

Beginning Study of the LORD-3

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This is the third in the series of the fundamental foundations of learning God's word. Let us now examine what Yeshua told us and showed us.

1. Yeshua's Instructions

First what did Yeshua show us, and we are to follow what He showed us.

Luk 4:16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as **his custom** was, he went into the synagogue on the **sabbath day**, and stood up for to read.

We find that Yeshua went into the synagogue on the Sabbath and it was His custom. There He taught. So we see Yeshua kept the Sabbath by example. He conjugated or gathered with others on the Sabbath to worship and teach God's word. If He did not keep the Sabbath He would have been arrested and punished by the Pharisees police force. Note, Yeshua never needed to tell The Jews to whom He was speaking to keep the Sabbath. They were raised from birth, in keeping the Torah which included keeping the Sabbath.

Joh 2:23 Now when he was in Jerusalem at the **passover**, in the feast *day*, many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did.

Joh 7:37 In the **last day**, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, **If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.**

Yeshua kept the Holy Days of the LORD including the Passover and the Fall Harvest Feast as given to us in the above scriptures. The last great day is the 8th day of the Fall Harvest Feast.

Lets examine further what Yeshua told us about keeping the Sabbath. The following scriptures are a prophecy made by Yeshua and it tells us the Sabbath is important.

Mat 24:15 **When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place,** (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

Mat 24:16 **Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:**

Mat 24:17 **Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house:**

Mat 24:18 **Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.**

Mat 24:19 **And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!**

Mat 24:20 **But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the **sabbath day**:**

Mat 24:21 **For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this**

time, no, nor ever shall be.

Mat 24:22 And except those days should be shortened, there should **no flesh be saved**: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

These scriptures are speaking of the end time. Yeshua is speaking to His disciples who are asking Him of the End Times and His second coming, Mat 24:3. The abomination of desolation is the antichrist sitting in the temple. The Christian Churches say this was fulfilled in 70 AD when the Romans destroyed the temple as a result of the revolt of the Jews caused by Caesars image being placed in the temple in Jerusalem. Yeshua was crucified in around 30 AD. He also prophesied of the temple destruction that occurred in 70 AD with not one stone remaining upon another. Examine Mat 24:20, Yeshua tells them to pray that their flight not be in the winter or on the Sabbath. So the importance of the Sabbath is again reinforced.

Most of the 5 of the mainstream types of Christian Churches of today, say the Sabbath was done away with, since 70 AD is in the past. Those that say that, do not know how to think, they are not able to follow logic. It was not them making the prophecy. If this scripture was fulfilled in 70 AD, which it was not, the prophecy is still future occurring from after Yeshua ascended back to heaven even into today's time. So by logic it is still in effect today. Since 70 AD was future after Yeshua left, it is still future in time and applies equally to today as it did in 70 AD.. Often scripture has some duality in seeming to be fulfilled at different times, but it always has one specific time for which it applies. Note also, the clues in these scriptures, telling us of a onetime great Tribulation and also Yeshua's second coming has not taken place as yet.

Look at Mat 24:21-22 these tell us this event is so bad that unless the LORD intervenes that no flesh will be saved, that includes man and animals. These scriptures were not opened to man until recently. The book of Daniel tells us that some prophecy will not be opened until the end time. This is an example of prophecy being opened in today's time, which is the end time. It is only those people living in the atomic age that would be able to understand these two verses. Those living in an earlier time would not understand how all flesh could be destroyed. So this set of scriptures are as yet prophecy that will be fulfilled.

This further reinforces that the Sabbath is in effect in today's time. This Sabbath is the 7th day Sabbath, that has never changed. In English it occurs on Saturday, in Spain it occurs on Sabado, in Italy it occurs on Sabato and in Portuguese it is Sabado, in French it occurs on Samedi, in Hebrew it occurs on Shabbat.

There is even more given to us in other scripture that tells us the Sabbath will be kept in the future, during the Millennium, which follows after the Tribulation period or last 1,000 years is completed, Isa 66:23 Also other scripture tells us that in the Millennium, the Torah will go forth to the Nations of the world, out of Jerusalem and all the world will follow the Torah, Isa 2:3, Mic 4:2. The Sabbath and the Holy Days are just some parts of the Torah.

Some of the most important instructions given to us by Yeshua, that are clear are the following.

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.

Examine Mat 5:17, first it tells us two times that Yeshua did not come to destroy, or do away with the Torah (law). The word **fulfil** is Strong Number G4137 and can mean three things either to **end** or to **teach fully** or that only Yeshua can **make replete** the Torah since only he is without sin. There is duality in this scripture, the main meaning is that since man sins, it is only Yeshua that can complete the Torah for man, but this does not do away with man not walking in the Torah. The other meaning is that based upon logic in keeping with not destroy is to **teach fully**. In other words Yeshua came to show us how we can walk in the Torah. Many Christian Churches say Yeshua fulfilled or **ended** the law so we do not need to do anything. They ignore the two times that tell us in that verse that the law is not done away with. They do not have the depth of knowledge of the real meaning of that verse, rather they twist it to suit the manner that they wish to walk. The next verse, Mat 5:18, relates to the future with the words, “till” and “all be fulfilled”. It tells us the Torah is in force until heaven and earth pass away, and this happens at the last day. In addition it says the Torah is in force until all is fulfilled (future prophecy), and this occurs again at the last day. The third verse, Mat 5:19 tells us that even the least of the commandments in the Torah still applies. Reading these in proper context with logic and reasoning, it is Yeshua speaking to fellow Jews who were keeping the Torah. If he said the Torah was done away with, it would have shocked them to their very core and likely they would have abandoned Yeshua and reported Him to the Jewish police, who would have arrested Him with punishment following.

When examined carefully, in proper context, Yeshua is reinforcing keeping of the Torah and giving both a command and a prophecy that the Torah is in full effect until the last day. Why would man think that Yeshua did everything for him so that he had no obligation as how to walk forward, having perfect freedom. Churches twist, alter and ignore scripture they do not like or what seems to contradict what they think scripture is saying. They ignore Mat 5:18-19. All three scriptures go together and must all be used together since they all address the same theme. They do not know how to use logic in understanding scripture, nor can they identify the clues given in scriptures.

Further to make it clear the following scripture by Yeshua tells us heaven and earth do pass away.

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

There is other scripture that tells us that heaven and earth melt and are burned up and new heavens and a new earth are created. Again this occurs on the last day.

2Pe 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the **heavens shall pass away** with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, **the earth also** and the works that are therein **shall be burned up**.

Rev 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth **were passed away**; and there was no more sea.

All the 6 present day types of Christian Churches say that the Torah was done away with, they do not hear and obey Yeshua. Rather, some say Yeshua completed it for us, others say it was nailed to the cross, others say we are saved by grace so we no longer need works, others say that was only for those in the Old Testament days and there may be other false justifications that man has come up with. However, there is No scripture that tells us the Torah has been done away with or ended. If you truly follow Yeshua, you walk in the Torah. There are major reasons for following this command, given as follows:

Note the following with regards to works.

Jas 2:26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so **faith without works is dead** also.

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**.

We are saved by grace or a gift from God, but first we are judged by our works. Being saved by grace does not do away with the Torah. This will be shown further in the next instruction from Yeshua.

Yeshua tells us of the great commandment and the one second to it.

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.**

The greatest commandments of the Torah(law) are to Love God and second to Love our neighbor.

We are to Love God with our whole being, with all our strength, heart, mind and soul. This is to be our main way forward. This takes precedence over family and over all aspects of the way of the world. It is to be first in our mind and our focus and in the way we walk. Nothing in life, including life itself, is to be more important than our love to God. We are to keep this always in the front of our mind.

Next we are told how we are to show our love to the Father and the Son.

Joh 14:15 **If ye love me, keep my commandments**

Joh 15:10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my **love**; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his **love**.

Recognize that what Yeshua says comes directly from the Father. If you have put on Christ then you are the same as the Israelites, you are now God's children. Whatever applies to one, the same applies to all. There is much more scripture that reinforces the same definition of love expressed to the Father. A few select ones are presented as follows.

1Jn 5:2 By this we know that we **love** the children of God, when we **love** God, and keep his commandments.

1Jn 5:3 For this is the **love** of God, that we **keep his commandments**: and his commandments are not grievous.

1Jn 2:3 And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.

1Jn 2:4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

1Jn 2:5 But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the **love** of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.

Both Love and keeping the Commandments are clearly tied together. It is **Love by action**.

Examine and recognize the consistent theme in all the following scriptures, it is one of Love to the LORD by our action of keeping His commandments and walking in His ways.

Exo 20:6 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that **love** me, and **keep my commandments**.

Deu 7:9 Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he *is* God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that **love** him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;

Deu 10:12 And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to **love** him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul,

Deu 10:13 To keep the commandments of the LORD, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?

Deu 11:1 Therefore thou shalt **love** the LORD thy God, and keep his charge, and his **statutes**, and his **judgments**, and his **commandments**, alway.

Deu 11:13 And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day, to **love** the LORD your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul,

Deu 11:22 For if ye shall diligently keep all these commandments which I command you, to **do them**, to **love** the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, and to cleave unto him;

Deu 30:16 In that I command thee this day to **love** the LORD thy God, to **walk in his ways**, and to **keep his commandments** and his **statutes** and his **judgments**, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it.

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.

Neh 1:5 And said, I beseech thee, O LORD God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that keepeth covenant and mercy for them that **love** him and observe his commandments:

Dan 9:4 And I prayed unto the LORD my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that **love** him, and to them that keep his commandments;

Keeping the commandments includes that of keeping the Statutes (Holy Days) and the Judgments (righteousness and right rulings). It is not a pick and choose, it is walking forward in **total obedience** to God. Note that the Statutes include the weekly Sabbath as well as annual Sabbaths. Judgments is walking forth in honesty, fairness and equality applied to all others.

We are given the same instructions in both the Old and New Testaments, to hear and obey Yeshua. In the Bible the word **hear** really means **hear and obey**. The word hear in Hebrew is **Shema**. It also refers to a series of scriptures that tell us to not only hear and obey but to always have God in the forefront of our mind.

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.

The Shema

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.

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.

If you are not walking forward in the manner described in God's **Will** that is given to us who are His children, then you are not walking forward in love to the Father ! Rather then you are walking forward in disobedience to our heavenly Father, you are walking in sin, you are walking in iniquity, you are walking forward outside of the Torah. Note the following which is the **definition of sin**.

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

Recognize the meaning of the following scriptures;

Luk 11:2 And he said unto them, *When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy **will** be done, as in heaven, so in earth.*

Yeshua is giving instructions on how to pray to the Father, He is telling us that God's **Will** is going to be carried out over the entire world, during the time that comes, where God's Kingdom comes down to earth. This occurs during the Millennium. God's Will is the Torah, all of the commands that God gave to man. In the Millennium man will not be able to go his own way, rather man will be forced to obey and keep and live by the Torah. Yeshua and the Saints will rule with a rod of iron enforcing the Torah. Yes this is all in the scriptures.

At this period of time, before Yeshua's second coming, man can choose from his own free will to obey or not to obey. There is a penalty to be paid for disobedience, this penalty occurs in the future at one's resurrection, at the last day. The Father intended that all men would walk in the Torah, and He commanded it.

One further major important Command from Yeshua is Mat 4:4, ***man is not to live by bread alone but to live by every word of God.*** To read this in proper context, it is Yeshua speaking and He is answering Satan who is trying to tempt Him in the wilderness after 40 days without food. In order to truly understand this one must know the Bible, Yeshua is quoting Deu 8:3 as only the Old Testament was in existence, and it wasn't until about 30 years after Yeshua ascended back up to Heaven that the New Testament started to come into written form and was not completed until 60 years later. So, **if you are able to use logic and reason**, Mat 4:4 is Yeshua telling us that the Old Testament was and still is in full effect today. Now it is joined with the New Testament, making the word of God one complete Bible. This is a command from Yeshua, for those that those that accept Yeshua, they need to truly, **hear and obey**. It is not optional; our Heavenly Father will personally extract a punishment on those that do not hear and obey Yeshua.

Consider one last thing, **Sunday** is the first day of the week is a pagan holy day. It was the day of worship of the **Sun**, in early times. Do you think God is happy about this counterfeit day of worship by those that call themselves Christians ?

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