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Matthew Chapters 4b and 5a Yeshua (Jesus) Teaches The Torah!

Welcome once again to our study into the book of Matthew, and once again thank you so very much for joining us this morning as we journey into the 4th and 5th chapters of the book of Matthew and begin to see exactly what our Messiah taught concerning his Father's Torah, the Law, and his spoken word that begins here in the book of Matthew and runs all throughout the rest of what we know as the New Testament.

When we read the Gospel message for ourselves that our Messiah brings forth according to his own red-letter words, we find a much different "Gospel Message" than what we're used to hearing from behind the pulpits of many of today's modern-day churches who seem to have come up with their own personal gospel messages. Most of which can't even agree amongst themselves. And we'll dive a little deeper into that subject matter as we move forward, but for the moment, I'd like to touch on a few other things concerning Mattthew chapter 4 that we didn't have time to touch on during our last weeks study into Matthew chapter 4.

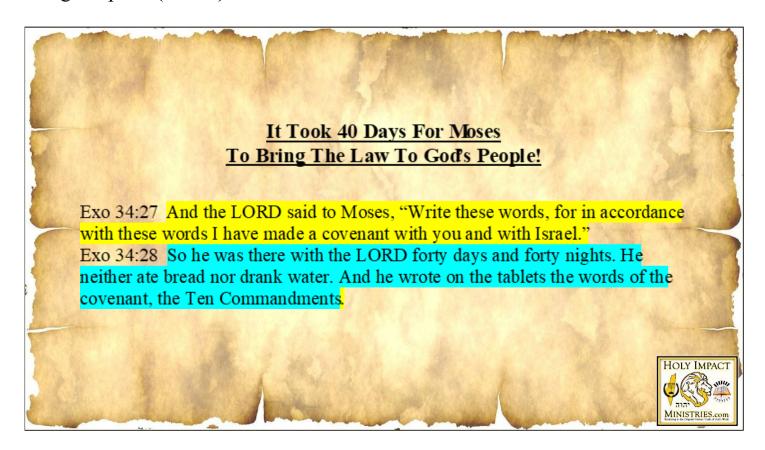
One of the most important things that we can grasp from the temptation of our Messiah is the fact that our Messiah did not argue with the Devil. Our Messiah did not physically fight the Devil. Our Messiah did not quibble or debate, or attempt to appease the Devil. All our Messiah did to defeat the Devil that day was to quote from his Father's law, the book of Deuteronomy in particular.

Our Messiah simply quoted three separate quotes that he took directly from the book of Deuteronomy in order to defeat the Devil. And I want us to once again just take a moment and think about that for just a moment.

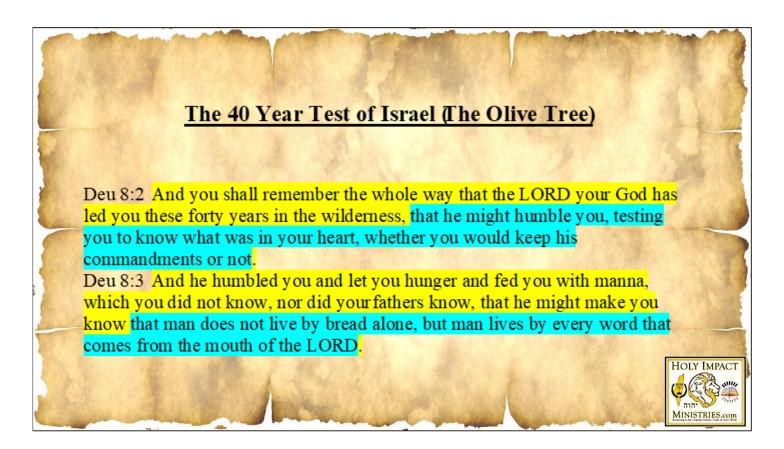
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Torah. Nothing had to be done in order to defeat the Devil other than to know what the spoken word of Yehvoah God had already said. Nothing had to be done in order to defeat the Devil other than to put in his hearing... the spoken word of God. And so then... how important is the Law of God? How important is the book of Deuteronomy? How important is it for today's modern day professing Christian to know and to understand what's in that book? And once again... if today's modern-day church has done away with the Law of God... what defense do they have against the evil one? What weapon do they have, what armor, what sword, what belt, what helmet do they have to protect them without the Law of Go? Food for thought.

The very idea that our Messiah went for 40 days and for 40 nights without food should speak volumes to us. Why was it that he had to be without food for 40 days and for 40 nights? Let's just take a look at a few Scriptures that might help us to understand why our Messiah went without food for 40 days and for 40 nights before being tempted. (scrn 1)

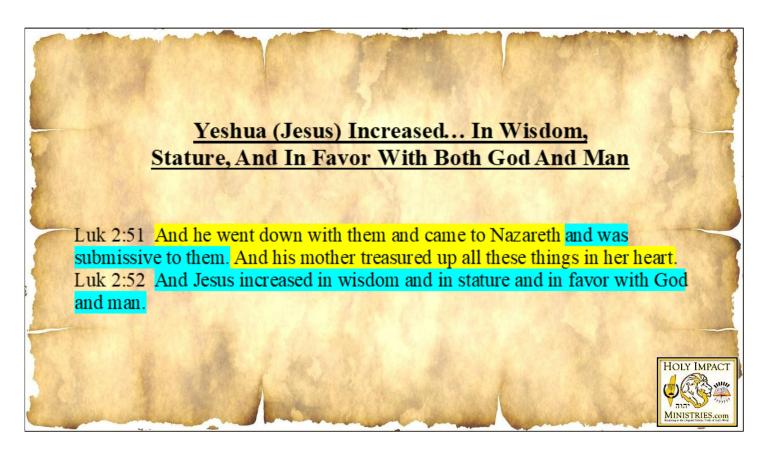


Not only did these 40 days and 40 nights represent the giving of the Law by Moses... but it also represented the testing of the house of Israel in the wilderness. (scrn 2)

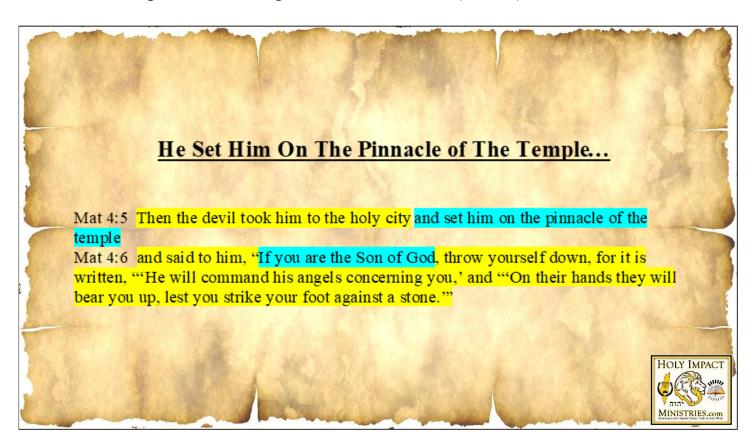


We must not think that this man Yeshua (Jesus in the Greek) was not tested by Yehvoah God his Father my friends. Yeshua just like you and I and just like the house of Israel was also being tested. That very day that the Spirit led our Messiah up on the mountain to be tempted by the Devil... our Messiah was also being tested by Yehvoah God himself to know what was in his heart.

Most modern-day Christians today never see this side of the temptation of our Messiah because of the denominational dogmas and philosophical whoopla that men teach from behind their denominational pulpits but I tell you the truth my friends, our Messiah did not go untested. Because our very human Messiah was the descendent of David and the seed of Abraham he also had to be tested just as we are. Luke 2:51-52 (scrn 3)



And I also want to make sure that we understand exactly where the Devil took our Messiah to tempt him. Once again **Matthew 4:5-6 (scrn 4)**



Here the Devil had taken our Messiah the only begotten Son of God to the top of his Father's Temple in order to tempt him to throw himself down to the ground. Do you see what the Devil was attempting to do here? If the Devil would have gotten our Messiah to throw himself off of his Father's Temple... this would have caused our Messiah to fail his Father's test miserably. If the Devil would have gotten our Messiah to throw himself off of the top of his Father's Temple... he could have made a mockery out of who our Messiah was and there would have been absolutely no way that our Messiah could have then crushed the serpents head as Yehvoah had already foretold was going to happen.

Did the Devil know that Yeshua (Jesus) was the Son of God? If he didn't know it before he met with him that day... he certainly knew it after he had met with him. You can trust me when I tell you that after the Devil's meeting with our Messiah there was no doubt in his mind that this man... was the offspring of the human woman that God had warned him about clear back in Genesis chapter 3 verse 15. And this is exactly why the Devil was doing all that he could to kill this human Messiah.

Moving forward, in Matthew chapter 4 verse 12 we read that our Messiah hears about John the Baptist being arrested. And at this point in time, he withdraws into Galilee. And we'll find that our Messiah spent quite a lot of his time there in Galilee and the surrounding cities and towns. Most likely because this is where Peter's house was. Let's re-read **Matthew 4:12-17 E1**

Mat 4:12 Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee.

Mat 4:13 And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali,

Mat 4:14 so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

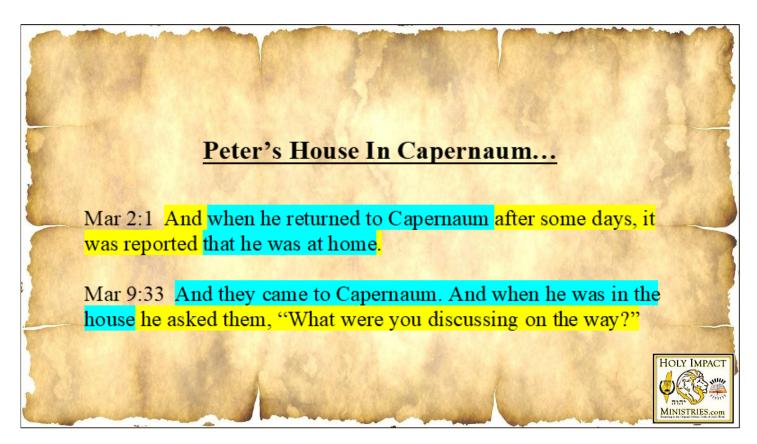
Mat 4:15 "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

Mat 4:16 the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned."

Mat 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent,

for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

After leaving Nazareth we're told that he went and lived in Capernaum in order to once again fulfill what the prophet Isaiah had foretold about him. Many scholars believe that Yeshua used Peter's house as a base camp of operation while teaching in Galilee because of Mark 2:1 and 9:33 (scrn 5)



And so, it at least seems as though Yeshua might have been based in Capernaum during his ministry there in Galilee, and could have possibly been using Peters house as a kind of base camp during that time. But what's more important is that when Yeshua heard that John the Baptist had been arrested Yeshua moved towards beginning his own ministry and taking over where John had left off. And it's important that we understand the message of both men. (scrn 6)

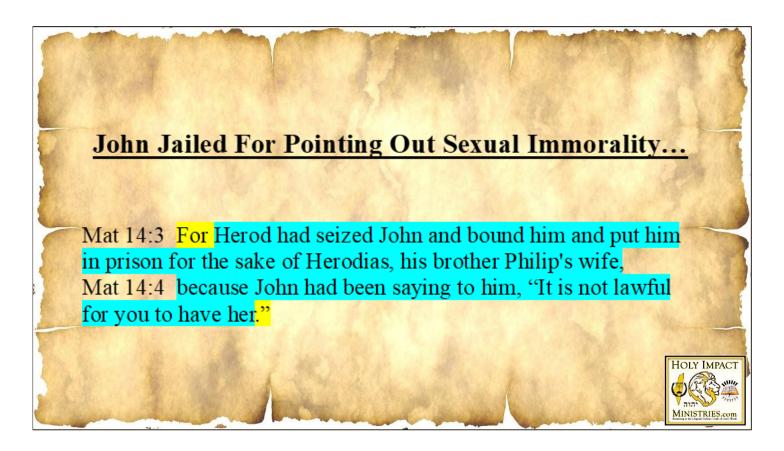


What should be evident to us is that the message of both men was clear. Repentance was needed because the kingdom of Heaven was (and is) indeed near. Even today in our time our message to the world should be... "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand". And I would submit to you my friends that the kingdom of heaven has always been much, much closer than we have realized.

Something else that we once again see in Matthew chapter 4 verses 14 through 16 is another quote from the Old Testament prophet Isaiah which clearly foretold that the Messiah would indeed be seen in Galilee and that the people dwelling there would see a great light. Once again, it's important to have read the whole Bible and not just half of it. What most modern-day Christians are completely unaware of is that almost a third of the New Testament is nothing more than quotes from the Old Testament. Which once again lends credence to the fact that the Old Testament is most certainly not insignificant by any stretch of the imagination. Just as our Messiah used it to defeat the Devil, and just as Matthew uses it to identify our Messiah... we too today should be using it for the very same reasons.

And before we move along, I would just like to take a moment to make note of exactly what it was that John the Baptist was arrested for in the first place.

Matthew 14:3-4 (scrn 7)



John the Baptist knew full well that King Herod had taken his brothers wife Herodias for himself. And John also knew that God was no respecter of men. This sin that this King had committed was indeed a transgression of the Law of Yehvoah God and John made it clear to his King Hearod that what he had done was indeed sinful. You see John's message of repentance was not just for the general public. John's message of repentance also went straight to the top of the authority of men, and John made it extremely clear that the message that he had come to deliver was for everyone no matter what their social standing was. And our Messiah would once again pick up this mantel and continue on in teaching this very same message of repentance all throughout his ministry.

We must understand that without repentance... there can be no salvation. For those who do not turn away from the transgressions... there is no salvation. And this is why you always continuously hear the command to "repent" first. Because if we have not truly repented... we cannot enter into the new covenant that our Messiah's very blood came to deliver to us. And for those of you who do not know what that new covenant is... you can read Jeremiah chapter 31 verses 31 through 33, Hebrews chapter 10 verses 16 and 17 and also Luke chapter 22 verse 20 just for starters. And because we've already touched on those Scriptures in our past

studies... we will give that to you as homework for this evening.

In Matthew chapter 4 verse 23 we're told that Yeshua went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. And therefore, we should spend just a moment here to unpack some of what we find within this Scripture.

One of the first things that we should see is that our Messiah did not run to the Gentiles to deliver his message. He did not go to the pagan churches to deliver his message. He did not go out onto the street corners of the big cities to deliver his message. The very first place that he went was to the Jewish Synagogues. Why?

Because our Messiah was sent first to the Jew and then to the Gentile, which is something else that today's modern day denominational empires of men might want to sit up and take notice of. Here is another point that the very Jewish Apostle Matthew makes found in **Matthew 15:21-28 E2**

Mat 15:21 And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon.

Mat 15:22 And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon."

Mat 15:23 But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us."

Mat 15:24 He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

Mat 15:25 But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me."

Mat 15:26 And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs."

Mat 15:27 She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."

Mat 15:28 Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your

faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Right here in Matthew chapter 15 verse 24 our Messiah tells us that he was sent only for the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Now... why did he say that? Was he sent only for the lost sheep of the house of Israel alone? Or did he say that in front of his Apostles because he knew that that's what they were thinking? We must remember that even Peter did not understand this teaching because we see Peter in Acts chapter 10 later on in the future being told not to call the Gentiles unclean. Yehovah God had to give Peter a vision that contained a sheet with all kinds of unclean animals in it. But Peter did not understand the vision until he arrived at the centurion Cornelius's house where he baptized his first Gentile brothers and sisters.

Looking back on this account there should be no doubt in our minds that our Messiah was attempting to teach his Apostles something very profound that day. Notice that his Apostles were wanting him to send her away. But he does not... he listens to the women and even speaks with her concerning her plea. Why? Because this my friends was a teaching moment that was directed towards his own Apostles.

Yeshua tells this woman right in front of his Apostles that he was sent only for the lost sheep of the house of Israel because that's what they were thinking. And Yeshua tells the women in front of them that it is not right to take the children's bread and to throw it to the dogs. But when the women turns to him and says "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters table"... she was immediately granted what she was asking for. Why? Because she had called him "Master", and because she as a Gentile woman had humbled herself and shown her humility before him proclaiming him to be her Master publicly before all.

Our Messiah was showing his Apostles that the Gentiles were not dogs as the Pharisees and Scribes had been teaching. These Gentiles were created in the image of God just as they were.

It was at this point in time that this Canaanite women was grafted into the Olive Tree that Paul speaks of in Romans chapter 11. It was at this moment that she became as a native of the land. It was at this moment that she became one with the Seed of Abraham, the descendant of David, the Passover Lamb, the First Fruit of the resurrection, the only begotten Son... of God.

And of course, Peter must not have been among the Apostles traveling with Yeshua that day because Peter had to learn his lesson later in Acts chapter 10. Yeshua was sent for all people, and this is what Peters vision of the unclean animals in Acts chapter 10 was all about. Peter didn't understand the vision at first, but once he arrived at the house of Cornielus the Roman centurion... Peter then understood the vision. **E3**

Act 10:34 So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality,

Act 10:35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

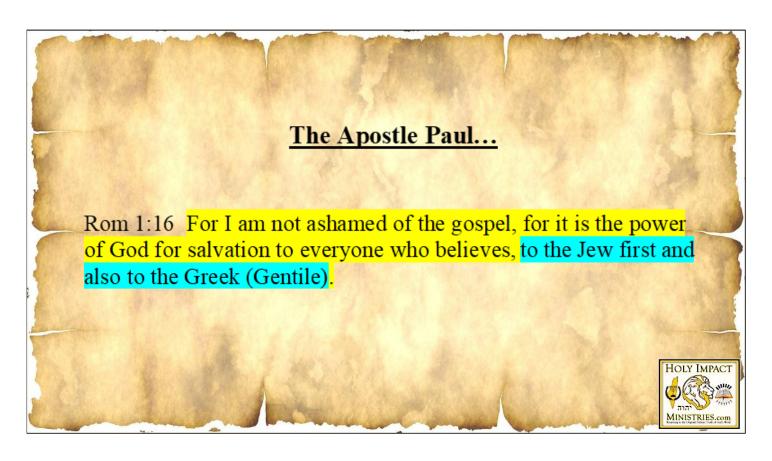
Act 10:36 As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all),

Act 10:37 you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed:

Act 10:38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

What a tremendous lesson that not only the Apostles learned that day... but that we also are able to take part in because of these God breathed Scriptures that we hold in our very hands and the time that Matthew took to make sure that we would know these things.

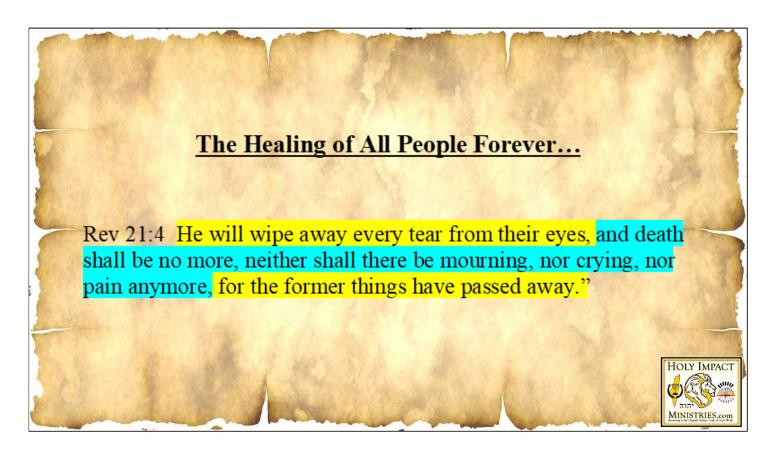
It is written first to the Jew... then to the Gentile. And this is the way that it has been from the beginning of the book, from the beginning of time. (scrn 8)



And so, we once again would do well to read and understand what it is that we are seeing here in the fourth chapter of the book of Matthew, and we would also do well to know and understand what the Apostle Paul wrote in the 11th chapter of the book of Romans as well, but once again... because we have already touched on that earlier in this series of studies... we will once again give that to you as homework if you haven't been following along with us over the past month or so.

And so it was, that our Messiah began his ministry and as he went along, he picked up his first four Apostles, Simon who was called Peter and his brother Andrew and James and his brother John. And at this point Matthew tells us that our Messiah went through all Galilee teaching once again in the synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom while healing every disease and every affliction among the people.

And it was because the kingdom of heaven was closer than they had ever imagined... that everyone was healed, and all kinds of different pains and diseases were healed and even demons were cast out of people. This once again was a representation of what was going to take place within the kingdom of Yehovah God at the end of the age. **Revelation 21:4 (scrn 9)**



Which leads us right on into Matthew chapter 5 and what is known as "The Sermon On The Mount". Let's now take the time to read Matthew chapter 5 so that we can know for ourselves exactly what it does say and just as importantly... what it does not say. **Matthew chapter 5 E4**

The Sermon on the Mount

Mat 5:1 Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

The Beatitudes

Mat 5:2 And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

Mat 5:3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Mat 5:4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Mat 5:5 "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Mat 5:6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

- Mat 5:7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
- Mat 5:8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
- Mat 5:9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
- Mat 5:10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- Mat 5:11 "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
- Mat 5:12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Salt and Light

- Mat 5:13 "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.
- Mat 5:14 "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.
- Mat 5:15 Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.
- Mat 5:16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Christ Came to Fulfill the Law

- Mat 5:17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.
- Mat 5:18 For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.
- Mat 5:19 Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.
- Mat 5:20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of

the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Anger

Mat 5:21 "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.'

Mat 5:22 But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire.

Mat 5:23 So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you,

Mat 5:24 leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

Mat 5:25 Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison.

Mat 5:26 Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

Lust

Mat 5:27 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.'

Mat 5:28 But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

Mat 5:29 If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell.

Mat 5:30 And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

Divorce

Mat 5:31 "It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.'

Mat 5:32 But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

Oaths

Mat 5:33 "Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.'

Mat 5:34 But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God,

Mat 5:35 or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King.

Mat 5:36 And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black.

Mat 5:37 Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil.

Retaliation

Mat 5:38 "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.'

Mat 5:39 But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also.

Mat 5:40 And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well.

Mat 5:41 And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles.

Mat 5:42 Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you.

Love Your Enemies

Mat 5:43 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'

Mat 5:44 But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

Mat 5:45 so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

Mat 5:46 For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?

Mat 5:47 And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same?

Mat 5:48 You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

As we read through what the Apostle Matthew is laying out before us here as the very red-letter spoken words of our Messiah, we must be careful just as our Father in heaven has told us to be "carful" in keeping his commandments. In other words... we need to be careful that we are properly understanding the message that our Messiah was trying to deliver to us here in Matthew chapter 5. It's important that we don't add to this message... or take away from this message as so many denominational charters of men have already done before us.

And I would submit to you my friends that if we are careful and approach the fifth chapter of the book of Matthw with due diligence, and with the eyes to see and the ears to hear... we will clearly see that our Messiah was teaching his Father's Torah right here in Matthew chapter 5.

Every single solitary topic that our Messiah speaks on here in Matthew chapter 5 comes directly from the proper understanding of his Father's Torah (which is the first five books of the Bible for those of you who do not already know that).

Yeshua begins by telling his audience who it is that will be blessed within his Father's kingdom. He goes on to then explain how important it is to stand firm and to endure and conquer over evil which is what causes us to be... a light on a hill so that our light can shine before others.

He then begins to talk about "anger" and the second most important commandment which is to love our brothers and sisters as ourselves.

And one of the most important proclamations that our Messiah makes extremely clear is that he did not come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. He came to bring them to life. He came to fully preach them. He came to fulfill them as an example to us that we might also pick up our crosses and follow him and fulfill them just as he did by becoming one with him and his Father in heaven.

He teaches about anger and divorce and lust of the flesh and oaths, and retaliation and why its important to love our enemies all of which are taught within the confines of his Father's Torah... his Father's Law... his Father's spoken word that endures forever and is perfect according to David in Psalms chapter 19.

But the very first thing that he touches on is who it is that will be blessed. The poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek, those who thirst for righteousness, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, and those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake. These... these are those who the kingdom of heaven belongs to. And it will be these that we in the end will become... the remnant of his chosen set apart people.

Our Messiah then goes on to explain the difference between salt that still has its flavor and salt that is good for nothing other than to be trampled underfoot by men. This is a clear reference to enduring to the end and conquering over evil and standing for righteousness on all fronts at all times. Our good works depend upon what fuels those good works which is our faith and the true belief that Yeshua Hamashiach is indeed our Passover Lamb, the First Fruit of the resurrection, the Seed of Abraham and the descendant of David, the only begotten Son of God who came to lay his life down in order to pay our debt that we owed.

This my friends is the light. This is the salt of the earth that he is speaking of. We are not to sit quietly and be silent. We are not to hide under our beds and cower. We are not to shy away from the conversation or the fight for what is right in the eyes of our Father in heaven. We are to stand and to put on the full armor of God and to get into the fight! We are that beacon that shines in the night. We are the light of righteousness that bursts forth from the very Temple of God that we have become.

We have the answers the worlds problems did you know that? We have the cure for covid 19. We have the cure for cancer and for Parkinson's and for any and all diseases that have ever been heard of. We have the answer to war. We have the

answer to the lawlessness that has flooded the land like an ocean of black oil. We have the answer... the solution that has the power to cure what is ailing our societies and our cultures! You and I... we have that nuclear power within us around us and through us. And yet... so many of us are afraid to speak. So many of us are absolutely convinced that they can be silent, unheard, and saltless.

But that's not what our God breathed Scriptures tell us. According to our very own Messiah right here in the 5th chapter of the book of Matthew we are commanded to let our light shine before others so that they may see our good works and give glory to our Father in heaven. If we willfully and intentionally choose to sit silent and complacent and apathetic... then what will we change... who will we bring... what fruit will we bear... and what light will shine forth from us? Which once again brings us right back to exactly how it was that our Messiah came to fulfill the Law and why he tells us without stutter... that heaven and earth will pass away before one iota... before one dot... will pass from the Law. Not one crossing of a "t" or one dotting of an "i" will pass from his Father's law until heaven and earth pass away and all is accomplished not says I... but says the very red-letter words of our very own Messiah right here within the confines of our God breathed Scripture. And when does heaven and earth pass away and when are all things accomplished? **Revelation chapter 21:1-8 E5**

The New Heaven and the New Earth

Rev 21:1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

Rev 21:2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Rev 21:3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.

Rev 21:4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

Rev 21:5 And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I

am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Rev 21:6 And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.

Rev 21:7 The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

Rev 21:8 But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

But today's modern-day church will by in large not tell you that. They will not show you these things. Today's modern-day church will by in large remove all of this truth from within the pages of your Bible and substitute them with their own manmade doctrines, and their own dogmas, and their own philosophical theologies and their own man-made hog wash so that you will bow the knee to them and to their denominational man-made empires while **they** save you, and while **they** command you what to believe and while **they** rob you blind in order to further their own agenda, their own ideas, their own doctrines and their own empires of dirt.

You have heard it said, "do not commit adultery". You have heard it said, "Whoever divorces his wife let him give her a certificate of divorce". You have heard it said, "And eye for an eye". You have heard it said, "Love your neighbor and hate your enemy". Notice the continual phrase... "You have heard it said".

Who said these things? God... Moses... the Pharisees... who? Notice that our Messiah does not say "You have heard Moses say" or, "You have heard God say". Yeshua simply says "You have heard it said". Now why would he use that phrase instead of pointing directly to who said these things?

For most of us who have read our Bibles from the beginning... we already know that most of these things are referring back to his Father's Torah... his Law... his spoken word. Yehvoah said... "You shall not murder". But what does Yeshua say? Does he rebuke his Father's commandment of not to murder? Does he say that it's okay to murder? Does he say that this law is done away with or that it has become a curse and that it's now okay to murder? No.

He simply goes on to explain the proper understanding of the commandment. He warns people to not even be angry with each other. Yehvoah already knows who's right and who's wrong, and for even getting close to the thought of murder you are taking a chance of sinning. The moral of the story is... don't even think about it!

And what about adultery? Once again does Yeshua rebuke his Father's commandment that says don't commit adultery? Does he say its okay to commit adultery? Does he say that this law is done away with or that it has become a curse? No.

He simply goes on to explain the proper understanding of the commandment. He says don't even think about lusting after a woman. Why? Because if you do... you've already broken the commandment in your heart.

You see Yeshua is not throwing away his Father's Law. He's explaining his Father's Law so that they can properly understand it. He's teaching them how to stay far away from these kinds of transgressions he's not saying that "Do as thou wilt is now the whole of the law".

And what about divorce? Once again, does Yeshua rebuke the Father's commandment that says that a man must give his wife a certificate of divorce? Does he say that it's okay to ignore this law concerning divorce? Does he say that this law is done away with or that it has become a curse and that it's now okay to just up and leave your wife without a certificate of divorce? No.

He simply says that anyone who divorces his wife except on the grounds of sexual immorality is sinful. Once again helping them to properly understand the commandment.

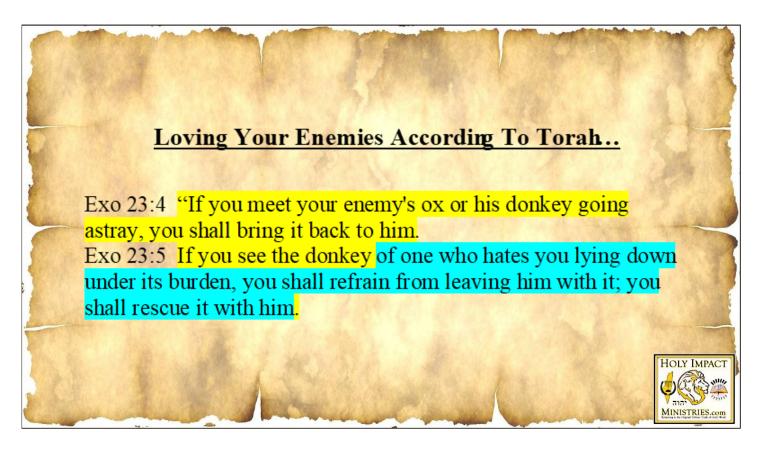
What about oaths? Once again, does Yeshua rebuke his Father's commandment concerning taking oaths? Does he say that his Father's law concerning oaths is wrong and that they should ignore it? Does he say that this law has been done away with or become a curse? No.

He simply teaches the people how to stay away from getting caught up in taking and oath. He simply tells them not to do it. Don't even take an oath. What's the point in even getting close to this sin?

What about an eye for and eye and a tooth for a tooth? Does Yeshua rebuke his Father's commandment concerning an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth? Does he say it's okay to ignore this commandment? Does he say that this law has been done away with or has become a curse? No.

He simply teaches them that just because someone slaps you in the face does not mean that there is some kind of requirement that you slap them back. They once again were reading the law improperly. Instead, he teaches them to be as kind as they can to the one who is evil. There is no law that says you have to pay someone back evil for evil.

And what about loving your enemies? Does Yehovah God not teach this very same thing in his Torah? Exodus 23:4-5 (scrn 10)



Is the Torah teaching anything that our Messiah is not teaching here in Matthew chapter 5? Is Yeshua rebuking his Father's commandment at any point in time during this discourse? Does he tell people to ignore this commandment or that its now null and void and done away with? And does the Torah teach us that we have to hate our enemies? I tell you the truth my friends... there is no more such a

commandment that tells us we must hate our enemies than there is a commandment that tells us to keep holy the first day of the week Sunday and to call it the Sabbath. You simply will not find those commandments anywhere within the confines of your Bible. You see this was a law of the Pharisees and Scribes, not God.

You see our Messiah all throughout Matthew chapter 5 was teaching his Father's Torah, his Law... his spoken word. And so now... let me ask you something. Why would our Messiah teach the Torah... the Law of God his Father if he came to abolish it and turn it into a curse? Think my friends... think... God given common sense goes a long, long way.

You see the modern-day traditional doctrines, dogmas and philosophies of men and their denominational charters of men have once again been found weighed and wanting by simply reading the book for ourselves and asking for his discernment which I might also add is a far cry from man's discernment.

In closing this evening, I would like to once again remind us all of the importance of reading the Bible from the beginning of the book which is the book of Genesis not the book of Matthew. For those who do not read the Bible from the beginning... they will not know what the Jewish Matthew and his mostly Jewish audience would have already known. Nor will they be aware of what qualifies our Messiah to be our Messiah. Nor will they know the God given promises and prophecies that have been handed down from Yehvoah God himself that have not yet come to pass.

Do not be fooled my friends. Our Messiah did not come to abolish the Law, he came to fully preach it, and this... is exactly what we see in the fifth chapter of the book... of Matthew. And what we also see in the 5th chapter of the book of Matthew is that there were two very different laws back in our Messiah's day. There was God's Law and then there was the law of the Pharisees who were teaching that the Gentiles were dogs and that you had to hate your enemies. These two very different laws are often times what causes modern day Christians today to misunderstand the Apostle Paul and his writings that Peter tells us are difficult to understand. And before we close I'd like to just present one last red-letter commandment that comes directly from the very lips, the toung, and the breath of our Messiah. Matthew chapter 5 verse 48 (scrn 11)



Keeping all of this in mind... next week at 11am eastern standard time on our Father's seventh day Sabbath we'll pick up in Matthew chapters six and seven where we will continue to see our Messiah fully preaching the Law also known as... the Torah of his Father.

But until that time... I will once again ask as I always do that everyone within the sound of my voice would please... take what you have heard here today to your own prayer closet, and bow your head, and bend your knee, and face the holy promised land of Jerusalem, and ask in the name of Yeshua Hamashiach if what you have heard here today be true... or not.

Ask, seek, and knock on his door, and his door alone and the proper door will be opened to you. And if you will do that, and if you will stay the course to the end... you and I will surely walk through the gates of his soon coming kingdom together.