

LAW (INSTRUCTIONS) PT 2 OF 6 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 children must honor their 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.* Notice this is in reference to children being obedient, not adults.

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 Yeshua raised the standard of following Him. In the Torah you have to commit the physical act to be guilty of this sin, but Yeshua 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 Yeshua 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.

Have you ever wondered why the Ten Commandments were duplicated in Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 5, and the dietary instructions were duplicated in Leviticus and Deuteronomy? I think it is because of the two witnesses required as confirmation of many important things revealed in scripture. Things in regards to legalities, weddings, moon sliver sighting, new biblical year starting, end times, etc. We find examples of this in Num. 35:30, Deut.17:6,19:15, Matt. 18:16, 2Cor. 13:1, Hebr. 10:28.

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 done 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.

SINS 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 changeable!

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?"

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