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## The 613 Mitzvot (Laws)

This Shabbat I'd like to expound upon the 613 mitzvot (also known as the 613 laws of the Old Testament). But before we get to the 613 mitzvot of our Father in heaven, it's important that we establish some societal and cultural truths.

For generations much of today's modern-day version of Christianity has misquoted, misunderstood, miss-translated, and missed taken the writings of the apostle Paul because they have historically followed after the wisdom of men and their so-called "early church fathers" and their prestigious Bible commentators, and their denominational charters of men.

Before we begin today's presentation, it's important to understand that the Bible is not meant to be understood by everyone, and we will prove that out to you through Scripture as we move forward. And I know that that's a hard concept to understand for many of today's modern-day professing Christians, and the reason that it's such a hard concept to understand, is because today's modern-day professing Christian has been wrongly taught that God is nothing but love.

Most of today's professing Christians can no longer believe in a God of wrath or a God of justice, or a God of judgment... because they have been wrongly taught that God can only know love and nothing else. They have been wrongly taught that they are once saved always saved because God loves them so much... and so now... do as thou wilt is now the whole of the law for them because they are so uniquely loved by God.

They have been wrongly taught that when things really get bad, that God is going to whisk them away in a pre-tribulation rescue... because God loves them so much more than he did the prophets, or the apostles, or even in his only begotten son, who were all persecuted literally to death for his namesake.

The problem is that most modern-day Christians do not read the Scriptures for themselves. And because they do not read the Scriptures for themselves they wind up becoming nothing more than a wandering generality jumping from denomination to denomination, and from faith to faith, and from Savior to Savior, all because they do not trust God enough sit down and to read his God breathed Scriptures for themselves.

They have no way of testing the fruit of a man's doctrine or what he believes, because they themselves don't know what's written in the book!

People love to be taught, and they love to be told. We have become the generation of microwave ovens, Velcro shoes, and clip on ties. We want quick answers, and we want them right now. To get people to sit still for an hours' worth of Bible study is a miracle. And yet... people will sit for hours on end watching movies, or their favorite sports venues, or a NASCAR race with no problem at all.

Most of us would rather sit in a church pew in a nice air-conditioned church for 45 minutes on the wrong day of the week calling it... the Sabbath, and have someone tell us what the Bible says... rather than sitting down and simply reading the book ourselves. We have been fooled into believing that a man must have at least four years of seminary school, and another two years of philosophy training, and another three years of linguistics training, or a lifetime of rabbinical teaching in order to understand what the Bible says.

The truth of the matter is, that our God breathed Scriptures were written for God's chosen people. Our Father in heaven gave his gospel to the poor in spirit. He gave his gospel to the meek, and to those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. He gave his gospel to the merciful and to the pure in heart and to the peacemakers. Our Father in heaven did not give his gospel to men in order to set up denominational charters of brick-and-mortar institutions so that they could dominate over our brothers and sisters and selectively add too... and take away from... Our Father's God breathed Scriptures. To demonstrate exactly what I'm talking about, I'd like us to turn to the book of Mark chapter 4 verses 10 through 12:

*Mar 4:10 And when he was alone, those around him with the twelve asked him about the parables.*

*Mar 4:11 And he said to them, "To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside everything is in parables,*

*Mar 4:12 so that "they may indeed see but not perceive, and may indeed hear but not understand, lest they should turn and be forgiven."*

It's important that we know and understand that there are literally thousands of denominational charters of men around the world who indeed see... but do not perceive. They do indeed hear... but they do not understand. Why? Because it has not been given to them to perceive and to understand. They have not chosen to search for the truth... but instead, they have chosen to search for something to make themselves rich and prosperous. They have chosen to search for something that will give them power over other men. They have chosen to search for a new religion, a new way, a new understanding, a new teaching, that has nothing to do with the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob, or his only begotten son.

They continuously choose to use the titles and the names of "Lord" and "Jesus"... and they continuously honor him with their lips... but their hearts are far from him. They say that they love him but yet... they reject his commandments and his precepts and his appointments and they make void the word of God so that they can hold onto their own traditions. And this has been going on for thousands of years my friends. Clear back in the days of Jeremiah these

things were going on. I want us to turn to Jeremiah chapter 8 verses eight through 12:

**Jer 8:8** *“How can you say, ‘We are wise, and the law of the LORD is with us’? But behold, the lying pen of the scribes has made it into a lie.*

**Jer 8:9** *The wise men shall be put to shame; they shall be dismayed and taken; behold, they have rejected the word of the LORD, so what wisdom is in them?*

**Jer 8:10** *Therefore I will give their wives to others and their fields to conquerors, because from the least to the greatest everyone is greedy for unjust gain; from prophet to priest, everyone deals falsely.*

**Jer 8:11** *They have healed the wound of my people lightly, saying, ‘Peace, peace,’ when there is no peace.*

**Jer 8:12** *Were they ashamed when they committed abomination? No, they were not at all ashamed; they did not know how to blush. Therefore they shall fall among the fallen; when I punish them, they shall be overthrown, says the LORD.*

And so, if these things were going on clear back in the days of Jeremiah... and they were clearly going on in the days of our Messiah in his struggle against Judaism and the Pharisees and scribes... then why in the world do we find it so difficult to understand that these things are still going on in our time?

The devil has not changed his playbook. It’s always been the same. He mixes a concoction of truth, and lies together to lead God’s people astray. That’s it. In a nutshell that’s his whole objective. He mixes a little bit of truth with a little bit of lie and he serves it up on a golden platter, and mankind gorges on it like it’s going out of style.

Today for instance, one of the most misquoted verses in the Bible is Romans chapter 10 verse four.

**Rom 10:4** *For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.*

I cannot tell you how many times that I have heard this Scripture completely taken out of context because of people who are just simply too lazy to read the rest of the Scripture, and we’ll come back to this as we move forward. But it breaks my heart to hear so many of these men who have a very large portion of the truth embedded in their teachings, and yet... they will continuously mix the truth of God’s word with worldly deceptions, and practices, and traditions, and rituals, and myths that are not found anywhere within the confines of our God breathed Scriptures.

And just for the sake of those who might be new to this ministry, I might list just a few of these worldly deceptions, and practices, and traditions, and rituals that are not found anywhere in our

God breathed Scriptures so that they may know the difference between the biblical truth, and worldly myth.

## Worldly Myths:

- 1st Day of The Week Sunday Sabbath
- Good Friday, Lent, Ash Wednesday, Easter
- Christ-mas Dec. 25th
- Faith Apart From Works
- Once Saved Always Saved
- Dispensational Grace Apart From The Law
- The Law Is A Curse
- The Law of God Is Nailed To The Cross
- Paul Never Kept The Law
- Paul Preached Against The Law
- Jesus Did It All For Me So I Don't Have To
- Don't Judge



I could have created a much larger list but I couldn't fit them all in on the screen, so these are just a few of the worldly man-made myths that modern day Christianity has created for itself.

As I have said before, so now I say again... I will give anyone a brand-new crisp \$100 bill that can open their Bible and show me who it was that commanded a first day of the week Sunday Sabbath in your Bible. Show me what apostle, what priest, what profit, what heaven sent Angel ever commanded a first day of the week Sunday Sabbath in your Bible. It was never commanded by our Messiah, and it was most definitely never commanded by our Father in heaven anywhere in the 66 books of the Bible... and yet... this is the very day that almost every Christian denominational charter bows down to and calls the first day of the week Sunday Sabbath.

**Good Friday, lent, Ash Wednesday, Easter...** Where is any of this taught within the confines of our Scripture? Our Messiah died on Passover day according to our Messiah's own red-letter words in Matthew chapter 26 verse two.

***Mat 26:2 "You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified."***

Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John all agree... that our Messiah died on preparation day, which is Passover day... the day of preparation for the feast of unleavened bread.

**Christ mass on December 25.** Where's that in our Scripture? Where do we find our Messiah celebrating his own birthday anywhere in the Scripture? Where does our Messiah celebrate any of the apostle's birthdays anywhere in the Scripture? Where is it written that our Messiah was born on December 25th anywhere in the Scripture?

**Faith apart from works.** How about that one? According to James, who was the brother of our Messiah, and the head of the Jerusalem Council, faith apart from works is dead. According to James in chapter 2 of the book of James, faith is completed by our works. According to the book of James, a person is justified by works, and not by faith alone.

**Once saved always saved.** Where's that found in our Bibles? Once saved always saved is nothing more than the devil's Creed reworded. Do as thou wilt is the whole of the law is exactly what once saved always saved is. Hebrews chapter 10 verse 26 tells us that if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sin. Hebrews chapter 6 verse four through six tells us that it is impossible in the case of those who have once been enlightened and who have tasted the heavenly gift, and have shared in the Ruach Hackodesh, and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come, and then have fallen away, to restore them again to repentance, since they are crucifying once again the son of God to their own harm and holding him up to contempt.

**Dispensational grace apart from the law of God.** Where is dispensational grace found in our Bibles? You won't find the term "dispensational grace" anywhere in your Bible. Our Messiah tells us very clearly in Matthew chapter 5 versus 17 through 19, that he did not come to abolish the law or the prophets, he came to do them, and that not the crossing of a T or the dotting of an I would pass from his Father's law until heaven and earth pass away and all things are accomplished... which does not happen until Revelation chapter 21 after his millennial reign clear in the back of the book.

**The law is a curse.** Where's that found in our Bibles? It's not found anywhere in our Bibles. They get that from Galatians chapter 3 verse 13 where we are told and I quote, "*our Messiah redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us for it is written, accursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree.*" We are very clearly told by the apostle Paul that our Messiah redeemed us from the curse of the law... not the law itself. According to the Bible the biblical definition of sin is the transgression of the law. The penalty for breaking the law is death. The wages of sin is death. Our Messiah moved that death penalty which was the curse of the law... out of the way so that we could be forgiven.

There is nothing in the Scripture that says that the law is, or ever was... a curse. And for those of you who think that God's law ever was a curse... you need to go read Psalms chapter 119. And you need to also understand that the apostle Paul tells us very clearly in Romans chapter 2 verse 13... that it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. Paul also tells us in Romans chapter 7 verse 12 that the law is holy and that the commandment is holy, and righteous, and good. Paul also teaches us in

Romans chapter 8 verses seven and eight, that the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God because it does not submit to God's law, indeed it cannot. So, those who are in the flesh cannot please God because they do not submit to God's law.

**The law of God is nailed to the cross.** Where's that nonsense found within the pages of our God breathed Scripture? Nowhere! Colossians chapter 2 verse 14 tells us that our Messiah blotted out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and that he took it out of the way they nailing them to the cross. Once again my friends, he took the penalty of the law that was contrary to us and moved it out of the way. There is nothing in this Scripture that says that our Messiah nailed his Father's law to a cross. Once again this is a man-made, man created, man concocted deception.

Once again... *"They may indeed see but not perceive, and may indeed hear but not understand, lest they should turn and be forgiven"*

**Paul never kept the law.** Where do we find that nonsense within the pages of our Bibles? According to second Peter chapter 3 verse 16... The writings of the apostle Paul are hard to understand, and the ignorant and the unstable will twist the writings of the apostle Paul to their own destruction as they do the other Scriptures, and Peter warns us that knowing this beforehand we should not be carried away with the error of lawless people.

When Paul went to Jerusalem, James and the elders were upset with Paul because his writings were hard to understand. And I want us to understand the penalty that Paul had to pay because his writings were so difficult to understand. And I want us to also understand what James and the elders at Jerusalem said about Paul always living in observance of the law. Let's read acts chapter 21 versus 18 through 24:

**Act 21:18** *On the following day Paul went in with us to James, and all the elders were present.*

**Act 21:19** *After greeting them, he related one by one the things that God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry.*

**Act 21:20** *And when they heard it, they glorified God. And they said to him, "You see, brother, how many thousands there are among the Jews of those who have believed. They are all zealous for the law,*

**Act 21:21** *and they have been told about you that you teach all the Jews who are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children or walk according to our customs.*

**Act 21:22** *What then is to be done? They will certainly hear that you have come.*

**Act 21:23** *Do therefore what we tell you. We have four men who are under a vow;*

**Act 21:24** *take these men and purify yourself along with them and pay their expenses, so that they may shave their heads. Thus all will know that there is nothing in what*

*they have been told about you, but that you yourself also live in observance of the law.*

According to James and the elders at Jerusalem in acts chapter 21 verse 24, Paul always lived in observance of the law.

**Paul preached against the law.** Where's that nonsense found in the word of God? This is what Paul preached about the law of God:

***Rom 2:13** For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, **but the doers of the law who will be justified.***

***Rom 3:31** Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, **we uphold the law.***

***Rom 6:1** What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?*

***Rom 6:2** **By no means!** How can we who died to sin still live in it?*

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***Rom 7:12** So **the law is holy**, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.*

***Rom 8:7** For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, **for it does not submit to God's law;** indeed, it cannot.*

***Rom 8:8** Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.*

***Rom 8:2** For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from **the law of sin and death.***

How about this one:

**Jesus did it all for me so I don't have to be bothered.** Where is that nonsense found within the pages of our Scripture? Our Messiah clearly tells us very clearly in Matthew chapter 10 verse 38 that whoever does not pick up his cross and follow him is not worthy of him. Acts chapter 2 verse 38 tells us very clearly that we need to repent... which means to turn away from our sins. It is written all throughout the Scripture that we are not supposed to return to our sins like a dog to its vomit or like a pig to its mire. Once again my friends, read James chapter 2... Faith without works is dead.

**How about "don't judge"?** Does the Bible not teach us that we will know man by his fruits? Are we not to judge the fruits of a man? It is written in first Corinthians chapter 6 verse two that the Saints will judge the world. We are even to judge Angels! Luke chapter 17 verse three tells us to pay attention to ourselves. If your brother sins rebuke him, and if he repents forgive him. Oh... but we're not supposed to judge? First Timothy chapter 5 verse 20 tells us that those who

persist in sin should be rebuked in the presence of all so that the rest may stand in fear. Second Timothy chapter 4 verse two tells us to preach the word and to be ready in season and out of season and to reprove, and to rebuke, and to exhort with complete patience and teaching. In first Corinthians chapter 5 Paul tells us to set the evil man outside of the church. In second Corinthians chapter 6 verse 14 were told not to be yoked together with unbelievers. All of these commandments require... judgment and judging.

And so... now that we have gone through this little exercise in worldly myths that have been wrongly cast upon the children of God... we can now talk about the 613 mitzvot, or laws of God that are found in the Old Testament.

My friends, men love to come up with their own understandings. They love to create their own dogmas. They love to put together their own theologies. They love to try and prove that they can outsmart all other men. Men have built whole denominational charters and religion out of their own wisdom. But it's important for us to know and understand that all of this nonsense has been going on since clear back in the days of Jeremiah. Nothing is new under the sun.

One of our oldest daughters once asked my wife, she said, "billions of people are Catholics. How can billions of people be wrong?" And my wife responded with, "straight is the gate, and narrow is the path, and few there be that find it.", "Many are called, but few are chosen".

That's a hard pill for many modern-day Christians to swallow. In Matthew chapter 7 verse 21 through 23 our Messiah tells us very clearly in his own red-letter words that not everyone who says to him "Lord, Lord" is going to enter the kingdom of heaven. He says but only the one who does the will of my Father will enter heaven. Our Messiah says that on that day they will come to him bragging about how they cast out demons in his name, and how they did many mighty works in his name, and he will declare to them... "*I never knew you depart from me you who are workers of lawlessness.*"

Men love to chop up, and divide the laws of God to suit their own denominational dogmas. They love to try and prove how wise they are by dividing God's laws into categories that they can easily sweep under the proverbial rug so that they don't have to be bothered with them. They love to talk about the civil laws, and the ceremonial laws, and the moral laws. And they love to wrongly proclaim that they only need to keep the moral laws which basically boils down to the 10 commandments... and that the rest of God's laws can all be put in the trash can.

My friends, I'd like to ask you once again, where is that is found within the 66 books of the Bible? Where does it say within the 66 books of the Bible that all of gods laws are done away with except for the moral laws that some man decides are the moral laws? And I would submit to you my friends that even God's moral laws are not kept by the majority of today's Christian denominational charters, and will take a look at that fact as we move forward.

The truth is my friends, that the Bible never puts the laws of God into these three categories. We

can certainly do that to understand them better... but to categorize God's laws to that you can get rid of the ones that you don't like is not found anywhere within the confines of the 66 books of our Bibles.

The laws of God should be studied by God's people, and those laws that apply to us individually should be obeyed. The 613 laws of God are not all for each one of us. Some laws pertain to the Gentiles, some laws pertain to married people. Some laws pertain only to divorced people. Some laws pertain to farmers. Some laws pertain to employees, and servants and slaves. Some laws pertain to those who own property. And so, it's important for us to understand that not all 613 laws found in the Torah all pertain to us individually.

And so, as we keep that in mind... I'd like us to take a look at just some of the 613 mitzvot that we can find within the Torah:

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Now this is a good example of the 613 mitzvot, or laws that we can find in the Old Testament, however... Jewish tradition and the tradition of Judaism has indeed added too many of these laws. For instance, if we go to the prayer and blessings section and look at the 19<sup>th</sup> mitzvot, it is noted here that we should bind what they call "tefillin" on the head and on the arm. "Tefillin" is nothing more than a leather strap that contains little leather pouches containing certain passages of the Torah in them.

My friends none of this is commanded in the Shema which is what their pointing to in Deuteronomy chapter 6 verse eight. Let's go read that. Deuteronomy chapter 6 verse eight:

***Deu 6:8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.***

Now, as you will clearly notice here there is nothing here written about using leather straps to tie certain Torah Scripture to your body. The spiritual message given here is that your hands signify what you do... and your head signifies what you believe. If you are binding the word of God as a sign on your hand... That means you are doing the Torah with your hands. And if you always have the law of God on your mind (hence between your eyes) you will believe and therefore your faith will be completed by your works. Notice the parallel written in Exodus chapter 13 verse nine:

***Exo 13:9 And it shall be to you as a sign on your hand and as a memorial between your eyes, that the law of the LORD may be in your mouth. For with a strong hand***



*the LORD has brought you out of Egypt.*

Notice what is written in Solomon chapter 8 verse six:

*Son 8:6 Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death, jealousy is fierce as the grave. Its flashes are flashes of fire, the very flame of the LORD.*

Obviously, you cannot put a physical seal upon your heart. The Scripture is speaking figuratively almost like a parable, not literally. It's important to note that these leather straps called "Tefillin" are a product of the Talmud, and the oral tradition of rabbinic Judaism.

The idea behind the Shema is to love God with everything you've got, and to teach these things diligently to your children all throughout the day. We should constantly be looking for ways to explain the Torah and the laws, and commandments, and the precepts, and the appointments of God to our children. And what our hands do, is a representation of what our minds believe.

And so, we have to be a little careful when we visit a Jewish site that is still practicing Judaism. As most of us already know our Messiah literally hated Judaism, and we can clearly see that if we simply read the 23<sup>rd</sup> chapter of the book of Matthew. Our Messiah rebukes the Pharisees and the scribes who were the creators of Judaism over and over again by calling them to fold children of hell, and a brood of vipers, and whitewashed tombs that are beautiful on the outside but full of dead men's bones on the inside.

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Now, we're not going to go down and read each and every one of the 613 mitzvot here today, but we are going to take a look at quite a few of these laws so that we can get better acquainted with them. If we simply go down this list to the "love and brotherhood" section we can very quickly go through at least 39 of the 613 mitzvot, and I can assure you my friends that we could keep on going and very quickly discover that the 613 mitzvot are really not all that difficult to keep.

And yet, I would submit to you my friends that today's modern-day version of Christianity is not keeping them because their denominational charters of men tell them not to. But the truth is that we are not commanded anywhere in the New Testament not to keep these laws, commandments, precepts, and appointments given to us by our Father in heaven. Nowhere are we told that these laws are obsolete, nullified, or done away with.

Let's run through the first 39 of these mitzvot, and let's just see how difficult they really are to keep:

## G-d

1. To know that G-d exists (Ex. 20:2; Deut. 5:6) (CCA1). See [What Do Jews Believe?](#).
2. Not to entertain the idea that there is any god but the Eternal (Ex. 20:3) (CCN8). See [What Do Jews Believe?](#).
3. Not to blaspheme (Ex. 22:27; in Christian texts, Ex. 22:28), the penalty for which is death (Lev. 24:16) (negative).
4. To hallow G-d's name (Lev. 22:32) (CCA5). See [The Name of G-d](#).
5. Not to profane G-d's name (Lev. 22:32) (CCN155). See [The Name of G-d](#).
6. To know that G-d is One, a complete Unity (Deut. 6:4) (CCA2). See [What Do Jews Believe?](#).
7. To love G-d (Deut. 6:5) (CCA3). See [What Do Jews Believe?](#).
8. To fear Him reverently (Deut. 6:13; 10:20) (CCA4).
9. Not to put the word of G-d to the test (Deut. 6:16) (negative).
10. To imitate His good and upright ways (Deut. 28:9) (CCA6).

## Torah

11. To honor the old and the wise (Lev. 19:32) (CCA17).
12. To learn Torah and to teach it (Deut. 6:7) (CCA14). See [Torah](#).
13. To cleave to those who know Him (Deut. 10:20) (the [Talmud](#) states that cleaving to scholars is equivalent to cleaving to Him) (CCA16).
14. Not to add to the commandments of the Torah, whether in the Written Law or in its interpretation received by tradition (Deut. 13:1) (CCN159). See [Torah](#).
15. Not to take away from the commandments of the Torah (Deut. 13:1) (CCN160). See [Torah](#).
16. That every person shall write a scroll of the Torah for himself (Deut. 31:19) (CCA15). See [Torah](#).

## Signs and Symbols

17. To circumcise the male offspring (Gen. 17:12; Lev. 12:3) (CCA47) See [Brit Milah: Circumcision](#).
18. To put tzitzit on the corners of clothing (Num. 15:38) (CCA10). See [Tzitzit and Tallit](#).
19. To bind tefillin on the head (Deut. 6:8) (CCA9). See [Tefillin](#).
20. To bind tefillin on the arm (Deut. 6:8) (CCA8). See [Tefillin](#).
21. To affix the mezuzah to the doorposts and gates of your house (Deut. 6:9) (CCA12). See [Mezuzah](#).

## Prayer and Blessings

22. To pray to G-d (Ex. 23:25; Deut. 6:13) (according to the [Talmud](#), the word "serve" in these verses refers to prayer) (CCA7). See [Prayers and Blessings](#); [Jewish Liturgy](#).
23. To read the Shema in the morning and at night (Deut. 6:7) (CCA11). See [Jewish Liturgy](#).
24. To recite grace after meals (Deut. 8:10) (CCA13). See [Birkat Ha-Mazon: Grace After Meals](#)

25. Not to lay down a stone for worship (Lev. 26:1) (CCN161).

## Love and Brotherhood

26. To love all human beings who are of the covenant (Lev. 19:18) (CCA60). See [Love and Brotherhood](#).
27. Not to stand by idly when a human life is in danger (Lev. 19:16) (CCN82). See [Love and Brotherhood](#).
28. Not to wrong any one in speech (Lev. 25:17) (CCN48). See [Speech and Lashon Ha-Ra](#).
29. Not to carry tales (Lev. 19:16) (CCN77). See [Speech and Lashon Ha-Ra](#).
30. Not to cherish hatred in one's heart (Lev. 19:17) (CCN78). See [Love and Brotherhood](#).
31. Not to take revenge (Lev. 19:18) (CCN80).
32. Not to bear a grudge (Lev. 19:18) (CCN81).
33. Not to put any Jew to shame (Lev. 19:17) (CCN79).
34. Not to curse any other Israelite (Lev. 19:14) (by implication: if you may not curse those who cannot hear, you certainly may not curse those who can) (CCN45).
35. Not to give occasion to the simple-minded to stumble on the road (Lev. 19:14) (this includes doing anything that will cause another to sin) (CCN76).
36. To rebuke the sinner (Lev. 19:17) (CCA72).
37. To relieve a neighbor of his burden and help to unload his beast (Ex. 23:5) (CCA70). See [Love and Brotherhood](#).
38. To assist in replacing the load upon a neighbor's beast (Deut. 22:4) (CCA71). See [Love and Brotherhood](#).
39. Not to leave a beast, that has fallen down beneath its burden, unaided (Deut. 22:4) (CCN183). See [Love and Brotherhood](#).

Today's modern-day version of Christianity will tell you that you only need to keep the moral laws. Who defines what the moral laws are? They do. Let me ask you my friends, why do modern-day Christians not wear "tzitzit's" on the corner of their clothing? Let's turn to the book of numbers chapter 15 versus 37 through 41:

**Num 15:37** *The LORD said to Moses,*

**Num 15:38** *"Speak to the people of Israel, and tell them to make tassels on the corners of their garments throughout their generations, and to put a cord of blue on the tassel of each corner.*

**Num 15:39** *And it shall be a tassel for you to look at and remember all the commandments of the LORD, to do them, not to follow after your own heart and your own eyes, which you are inclined to whore after.*

**Num 15:40** *So you shall remember and do all my commandments, and be holy to your God.*

**Num 15:41** *I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt to be your God: I am the LORD your God."*

Is it not a commandment from God that we are to wear a cord of blue on a tassel on the four corners of our hips? Would this not be a moral law? First John chapter 5 verse three says that the love of God is that we keep his commandments and that his commandments are not burdensome to us. And so, if the love of God means that we should wear blue cords on the corners of our hips... Would that not be a moral law? Are we not morally obligated to do as God commands in order to show our love for him?

You see the truth is my friends, is that God's people are morally obligated to keep the laws of God if they have the love of God in their hearts. Our Messiah said that people honor him with their lips but their hearts were far from him. Why? Because all they were doing was bloviating with their lips, but their faith was not completed by their works, and therefore their hearts were far from him... and he knew it.

You see man would rather make up his own pagan version of how to love, and how to worship God. But God is not interested in how man wants to worship him. God is only interested in being worshiped the way that he wants to be worshiped. I'd like us to turn to Deuteronomy chapter 12 verse 30 through 32:

*Deu 12:30 take care that you be not ensnared to follow them, after they have been destroyed before you, and that you do not inquire about their gods, saying, 'How did these nations serve their gods?—that I also may do the same.'*

*Deu 12:31 You shall not worship the LORD your God in that way, for every abominable thing that the LORD hates they have done for their gods, for they even burn their sons and their daughters in the fire to their gods.*

*Deu 12:32 "Everything that I command you, you shall be careful to do. You shall not add to it or take from it."*

You see God is not interested in being worshiped the way man decides that he wants to worship him. God wants to be worshiped the way that he wants to be worshiped. My friends, if you love NASCAR, and you really enjoy watching a NASCAR race from time to time, and your wife is not into NASCAR at all. And on your wife's birthday, you give her two tickets to the Indianapolis 500 race... you're not going to get very good response from her.

If it's your wedding anniversary, and you buy your wife a new lawnmower knowing full well that you're the one that cuts the grass... you're not going to get a very good response from her.

Our Father in heaven is exactly the same way. Why would we think that we could create all of these pagan entities like Easter bunnies and Santa Claus that literally breaks the commandments of God by dabbling in magical elves and in the divination of flying reindeer, not to mention the fact that the immortal Santa Claus is every bit as much a pagan God to our children as Moloch or Baal, or Mithra, or Horace or Tammuz was to the Israelites.

And yet, we say we are worshiping our Messiah and his birthday on December 25<sup>th</sup>, when we

know full well that the very idea of our Messiah's birthday being on December 25th is a blatant and intentional lie. What was that commandment about lying again?

And so, do you see why our Father in heaven tells us that we shall not worship Yahovah our God in that way? Do we see why he commands us to be careful to do what he commands us to do, and not to add to it or to take away from it? He tells us these things because he knows that were going to get trapped in the muck and the mire of deception that is constantly being regurgitated from generation to generation by the little "g" god of this world.

Now... with all of that being said, there are certain laws that we can no longer keep because we no longer have an earthly temple here on earth, and we no longer have an earthly high priest here on earth. The court system and the judicial procedure put forth by God through the Levites and the high priest who was commanded to be in the bloodline of Aaron, no longer exist on the earth today. So, there are some roadblocks that keep us from being able to be obedient to all of the 613 mitzvot as they are written.

And we know that the sacrificial laws have been moved out of the way by our Messiah because he was our Passover Lamb, and the last sacrifice that needed to be made for the sins of man. And so, through proper study and understanding of the word of God we can clearly see which laws have been moved out of the way, and which laws we can no longer keep without the temple service. But... the majority of the 613 mitzvot can, and should be kept by those who follow our Messiah who said that not the crossing of a "t" nor the dotting of an "I" would pass from his Father's law until heaven and earth pass away and all things are accomplished, which once again does not happen until Revelation chapter 21 after his thousand-year millennial reign.

Something else to keep in mind is the fact that we know that our father's laws will be reinstated when his son returns. I'd like us to turn to Zachariah chapter 14 verses 16 to 19:

*Zec 14:16 Then everyone who survives of all the nations that have come against Jerusalem shall go up year after year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Booths.*

*Zec 14:17 And if any of the families of the earth do not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, there will be no rain on them.*

*Zec 14:18 And if the family of Egypt does not go up and present themselves, then on them there shall be no rain; there shall be the plague with which the LORD afflicts the nations that do not go up to keep the Feast of Booths.*

*Zec 14:19 This shall be the punishment to Egypt and the punishment to all the nations that do not go up to keep the Feast of Booths.*

Clearly this Scripture is talking about after the second coming of our Messiah. Notice that God is commanding all the families of the earth to come to the feast of booths which is also known as Tabernacles or Sukkot. He's not calling just Israel. It says he will punish all the nations of the

earth that do not go up to keep the feast of booths. And so, we know that after our Messiah returns the laws of God will once again be very important to God's people.

That me ask you this my friends... Is it not written that our God is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow? Does it make sense to you that he would care about his laws in the beginning... Not care about his law is today... And then care about his laws again when his son returns?

The 10 commandments are nothing more than an index to the laws, commandments, precepts, and the appointments of God. For instance, when our Messiah was asked what the greatest commandment was, he immediately pointed back to the Shema found in Deuteronomy chapter 6. You shall love Yahovah your God with all of your heart and with all of your soul and with all of your might.

If you truly love God with all of your heart and with all of your soul and with all of your might... Then the Bible tells us in first John chapter 5 verse three, that we will keep his commandments and they will not be burdensome to us. This is what the biblical definition of the love of God is found in first John chapter 5 verse three.

If we have no other gods before the one true God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob, and we don't make idols, and we don't take the name of God in vain, and we remember the Sabbath day, and we honor our father and her mother, and we don't commit murder, and we don't commit adultery, and we don't steal, and we don't bear false witness against our neighbor's, and we don't covet other people's belongings... then we will be well on our way to fulfilling the love of God because this is the index of his law. But... there is much more to God's commandments that we could be doing, and we should be doing if... we truly love him.

If we truly love him we should honor the old and the wise, we should learn the Torah and we should teach it, we should cleave to those who know him, we should not add to, or take away from the commandments of the Torah, we should wear blue cords from the corners of our hips so that we would remember his commandments, we should not wrong anyone in our speech, we should not be slanderous, we should not keep hatred in our hearts, we should not be interested in taking revenge or keeping a grudge.

All of these things are included in the laws of God and the 10 commandments even though they are not spoken of directly within the 10 commandments. The 10 commandments are simply an index of God's laws, they are not the whole of God's law of God. His commandments and his precepts and his appointments should all be kept, and there was nowhere in the 66 books of the Bible that we are told not to keep them.

My friends there is absolutely no reason in the world why today's modern-day version of Christianity does not keep the appointments of God. Why does Christianity today not keep the feast days of God? God commands man to keep his appointments with him. Would this not be a moral law? Think about it my friends. Today's modern-day version of Christianity claims that

they keep the moral laws... and yet they lie. They only keep the laws that they pick and choose to keep. They only keep the laws that they feel like keeping, and they keep literally none and you can underline that word “none” of the appointments of God that he commands man to keep.

And yet all the while they honor him with their lips... yet their hearts are far from him. They wail and they beat on their chest and they pound on their pulpits about God’s people being legalistic... and yet... while they are pointing one finger at us for keeping the laws and the commandments and the precepts and the appointments of God... three fingers are pointing right back at themselves. Who is it that’s truly being “legalistic”. What laws are they keeping? Are they not keeping the laws of men? They certainly are not keeping the laws of God. So, who is truly being “legalistic”.

I would submit to you my friends that the web of deceit that they have cast in the air towards God’s people, has fallen back down upon themselves. They have ensnared themselves within a web of deceit that they themselves have created.

Getting back to Romans chapter 10 verse four:

**Rom 10:4** For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

My friends to properly understand this Scripture in its proper context we must read the Scripture surrounding it. Let’s read Romans chapter 10 verses one through eight:

**Rom 10:1** Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved.

**Rom 10:2** For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge.

**Rom 10:3** For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness.

**Rom 10:4** For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

**Rom 10:5** For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them.

**Rom 10:6** But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down)

**Rom 10:7** “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

**Rom 10:8** But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);

I want us to understand that what Paul is saying here is that our Messiah is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. And this is true. Faith in the Messiah has been

added to the law. If you do not have faith in the Messiah... then the law cannot save you by itself. This does not negate the law, nor does it in any way abolish the law just as our Messiah has already told us in Matthew chapter 5 versus 17 through 19. The word of faith includes the law of God. How do we know that? All we have to do is listen to what Paul said in Romans chapter 3:31:

**Rom 3:31** *Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law.*

What we must understand is that Paul is quoting from Deuteronomy chapter 12. Paul tells us very clearly in verse eight that the word is near you in your mouth, and in your heart. What word is he talking about? He's talking about the word of God, which now includes faith, because without faith and the laws of God being written in your heart and in your mind you will never be able to keep the law and the commandments, and the precepts of God. He's quoting from Deuteronomy chapter 30 versus 11 through 20:

**Deu 30:11** "For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off.

**Deu 30:12** It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will ascend to heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?'

**Deu 30:13** Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?'

**Deu 30:14** But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.

**Deu 30:15** "See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil.

**Deu 30:16** If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it.

**Deu 30:17** But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them,

**Deu 30:18** I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess.

**Deu 30:19** I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live,

**Deu 30:20** loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

This is exactly what Paul was quoting from in Romans chapter 10. The problem is, that today's

modern-day Christian has no concept of what Paul is truly saying in Romans chapter 10 because they've never read Deuteronomy chapter 30, because they've been conveniently programmed by most of today's denominational charters of men not to even bother reading the beginning of the book.

Today's modern-day version of Christianity will often times wrongly tell us that no one can keep the law. But that's not what God says. God says in Deuteronomy chapter 30 verse 11 that his law is not too hard for you neither is it far off. He says in Deuteronomy chapter 30 verse 14 that it is in your mouth and in your hearts so that you can do it, just like Paul says in Romans chapter 10 verse eight... that the word is near you and in your mouth and in your heart.

Paul wasn't just making this stuff up. Paul wasn't just pulling this out of his hat. Paul was directly connecting the law with faith in the Messiah, and that's the point that he was trying to make in Romans chapter 10. Our Messiah was the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes, because now they will understand that the only way that the law does anyone any good is if they keep it by faith because it is written in their hearts and in their minds. Paul was trying to tell them that you cannot keep the law by works alone. You must keep the law by faith. Consider what Paul says in Romans chapter 9 verses 30 through 33:

*Rom 9:30 What shall we say, then? That Gentiles who did not pursue righteousness have attained it, that is, a righteousness that is by faith;*

*Rom 9:31 but that Israel who pursued a law that would lead to righteousness did not succeed in reaching that law.*

*Rom 9:32 Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as if it were based on works. They have stumbled over the stumbling stone,*

*Rom 9:33 as it is written, "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."*

Notice that Paul says in verse 31 that Israel pursued a law that would have lead them to righteousness. But that's not what Christianity today says. Christianity today says that the laws of curse and that no one can keep it. That's not what Paul says here... Paul says that Israel pursued a law that would have lead them to righteousness. The only reason that they did not attain righteousness is because they did not pursue the law by faith, but as if it were based on works. And that was always Paul's message. You must first have faith, or keeping the law will do you no good. We don't keep the law to be saved... We keep the law because we are saved because we love our father in heaven and his only begotten son. His laws are not written in our hearts and in our minds.

If the word of God is not near you, and if it is not in your mouth, and it is not in your heart... Then you have no hope of salvation. Hebrews chapter 10 verses 16 and 17:

*Heb 10:16 "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares*

*the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,”*

*Heb 10:17 then he adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”*

When will today’s modern-day version of Christianity wake up? When will God start pouring his spirit out upon his people? When will he gather the 10 tribes of Ephraim along with the tribes of Benjamin and Judah back into the promised land? When will God’s people return to God and hold fast to the wisdom of God, and pitch the wisdom of men to the curb?

I tell you the truth my friends... It has begun, and we are closer now than when we first believed.