

Beginning Study of the LORD-1

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This document is a guide to help one understand the manner of how one needs to start in walking in the LORD's way. It lays the foundation stones first then builds from this forward.

This is for those that have accepted Yeshua (Jesus) as their savior, as the Messiah and the Son of God. We believe on faith. Truth of the Bible is established by accurate fulfillment of prophecy.

First understand that the Holy Bible is God's word, it was written by men under the direction of God's Holy Spirit. It is truth. For 95% of the Bible it means exactly what it says. We are to follow scripture and only scripture, not what mans says., that includes any pastor or Church Doctrine. All scripture is given for a reason, it is not a pick and chose. Either you believe by faith or you do not. If you do not, then you are walking down a path that most likely leads to your destruction. The words in scripture are important, do not twist, alter or ignore them.

Note, there is the way of the world and opposed to it is the way of God. The two are totally opposite, choose carefully on which path you take. There are man's traditions, "holi-days", and there are God's "Holy Days", the first is the way of the world and the second is the way of God.

The commands in the Bible are not a pick and choose, either you obey or you do not. God demands total obedience.

God protected the Bible down through the ages and we have an accurate copy of the Bible in today's time.

1. Learn the character of God

In order to understand the scriptures of the Bible, one must first gain an understanding of the character, personality or nature of God Himself. Normally to do this one must read the complete Bible in order to gather the scriptures that define God's personality, in other words getting to know who God is and what He is like. This document will give a few scriptures on this subject, but will summarize what one would find doing their own extensive study.

Lev 11:44 For I *am* the LORD your God: ye shall therefore **sanctify** yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I *am* **holy**: neither shall ye defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

The word **Holy** means sacred, morally pure, righteous, and just. The word **LORD** is YHWH, which is God's personal name in Hebrew, which is missing the vowels. Today it is not definitely known what the vowels are, so either we use Yah or Yahweh which seems to be the most accurate or we use **LORD** or **Adonai**, the latter is **LORD** in Hebrew.

Joh 4:24 **God is a Spirit:** and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth.

The word Spirit means breath, a rational being, a supernatural being. The spirit world verses the material world. Spirit verses flesh. Yes the spirit world exists.

Deu 32:4 *He is* the Rock, his work *is* perfect: for all his ways *are* judgment: a **God of truth** and without **iniquity**, just and right *is* he.

Tit 1:2 In hope of eternal life, which **God, that cannot lie**, promised before the world began;

God is truth, God cannot lie.

This is the process on how one comes to know the Heavenly Father. Now you know God is Holy. He is a Spirit and is the supreme being of the spirit world and resides there. He is Truth and cannot lie. Yeshua has the same personal characteristics as the Father.

Now, the following is a summary of the character of the Father and of Yeshua.

- A. God is Holy and is Spirit, God is righteous, He will judge all equally
- B. God does not lie, what God says is truth
- C. God does not change, What God says does not change, when he tells us to keep His Commands, that means forever unless He tells us it changes. To date we have not been told any commands have changed.
- D. God's ways are higher than man's ways
- E. God's knowledge is greater than man's knowledge
- F. 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
- G. God is our Heavenly Father, He expects us to obey, to grow and mature as his sons and daughters, we are to obey the way God demands and according to His timing
- H. As our Father He loves us, He rewards and punishes us to correct us and to have us mature properly, out of love God gave us the Torah (our road map through life) and also out of love He sent His Son to die for our sins
- I. God expects us to fear and respect Him as we would our earthly parents
- J. God is a Jealous God, we are to worship and serve only Him, we are to do this from our free will choice.
- K. God is merciful and slow to anger
- L. God made everything, all is His, He can give and take as He so pleases
- M. God is always willing to take us back if we repent and return to Him.

Walking in obedience to his commands, walking in his way.

N. When God makes a covenant with us He keeps it, He does not change His mind

As we study and read God's Word, we need to remember these descriptions of the nature of God, for only then can we be led to understanding of what His Word is saying to us.

The word **Torah** is Hebrew and is everything given in the first 5 books of the Bible. It is everything given to Moses and written down by Moses. In English Torah is translated as Law which is very limited in meaning. An abbreviated description of the meaning of Torah is given as "**Instruction designed to teach us the truth of God**", it points the way forward that we are to walk, it is our road map through life. It contains all the instructions or directions given to man. That includes the Holy Days of God as well as much more.

The meaning of words in scripture are obtained by using Strong's Numbers in both the Old and New Testaments, this is our main dictionary. At times the meaning can be either one thing or another that is exactly opposite. The translators did not always get the right interpretation of the word. There are only very few cases of this.

The King James Version, KJV, is accurate and is the basis for all other main Bibles such as the New American Standard Bible, NASB. Words in light font are those that are added by the translator in order to make reading easier, also punctuation was added. Always read with and without these added items to check and see if the meaning changes. Bibles with red letters are an identification of words spoken by Yeshua.

God has set the timing of days, weeks, months and years. These are not the same as what man or the world follow. The day set by God starts at sunset with the night portion first and then at sunrise it follows with the daylight portion up to the following sunset. A full daylight portion is roughly 12 hours, the night roughly 12 hour. Thus 24 hours is a complete day and goes from sunset to the following sunset. The week is 7 days long and the 7th day Sabbath, has been defined for us by God and kept by the Jews up to today's time. The months are defined by each new moon, where the initial sliver of light is first seen appearing at the edge of the dark moon. This then is the first day of a new month. The years are 12 months with an occasional correction every few years. The first of the New Year is given to us by God at the time of the Exodus, it is Nisan 1, this occurs either in March or April of our Gregorian Calendar. It is the first New Moon closest to the spring equinox. Our counting of the Holy Days of God are tied to Nisan 1, it is our reset for each new year. This is needed in order to follow God's Holy Days.

2. Reading in Context

In order to read scripture in proper context one must first ask and answer three questions. The first question is who is speaking, the second is who is being spoken too and the third is what did it mean to that society at that point in time. After this one reads scripture above and below the line of interest as far as necessary in order to understand what theme is being given or is addressed. The

best way to explain this is through an example. First understand that the New Testament did not come into existence until 30 years after Yeshua ascended back up to heaven and it was not completed until 60 years had elapsed. So at the time of Yeshua only the Old Testament existed and was followed. Yeshua quoted from the Old Testament. The early congregations studied and used the Old Testament.

To understand context, consider the following.

Mat 12:10 And, behold, there was a man which had *his* hand withered. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath days? that they might accuse him.

Mat 12:11 And he said unto them, **What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift *it* out?**

Mat 12:12 **How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath days.**

Mat 12:13 Then saith he to the man, **Stretch forth thine hand.** And he stretched *it* forth; and it was restored whole, like as the other.

Mat 12:14 Then the Pharisees went out, and held a council against him, how they might destroy him.

The theme scriptures of interest are **Mat 12:11-12**. Who is speaking, it is Yeshua who is a Jew of the house of Judah. Who is being spoken to, it is the Pharisees, who are also Jews. What is this Jewish society like at this period of time, the ruling Jews were comprised of both Sadducees and Pharisees and they had a police force that arrested anyone found breaking the "Oral Law" set by mainly the Pharisees. This oral law was a man written law based upon the Law or Torah given to Moses, it was much more restrictive as it was expounded upon. It included what you could do and not do on the Sabbath as well as many other things. On the Sabbath you could not do any work and they defined healing as work. They were trying to trap Yeshua as breaking the Sabbath as they interpreted their oral law. Yet if a sheep fell into a pit on the Sabbath, they allowed one to lift it out, which strictly speaking was work. So Yeshua tells them that according to the Laws given to Moses, that it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath and a man is worth much more in God's eyes than a sheep. So Yeshua healed the man. Yeshua was keeping the Sabbath and reinforced keeping the Sabbath by the intent given by God and that the oral laws established by man were legalistic and negated the intent of God's laws. Yeshua did not need to tell them to keep the Sabbath as it was part of the Torah and they were keeping it, but not as it was intended. So Yeshua in these scriptures **reinforced keeping the Sabbath properly** and keeping the Torah and essentially was chastising the Pharisees for not correctly following the Law (Torah) by its intent as given to Moses.

Understand that the Bible was written by Israelites, God's chosen people, it is written to Israelites and the Jews are one tribe of the 12. It was not written to the Gentiles, it was written to the Jews and other Israelite tribes. It does however apply to all who follow the Father and the Son. The Gentile Churches of today wrongly assume the Bible as written specifically to them, and in error they say **Yeshua never said to keep the Sabbath**. They do not know how to read in proper context, the above scriptures are clear Yeshua reinforced keeping the Sabbath. The Bible focuses on the Nation of Israel as originally formed, it does not focus on the Gentiles. The Bible is past and future history of the Nation of Israel. North America is not mentioned. To understand the Bible one must look at it through the eyes of the Israelites or the Jews.

Note, when Yeshua set up his Congregations, now called Churches, the Apostles who were Jews, were to take the Gospel to the Jews and other Israelites first and then second to the Gentiles.

Unfortunately, most of those in the various Churches of today in error think that the “Church” has replaced Israel. This is known as replacement theology. These are the end times we are in and the Nation of Israel was reformed on one day in 1948. Israel and Jerusalem are **central** to end time prophecy, the Church is not. Jerusalem has always been watched by God, it is the apple of His eye.

Zec 2:8 For thus saith the LORD of hosts; After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth the **apple of his eye**.

Zec 2:9 For, behold, I will shake mine hand upon them, and they shall be a spoil to their servants: and ye shall know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me.

Zec 2:10 Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for, lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the LORD.

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