

God's Laws vs Man's Way Forward

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1. Introduction

The real question to consider is, **why is it so difficult for Man to accept God's Word ?** Throughout history man has always rebelled against God's Will. It is no different in today's time. When you look at the history starting with Adam and then starting again with Noah's sons, on into the time of the Israelites, it is the same sequence of man leaving God's way forward and going his own way. The Israelites continually stated they would obey and do the commands that God required them to live by or walk in them. Then they always went astray not keeping God's commands, rather following the way of the world around them. It is important to recognize and understand that man does not like to **submit** to God and follow the path God established for man to walk on. Man in his nature is rebellious and wants to walk according to the manner he defines for himself or the manner that the **flesh** wishes to follow. God has always given man free will to choose how he will walk, God has always been ready to forgive and overlook man's errors in walking provided that man repents, changes and comes to **accepting** and **obeying** God's Will or more clearly stated to obeying God's **Laws**.

In order for man to walk forward properly, according to God's instructions, man must **Submit** to God and walk forward in **Total Obedience** in the best manner he can with God's help. God is our heavenly Father, He created us, He created the heavens and the earth, he is the one and only true living God, He is the God of the Universe. He is so much more powerful than any earthly king or dictator. In order to be one of God's people, you must know what He is like and accept Him for who He is. As you would respect and fear your earthly father, so you must pay reverend respect and fear your heavenly Father. Not having this Godly fear is a major mistake that so many in the world today have made. There is a terrible penalty that will be paid by all who do not accept or ignore the major way of walking forward in obedience to God.

Why does man readily go astray ? When one takes on Christ and begins walking forward, they suddenly feel God's love and recognize they have become one of His people. Yes suddenly they are different from the rest of those in the world that do not accept Yeshua (Jesus). Now they start to feel privileged and feel that they have special freedom. They start to think that because of their acceptance that they deserve blessings or only good things from the world around them rather than understanding that now they have an obligation to fulfil. They think that they are walking properly even though they are not. In the far past it was always a major prophet or spiritual leader that lead the people, keeping them on the path set out by God. Later this changed to that of kings, some being good, others being bad. Later again it changed to those being knowledgeable in God's word, the Pharisees and Sadducees. In today's time it is pastors or preachers in the various churches that guide the flocks. Unfortunately those guiding others do not always get things right, in fact in today's time it is extremely rare to find one that correctly leads others in God's word.

There are three problems today that combine to hide what God's word is trying to tell us. First is that all the different groups of Christian Churches have their own doctrine that defines what

they believe and how they walk forward. Second pastors all go to a Bible college to be taught by others as to what God's word tells us to do. Third nearly all of the Church congregations are lazy, they do not want to spend time studying God's word on their own, they just want a preacher to tell them what God's word is telling them to do. Yes, most all that have taken Yeshua on want to spend their time doing their worldly interests, rather than learn and study God's word. These three problems have come together to form the perfect storm in keeping God's word hidden from true understanding.

This study will address these problems and show what scripture tells us, what God wants us to do, how we are to walk.

2. The Nature of God

This is the very first place one needs to start, one must study scripture to obtain an understanding of the personal characteristics that define God, what makes God who He is. When you search the scriptures this is what you will find.

1. God is Holy and is Spirit, God is righteous, He will judge all equally
2. God does not change, He is the same past, present and future. This means when He says something is forever, He means forever.
3. God speaks only truth. God never lies. Whatever He promises to us will come to be.
4. God knows more than man and God's ways are higher than man's ways.
5. God made us and loves us, we are His children and He expects us to obey, to grow and mature in righteousness which is what He values.
6. God is merciful and slow to anger. He is always willing to take us back provided we repent and walk forward obeying according to His will.
7. God corrects us as a loving Father so that we might grow properly. Out of love God gave us the Torah (our road map through life) and sent His Son to die for our sins.
8. God expects us to fear and respect Him as we would our earthly parents.
9. When God makes a covenant, He always keeps it, He does not change His mind.
10. God is a jealous God, He demands that we are to be faithful to Him, to worship and serve only Him, we are to do this from our own free will.
11. God is organized and logical or rational, God has a purpose, God is not the author of confusion, God wants us to be logical in learning from His Word
12. God made everything, all is His, He can give and take as He so pleases.

As an example a couple of scriptures that apply to the above summary follow, note that both the Father and the Son have the same personal characteristics.

[Exo 34:6](#) And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, (**KJV**)

[Mal 3:6](#) For I *am* the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

Heb 13:8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

When you understand God's nature, it means His word is truth, it means **all** scripture is **truth** and was given to us for a purpose. This means it is never a pick and choose, everything is given to us for a reason. Unless God tells us something no longer applies, it is still required. You cannot filter or change any of the characteristics of God to become more to your liking. He is who He is.

3. Reading Scripture in Context

We accept both the Father and the Son on faith. This means whatever scripture says is truth and we need to accept it. Recognize when reading scripture one must think and reason and read scripture in the context that it was given.

How do we read scripture in context ? First, you ask who is speaking and second to whom is it directed. Next, what would it mean to that society at that time in history. You need to read scripture ahead of and behind the verse you are attempting to understand as these set the meaning or the theme being addressed. You must read as far as necessary in order to obtain this understanding. In addition the definition of the words are of major importance. In order to obtain a proper understanding you need to use Strong's numbers as this is your Bible word dictionary. In addition wherever possible you need to find the same word used in the same context in the Old Testament as the Bible was originally written in Hebrew and in parts Aramaic, it was not originally written in Greek. Proper and depth of understanding comes from using Strong's Hebrew numbers whenever possible. One last thing is that the understanding on a topic or theme is covered in many other different scriptures throughout the Bible. You need to gather these and then see what they are saying, this clarifies God's word for you, in fact it lets the Bible interpret itself.

Now understand that the Bible, both Old and New Testaments were written by Jews and were written to Jews. They were not written to the Gentiles. Unfortunately this simple but clear concept that sets the context for true understanding is lost on nearly everyone in today's time, and has been lost ever since the Christian Church removed themselves from everything they considered as being Jewish. Yes Yeshua was a Jew and He came to the Jews, not to the Gentiles. After Yeshua was rejected by the ruling Jews, He then sent His disciples out to the Jews first and then later to the Gentiles. Yes it was the intent that the Jews would take the Gospel of Yeshua to the Gentiles. Why, mainly because the Jews knew the Torah and could direct the Gentiles in the Torah. Recognize that the Holy Days, which includes the Saturday or seventh day Sabbath are not traditions of the Jews, rather they are God's Holy Days, not man's and not the Jews, they are God's and He has told us they are forever.

Two last comments on context is understand first that the New Testament did not come into existence until 30 years and continuing to 60 years after Yeshua's resurrection. So it was the Old Testament that the early Congregations of Christians studied from. The Bereans searched the Old Testament. Second, Paul was a scholar of the Torah and kept the Torah, and taught the Torah.

Be careful on reading Paul's letters as you do not know what problems he was addressing to the Gentiles in the congregations that he had set up. When anything is unclear, just follow Yeshua.

Dan 2:21 he brings the changes of seasons and times; he installs and deposes kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those with **discernment**. (complete Jewish Bible)

2Ti 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, **rightly dividing the word of truth**. (KJV)

Yes, we are to read God's word with discernment and to rightly divide the word, or to read in proper context. We are to think, being logical or rational in our manner of gaining understanding of scripture. To do this you must have an open mind and not any preconceived ideas or Church doctrine, as these will not allow you to see what scripture is saying, rather they place blinders on you.

4. The Fear of God

We are told many times to have a reverent fear of our heavenly Father. A few of the scriptures addressing this are as follows.

Exo 18:21 Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place *such* over them, *to be* rulers of thousands, *and* rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens:

Lev 19:14 Thou shalt not curse the deaf, nor put a stumblingblock before the blind, but shalt fear thy God: I *am* the LORD.

Deu 6:2 That thou mightest fear the LORD thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged.

Ecc 12:13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this *is* the whole *duty* of man.

Psa 111:10 The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do *his commandments*: his praise endureth for ever.

1Pe 2:17 Honour all *men*. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.

Rev 19:5 And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.

Unfortunately in today's time fear of God has been lost to most of our population even including those that go forth in accepting Yeshua. One needs to recognize that God has been extremely patient for a long time and that his wrath upon the world is yet to come. The "Day of the Lord" is the wrath of God descending upon the whole world. Those days have started and are now upon us. The unrighteous who do not recognize our heavenly Father will in time experience the fullness of His wrath, both in this life and the life to come.

5. The Consequence for not Obeying God

Our God is fair, He will judge with equality to all. Those that walk in obedience and with a good heart have nothing to fear. Those that walk forward in compromise will be judged against some standard according to how they walked or their works through life. Those that are unrighteous will be severely judged and their penalty will be that they will be placed in a lake of fire, contained there without any hope all the way to eternity, forever. Their worm dieth not.

Those that work iniquity or lawlessness will initially be destroyed, then later resurrected judged and throw into the lake of fire. God's Law was made to be followed and obeyed, those that ignore it and walk in lawlessness will pay a terrible price.

1Ti 1:8 But we know that the law *is* good, if a man use it lawfully;

1Ti 1:9 Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,

1Ti 1:10 For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;

In the end times if a person takes the mark of the beast, or worships the beast, he will be tormented in fire and brimstone forever. He will have failed the test of God that comes upon the whole world.

Rev 14:9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, **and** receive *his* mark in his forehead, or in his hand,

Rev 14:10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

Rev 14:11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and **whosoever receiveth the mark** of his name.

The judgement that comes at the end of the Tribulation is where first the beast and the false prophet are thrown into the lake of fire. Later the same fate will be given to all the people that took the mark as well as those that worshipped the beast.

Rev 19:20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

Later at the end of the Millennium Satan is thrown into the lake of fire and tormented forever.

Rev 20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet *are*, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

After everyone is judged death and hell are cast into the lake of fire, and all those whose name was not found in the book of life were also thrown into the lake of fire.

Rev 20:14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

Rev 20:15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Yeshua describes those who walk in unrighteousness and will be thrown into the lake of fire. This is referred to as the second death. At the Last Day all people have been resurrected and are the same as the angels at this time, both the righteous and the unrighteous. This means they cannot die as they are now born as spirit. The unrighteous are now trapped forever, without any hope as they will be thrown into the lake of fire. They are separated from the Father and the Son and all the righteous people. Their separation is for eternity, trapped in a lake of fire and this is called the second death.

Rev 21:7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

Rev 21:8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

After all judgment the New Jerusalem will contain only the righteous, those whose name was in the book of life. They will spend eternity with the Father and the Son.

Rev 21:27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither *whatsoever* worketh abomination, or *maketh* a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

In the end all mankind receives a reward in one manner or another. Those that were righteous have a joyful reward, those that were unrighteous get a drastic but just reward or better called an everlasting punishment.

6. Why does God become upset with man

First understand we are not under a new covenant, rather we are under a renewed covenant. That means the original covenant is still in effect but now we are saved by grace or a gift from God as a result of Yeshua's taking our sins upon Himself and dying for us. The scriptures telling us this will be covered later.

Knowing God's personal characteristics, He will judge as well as reward and punish all equally. This includes those before Yeshua's first coming and those that were born and lived after, including us today.

What upsets God with respect to His people, includes all that do not walk properly, which is if you do not accept, follow and obey Yeshua as your saviour, as not obeying is what has been repeated continually time and time again. This is nicely summarized in the Book of Jeremiah.

Jeremiah was sent by God to prophecy against both Israel and Judah at the time the two had separated themselves into the North and South kingdoms. The following scriptures are typical ones of God telling these people what they had done that upsets Him.

Jer 6:19 Hear, O earth: behold, I will bring evil upon this people, *even* the fruit of their thoughts, because they have **not hearkened** unto **my words**, nor to **my law**, but rejected it.

Jer 9:13 And the LORD saith, Because they have **forsaken my law** which I set before them, and have **not obeyed my voice, neither walked therein**;

Jer 16:11 Then shalt thou say unto them, Because your fathers have forsaken me, saith the LORD, and have walked after other gods, and have served them, and have worshipped them, and have forsaken me, and have **not kept my law**;

Jer 26:4 And thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the LORD; If ye will not hearken to me, to **walk in my law**, which I have set before you,

Jer 32:23 And they came in, and possessed it; but they obeyed not thy voice, **neither walked in thy law**; they have done nothing of all that thou commandedst them to do: therefore thou hast caused all this evil to come upon them:

Jer 44:10 They are not humbled *even* unto this day, neither have they feared, **nor walked in my law, nor in my statutes**, that I set before you and before your fathers.

Jer 44:23 Because ye have burned incense, and because ye have sinned against the LORD, and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD, **nor walked in his law, nor in his statutes, nor in his testimonies**; therefore this evil is happened unto you, as at this day.

The above verses all have a consistent theme, that of obeying God and keeping His Law. All of the Major and Minor Prophets also present this same theme, reoccurring over and over again. The theme is Obey God and Walk in His Law.

God always calls those He wants to come back to Him; Repent, Correct yourself and Walk in His Law.

7. What is the Law in the Old Testament

This is the most important direction from God that man must get right if he is to be accepted by God as one of His own. So what is the Law ? Use only the Bible to answer this, do not use what any man or any Church doctrine tells you. The only doctrine one is to follow is that of the complete Bible.

First we will look at the Old Testament in what it tells us.

Exo 12:49 **One law** shall be to him that is homeborn, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among you.

Exo 24:12 And the LORD said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee **tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written;** that thou mayest teach them.

First note that one law, the same law is for all that are God's people. Second take special note of the words and the grammar of the second scripture above. God gave Moses three things, the tablets of stone, the commandments He wrote on the tablets and the Law. The Law is all inclusive and later was written out in full by Moses. Note that the Ten Commandments are not the Law, rather the Law is inclusive of all God's directives to us and as such contains the Ten Commandments but does not stop there, it goes much further.

Lev 24:22 Ye shall have **one manner of law**, as well for the stranger, as for one of your own country: for I *am* the LORD your God.

Num 15:16 **One law** and one manner shall be for you, and for the stranger that sojourneth with you.

In the Old Testament there are three verses that tell us there is one law for all, it does not matter if you are Jew or Gentile. Also this is reinforced many times in the New Testament.

The following are further scriptures in the Old Testament addressing the Law.

Deu 4:7 For what nation *is there so great*, who *hath* God *so nigh* unto them, as the LORD our God *is* in all *things that* we call upon him *for*?

Deu 4:8 And what nation *is there so great*, that hath **statutes** and **judgments** *so* righteous as **all this law**, which I set before you this day?

Deu 4:9 Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but **teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons**;

Deu 27:26 Cursed *be* he that confirmeth not *all* the words of **this law to do them**. And all the people shall say, Amen.

Deu 28:58 If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of **this law** that are **written in this book**, that thou mayest fear this glorious and fearful name, THE LORD THY GOD;

Deu 28:59 Then the LORD will make thy plagues wonderful, and the plagues of thy seed, *even* great plagues, and of long continuance, and sore sicknesses, and of long continuance.

Deu 28:60 Moreover he will bring upon thee all the diseases of Egypt, which thou wast afraid of; and they shall cleave unto thee.

Deu 28:61 Also every sickness, and every plague, which *is* not written in the **book of this law**, them will the LORD bring upon thee, until thou be destroyed.

Deu 29:29 The secret *things belong* unto the LORD our God: but those *things which are* revealed *belong* unto us and to our children **for ever**, that *we* may do all the words of **this law**.

Deu 30:6 And the LORD thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to **love the LORD thy God** with **all thine heart**, and with **all thy soul**, that thou mayest live.

Deu 30:7 And the LORD thy God will put all these curses upon thine enemies, and on them that hate thee, which persecuted thee.

Deu 30:8 And **thou shalt return** and **obey** the voice of the LORD, and **do all his commandments** which I command thee this day.

Deu 30:9 And the LORD thy God will make thee plenteous in every work of thine hand, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy land, for good: for the LORD will again rejoice over thee for good, as he rejoiced over thy fathers:

Deu 30:10 If thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to **keep his commandments** and **his statutes which are written in this book of the law**, *and* if thou turn unto the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul.

Deu 31:24 And it came to pass, when Moses had made an end of **writing the words of this law** in a book, until they were finished,

Deu 31:25 That Moses commanded the Levites, which bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, saying,

Deu 31:26 **Take this book of the law, and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God**, that it may be there for a witness against thee.

Deu 31:27 For I know thy rebellion, and thy stiff neck: behold, while I am yet alive with you this

day, ye have been rebellious against the LORD; and how much more after my death?

Deu 31:28 Gather unto me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers, that I may speak these words in their ears, and call heaven and earth to record against them.

Deu 31:29 For I know that after my death ye will utterly corrupt *yourselves*, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you; and **evil will befall you in the latter days**; because ye will do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger through the work of your hands.

Jos 22:5 But take diligent heed to do the commandment and **the law**, which Moses the servant of the LORD charged you, to love the LORD your God, and to **walk in all his ways**, and to **keep his commandments**, and to **cleave unto him**, and to **serve him** with **all your heart** and with **all your soul**.

2Ki 17:36 But the LORD, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt with great power and a stretched out arm, **him shall ye fear**, and **him shall ye worship**, and to **him shall ye do sacrifice**.

2Ki 17:37 And **the statutes**, and **the ordinances**, and **the law**, and **the commandment**, which he wrote for you, ye shall observe to **do for evermore**; and ye shall not fear other gods.

Yes, the Law was given to be followed and walked in forever, and to teach your children and their children. It is perpetual and is in effect to the last day on this world. It is through your generation, in your dwelling, it is forever given to us by God. Note also that the Statutes (Holy Days) and Judgments (right rulings) are also reinforced as needing to be kept, even though these are contained within the Law. This reinforcement is emphasized many times throughout the scriptures.

Psa 19:7 **The law** of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple.

Psa 94:12 Blessed *is* the man whom thou chastenest, O LORD, and teachest him out of **thy law**;

Psa 119:97 MEM. O how love I **thy law**! *it is* my meditation all the day.

Pro 3:1 My son, forget not **my law**; but **let thine heart keep my commandments**:

Pro 28:9 He that turneth away his ear from hearing **the law**, even his prayer *shall be* abomination.

The law is to always be foremost in our heart and mind and not forgotten. We are to walk in it all the days of our life. God requires us to keep and walk in His law, God's word is truth, God does not change, doing God's Will is walking forward through life according to His Law. God becomes terribly upset when we do not keep His **Law**, when we do not **Obey** what He tells us to do.

8. What Changed from the Old to the New Testament

There are a number of inter-related terms that we need to define before proceeding further.

First is **grace**, this is a gift from God, being the forgiveness of our sins when we accept and follow Yeshua. Yeshua took our sins upon Himself and then shed His blood and died in our place. This reconciled us to God the Father. From that moment forward **all** people that **repent**, walk forward in **obedience** and take on Christ are saved by grace.

Second is **faith**, this is our belief in both the Father and the Son and the Bible as being the word of God. Abraham is a main example held up to us as walking in faith.

Third is **repent**, to morally change, to be sorry for previous actions and **to walk forward no longer sinning**, now being a new person in your thinking and actions.

Fourth is **sin**, this is defined by God and **is breaking any** of His Laws.

1Jn 3:4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for **sin is the transgression of the law**

Rom 3:20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: **for by the law is the knowledge of sin.**

Fifth is **commandments**, this has two different meanings, the main one is all of God's commands to us, the other meaning is the ten commandments given as an abbreviated summary for the covenant. Normally commandments means, all of God's commands. There are two Bibles that distinguish between the two uses, they use commands in most places as meaning all that God demands and uses the word commandments to identify only the ten commandments. These Bibles are, a) The Scriptures and b) The Complete Jewish Bible.

Sixth is **Walking in the Spirit**, this means going forward following what Yeshua tells us with determination in our mind and not submitting to the desires of the flesh that want us to walk in sin.

Seventh is the **Law**, for which the Hebrew word is **Torah**. This is the **entire first five books of the Bible** often called the Decalogue or Pentateuch, it includes the Laws, the Statutes, the Judgments and the Ordinances. The Statutes are the Holy Days of God, or the appointed times. The judgments are lessons in righteousness and evaluating with equality. The ordinances are special traditions given by God, being the days, months and years, or God's Calendar. The Torah in a brief description means "*Instruction designed to teach us the Truth of God*". This gives a much

deeper meaning than the word translated as Law, it is like an arrow pointing us in the way of knowing and growing in acceptance to God.

Rom 2:13 (For not the hearers of the law *are* just before God, but the **doers of the law** shall be justified.

1Ti 1:8 But we know that **the law** *is* good, if a man use it lawfully;

Rom 7:12 Wherefore the **law is holy**, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.

Rom 3:27 Where *is* boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by **the law of faith**.

Rom 3:28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

Rom 3:29 *Is he* the God of the Jews only? *is he* not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also:

Rom 3:30 Seeing *it is* one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith.

Rom 3:31 Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, **we establish the law**.

Rom 6:12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

Rom 6:13 Neither yield ye your members *as* instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members *as* instruments of righteousness unto God.

Rom 6:14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

Rom 6:15 What then? **shall we sin**, because we are not under the law, but under grace? **God forbid**.

Rom 6:16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of **sin unto death**, or of **obedience unto righteousness**?

Rom 13:9 For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if *there be* any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Rom 13:10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love *is* the fulfilling of the law.

Mat 22:35 Then one of them, *which was* a lawyer, asked *him a question*, tempting him, and saying,

Mat 22:36 Master, which *is* the great commandment in the law?

Mat 22:37 Jesus said unto him, **Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind**.

Mat 22:38 **This is the first and great commandment**.

Mat 22:39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Mat 22:40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Faith and grace do not make the Law void and null. We show our faith in action by walking in the Law.

The thing that changed when Yeshua died was that our sins are now paid for by Yeshua's death and blood. Now all mankind from Adam forward to the end of the Millennium are saved by grace. All are judged equally. Before that moment, throughout the Old Testament man was protected by walking in the Torah, it was the schoolmaster telling them how to walk in safety until Yeshua would come bringing in faith and grace, which then became retroactive. The sin animal sacrifices that were done over and over again by the spilling of blood were periodically removing the sins from the Israelites as a typifying act of repentance and forgiveness, and helping to keep them on the narrow path as set forth by God. They are now saved by faith the same as all and are also judged by their actions or their walk as are all. Yeshua's spilling of blood only had to be done once for all time.

Gal 2:16 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

Gal 3:21 Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law.

Gal 3:22 But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.

Gal 3:23 But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed.

Gal 3:24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster *to bring us* unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

Gal 3:25 But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

Gal 3:26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

Gal 3:27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Gal 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

Repentance in the Old Testament was when the Israelites came back to following and doing God's Will, obeying God's commands. Repentance is the same today. However now in the New Testament it is made clear that we are not saved by our actions, we are saved by grace. That means that man cannot earn salvation by his actions, it must be extended to him as a gift. It does not mean that we do not have to walk in the Torah, it is just that walking in the Torah does not act directly to save us. It does act indirectly to save us, as if we do not walk in it, then we sin and then we are breaking God's directives to us. Now we are to repent and keep God's directives in our mind and heart and spirit by their intent and not legalistically as they were being kept in the past. Now

we walk forward in the intent of the Torah as it was explained to us by Yeshua. This allows our heart to develop properly, to develop in love and in righteousness.

Understand that today you cannot walk forward properly unless you walk in the Torah for if you do not, then you sin in your walk. Yeshua showed us how to walk and told us to follow Him, walking by the intent of God's directives to us. Yeshua walked forward by keeping the Sabbath, by keeping the Holy Days including the annual Sabbaths that are in them. Paul did the same and He set up his congregations to learn and walk in the Torah even though they were saved by grace and not by works. There are many laws contained in the Torah going well beyond the Ten Commandments, another example being the clean food laws.

The following tells us how the Gentiles walked forward in the congregations that Paul set up, they were zealous for the Torah.

Act 21:19 And when he had saluted them, he declared particularly what things God had wrought among **the Gentiles** by his ministry.

Act 21:20 And when they heard *it*, they glorified the Lord, and said unto him, Thou seest, brother, how many thousands of Jews **(Gentiles)** there are which believe; and they are all **zealous of the law:**

The first congregations as set up by Paul walked forward in the Torah, the current Churches of today do not walk forward that way, so why do our present Churches think that they are the Saints in the Philadelphia Church ? They have not met the requirement to be known as the Saints. Note above in Act 21:20 the translation in our current Bibles is "Jews" but this is out of context with what is being said, we are being told about the Gentiles. Bible translation is made by Gentiles and translated from a Greek text, not an original Hebrew text. Perhaps this will be clarified for us some day if and when a Hebrew version of Acts is found.

Note that God's word in the book of Revelations tells us all will be judged by their works or how they walked through life. Do not listen to anyone that tells you works are not important. Your faith is shown and grows by your works. We all have a requirement or obligation to fulfill, for Yeshua paying for our sins, we are to follow and obey Him and do the Will of the Father.

9. What Does Yeshua tell us of the Law

The following verses tell us that Yeshua forgave the sins of a number of people.

Mat 9:2 And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; **Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.**

Luk 5:18 And, behold, men brought in a bed a man which was taken with a palsy: and they sought *means* to bring him in, and to lay *him* before him.

Luk 5:19 And when they could not find by what *way* they might bring him in because of the

multitude, they went upon the housetop, and let him down through the tiling with *his* couch into the midst before Jesus.

Luk 5:20 And when he saw their faith, he said unto him, **Man, thy sins are forgiven thee.**

Luk 7:44 And he turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, **Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped *them* with the hairs of her head.**

Luk 7:45 Thou gavest me no kiss: but this woman since the time I came in hath not ceased to kiss my feet.

Luk 7:46 My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but this woman hath anointed my feet with ointment.

Luk 7:47 Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, *the same* loveth little.

Luk 7:48 And he said unto her, **Thy sins are forgiven.**

Luk 7:49 And they that sat at meat with him began to say within themselves, Who is this that forgiveth sins also?

Luk 7:50 And he said to the woman, **Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.**

Joh 5:14 Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, **Behold, thou art made whole: **sin no more**, lest a worse thing come unto thee.**

Joh 8:34 Jesus answered them, **Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.**

Yeshua tells those whom He healed that He forgave their sins. To one he also tells him to go forth and sin no more. If you sin you are servant of sin. We want to be a servant of God and Yeshua, so we must walk forward doing the best we can not to sin. Sin is breaking God's laws. That means you must walk in the Torah keeping God's laws and ask for God's Spirit to help you and guide you in your walk.

The New Testament tells us many times to follow Yeshua. We are to hear and obey what Yeshua tells us and what He shows us by example on how He walked. This should always be our automatic default when we do not understand some scriptures.

The following few verses as given to us directly from Yeshua are a few of the most important for us in today's time. One needs to read them carefully in the context that they are given.

Mat 5:17 **Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.**

The above verse tells us that Yeshua did not come to do away with the Law or destroy the Law. He came to show us that one can fulfil it or one can walk in it.

The following verse Mat 5:18 is full of meaning and important instruction to us today. This instruction is ignored and twisted in meaning by nearly all those around us. Look at the grammar, it is future tense, till or until and fulfilled, these are future, not past tense and not present tense, they are future. The future, at the time when the current heaven and earth pass away is the time that the Law is no longer needed. The law is in effect up until that time, not one little bit is lost from the law until that very end of man's time on this earth. At the very end heaven and earth do pass away.

Mat 5:18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

Mat 5:19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach *them*, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Note Mat 5:19 above, completes the context of Mat 5:18, anyone that does not follow all the Law will be least in the kingdom of heaven. There is no excuse, Yeshua Himself has told us the whole Torah is in effect right up to the Last Day. The whole Torah includes the Holy Days including the weekly Sabbath, the Judgments, the Testimonies, the Ordinances and the Commands which also includes the clean food laws.

When does heaven and earth pass away ? It occurs on the Last Day which is inclusive of the second resurrection, judgement day, and the time death is destroyed. It is then after those events that the heaven and the earth is melted with a fervent heat and passes away and a new heaven and earth are created.

The following verse from Yeshua, reinforces that the current heaven and earth do pass away.

Mat 24:35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

What is it that Yeshua clearly tells us in Mat 5:18 ? He tells us the Torah (Law) remains in effect until the very end when heaven and earth pass away.

Understand that man being at enmity to God can always justify in his own mind something that he does not like, saying that it does not apply to him or some other fictitious reason. The choice is yours, from your free will, either obey God and Yeshua or go the way of the world.

10. What does Future Prophecy tell us about the Law

There remains in today's time a lot of prophecy that is yet to be fulfilled. Much of this is prophecy that Yeshua will fulfill.

In the Millennium Yeshua will build a new Temple in Jerusalem and the nations throughout the world shall come to it in order to learn God's ways and to walk in the Torah.

Isa 2:2 And it shall come to pass **in the last days**, *that* the mountain of **the LORD'S house** shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and **all nations shall flow unto it**.

Isa 2:3 And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of **his ways**, and we will **walk in his paths**: for out of Zion shall go forth **the law**, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

Mic 4:1 But **in the last days** it shall come to pass, *that* the mountain of the **house of the LORD** shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and **people shall flow unto it**.

Mic 4:2 And **many nations shall come**, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of **his ways**, and we will **walk in his paths**: for **the law** shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

So during the Millennium Yeshua and the Saints rule the world from Jerusalem in Israel and the Torah is enforced upon the entire population that remains alive throughout the world.

We are also told that during the Millennium on each New Moon and on each Sabbath, all people will worship before the Lord.

Isa 66:23 And it shall come to pass, *that* from one **new moon** to another, and from **one sabbath to another**, shall **all flesh** come to **worship before me**, saith the LORD.

Also during the Millennium we are told that the Nations that survived after coming against Jerusalem, are required to come to Jerusalem every year at the appointed time of the Feast of Tabernacles, or Sukkot. If they do not come and honour Yeshua during this feast they will be punished.

Zec 14:16 And it shall come to pass, *that* every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even **go up from year to year to worship the King**, the LORD of hosts, and to **keep the feast of tabernacles**.

Zec 14:17 And it shall be, *that* whoso will not come up of *all* the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain.

Zec 14:18 And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that *have* no *rain*; there shall be the plague, wherewith the LORD will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

That prophecy during the Millennium shows us is that the Torah is in effect. That means the Torah was in effect in the far past, before Yeshua, it was in effect at the time Yeshua walked the earth in the flesh, it is in effect in the future and Yeshua tells us it is in effect in our time today. Past, present and future.

One further verse that is important, particularly to those alive today is the following from Malachi. We are the generation that will not pass away until the end time comes. The end time is Yeshua's second coming, it is the time the wrath of God is poured out upon the entire world. The following is directed primarily to those that will go through the time of sorrows and the Tribulation, as this is when God's wrath is poured out.

Mal 4:4 Remember ye **the law** of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, *with* the **statutes** and **judgments**.

Mal 4:5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the **great and dreadful day of the LORD**:

The prophet Malachi tells us to remember the Torah as well as the Statutes (Holy Days) and Judgments (God's justice) contained within it. We are to do this before the wrath of God descends upon the world. Yes Elijah will come during the Tribulation before the last and worst wrath of God is poured out. Remember the Torah means correct yourself while there is still time, come back and walk in the Torah. Remember the Holy Days of God and the just rulings are reinforced with the Torah. Today the time left to correct yourself is quickly running out.

11. The Shema

The following two scriptures are a bridge that joins the Old and New Testament. These refer to Yeshua being the prophet like Moses that was raised up. It tells us that we must "hearken" and "hear" him. This word is the Hebrew word **Shema** and means to both **hear and obey**.

Deu 18:15 The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall **hearken**;

Act 3:22 For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye **hear** in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.

The following in Deu 6:4 is –hear – Shema as given to us by God. The following three verses lead into the Shema, they set the stage. The Shema is recited twice a day by many zealous believers including orthodox Jews.

Deu 6:1 Now these *are* the **commandments, the statutes, and the judgments**, which the LORD your God commanded to teach you, that ye might do *them* in the land whither ye go to possess it:

Deu 6:2 That thou mightest **fear the LORD** thy God, to **keep all** his **statutes** and his **commandments**, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged.

Deu 6:3 Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do *it*; that it may be well with thee, and that ye

may increase mightily, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath promised thee, in the land that floweth with milk and honey.

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Deu 6:4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God *is* one LORD:

Deu 6:5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

Deu 6:6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

Deu 6:7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

Deu 6:8 And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.

Deu 6:9 And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

The last or following verse, again reinforces keeping the commands, testimonies and statutes.

Deu 6:17 Ye shall diligently keep the commandments of the LORD your God, and his testimonies, and his statutes, which he hath commanded thee.

12. Summary

God gave us free will choice, He made us in His image, we are His sons and daughters, He is our Heavenly Father. God wants us to grow and mature in righteousness, to become more like Him, to value what He values. God wants to have fellowship with us in the future. As a Father He requires that we have a reverent fear to Him and that we obey Him and walk and grow as He guides us.

Unfortunately today God's word has been twisted, by many, from what it really tells us. There are very few that have found the truth in God's word, there are very few that follow and obey Yeshua. God is truth, the Bible is truth and means what it says. It is man's preconceived ideas and not wanting to submit and obey God that leads down paths that are in error. Unfortunately the context in reading and understanding the New Testament has been missed by nearly all. The only doctrine that one should follow is that of the complete Bible itself, not man's development or construction of statements that he puts together and then follows. Man's development of Bible doctrines will always have errors and omissions.

Yeshua's yoke is light, obey and follow the path, it is well laid out for us. The end time is upon us and time is becoming shorter in being able to return and walk according to God's Will. The Bible is clear, Yeshua is clear, the Torah is in effect today, we are to walk forward in it obeying God and Yeshua and growing and maturing in our heart and mind.

The Bible is God's word, it is truth, it is clear in what it tells us, the problem is that one cannot see if they bring their preconceived ideas with them and also do not accept submission to the Father.

The following are the reasons that complete Bible followers keep the Torah.

1. The Father and the Son commanded it be kept – obey (don't question)
2. It defines Sin, this helps one walk forward doing their best not to sin
3. It shows our love to the Father and the Son
4. It teaches us the truth of God
5. It helps us mature as one of God's children, it helps one develop personal characteristics God values and requires from us.

Note, Yeshua told us if we love Him to keep His commands.

[Joh 14:15](#) "If you love me, you will keep my commands; (Complete Jewish Bible)

[Joh 14:15](#) "If you love Me, you shall guard My commands.^a Footnote: ^aSee also [Joh 14:21](#) and [Joh 14:23](#), [Exo 20:6](#), [1Jn 5:2-3](#) and [2Jn 1:6](#). (The Scriptures)

[Joh 14:15](#) If ye love me, keep my commandments. (KJV)

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