inner man,"* **Rom. 8:7** *"because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward Yahveh; for it does not subject itself to the **law of Yah**, for it is not even able {to do so} ;"*

There are actually 613 "commands" that Yahveh told us to keep. If these laws were followed (other than the sacrificial laws, sacrificial system, temple, and the ones pertaining in any way to the priesthood), we would have a "moral society". We would live like Yahveh intended us to live. Only about 85 of these laws are for the average person. These 613 commands are summed up as the "Ten Commandments". If these rules were followed by all of society, we would have no need for the unjust judicial system we now have in place.

A person, (for example) who constantly drives much faster than the reasonably applied posted speed limit, is a menace to the population and a danger to all. A person who does such a thing is a REBEL. Refusing to follow the laws of Yahveh is spiritual rebellion. Spiritual rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft. **1Sam. 15:23** *"For **rebellion is as the sin of divination**, And insubordination is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of Adonai, He has also rejected you from {being} king."*

Many people insist that the law was done away with, but they cannot disprove what the word of Yah says in hundreds of scriptures. Here are but a few that tell of its importance for us HOLY PEOPLE, for all generations. If we do not stand out, if we are not truly Holy, then we are simply not true Believers. **Deut. 10:12-13** *"And now, Israel, what*

does Adonai Yahveh require from you, but to fear Adonai Yahveh, to walk in all His ways and love Him, and to serve Adonai Yahveh with all your heart and with all your soul, {and} to keep Adonai's commandments and His statutes which I am commanding you today for your good?"

Deut. 5:32 "So you shall observe to do just as Adonai Yahveh has commanded you; you shall not turn aside to the right or to the left."

Ps. 1:1 "HOW blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers! **But his delight is in the law of Adonai, And in His law he meditates day and night.** And he will be like a tree {firmly} **planted by streams of water,** Which yields its fruit in its season, And its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers. The wicked are not so, But they are like chaff which the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. For Adonai knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the wicked will perish." The tree spoken of here is fed by the "living water" of the Torah (law) of Adonai.

Deut. 7:6-8 "For you are a holy people to Adonai Yahveh; Adonai Yahveh has chosen you to be a people for His own possession out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. "Adonai did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any of the peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but because Adonai loved you and kept the oath which He swore to your forefathers, Adonai brought you out by a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. "

Deut. 7:9 "Know therefore that Adonai Yahveh, He is Yahveh, the faithful Yahveh, who keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments;" A covenant made with Yahveh cannot be broken, that's why in this verse, it says for "a thousand generations".

The actual sign of the Mosaic covenant was spoken of in **Ezek. 20:12** "And also I gave them My sabbaths to be a sign between Me and them, that they might know that I am Adonai who sanctifies them." Moses actually sealed the covenant with blood when He sprinkled it on the people. **Exod. 24:8** "So Moses took the blood and sprinkled {it} on the people, and said, "**Behold the blood of the covenant,** which Adonai has made with you in accordance with all these words." Blood covenants were "never ending" covenants, so in order to remove the sacrificial part of the covenant, and the Temple, Yah had to provide a final, ultimate sacrifice with His Son, the lamb of Yah. This He did at Calvary, where the sixth covenant actually began. The Re-newed Covenant, or Re-newed Testament (as separated in the Bible), should have actually started after Yeshua's death.

Some of the examples of where the word law in the Bible means specifically the Mosaic Law (instructions), are as follows:

Exod. 24:12 "Now Adonai said to Moses, "Come up to Me on the mountain and remain there, and I will give you the stone tablets with the **law** and the commandment which I have written for their instruction."

John 1:17 "For the **Law** was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Yeshua."

Rom. 2:13 “for not the hearers of the **Law** are just before Yahveh, but the doers of the **Law** will be justified.”

Rom. 3:31 “Do we then nullify the **Law** through faith? May it never be! On the contrary, we establish the **Law**.”

John 7:19 “Did not Moses give you the **Law**, and {yet} none of you carries out the **Law**? Why do you seek to kill Me?”

Acts 21:24 “take them and purify yourself along with them, and pay their expenses in order that they may shave their heads; and all will know that there is nothing to the things which they have been told about you, but that you yourself also walk orderly, keeping the **Law**.”

Matt. 12:5 “Or have you not read in the **Law**, that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple break the Sabbath, and are innocent? In this verse it says that the priests can work on the Sabbath, that is their job.

Matt. 22:36 “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the **Law**?”

Luke 2:22 “And when the days for their purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to Adonai”

Josh. 1:8 “**This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night**, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success.”

Acts 24:14 “But this I admit to you, that according to the Way which they call a sect I do serve Yahveh of our fathers, believing everything that is in accordance with the **Law**, and that is written in the Prophets;”

1Tim. 1:8-10 “But we know that the **Law** is good, if one uses it lawfully, realizing the fact that **law** is not made for a righteous man, but for those who are lawless and rebellious, for the unfaithful and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers and immoral men and homosexuals and kidnappers and liars and perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound teaching,”

Josh. 1:7-8 “Only be strong and very courageous; **be careful to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left**, so that you may have success wherever you go. “This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success.”

In one of Isaiah’s prophecies Yeshua was said to come and make the law even greater than it already was. **Isa. 42:21** “Adonai was pleased for His righteousness’ sake **To make the law great and glorious.**”

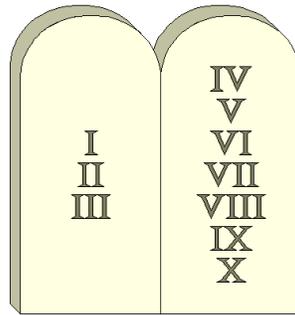
Many of our church leaders don’t seem to understand the Mosaic Law, so they simply don’t teach about it. This of course is blatantly wrong. If they don’t understand it, they should make a point of having someone who does, explain it to them, because lives depend on its understanding or mis-understanding. **1Tim. 1:6-7** “For some men, **straying from these things, have turned aside to fruitless discussion, wanting to be teachers of the Law, even though they do not understand either what they are saying or the matters about which they make confident assertions.**”

The half brother of Yeshua, James, tells the people that the law is so

important that all of it must be kept or none of it. **James 2:10-11** *“For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one {point,} he has become guilty of all. For He who said, “DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY,” also said, “DO NOT COMMIT MURDER.” Now if you do not commit adultery, but do commit murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.”* Here James is referring to the “royal law”, the law of “love”. In other words we can’t pick out laws because we don’t like them. They must be kept with love in mind. (also John 1:45/ Luke 2:39/10:26)

1. TEN COMMANDMENTS (MORAL LAW)

The Ten Commandments “Decalogue”. The moral law, the written in stone twice, by Yah Sinai. At Mt. Sinai Yahveh spoke He put them on the tablets of people were so terrified of Yah They said they would agree with anything Yah said as long as Moses would talk direct with Yah. They were terrified to hear Yah speak.



are often referred to as the “**TEN COMMANDMENTS**”, were Himself, given to Moses at Mount out the ten commandments before stone for Moses. That’s why the and told Moses to represent them.

The Ten Commandments were never referred to as the ‘law’ by themselves, although such might be considered in James 2:8.

When Yeshua and others used the word “scriptures” and “holy scriptures” over 20 times, what they were referring to was the Torah. Rom. 1:2, Matt. 21:42, 22:29, 26:54, 26:56, Mark 12:24, 14:49, Luke 24:27, 24:32, 24:45, John 5:39, Acts 17:2, 17:11, 18:24, 18:28, 1Cor. 15:3, 15:4, 2Pet. 3:16. The Torah was always being referred to throughout the Renewed Testament.

Yah only spoke a few times in the Bible, and Mount Sinai was one of these times, (also 2Pet. 1:17). The scriptures have the Ten Commandments recorded twice, so no one could possibly misunderstand or forget their importance. Our Yahveh doesn’t change His mind, when the rules were given out at Mount Sinai they were written in Hebrew by Yahveh Himself, given out permanently. **Mal. 3:6** *“For I, Adonai, do not change; therefore you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed.”* **Hebr. 13:8** *“Yeshua {is} the same yesterday and today, {yes} and forever.”* The people were gathered at Mt. Sinai for one whole year learning about the laws of Adonai.

Our spiritual law, the Decalogue, was given separate from the sacrificial rituals/laws of the Mosaic system to Moses at Mt. Sinai. James called it the “whole law,” or “royal law,” because it contained everything anyone ever required to represent true love and kindness. **James 2:8** *“If, however, you are fulfilling the royal law, according to the Scripture, “**YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF,**” you are doing well.”*

In **Mark 10:19** *“You know the commandments, ‘DO NOT MURDER, DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, DO NOT STEAL, DO NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS, **Do not defraud,** HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER.’”* Do not defraud isn’t in the Ten Commandments, yet it’s mentioned here because Yeshua was always referring to the entire law to be kept, not just the commandments. It is part of the laws as listed in **Lev.**

19:18 *“You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the sons of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself; I am Adonai.”*

These commandments made it possible for us to have a starting point, a way of understanding what is right and wrong. In order to know what is or isn't sin, Yahveh established for us these rules (instructions), to guide us throughout eternity. We were explained that these rules were the basis of everything we need to know and do. He told us to follow them always if we are to be His people. “Sin is” transgression of the law.

1John 3:4 *“Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness.”*

Many people are familiar with what Yeshua told His people would take place in the end, but most don't realize that is what is taking place now and has been taking place for many years; “lawlessness”. Lawlessness is failing to keep Yahveh's laws. Yeshua spoke of it in Matt. 24:12-13 *“And because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold. “But the one who endures to the end, he shall be saved.”* John 15:10 shows clearly that Yeshua followed the commandments. **John 15:10** *“If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love.”*

Putting it bluntly, no-one can argue the fact that if everyone followed these simple ten rules there would be no sin in the world. Yahveh wrote these rules Himself and put them in “stone”, twice, so we would understand the ultimate importance of them. They were, and are to be our guide in all things. We as Believers, are to have these Ten Commandments imbedded on our hearts and be guided by them at all times.

The longest Psalm in the Bible, 119, explains in detail with 176 verses, how important the ten commandments are to all believers. Anyone who questions their importance need only take the time to read this Psalm to appreciate the significance of the law. The Psalm starts out with a blessing. **Ps. 119:1** *“HOW blessed are those whose way is blameless, Who walk in the law of Adonai.”* This first verse says it all. If this isn't enough read the following and try to grasp its fullness. **John 14:21** *“He who has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me; and he who loves Me shall be loved by My Father, and I will love him, and will disclose Myself to him.”* “Disclose myself to him” means Yahveh will reveal Himself and all His treasures to those who are willing to truly love Him and keep His rules from their heart. Until you personally experience this, you cannot even come close to comprehending the true meaning of this. Revelation comes ONLY AFTER we follow His commandments.

The smartest man ever created by Yahveh, was King Solomon, and He followed the commandments until his downfall, when the witchcraft and lust of his pagan wives enticed him to fall away. Solomon had to follow Yah's laws in order for Yah to consecrate the Temple that was built for Yahveh (1Kgs. 9:3-7). Solomon said: **Prov. 6:23** *“For the commandment is a lamp, and the teaching is light; And reproofs for discipline are the way of life,”* **Prov. 7:1-2** *“My son, keep my words, And treasure my commandments within you. Keep my commandments and live, And my teaching as the apple of your eye.”* The Proverbs are used to give man wisdom, knowledge, and understanding, and throughout this great book Solomon mentions the importance of following Yahveh's commandments.

Societies judicial system was set up using these fundamental ideas of what is right and what is wrong. Believe it or not, we used to have “JUSTICE” in our judicial system. Now, as all people acknowledge, we simply have a “LEGAL” system, which has nothing whatsoever to do with justice. Again Satan has stuck his foot in our midst and taken over.

The commandments are so important to all, that those who do not follow them are “cursed”. **Ps. 119:21** *“Thou dost rebuke the arrogant, the cursed, Who wander from Thy commandments.”*

Eccl. 12:13 *“The conclusion, when all has been heard, {is:} fear Yahveh and keep His commandments, because this {applies to} every person.”*

Question: What was the first commandment that Yahveh spoke? Gen. 1:3 *“Then Yahveh said, “Let there be light”; and there was light.” “Yahveh said”, means “He commanded”.*

What is the definition of a commandment of Yahveh? A commandment is an invitation to share in His holiness.

What is the definition of a blessing? A blessing is an invitation to share in His riches.

Commandments and blessings are tied together very much so. We see them compatible in **Ps. 133:3** *“It is like the dew of Hermon, Coming down upon the mountains of Zion; For there **Adonai commanded the blessing** —life forever.”*

The Ten Commandments were given to Moses at Mt. Sinai on the day of Pentecost because these commandments were needed to instruct the people to live holy lives.

The commandments are not just about what we can’t do; they, in fact, make it clear what we can do.

The most important commandment, according to many Jewish people, is the “Shema” commandment of **Deut. 46:4** *“**And you shall love the Adonai Yahveh with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might**”*. verified by Yeshua in **Matt. 22:37-38** *“And He said to him, “YOU SHALL LOVE ADONAI Yahveh with all your heart, and with all your soul, and WITH ALL YOUR MIND.’ “**This is the great and foremost commandment.**”* The most important statement in the shema is “Adonai is One”.

The six commandments we are told to remember everyday:

- 1) To remember the Pass-over, the coming out of Egypt.
- 2) To remember the Sabbath and keep it holy.
- 3) To remember the sin of the “golden calf”.
- 4) To remember what Amalek did, how he attacked the Jews. (Deut. 25:17)
- 5) To remember when Yahveh spoke at Mt. Sinai.
- 6) To remember what Myriam did in the wilderness. (Numb. 12:10)

As described in **Rev. 22:14** in the NAS and NIV, the “**washing of robes,**” is referring to the cleansing of our sins of the Ten commandments as we ask Yeshua to forgive us. We have the right to ask for forgiveness for breaking the rules and be set free, “washing our robes,” in Yeshua’s name. The Ten commandments show us our sins, they make it possible for us to know what sin is. Sin is being referred to here, the sin of not keeping the laws. **Rev. 22:14** *“**Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter by the gates into the city.**”*

Matt. 19:16-17 *“And behold, one came to Him and said, “Teacher, **what good thing**”*

shall I do that I may obtain eternal life?" And He said to him, ***"Why are you asking Me about what is good? There is {only} One who is good; but if you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments."*** Obviously we should keep the commandments in order to maintain our salvation. A heart submissive to the will of Adonai, essential to faith, is reflected in obedience, keeping the ten commandments. Here, in the book of Matthew Yeshua is again uplifting, upholding, exemplifying the importance of the Old Testament instructions. In Matt. 19:18 Yeshua recites 5 of the 10 commandments; then He speaks of the one that summarizes those five, "love" in verse 37. Yeshua was not introducing two new commandments, (as some would have you believe), He is reciting right out of Deut. 6:5 and Lev. 19:18. If you begin with these two commandments you have the basic underlying principals of all the teachings of the Old Testament. Even the prophets of old stressed love as being important.

It's safe to say that Yeshua didn't abolish the commandments. Yeshua Himself kept the first commandment: (Exod. 20:3) ***"You shall have no other gods before Me."*** He kept the second commandment (Exod. 20:4-6) ***"You shall not make for yourself an idol,"*** He certainly didn't take the name of Adonai in vain, the third (Exod. 20:7). He clearly honored the fifth ***"Honor your father and your mother"*** (Exod. 20:12). The sixth, He didn't murder (Exod. 20:13), the seventh, He didn't commit adultery (Exod. 20:14), He didn't steal (Exod. 20:15), He didn't bear false witness (Exod. 20:16), and He didn't covet (Exod. 20:17). But what about the one missing from this list. What about the fourth commandment, the one with the most words in it. Many claim that this is the one that Yeshua relaxed. **Exod. 20:8-11 *"Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy."*** Did He? Of course not!, that's an insult to the intelligence of all real Believers. If we look closely at **Mark 2:27-28 *"And He was saying to them, **The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. Consequently, the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.**"*** We can see that the Sabbath was created for man's benefit, which is what is implied in Gen. 2. **For those who claim its for the Jews only, I must point something out. At that time, there weren't any Jews at all on the face of the earth.**

There is no doubt that Paul kept the commandments. Why would Paul keep them if they were abolished. In 1Cor. 8:5-6 Paul showed us that He kept the first commandment. In 1Cor. 10:14 Paul shows that He kept the 2nd. commandment. In 1Tim. 6:1 He talks about not using the name of Adonai in vain. In Col. 3:8, Acts 13:42-44 Paul makes it clear He honored the Sabbath day. In Eph. 6:1-3 we see that He honored the 5th. commandment and so on and so on. Paul certainly didn't murder, commit adultery, steal, give false witness, or covet. The simple truth is, Sha'ul, like all the other holy teachers and men of Yah, kept the commandments and teachings of Yah.

Paul again shows us how important the commandments are in **Rom. 13:9 *"For this, **YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, YOU SHALL NOT MURDER, YOU SHALL NOT STEAL, YOU SHALL NOT COVET,"** and if there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this saying, **YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.**"*** Here He is reciting from the Old Testament Lev. 19:18. Does that sound like a man who has abolished the instructions of Yah?

There is no contradiction in Paul's epistles. When Sha'ul speaks positively of the teachings, He is speaking of its educative function. When He speaks negatively, He is

speaking of the role of the instructions as our custodian or tutor.

The Ten Commandments are even called the apple of Yahveh's eye in **Prov. 7:2** **"Keep my commandments and live, And my teaching as the apple of your eye"** The commandments are known to Yahveh as "the apple of His eye", therefore those who don't keep them are sticking their finger in His eye, and the Bible is clear as to what will happen to those who do so (Zech. 2:8).

People who follow the commandments are much more likely to "receive" **1John 3:21-22** *"Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before Yahveh; and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do the things that are pleasing in His sight."*

When all is said and done, it comes down to this: The Torah (which is summed up as the Ten Commandments) is light, lawlessness (Torahlessness) is darkness: Rom. 13:12, 2Cor. 4:6, Col. 1:12, Eph. 5:8,14, 1Ths. 5:5, 1Pet. 2:9, 1John1:7, Rev. 22:1-5,

TEN COMMANDMENTS AS WRITTEN IN EXOD. 20:1-17



Then Yahveh spoke all these words, saying,

1. **Exod. 20:2-3** *"I am Adonai Yahveh, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. **You shall have no other gods before Me.**"*
2. **Exod. 20:4-6** *"**You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth.** "You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, Adonai Yahveh, am a jealous Yah, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.*
3. **Exod. 20:7** *"**You shall not take the name of Adonai Yahveh in vain,** for Adonai will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain.*
4. **Exod. 20:8-11** *"**Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.** "Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath of Adonai Yahveh; {in it} you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter, your male or your female servant or your cattle or your sojourner who stays with you. "For in six days Adonai made the*

heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore Adonai blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. NOTE: This commandment is the longest of all ten.

5. **Exod. 20:12** ***“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which Adonai Yahveh gives you.***
6. **Exod. 20:13** ***“You shall not murder.***
7. **Exod. 20:14** ***“You shall not commit adultery.***
8. **Exod. 20:15** ***“You shall not steal.***
9. **Exod. 20:16** ***“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.***
10. **Exod. 20:17** ***“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife or his male servant or his female servant or his ox or his donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”***

If we look closely at the Ten Commandments we can see that the first five are in reference to our relationship with the Almighty. The next five are in reference to our relationship with each other. When Yeshua spoke of the TWO commandments in Matt. 22:36-40 He was confirming the ten commandments divided in two as such. **Matt. 22:36-40** *“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” And He said to him, **“YOU SHALL LOVE ADONAI YAH with all your heart, and with all your soul, and WITH ALL YOUR MIND.”** “This is the great and foremost commandment. “The second is like it, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.’*

TEN COMMANDMENTS AS WRITTEN IN

DEUT. 5:6-22

1. **Deut. 5:6-7** *‘I am Adonai Yahveh, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. **‘You shall have no other gods before Me.***
2. **Deut. 5:8-10** ***‘You shall not make for yourself an idol, {or} any likeness {of} what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth.*** *‘You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, Adonai Yahveh, am a jealous Yah, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, and on the third and the fourth {generations} of those who hate Me, but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.*
3. **Deut. 5:11** ***‘You shall not take the name of Adonai Yahveh in vain, for Adonai will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain.***
4. **Deut. 5:12-15** ***‘Observe the Sabbath day to keep it holy, as Adonai Yahveh commanded you. ‘Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath of Adonai Yahveh; {in it} you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant or your ox or your donkey or any of your cattle or your sojourner who stays with you, so that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. ‘And you shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and Adonai Yahveh brought you out of there by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm; therefore Adonai Yahveh commanded you to observe the sabbath day.***
5. **Deut. 5:16** ***‘Honor your father and your mother, as Adonai Yahveh has commanded you, that your days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with you on the land which Adonai Yahveh gives you.***

6. Deut. 5:17 ***'You shall not murder.***
7. Deut. 5:18 ***'You shall not commit adultery.***
8. Deut. 5:19 ***'You shall not steal.***
9. Deut. 5:20 ***'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.***
10. Deut. 5:21 ***'You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, and you shall not desire your neighbor's house, his field or his male servant or his female servant, his ox or his donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor.'***

Deut. 5:22 *"These words Adonai spoke to all your assembly at the mountain from the midst of the fire, {of} the cloud and {of} the thick gloom, with a great voice, and He added no more. And He wrote them on two tablets of stone and gave them to me.*

If a person feels hostile towards keeping these appointed commandments, he or she should probably look closely at generational curses or demonic influences that are most likely oppressing them. If this is the case, you seriously need to repent and seek deliverance. Remember, we are not fighting against "flesh" but against the "spirit world". Yeshua said "follow me", if you can't follow Yeshua, then you are following someone else. If you are following someone else and it isn't Yeshua, who are you following? Yeshua said, "my sheep know my voice". Do you recognize the voice of your Savior? Yeshua is the LIVING WORD as flesh (John 1:1). We are to follow Him because He said so. Following Him is exactly that, doing what the Word, (Yeshua Himself) said to do, not what man says to do.

Many people try to convince themselves and others that we are no longer under the law/instructions, but common sense will prevail if one simply looks closely at it. Our El Gibor gave us the Ten Commandments in stone, twice, so that we would never forget them. If He would have ever wanted us to cease following them He would have made it as loud and clear to forget them as it was at Mount Sinai to follow them. There would be no doubt about His change of mind, you can be assured of that. There is no point in reading the Bible if you are not obedient to its content. Far too many proclaimed Christians use it as a prop. It makes them feel like they are holy.

El Gibor made it clear to the people of Israel to obey Yah's Law, and not to add to it or take away from it. **Deut. 4:1-2** *"And now, O Israel, **listen to the statutes and the judgments which I am teaching you to perform**, in order that you may live and go in and take possession of the land which Adonai, Yahveh of your fathers, is giving you. **'You shall not add to the word which I am commanding you, nor take away from it, that you may keep the commandments of Adonai Yahveh which I command you.'**"*

Remember the word "Israel means "those overcome by Yah", those who are His people. The HOUSE OF ISRAEL mentioned throughout the scriptures is referring to those people. Nationality, race, color, nor gender have any bearing on being an Israelite.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS FOUND IN THE RENEWED TESTAMENT

Yah gave man the Ten Commandments as a basic guideline on how to relate to Him, and how to relate to other people. These Ten Commandments are known as the Commandments of "love" and if you keep them, you prove that you love Yah and that you love your neighbor. A lot of people think the Ten Commandments have been replaced by

two Commandments, One; to love Yah with all your heart mind and strength, and the second one; to love your neighbor as your self. Others think they have been replaced by one Commandment, which is to love. Is this what Yah did, changing His Commandments to accommodate man? We will look and see if we can find the Ten Commandments in the "Renewed Testament". Yah's Commandments will stand for ever and ever...

Ps. 111:7-8 *The works of His hands are truth and judgment; all His Commands are true, (8) standing fast forever and ever; they are done in truth and uprightness. You tell me; how long is forever and forever?*

1. EXOD. 20:1-3 THE FIRST COMMANDMENT

*Then Elohim instructed the people as follows: "I am Yahveh your Elohim, who rescued you from slavery in Egypt. **"Do not worship any other gods besides me.***

1Cor. 8:6 *Yet for us there is but one Elohim, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live.*

1Cor. 10:6-7 *"These events happened as a warning to us, so that we would not crave evil things as they did or worship idols as some of them did. For the Scriptures say, "The people celebrated with feasting and drinking, and they indulged themselves in pagan revelry."*

Eph. 4:5-6 *There is only one Yahveh, one faith, one baptism, and there is only one Elohim and Father, who is over us all and in us all and living through us all.*

Rom. 11:17 *And if some of the branches were broken off, and you (Gentiles becoming believers), being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them (Israel), and became a sharer of the root and the fatness of the olive tree with them (Israel),*

2. EXODUS 20:4-6- THE SECOND COMMANDMENT

"Do not make idols of any kind, whether in the shape of birds or animals or fish.

You must never worship or bow down to them, for I, Yahveh your Elohim, am a jealous Elohim who will not share your affection with any other gods! I do not leave unpunished the sins of those who hate me, but I punish the children for the sins of their parents to the third and fourth generations. But I lavish my love on those who love me and obey my commands, even for a thousand generations.

Gal. 5:19-21 *The fruits of the sinful nature are obvious...**idolatry**...I warn you as I did before that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of Elohim.*

1John 5:21 *Dear children, keep yourselves free from idols.*

1Cor. 10:14,19-22 *So, my dear friends, **flee from the worship of idols**...What am I trying to say? Am I saying that the idols to whom the pagans bring sacrifices are real gods and that these sacrifices are of some value? No, not at all. What I am saying is that these sacrifices are offered to demons, not to Elohim. And I don't want any of you to be partners with demons. You cannot drink from the cup of our Master (Yeshua) and from the cup of demons, too. You cannot eat at our Master's (Yeshua's) Table and at the table of demons, too. What? Do you dare to rouse our Master's (Yeshua's) jealousy as Israel did? Do you think we are stronger than He is?*

Idol worship is also associated with partaking in their festivals, eating at their table and drinking from their cups. We also see that idol worship is actually worship to demons and indirectly, Satan. Keep yourself from doing these things and learn what Yah wants as worship and worship Him with fear and adoration. Another form of Idol worship is

elevating man and imitating man as seen today in Hollywood and in the music industry as well as in the sport arena. People are seen as heroes and role models and millions of people follow after them and try to be like them and they structure their lives accordingly. Wouldn't it be good if these people could give that honor to Yah?

3. EXODUS 20:7-THE THIRD COMMANDMENT

You shall not misuse the Name of Yahveh your Elohim, for Yahveh will not hold anyone guiltless who takes His Name in vain.

What does it mean to take Yah's Name in vain?

Vain means, "empty, worthless, having no substance", evil, falsely and to lie. We are supposed to know the Name of Yah and know that in His Name is Salvation. People who do not believe this, take His Name in vain. Does Yah want to make you rich? Does Yah sin? Can Yah change His mind? Did Yah make a mistake? Do all the roads lead to Rome? Was Yeshua only a Prophet? All these questions have right and wrong answers and if you believe the wrong answer, you degrade Him and take His Name in vain.

Matt. 6:9 *"This then is how you shall pray: Our Father, who is in heaven, **Holy is Your Name.***

John 17:11 *Holy Father, **protect them by the power of Your Name--the Name You gave me--so that they may be one even as we are one.***

Phil. 2:9-11 *Therefore Elohim exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every other name. That at the name of Yah is salvation (Yeshua) every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth, and under the earth, **and every tongue confess that Yeshua the Messiah is Yah, to the glory of the Father.***

1John 2:12 *I write to you dear children, because **you have been forgiven on account of His Name.***

In His Name is forgiveness and Salvation and His Name is Holy and we should glorify His Name. This means that if you say you follow Him, that you do not do things of the world because then people will think that He approves of sin and they will get a wrong perception of Him and His Holiness. Vain also means, "to speak falsely". It shares the same Hebrew word that is used in the ninth Commandment – "you shall not bring a false (vain) witness against your brother", which means that you will not connect any thing that is not true, to that person. To take Yah's Name in vain is to connect something that is not true to His Name or His Character. That is to say for example that Yah approves of gay relationships. To take His Name in vain is to devalue the image of Him and to de-grade Him and to bring Him down to man's level, taking man's standards and rules, and say that it is from Yah. It is also to change His Ways to conform to man and to make Yah less Holy than He is. You also take His Name in vain by putting words in His mouth and say things He has not said. Preachers do this very thing where they take His Name in saying; "thus says the Lord...", when Yah has not spoken. To sum it up; you take His Name in vain when you degrade His Character by a sinful life and say that you follow Him. It is also to change His standards and say that He changed it, and lastly to say things as if He said it but He did not.

4. EXODUS 20:8-11-THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT

Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shall you labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to Yahveh your Elohim. On it you shall

do any work, neither you nor your manservant, nor your maidservant nor your animals nor the alien within your gates. For in six days Yahveh made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but He rested on the seventh day. Therefore Yahveh blessed the seventh day and made it holy.

This is the Commandment that most believers break because they follow the Catholic system where they have changed the times and laws as prophesied in Daniel 7:25. The Catholic Church changed the Ten Commandments by taking out the second Commandment, (they have a lot of graven images) and they modified the fourth one. They have changed the Sabbath (seventh day), to the "Lord's Day" (First day - Sunday) and have split the last Commandment in two so that it will add up to ten again. The Sabbath day rest was initiated during Creation and forms the basis of our worship to Yah, acknowledging Him as the Creator and doing as He instructed; to rest on this set apart day. You actually do not acknowledge Him as the Creator if you do not honor His day of rest; it is as simple as that because this is the main reason for this day. The Sabbath is also a prophetic foreshadow (just like the Festivals that also have Sabbaths), of the Second Coming of Yeshua where we as His Bride will enter into His rest in the Seventh Millennium.

Matt. 24:20 *Pray that your flight will not take place during the winter or on the Sabbath.*

Luke 4:14-16 *He (Yeshua) went to Nazareth, where He had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day went into the synagogue, as was His custom.*

Acts 18:4 *Each Sabbath found Paul at the synagogue, trying to convince the Jews and Greeks alike.*

Heb 4:9 *For there remains a Sabbath day of rest for the people of Elohim.*

As we see here, Yeshua and Paul kept the Sabbath holy and so should you. Rest means; no work or doing things of your own pleasure. It is a day to spend in His Word and learn about His things and it is a time of slowing down and getting to know Him better. The best way is to keep yourself busy with searching the Scripture, reading and teaching with fellow believers.

5. EXODUS 20:12- THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT

Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land Yahveh your Elohim is giving you.

This Commandment is the Commandment that is a transition between the first four Commandments, where we learn how to honor and worship Yah, and the last five Commandments, where we learn how to live with other people and love them. This Commandment forms part of the first four Commandments where you honor your heavenly Father, and it also forms part of the last five Commandments, where you must honor your earthly father and mother. This is the most important Commandment you must teach your children so that they can learn to honor you as their parents, and as they grow older, they will then know how to honor their Heavenly Father.

This rolls out to the community as well, you are supposed to honor older people and respect them so that you may be open to receive their wisdom. If you do not honor the elders in your community, you will not be teachable and will stagnate spiritually because Yah uses the wise to teach the young. His Word is designed to work through people among the people and you will only receive the fullness if you have learned to be humble

and receive from others, especially older people.

Matt. 15:3-6 *And He answered and said to them, "Why do you yourselves transgress the commandment of Elohim for the sake of your tradition? "For Elohim said, 'HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER,' and, 'HE WHO SPEAKS EVIL OF FATHER OR MOTHER IS TO BE PUT TO DEATH.' "*

Eph. 6:1-3 *Children, obey your parents in our Master (Yeshua) for this is right. HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER (which is the first commandment with a promise), SO THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU, AND THAT YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH.*

Col. 3:20 *Children, be obedient to your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing to Our Master (Yeshua).*

Back in the time of Moses they used to take their children outside the City to stone them if they were rebellious. Rebellion is the sin of witchcraft and Yah sees it in a very serious light that is why Yah instructed this Commandment. If you do not control and guide your children to respect you, they will find it difficult to respect Yah when they are adults. If you want to please Yah, honor your parents and if you are a parent, honor older people. This is a sign that you are humble and that you are receptive and open to receive His Word from others that have lived life and have attained wisdom.

6. EXODUS 20:13--THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT

You shall not commit murder.

What does it mean to murder someone? You take an object and hit someone or take a gun and shoot someone. That is what we normally think murder is, but there is a deeper meaning to murder; and that is to "kill" someone's reputation through slander. If you dislike someone, you avoid him or her and that person becomes "dead" to you. If one of your friends told you something "bad" about someone else, that will cause you to avoid that person and move him or her out of your life. The "messenger" who gossiped to you, used their words as arrows and "murdered" the other person. This is how gossip and slander works, it kills people's reputations and those people get rejected and become outcasts and "dead" to the society.

Ps. 64:3-4 *who sharpen their tongue like a sword, they tread their arrows, even a bitter word, (4) so that they may shoot at the blameless one from a lurking place; suddenly they shoot at him, and fear not.*

Matt. 5:21-22 *You have heard that it was said to the ancients, "You shall not kill" --and, "Whoever shall kill shall be liable to the judgment." (22) But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be liable to the judgment. And whoever shall say to his brother, **Raca**, shall be liable to the Sanhedrin; but whoever shall say, Fool! shall be liable to be thrown into the fire of hell.*

Matt. 15:19 *"For out of the heart come evil thoughts... murders.*

Rom. 13:9 ***You shall not murder.***

Sin originates in your thoughts and in your heart before it manifests in the flesh. If you think on evil things, you will do evil things. If you despise and hate your brother, you take the first step to murder him with the sword of your tongue and it is just as bad as the physical deed itself. Stop the seed of sin in your heart and you will not bear the fruit thereof. If you are angry with your brother without cause or you just can't stand him for any reason, this is seen in the same light as murdering that person. Love one another and

be patient and forgive one another, so that you will not fall into the trap of “murdering” your brother without cause. Repent and do not “murder anymore”! Stop your slander, stop hating other people or races and do not be angry without a cause.

7. EXODUS 20:14--THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT

You shall not commit adultery.

Adultery is the sin where people break their marriage covenant by illegal divorce or sexual immorality. Yah sees this in the same light as the second Commandment where Israel broke their “marriage covenant” with Him when they whored after other gods. The result of their actions caused them “to be cut off” and scattered among the nations. To be cut off means to die from life. The result of adultery is that you will be separated from your spouse. The important thing to realize is that you break a covenant between you and your partner that Yah initiated when you commit adultery. When He chose Israel as His bride, He established it with a Covenant and if that Covenant is broken (through sin – idolatry) there are serious consequences.

Mark 10:7-9 *For this cause a man shall leave his father and mother and shall cleave to his wife. (8) And the two of them shall be one flesh. So then they are no longer two, but one flesh. (9) Therefore what Elohim has joined together, let not man put apart.*

Mat 5:32 *But I say to you that whoever shall put away his wife, except for the cause of ~~fornication~~, idolatry (harlotry with other gods) **causes her to commit adultery.** And whoever shall marry her who is put away commits adultery.*

If you get a divorce for any other reason than your spouse committing a sexual immoral deed, you commit adultery. The person who commits the act is guilty of adultery and you may divorce him/her, but if someone marries the “guilty” person, that person also commits adultery. If you are the victim of a divorce where your “X” acted immoral, you are not guilty of adultery but your “X” is. If you caused the divorce by another illegal relationship, repent of your sin because you are guilty of adultery.

Rom. 13:9 ***You shall not commit adultery.***

James 2:11 *For He who said, "**DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY,**" also said, "**DO NOT COMMIT MURDER.**" Now if you do not commit adultery, but do commit murder, you have become a transgressor of the Torah*

Matt. 5:27-28, 31-32 *"You have heard that it was said, '**YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY**'; but I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart..."*

This is the verse that proves that Y’shua raised the standard of following Him. In the Torah you have to commit the physical act to be guilty of this sin, but Y’shua teaches that if you have the thought in your heart and cultivate it, you have already sinned. He did not take the Torah away, He raised the standard higher, but He also gave us His Spirit to help us to maintain this standard and not to sin in our hearts. For sin to bear fruit in your actions, you had to cultivate that seed in your mind. This is why Yah gave His Torah in our hearts through His indwelling Spirit so that we might live out His Torah in our hearts before it results into sin in our flesh. The main aim of the Torah is to help man not to sin and so is the aim of the Spirit. This goes hand in hand with the Commandment where you are not to uncover the nakedness of another person. You are uncovering the nakedness of someone else, you have perverse movies and if you expose yourself to pornography, you

will lust after that naked woman that you see. If you watch pornographic movies, you are partaking in that by enjoying other people committing a sin of harlotry. Be careful of the movies you watch, if they portray sin in that movie and you see it as entertainment, you make yourself guilty of that same sin by approving of it.

Rom. 1:32 *and, although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.*

8. EXODUS 20:15--THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT

You shall not steal.

Matt. 19:17-18 *And He said to him, "Why are you asking Me about what is good? There is only One who is good; but if you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments." Then he said to Him, "Which ones?" And Yeshua said, "**YOU SHALL NOT STEAL.**"*

Rom. 2:21 *You, therefore, who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who preach that one shall not steal, **do you steal?***

Eph. 4:8 *He who steals must steal no longer; but rather he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good, so that he will have something to share with one who has need.*

To steal is defined by the act of taking something of value that belongs to someone else without permission. People tend to try and get away with stealing things by saying they are only borrowing it. But if you borrow without permission, you are stealing. Stealing is one of the Commandments that is the easiest to break, especially when no one can see you. Things like pirate software, music games, movies, these things are so easy to steal and no one will know it except you. Repent and get rid of those things, which you have obtained illegally.

9. EXODUS 20:16--THE NINTH COMMANDMENT

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

Matt. 19:17-18 *And He said to him, "Why are you asking Me about what is good? There is only One who is good; but if you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments." Then he said to Him, "Which ones?" And Yeshua said, "**YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS.**"*

Matt. 15:19 *"For out of the heart come evil thoughts... **false witness, slanders.***

Col. 3:9 *Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices.*

This Commandment is still applicable; do not tell lies and do not bear false witness against your brother. One sin leads to another and when you do something wrong and get confronted; you instinctively lie to protect yourself. To lie is human nature and everybody has lied before. If you have a habit of telling lies, people will notice it and they wouldn't trust you any more. Whenever you open your mouth, question marks will be over your words.

The worst form of lying is to connect something that is not the truth to someone else, and that is slander. We already looked at this and it links up with "murder", where you break down another person's character in the presence of other people and those people will treat the victim as if he or she has a plague.

Matt. 12:36-37 *"And I say to you that for every idle word men speak, they shall give an account of it in the day of judgment. (37) "**For by your words you shall be declared***

righteous, and by your words you shall be declared unrighteous.”

Lies, false witness and slander are idle words because they are not constructive and originate from the father of lies; namely Satan. If you choose to follow his counsel, you will earn his reward (torment), but if you follow Yah’s counsel, you will attain everlasting life.

10. EXODUS 21:17--THE TENTH COMMANDMENT

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife or his male servant or his female servant or his ox or his donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

The First Commandment is about Yah, having faith in Yah and it is the most important Commandment of all. Not to covet is the Commandment that is the opposite and furthest “away” from the First Commandment and will cause you to be separated from Yah. You cannot serve two Masters, Yah and Material things; it is one or the other. If you covet, you will steal, you will murder, you will lie and you wouldn’t honor the first five Commandments either.

Luke 12:15 Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed. A man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.

Rom. 7:7 What shall we say then? Is the Torah sin? May it never be! On the contrary, I would not have come to know sin except through the Torah; for I would not have known about coveting if the Torah had not said, "YOU SHALL NOT COVET."

Materialism is a sickness of our society and most people fall into this trap wanting more, wanting better, or wanting what others have to keep up with the “Joneses”. People not only covet things, they covet through their fleshly desires and indulge themselves in food, good times, booze, loud music and sexual lust. Yah said that we need to be led by the Spirit, not be enslaved by the lusts of the flesh.

2Pet. 2:18-20 For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they lure through the lusts of the flesh, by unbridled lust, the ones who were escaping from those who live in error; (19) promising them liberty, they themselves are the slaves of corruption. For by whom anyone has been overcome, even to this one he has been enslaved. (20) For if they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the full knowledge of the Master and Savior Yeshua the Messiah, and are again entangled, they have been overcome by these, their last things are worse than the first.

If you have accepted Y’shua as your Savior and have knowledge of what is right and what is wrong, and you fall into the “old ways” again. These sins will bind you and enslave you and will be worse off than before, when you were a sinner. Think of the examples we have of preachers who fall into sin; they do it in the highest degree because Satan don’t want them to return to Yah and he keeps them bound by their reputation, guilt and sin. Watch out and guard yourself against past sins and habits so that you will not step into the same traps and entangle yourself with its consequences, because it is very difficult to get free again.

Rom. 6:16 Do you not know that to whom you yield yourselves as slaves for obedience, you are slaves to him whom you obey; whether it is of sin to death, or of obedience to righteousness.

John 15:10 If you keep My commandments, you shall abide in My love, even as I

have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.

John 8:32 *And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*

Matt. 11:30 *For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.*

Rom. 7:12 *So indeed the Torah (Law) is Holy, and the Commandment is Holy and just and good.*

Matt. 22:36-40 *Master, which is the great commandment in the Torah? (37) Yeshua said to him, **You shall love Yah your Elohim with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.** (38) This is the first and great commandment. (39) **And the second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.** (40) On these two commandments hang all the Torah and the Prophets.*

The Ten Commandments are spilt into two Sections; the first five are based on how to love Yah with all your heart, or about how to have a relationship with Him. The second set of five are based on how to love your neighbor as yourself. On these two sets of Commandments hang the Torah and the Prophets. In other words, it forms the basis and foundation for loving Yah and your fellow man.

WHAT IS SIN?

DOCTRINE OF ORIGINAL SIN

The doctrine of the original sin is: the term “original sin” is actually a term from a phrase that comes originally from the Roman Catholic church. Their idea was that because you were consummated from a sexual act, you were born of sin. That is why they push so heavy for infants to be baptized, to remove that original sin.

In Judaism they believe that children up to the age of accountability, 12 or 13, (bar mitzvah and bat mitzvah). The parent serves as a priest of that house providing a covering for the children up to that age. Purgatory is a Jewish word for what happens when a child under the age of accountability dies. This is how they describe this zone. The Catholics took this idea and ran with it in all different crazy directions. Adam came into the world in the image of Yah. Gen. 5:1 Adam bore Seth and Seth came into the world in the image of Adam, not in the image of Yah. That is the reason we need to be born again. We have a problem because that is the image we were born into, that of Adam. Our Father Adam brought sin and death into the world so we need to be born again so we are not of the world. That’s the reason Yeshua came, so He could restore all things. He is the new Adam and in Him we are the new born again mankind, made in the image of Yah, just like the original Adam was at the beginning before the fall. All men are NOT made in the image of God, only in the image of Adam. That’s why we must be born again.

SIN IS LAWLESSNESS

“Torah”, in Hebrew, comes from the root word “yara”, which properly translated means: “to shoot to hit the mark”. In other words the Torah is the mark/target and the objective of all Believers should be to strive to hit the mark. “Sin”, in Hebrew, comes from the root word “hata”, which is properly translated as “to miss the mark”. The Torah is Yahveh’s law/instructions/mark. We are to pursue the torah (target) when we shoot. We must aim as best we can to hit the bullseye. In christianity we have people shooting the arrow and then moving the target to line up with their aim.

Most people don’t seem to understand what sin really is. They know that sin is doing things that are not good, but what does the Bible say SIN actually is? Let’s have a real

close look at the Biblical definition of SIN. "Sin is not following Yah's laws/instructions". Let me repeat that. "**Sin is not following YHVH'S laws**". "**Lawlessness is sin**", as clearly stated in **1John 3:4** "**Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness.**" Those who proclaim to love Yahveh and don't follow His instructions/laws are simply "sinners". This is not what's being taught in most churches, but that is what the word of Yahveh says sin is.

Rom. 6:23 "**The wages of SIN is death**" (first spiritual, then physical)

Hebr. 10:26 "**For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,**"

Hebr. 10:28 "**Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on {the testimony of} two or three witnesses.**"

1John 3:8 "**the one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of Yah appeared for this purpose, that He might destroy the works of the devil.**"

2Ths. 2:8 "**And then that lawless one will be revealed whom Adonai will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming;**"

2Cor. 6:14 "**Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness?"**

Matt. 24:12-13 "**And because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end, he shall be saved.**" Notice it says in the future tense: "shall be saved".

2Ths. 2:7 "**For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains {will do so} until he is taken out of the way.**" This is referring to the anti-Messiah.

Ps. 119:172 "**Let my tongue sing of Thy word, For all Thy commandments are righteousness.**" In the eyes of Yah the commandments are righteous, therefore those who follow them become righteous believers.

1John 5:17 "**All unrighteousness is sin, and there is a sin not {leading} to death.**"

Rom. 6:12-15 "**Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body that you should obey its lusts, and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin {as} instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to Yahveh as those alive from the dead, and your members {as} instruments of righteousness to Yahveh. For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law, but under grace. What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? May it never be!**" Many preachers dwell on the "we are not under the law but under grace" part of this verse but for some strange reason miss the "may it never be" part that follows.

1Cor. 6:9-10 "**Or do you not know that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of Yahveh? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor {the} covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, shall inherit the kingdom of Yahveh.**"

2Pet. 2:20-22 "**For if after they have escaped the defilements of the world by the knowledge of Adonai and Savior Yeshua, they are again entangled in them and are overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first. For it would be better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn away from the holy commandment delivered to them. It has happened to them according**

to the true proverb, "A DOG RETURNS TO ITS OWN VOMIT," and, "A sow, after washing, {returns} to wallowing in the mire."

Yeshua referred to sin as a serpent in: **Luke 10:19** "Behold, I have given you authority to **tread upon serpents and scorpions**, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall injure you."

In the following scripture Yeshua means that sin will bite you by means of demons from Satan. **Eccl. 10:8** "He who digs a pit may fall into it, and **a serpent may bite him who breaks through a wall.**"

2Cor. 7:1 "Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all **defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of Yahveh.**" Defilement/filthiness is referring to demonic presence. We are to cleanse ourselves from the defilement and filth of sin by hitting the mark, which is the Torah.

SIN OF THE FLESH

In Rom. 7:7-12 Paul points out that there is something in the flesh of humans that is contrary to the law of Yah. **Rom. 7:7-12** "What shall we say then? Is the Law sin? May it never be! On the contrary, **I would not have come to know sin except through the Law**; for I would not have known about coveting if the Law had not said, "YOU SHALL NOT COVET." But sin, taking opportunity through the commandment, produced in me coveting of every kind; for apart from the Law sin {is} dead. And I was once alive apart from the Law; but when the commandment came, sin became alive, and I died; and this commandment, which was to result in life, proved to result in death for me; for sin, taking opportunity through the commandment, deceived me, and through it killed me. So then, the Law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good." We are to strive in our mind to follow Adonai's laws. **Rom. 7:25** "Thanks be to Yahveh through Yeshua our Lord! So then, on the one hand I myself with my mind am serving the law of Yahveh, but on the other, **with my flesh the law of sin.**"

For an in-depth look at SIN and LOVE, according to the Bible, please read my book called "Bible Basics".

WHAT IS LOVE?

One of the most misunderstood words in the English language is love.

Ahava #157 (Hebrew), means to have a lot of affection for. Back in ancient times those who were obedient to their king were told they loved him. Our King has explained this concept in many ways throughout the scriptures. Those who truly are born again and love Him, are obedient to His Word, it's as simple as that (John 14:15). One can talk all day about love but until your actions show your obedience and respect for something/ someone, in this case, the King of Kings, your words mean nothing.

All adults have been in love at one time or another. We all know that we can tell our spouse or girlfriend we love her all day, but until we prove our love with ACTIONS that are appropriate, our words mean nothing. If we love Yeshua we will keep His word, how much more simple can it be?

Our Adonai is "agape" love in its 100% pure form (1John 4:8:12). Love is "giving". Yahveh gave us His own Son to show us His selfless love (John 3:16). Love needs no knowledge, wisdom, time, etc.. Love is all. **John 1:1** "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with Yahveh, and the Word was Yahveh." Yah is love (1John 4:8).

The word is love! The word became flesh! Yeshua was the word! The Torah was Yeshua, the word which was and is love. We are made in His image, so we are made in the image of love.

The true love of Yahveh flows down the channel, or riverbed of the Ten Commandments. Ultimate love is giving to your enemies. Ultimate love is laying down our lives for our Brothers (1John 3:16). Yeshua tells us that because of lawlessness true love will grow cold (Matt. 24:12).

The reason the Pass-over Feast is called the “Love Feast” is because Yah gave His own Son for us at this Feast, to be remembered during the Last Supper as His blood and His body, the ultimate giving of a Father.

We often hear Believers talking about how much Adonai loves them, and this is of course true, but how do those who willingly accept His love, return LOVE to Adonai?

Love is an “VERB” (active), for those who say they love Adonai, the question is; how do they show their love for Adonai. John 14:15 and 21 explains clearly. John 14:15 “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.” That is how we show Yah that we love Him. It is straight forward and simple. Most Believers claim they want Yah to REVEAL Himself to them, and yet how many of them meet the condition required by El Shaddai to receive revelation, as clearly stated in: **John 14:21 “He who has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me; and he who loves Me shall be loved by My Father, and I will love him, and will disclose Myself to him.”** This isn’t a gray area that is hard to understand! It is straight forward and simple! There are requirements that our Father has in order for us to receive His divine presence and revelation. The first thing we MUST do in order for Him to reveal Himself to us is obvious, **“follow the commandments”**. That means all of them, including the fourth. You don’t need to be a rocket scientist to understand.

A verse that is often quoted to encourage Believers to ask for what Yah has prepared for us, is usually not looked at closely, or these people would take the Ten Commandments more seriously. **1Cor. 2:9 “but just as it is written, THINGS which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, AND {which} HAVE not entered the heart of man, ALL THAT YAH HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM.”**

1John 3:14 “We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love abides in death.”

If we love the world and the things in it we are not in love with Yah. **1John 3:17 “But whoever has the world’s goods, and beholds his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of Yahveh abide in him?”**

John 15:10 “If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father’s commandments, and abide in His love.”

1John 4:16 “And we have come to know and have believed the love which Yahveh has for us. Yahveh is love, and the one who abides in love abides in Yahveh, and Yahveh abides in him.”

1John 4:18 “There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love.”

Many say His law has been replaced by love, but His law teaches us how to love. Whenever we fail His law He gives us mercy. Mercy is a part of the law, one of the

weightier things of the law as described in **Matt. 23:23** *“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cummin, and have **neglected the weightier provisions of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness**; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others.”*

Those who show their love for Adonai will receive a crown of life. Each and every promise of Yah is built upon four foundations: namely, Yah’s righteousness, Yah’s holiness, Yah’s grace, and Yah’s truth. Yah’s righteousness keeps us from being unfaithful! Yahveh’s holiness keeps us from being deceitful! Yah’s grace keeps us from being forgetful, and Yah’s truth keeps us from being changeful!

1John 3:18 *“**Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.**”*

John 5:42-47 *“**but I know you, that you do not have the love of Yahveh in yourselves.** “I have come in My Father’s name, and you do not receive Me; if another shall come in his own name, you will receive him. “How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another, and you do not seek the glory that is from the {one and} only Yahveh? “Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; the one who accuses you is Moses, in whom you have set your hope. “For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote of Me. “But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?”*

LOVE IS THE ROYAL LAW

The 10 Commandments as a whole, may in one case, be referred to as LAW, “royal law”. This verse can be found in **James 2:8** *“If, however, you are fulfilling the **royal law**, according to the Scripture, “**YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF**,” you are doing well.”* Is “following not all the commandments” being referred to, or the “Royal Law” being referred to when it says you cannot forget one commandment? **James 2:10-11** *“For **whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one {point,} he has become guilty of all.** For He who said, “**DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY**,” also said, “**DO NOT COMMIT MURDER**.” Now if you do not commit adultery, but do commit murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.”* I believe the royal law spoken of here is the summary of all the laws and commands of Yahveh. **“LOVE”** is being referred to here! If the instructions of Yahveh aren’t followed in love, there is no point in following them at all. The love has to be in ones circumcised heart before it can be manifested through following the Torah.

We must ask ourselves: “who is our neighbor”?? This is a question pondered by many. I believe our neighbor is whoever we are in the presence of. Whether we are at home with friends and relatives, or standing in line at the grocery store. Our neighbor is the person close to us wherever we are at the time. Using this scenario, you can easily understand how important it is to LOVE every human being.

LOVE AND COVENANT RELATIONSHIP

Through the blood of Messiah those who follow the Word have gained citizenship into Israel and Yah’s family. We are now sons and daughters of the God of Israel. Before, a Gentile had to undergo circumcision to be considered a citizen of Israel. Now our hearts have been circumcised by Messiah and we are now members of Yahveh’s family, equal sharers with Israel and the covenant blessings. Circumcision was never eliminated, it was

just changed from an outward physical expression to an inner circumcision of the heart in the Re-newed Testament.

There is an obvious relationship between friends, love, and the commandments, as expressed in the book of John. If one truly wants to be a friend of Yahveh and a covenant partner, then one must follow His commands. This is the proof that we love Elohim. **John 15:12-15** *“This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. **“Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends. “You are My friends, if you do what I command you. “No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you.” Friends are only those who are in covenant and have accepted the conditions of the covenants. This is explained in detail in this book under the heading of, “Covenants of Yah”.***

Love is the fulfillment, the meaning and purpose of the law. When the word fulfill is used in Matt. 5:17 it means the same as it does in **Rom. 13:8-10** *“Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled {the} law. For this, **“YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, YOU SHALL NOT MURDER, YOU SHALL NOT STEAL, YOU SHALL NOT COVET,”** and if there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this saying, **“YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.”** Love does no wrong to a neighbor; **love therefore is the fulfillment of {the} law.”** Notice some of the commandments are spoken of here immediately after the word fulfill is used. If fulfill meant finalized why would it show up here with the commandments.*

The love of Yah coincides with our ability to repent: **Rev. 3:19** *‘**Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; be zealous therefore, and repent.**’* Repentance is the hurt that leads to healing.

THE ARMOR OF YAH

Have you ever looked closely at the verses pertaining to the armor of Yah that proclaimed Believers put on?

Eph. 6:11 *“**Put on the full armor of Yahveh, that you may be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.**”*

Eph. 6:14-18 *“Stand firm therefore, **HAVING GIRDED YOUR LOINS WITH TRUTH, and HAVING PUT ON THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, and having shod YOUR feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming missiles of the evil {one.} And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of Yahveh. With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints,**”*

When we look at what Sha'ul wrote in the scroll of Eph. 6:10-18 we will see that **Paul uses a metaphor of a Roman soldier.** In those days you could recognize a Roman soldier from a great distance because of the style of their armor, shield, and helmet.

According to the tradition of the Sages when looking at the human body, your right side is considered to be the spirit side and the left the truth side. We see this in the use of phylacteries and tefillin. That's why observant Jews wrap the tefillin around their left arm, a pouch of scripture by their heart, and a box of scripture (phylactery) on their forehead. They wrap the tefillin around their left arm and finish by lacing it in the fingers, wrapping it

around the ring finger, which they say represents the covenant. They bind the covenant finger to the hand. They say this represents truth and if you have truth, you have faith. Faith comes by hearing and truth comes from having faith. They say this left arm then represents the shield of faith. The right hand holds the sword of the spirit and the left hand the shield of faith. Because we are to walk in spirit and in truth, tradition says you always put your right foot forward first when you walk. We are to be balanced with spirit and in truth on our two feet.

Remember, when a person is anointed they are anointed on the right side: (forehead, earlobe, thumb and big toe). It is done this way because the right side represents spiritual things. Paul uses this soldier metaphor to represent the walk of a true Believer in Yeshua that is equipped for battle. He adds a few things to emphasize it a bit more, but uses the warrior idea as an example of a balanced prepared for battle follower of Yeshua.

Put on the full armor: 1. The girdle of truth. 2. The breastplate of righteousness. 3. The word of Yahveh on our feet. 4. The shield of faith. 5. The helmet of salvation. 6. The sword of the spirit. 7. Prayer and petition.

The armor of Adonai includes the girdle of **TRUTH**. The girdle covers your heart, which is where love is. This is the place where the spirit and soul come together. **How many people actually know the truth? What is the truth according to our Good Book?** Never-mind what you are being told by many clergy, the CEO'S of the business of religion, what is the truth as per our Holy Book? If you don't keep the commandments you do not have the truth, and therefore can't put on your full armor. If you have no truth you can't put on your girdle of truth, and that leaves an open area unprotected in your armor. Any unprotected area on a Roman soldier would have meant death. Likewise any Believer who is unprotected receives spiritual death. Satan doesn't play fair. He shoots to kill, at any area that is unprotected. **1John 2:4 "The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him;" John 17:17 "Sanctify them in the truth; Thy word is truth."** Going into spiritual warfare with a gun without bullets is suicide and that is why you see spiritually dead Christians scattered everywhere.

Another thing that should be mentioned, is that your armor is only covering your front. The reason for this is that we are to be in the offensive, not in the defensive mode. If you constantly go forward in your walk and your battle with Satan, like our Good Book says to do, then you need not worry. If you turn and run from him, your back is open. We, as saints, are supposed to cover each others backs in the battle, so that Satan can't come in from behind. No war in the history of mankind was ever won on the defence.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT!

In Luther's Small Catechism the commandments of Yahveh have been changed. The Roman Catholic, as well as the Lutheran Church, along with many other Protestant Churches, have re-arranged or deleted the **"SECOND COMMANDMENT"** and **"DIVIDED IN TWO"** the tenth commandment, to cover up the change. The second commandment that Yahveh gave us as listed in the **"BIBLE,"** has in some cases been **"TOTALLY DELETED"**. This could be expected from the Roman Catholic system of worship, but it's hard to believe that the proclaimed Protestants accepted this evil deed.

This is living proof that many times, **Satan does his best work from the pulpit.**

Matt. 5:19 *“Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and so teaches others, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever keeps and teaches {them,} he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.”* **The SUNDAY churches are full of Reverent Leasts!**

Deut. 5:22 *“These words Adonai spoke to all your assembly at the mountain from the midst of the fire, {of} the cloud and {of} the thick gloom, with a great voice, and He added no more. And He wrote them on two tablets of stone and gave them to me.”* No one has the authority to take away, change or add to the Bible.

There are some who dare to argue not only about whether the Ten Commandments are still in effect or not, but which commandments are which. The Bible lists them clearly, there is no doubt, but many have gone along with the thoughts of the mis-guided Catholic priest Augustine who arranged the commandments in such a way as to permit the use of graven images in supposed Christian worship. In Augustines Decalogue he made the second commandment part of the first, and split the tenth into two commandments to cover up the change. By combining the first and second commandments into one, he made it appear that only one commandment spoke of idolatry; which was not the case. There are in fact two distinct commandments referring to idolatry. The first prohibits worshipping anything other than Yah (Exod. 20:3). The second concerns bowing down, serving, giving reverence to, or otherwise using physical representations of God (Aviyad), such as pictures, icons, sculptures, etc., in worshipping Him (Exod. 20:4-6). When the second is made part of the first, one might get the false impression that it only forbids serving images of other gods. By itself, it is clear that it forbids images of even the true Yah.

Since Augustines list combined the first and second commandments, he still had to find a way to come up with ten commandments, so to achieve this, he divided the tenth commandment in two. (20:17). *“You shall not covet your neighbors wife”* (Deut 5:21), and the tenth stating, *“and you shall not desire (covet) your neighbor’s house, his maidservant, his ox, his donkey, or anything else that is your neighbors”* (which is the same verse). To throw this ridiculous idea out in with the trash where it belongs, one only has to look at what Paul said when He quoted five of the Ten Commandments, including the last one. **Rom. 13:9** *“For this, “YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, YOU SHALL NOT MURDER, YOU SHALL NOT STEAL, YOU SHALL NOT COVET,” and if there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this saying, “YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.”* Here Paul makes no distinction between coveting a neighbors wife or a neighbors house or other possessions. Paul obviously put the two covets together because that’s the way Adonai meant them to be. There is only “one principal” involved here, and it is “coveting”. It shows up clearly again in **Rom. 7:7** *“What shall we say then? Is the Law sin? May it never be! On the contrary, I would not have come to know sin except through the Law; for I would not have known about coveting if the Law had not said, “YOU SHALL NOT COVET.”*

To further destroy Luther’s and Augustines absurd re-arranging of the commandments, all you have to do is look at what Moses said in **Deut. 5:21** *“You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, and you shall not desire your neighbor’s house, his field or*

his male servant or his female servant, his ox or his donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor.” and **Exod. 20:17** *“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife or his male servant or his female servant or his ox or his donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”* Notice in these two verses the order of what is not to be coveted is reversed by Moses. It is safe to say that Moses would not have switched the tenth and the ninth commandments around. It is clear that He was referring to “coveting” as a principal, not two different aspects of the same commandment. This in turn brings us back to the second commandment that many churches have tried to hide from their people, for obvious reasons. The one that tells us not to have any graven images. This commandment makes it clear that all crosses, pictures of their Jesus, and statues of the virgin Mary, along with all the pictures and statues of any Saints, etc., are forbidden. That alone would affect 99% of all Christian churches worldwide. Could this be the reason Martin Luther and Augustine agreed with this evil deed.

Remember, anything coming between us and Yah is idolatry. **Col. 3:5** *“Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, **which amounts to idolatry.**”* Anything that is idolatrous is covetous. **Eph. 5:5** *“For this you know with certainty, that **no immoral or impure person or covetous man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Messiah and Yahveh.**”*

Martin Luther’s opinion of the Ten Commandments was well known. He quoted: *“I did not love, indeed I hated this just God, for I was indignant against Him, saying as if it were really not enough for God that miserable sinners should be oppressed with all kinds of calamities through the law of the Ten Commandments”*. Luther only thought that Yahveh was all right when he came to believe the commandments had been done away with.

The second commandment is so important that Yah said He would put a curse on all those who didn’t obey it. **Exod. 20:4-5** *“You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth. **“You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, Adonai Yahveh, am a jealous Yah, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me”**,* This curse probably shows up in the form of some kind of disease in almost all of mankind.

Although we all know that Martin Luther did some good things for the church as a whole, he ended up having a church bear his name. This was against everything Luther stood for, and everything he stood against in the Roman Catholic church. The Churches have given themselves the authority to actually change the **“LIVING WORD OF THE LIVING GOD”**. Believers everywhere are wondering “what’s the matter with the church? **“The blind are leading the blind”**”. As Yeshua Himself said on the stake; “forgive them Father, for they know not what they have done.” In the Gospel of Matthew Yeshua tells all those who delete, change, or add to His Living Word. **Matt. 5:17-20** *“**Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill.** **“For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass away from the Law, until all is accomplished. Not the smallest letter or stroke means that the law was in force until heaven and earth pass away** (in other words,*

forever) ***“Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and so teaches others, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever keeps and teaches {them,} he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. “For I say to you, that unless your righteousness surpasses {that} of the scribes and Pharisees, you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven.”*** This verse gives all teachers, leaders and clergy a hefty warning about not teaching what is correct. Personally, I believe that the first three words of that scripture: **"DO NOT THINK"** are the motto of the so-called christian churches.

The importance of idolatry (commonly understood also as harlotry), is seen clearly in the Torahs 613 commands. Fifty of the 613 commands of the Torah are about idolatry.
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