

# What does Yeshua's Fulfilling the Torah mean

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## 1. Introduction

The following scriptures are extremely important, especially for today's time. Unfortunately the pastors and the mainstream Christian Churches have misunderstood them and have arrived at a wrong understanding. This wrong understanding is firmly established in their Church Doctrine and is what they preach to their congregations.

This scripture is one of the most important set that is given to us in today's time;

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**.

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.

In order to correctly understand God's word one needs to follow a specific methodology in reading scripture. The methodology is straight forward and **totally logical**, but very few can even recognize the steps let alone being able to apply them. It should be identified and taught in Bible colleges, but it is not.

Reflect on the following scripture before the methodology is covered.

Isa 1:18 Come now, and let us **reason together**, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

Man was given the ability to think, to reason, to **use logic**. God expects man to use this gift in applying it to understanding of His word.

**The methodology** as applied to God's word starts with asking and answering three questions on the scripture of importance that is being studied. First who is speaking, second who is being spoken to and third what did it mean to **that society** at that point in time. Then one reads scriptures before and after the one of interest as far as needed in order to gain an understanding of the theme being given. One uses Strong's Numbers for the main words in the scriptures as these are our Bible word dictionary for the translation of the word into English from Greek in the New Testament and from Hebrew in the Old Testament. When ever the same word used in the same manner and can be found in the Old Testament, when one is studying in the New Testament, it should be used as translation from Hebrew has a much more accurate meaning than that from the Greek. Often there is not a one word per word translation from one language into another, and at times there are two opposite meanings. Always check to see if the logic is consistent and if the translator picked the best word. At this point if the meaning is not clear, search the Bible for other verses that address the same topic. Gather these and let them interpret what is being given. Our default, is when not understanding something, just follow Yeshua (Jesus). When a scripture does not make sense you cannot ignore it, pray and ask God to open it to you and keep studying and reading your Bible. This methodology when used with **logic** is what gives one the proper context of what the scripture is saying. It seems simple, but few use it or know how to truly use it. Focus, It means you must know the manner that society walked, operated, believed, and the enforced behaviour at that time. You cannot have a preconceived idea when

using this method, or it will lead you in error. You must make sure your mind is open and accept what is being given. It takes practice in order to use this methodology correctly.

As follows, the methodology of verse evaluation and understanding will be used and given in the next section that examines Mat 5:17-19.

## 2. Meaning of Mat 5:17-19

In the times of the Old Testament, God directed man to follow and obey a number of commandments. These were given to God's people as a direction of walking through life, a path of walking and growing. Originally they were given to help keep people on a righteous path, a path of walking and not sinning. This was in effect until the schoolmaster (Yeshua) came and established salvation by Grace. Grace is a gift given to people after judgment. If Yeshua finds a person acceptable after a specific criteria used for Judgment, then He extends the gift of salvation to that person as a gift or gratuity known as Grace. The judgment criteria is based upon how one walks through life, known in scripture as **their works**. The Judgment criteria will be covered in different section below.

**Rev 20:12** And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book of life*: and the dead **were judged** out of those things which were written in the books, according to **their works**.

**Rev 20:13** And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they **were judged** every man according to **their works**.

The criteria of Judgment is one of, did that person walk in righteousness or did they walk in sin. It is a judgment based upon walking in obedience or disobedience to God's commands. Note the definition of sin as given to us from God.

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

The word **Law** is **Torah** in Hebrew, it is the Pentateuch or Decalogue, it is every command and judgment given to us in the first 5 books of the Bible. It was the law given to Moses as a testimony or witness for or against man at the time of judgment. The above verse is clear. God wants us to walk through life in a specific manner, not sinning.

Sin came into the world with Adam. Man cannot walk without sinning, so man can never earn salvation since he cannot fulfill the Torah perfectly. The wages of sin are death, so man walking in the Torah could never save man. This means man could never be accepted to a future life with God without having a special path being opened. That path was made when Yeshua, without any sin, took all man's sin upon Himself, past and future sin, and died in our place. This action reconciled us to God through the new path of Repentance with Grace. Since only Yeshua had no sin, He alone was able to **fulfill** the Torah for us. This action of fully completing the Torah, perfectly, led to the retroactive and future acceptance of man to the Father by the mechanism of Grace through Yeshua.

Now man dies a physical death in/or with Yeshua. Thus when a man is righteous and found acceptable by Yeshua, when he dies a physical death, he sleeps in Yeshua until the time of being called forth for his resurrection. From Yeshua's sacrifice, man now has the opportunity if found acceptable to be given life with the Holy Father and the Son.

In the past before Yeshua's first coming, a system was in place for periodic forgiveness of sin. First the sin sacrifice in the temple was carried out continually for the people and also the day of Atonement was a yearly occurrence. These are continually occurring days of repentance and helped to protect the people that were walking

in the Torah. The key is to recognize man himself can never earn salvation. Initially man was shown the path to walk by following the Torah, it helped him to walk in a manner where later he would be found acceptable when Yeshua completed the Torah so a path to salvation was established that was retroactive.

The **only freedom** man now has as a result of Yeshua fulfilling the Torah perfectly, is that now man is free of trying to earn salvation. It is not a freedom to walk as one so pleases, it is not a freedom of not having any obligation to Yeshua and to God. Man being at enmity to God does not want to submit and obey, so man grasps anything that he thinks gives him freedom to walk as he so wishes. Unfortunately, the six Mainstream Christian Churches of today have misunderstood the correct meaning of the word **fulfill** in Mat 5:17. They now tell their congregations that they have freedom to walk as they please, that they do not have to walk in the Torah. They say the Torah has been done away and no longer applies since Yeshua completed it for them. They read out of proper context (Mat 5:17) and selectively ignore scripture they do not like that follows (Mat 5:18-19).

Applying the method of reading in proper context to Mat 5:17, it is Yeshua that is speaking, he is speaking to a group of Jews that were following and learning from him. For society at that time, there was a police force that would arrest and jail anyone found breaking the oral law. The oral law was a restrictive set of laws based upon the Torah but going further to ensure people did not break the Torah. The ruling Jewish body, the Sanhedrin were the legal court and judges that tried and punished those found breaking the oral law. Also all Jews were raised from birth in learning, keeping and walking in the Torah. First, in the examination of the verse Mat 5:17, we are told twice by Yeshua that he did not come to destroy the Law. Destroy means, demolish, **do away with**, eliminate or alter in any fashion. The word fulfill has a number of possible meanings, it means to complete, to finish, to perfect, to fully preach or teach how to walk in. So it can be difficult to understand, it has duality of meaning, it can mean for Yeshua to teach us how to walk in the Law or to perfectly fulfill the law in a manner that man cannot. There is duality as Yeshua did both. Now look at the **logic**, if it was taken or understood as doing away with the Torah so others no longer needed to walk in it, those Jews following Yeshua would have been shocked to their very core. They would have left Yeshua and reported Him to the police. Yeshua made it clear by telling them **twice** that He did not come to destroy, do away or change the Torah. Now examine the following two verses, they both address the Torah with the Torah being in effect until the last day, the second resurrection and that whoever breaks the least command of the Torah will be least in heaven. These following two scriptures are prophecy by Yeshua as well as commands to man. **All three scriptures** have a consistent theme and **must all be taken together** when read with logic in correct context. Therefore, if one reads these three scriptures all together in proper context, there is no excuse for saying the Torah no longer applies. We still need to follow the Torah but for a number of other reasons, these are listed in the summary.

**All scripture** is Truth from God, all scripture is given for a reason, one cannot ignore scripture they do not like or understand. All scripture must be read with reason or logic. The pastors and the Churches misread Mat 5:17 and then totally ignore Mat 5:18-19. Reflect for a moment, how bad these shepherds are that lead their flocks down the wrong path.

### 3. Other Supportive Scripture

There are many scriptures throughout the complete Bible that tell us to keep the Torah. This section will use a few of those from the New Testament and finish with only three sections of verses from the Old Testament.

First, understand that what Yeshua tells us is to be heard and obeyed (**Hear and Obey, Shema**). This is a direct commandment to us and if we ignore this the Father personally will extract a punishment on us. We are also told to follow in the manner Yeshua walked. If one thinks what Paul or others say that goes against what Yeshua says, then you have the wrong understanding from these others. Another aspect to understand is that repentance is that of walking forward, becoming a new person and no longer sinning. As this section gets underway do not forget Mat 5:17-19 where Yeshua tells us the Torah is to be followed until heaven and earth pass away and all prophecy is fulfilled. Second is that of 1Jn 3:4 where sin is defined for us, walking outside the Torah, or walking in iniquity is walking in sin.

The very first commandment that Yeshua gave us is Mat 4:4, which is a quotation of Deu 8:3. When this was given only the Old Testament was in existence, so if you are able to think with logic, this tells us every word of God is both the Old and New Testament in today's time. There is a lot more scripture that confirms this command.

Consider how Yeshua answered the following question given to Him.

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.**

Recognize that Yeshua is quoting Deu 6:5. Other scripture is clear in telling us how we are to love God, it is by walking in **total obedience** to His commandments. That means one must keep the Torah, not that it justifies you or saves you, but it was given by God as a commandment for a number of reasons.

The following, again reinforces the above scriptures, but now the question posed to Yeshua is what is required to inherit eternal life.

Luk 10:25 And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit **eternal life**?

Luk 10:26 He said unto him, **What is written in the law? how readest thou?**

Luk 10:27 And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.

Luk 10:28 And he said unto him, **Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live.**

In the following question Yeshua was asked again, what is required in order to obtain eternal life. This time Yeshua answers by quoting a few of the 10 commandments. Note that Yeshua did not have to say keep the Sabbath as all Jews were keeping the Sabbath at that time and the scripture is not being spoken to the Gentiles (read in context). The 10 commandments are contained in the Torah. More will be addressed on this later in the Judgment section.

Mat 19:16 And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have **eternal life**?

Mat 19:17 And he said unto him, **Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.**

Mat 19:18 He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, **Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness,**

Mat 19:19 **Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.**

The manner that justifies us to God is that of walking in faith. Faith to both the Father and to Yeshua. The following scriptures tell us how we walk in faith.

**Jas 2:17** Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

**Jas 2:18** Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

**Jas 2:19** Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

**Jas 2:20** But wilt thou know, O vain man, that ***faith without works is dead?***

For faith we need works or the manner that we walk through life, walking in obedience. Alternately we walk in sin and have no faith. This is clarified further in the following scripture.

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

How we walk establishes whether sin has dominion over us. We are servants to whom we obey, either to God or to sin. Sin is the way of the world. The two are totally opposite. Since sin is defined by the Torah it means we need to walk in the Torah, if we do not then we sin.

**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 6:17** But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.

**Rom 6:18** Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

If we walk forward being righteous, then the law is not made for us, but rather it is for all those that walk in unrighteousness. This does not mean that we have freedom to walk as we please. Our freedom comes from walking in faith and not needing to try to try and earn salvation. We need to walk in obedience and walking in all the commandments are required by God.

**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;

Now going to the Old Testament. First, we are told that in the Millennium, or last days, when the house of the LORD is built again upon the mountain in Jerusalem, people from all nations that were left alive after the Tribulation, will come to Jerusalem in order to learn 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.

Further, we are told in the Millennium, which starts right after Yeshua's second coming, that all the nations that are left alive throughout the world, shall come to Jerusalem to worship the LORD and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. Those that do not come 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.

**Zec 14:19** This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the *punishment of all nations* that *come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles*.

The Feast of Tabernacles are one set of specific Holy Days of God, and they are contained in the Torah.

So from these few scriptures in the Old Testament we are told that the Torah will be followed in the future during the Millennium. It was followed in the Old Testament times, followed at the time of Yeshua, told to be followed in today's time and followed again in the future. Yes, in effect up until the time of the second Judgment.

The last warning in the Old Testament calling people to repent before God's wrath comes down upon the entire world is in Malachi Chapter 4.

**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*.

It tells man to remember, repent and return to following the Torah, the Statues (Holy Days) and Judgments (right rulings), before the wrath of God occurs.

## 4. The Judgment Criteria's

Understand God is organized and has not left judgment to some nebulous method. Judgment has been established as a Covenant between man and God. The Covenant contains two separate and distinct Testimonies or Witnesses for or against man. The main Testimony is the 10 commandments written on stone tables and contained inside the Ark of the Covenant. This Judgment criteria is for the Masses, in how they are being Judged at the second and final resurrection. The other Testimony is the Torah written on a scroll and contained on the outside of the Ark of the Covenant. This Judgment criteria is for the Saints, they being Judged at Yeshua's second coming, just before the start of the Millennium Kingdom on earth. The Torah contains the 10 commandments and much more including the Holy Days and the Right Rulings.

There are two levels of Judgment, a high level for the Saints and a more lenient or lower level for the Masses. God intended that all people walk by keeping the Torah as all are called to be the Saints.

**Rom 1:7** To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, *called to be saints*: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**1Co 1:2** Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, *called to be saints*, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:

There are two direct verses that call new Christians to be the Saints. In the early congregations, now named churches, as set up by Paul, nearly all responded to the calling. Paul in his opening letters to these various



congregations addressed them as Saints. These congregations were composed by a large majority of Gentiles and a few Jews. He also called those in Jerusalem the Saints. All of these followed Yeshua and the Torah.

The Saints and how they walk is defined in the following scripture;

[Rev 14:12](#) Here is the *patience* of the saints: here *are* they that ***keep the commandments of God***, and the ***faith of Jesus***.

There are three requirements to being a Saint of God. First to have **Patience**, or endure without complaining, with a focus on our future life with Yeshua and the Holy Father. Second is to keep the **Torah** which are all the commandments of God. Third is to keep the **faith** in Yeshua, to accept Yeshua as our saviour, to hear, obey and follow Yeshua.

We are told how these Gentiles walked in the congregations Paul set up. It is given to us in the following scriptures;

[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*** there are which believe; and they are all ***zealous of the law***:

The Gentiles were zealous of the Torah, they were using the Old Testament to learn it and then to walk in it. These Gentile Christians walked in the same manner as the Christian Jews in Jerusalem.

Nearly all those in the original Churches followed Yeshua and kept the Torah. Then over time fewer and fewer responded to the call to become Saints. Over time, through history, there has always been a small remnant that responded to the call, even into today's time. This small remnant is known as Complete Bible followers or Messianic Christians. They are scattered throughout the world and have little strength. They are the seventh Church in today's time, the Philadelphia Church. They are the main ones Yeshua is coming to collect as they walk in the manner required to be a Saint.

The 6 mainstream groups of Christian Churches of today say they walk the same as the early Churches, they do not. The 6 mainstream groups of Churches today say the Torah was done away with, they do not walk in the Torah. Today the 6 mainstream groups of Christian Churches are the Masses, they are not the Saints. Understand that Yeshua's second coming is to collect the Saints only, not to collect the Masses or the Churches.

Those in the 6 Churches that are alive just before the start of the Tribulation will take a Test or Temptation brought down by God, upon the whole world. If they pass, they will then go through the Tribulation and earn the right to become a Saint. If they fail the Test, they lose the salvation that they normally would have gained. The Judgment just before the start of the Tribulation **has been changed** for this one time. This is because of the great reward offered, but to maintain Justice in balance, a great punishment also occurs. The second coming is the end of the Churches, only those that pass God's Test will Join Yeshua in the clouds. All that fail will experience the wrath of God or plagues in the Tribulation and go down to the grave and then at the second and final resurrection be called up and thrown into the lake of fire for eternity.

So, if you really follow scripture and think with logic, then you will understand that for today's time walking in the Torah is extremely important.

## 5. Summary

Provided we do not walk in a manner dictated by the flesh, but rather walk in a spiritual manner by control of our mind, one of obedience and love to God, then we no longer are under the Torah even though we walk in it. Walking in a spiritual manner of our mind, we control the desires of the body and the mind and focus our walk on righteous growth.

We are by faith, to follow, hear and obey Yeshua. Yeshua told us to keep the Torah, Yeshua kept the Torah, He kept the Sabbath and the Feasts of God. Yeshua even completed the Spring First Fruits Feast after His Resurrection. All of this is in the scriptures. If you truly follow Yeshua, then you emulate the manner in which Yeshua walked. Scripture is never a pick what you like and ignore what you do not like.

The word Torah is much more than the word Law. The Torah stated succinctly is ***“Instruction designed to teach us the Truth of God”***, which comes from a study using the Lexicons. It points the way we are to walk.

Why do we follow the Torah, what are the reasons ? Seriously reflect in depth on each of the following.

1. We are told by Yeshua and the Father to keep it, obey don't question
2. It shows our love to the Father and the Son
3. It makes us acceptable in order to be guided by an active Holy spirit residing in us
4. As a result since we hear and obey, God hears our payers
5. It identifies sin and helps us to walk and not sin
6. It points the way or the very narrow path we are to walk
7. It helps us mature and grow as God's children.
8. It helps us learn to value what God values
9. It is required to respond to the call to become a Saint
10. It prepares us for the Millennium
11. It truly makes the world a better place
12. It was followed in the past, it will be followed in the future, so if you do not follow in the Torah, what is your excuse ?

Reflect further on the following verses, All God's word is Truth.

[Act 5:32](#) And we are his witnesses of these things; and *so is* also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them ***that obey him.***

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

The only Doctrine one is to follow is the complete Bible itself, not any Church Doctrine or what pastors or any man says.

Time is becoming very, very short to where the Temptation or Test is given, followed 7 years later by Yeshua's collection of the Saints. Use your time carefully.

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