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Leviticus Chapter 8

Should We Be Keeping The Torah

Welcome back everybody, we are now moving into the eighth chapter of the book of Leviticus and I just want to stop right here for just a moment and say thank you to all of you who have been with us throughout this study into our Father's Torah. Just to have the ability to read through, and to study, and to even have the ability to ask for the discernment that is needed to understand the Scriptures is indeed a true honor and a true blessing that can only come from above. And my hope and my prayer is that each and every one of us does indeed receive the blessings that are intended for those who truly do study to show themselves approved in order to rightly understand the spoken word of the one true Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Over the past couple of years when we first began in the book of Genesis to study the Torah together, we've learned and have been blessed so much that I daresay the hand of Yahovah has been upon us through each and every one of these studies, and the blessings that have been bestowed upon us from above are indeed innumerable. We've been through good times and bad times. We've won some souls, and we've lost some souls. We've seen the ups and the downs of life that continuously test our faith beyond measure, and it has always been because we have kept our eyes upon his coming kingdom that he has delivered us from all of the fiery darts of our adversary who is indeed like a prowling lion just waiting to see whom he can drag away from the flock.

I must tell you that throughout the study of our Fathers Torah our journey through this life does not stop or even slow down for that matter. If anything, life seems to speed up and at times life even seems to become more challenging because we ARE studying the spoken word of the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel. But I must tell you that the difference between studying our Fathers Torah and not studying our Fathers Torah makes all the difference in how we approach life itself on a daily basis.

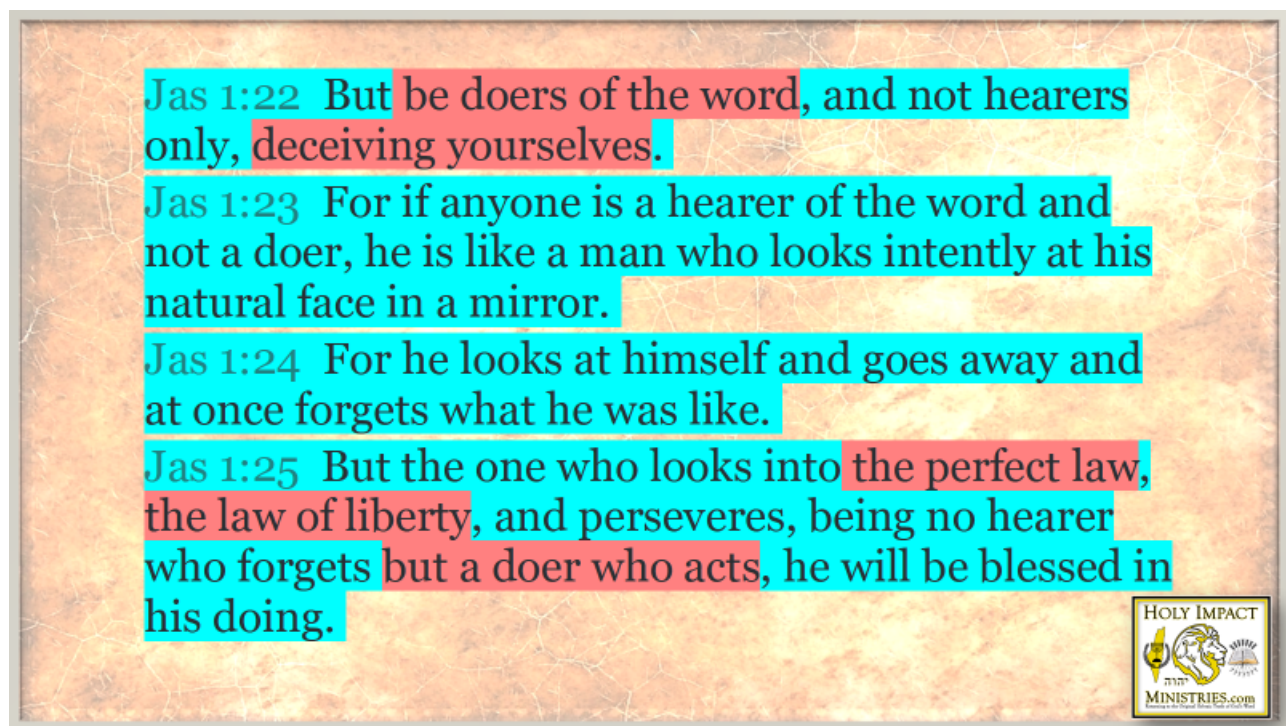
Knowing the difference between what is expected of us... and what is not expected of us truly does affect how we respond to what life throws at us. Knowing the difference between what is expected of us, and what is not expected of us helps us to navigate through the trials and the tribulations of life that often times destroys those who do not study the spoken word of Yahovah to show themselves approved.

And so, I'd like to just start off this evening study with a resounding abundance of gratitude to those of our brothers and sisters who have been diligently walking with us through this

journey into the study of the spoken word of our Father in heaven. And as we get into our study here this evening, we're going to take somewhat of a detour, and we are going to talk in some detail about whether or not we are to obey this Torah that we are reading from here in the beginning of our Bibles. But before we do that, I'd like to just recap a little bit of what we've seen and talked about over the last couple of weeks in our study into the book of Leviticus so far.

Last week we once again focused on the first five major sacrificial offerings that have been found in the book of Leviticus up to this point in the eighth chapter of the book of Leviticus. We've spoken in some detail about the hierarchy of God that still stands to this very day. We also spoke about the English word "*law*" in the Old Testament actually being the Hebrew word "*Torah*", and we're actually going to get into some more detail concerning that a little bit later on this evening.

We also spoke about the fact that even in the New Testament the apostle James who was the half-brother of our Messiah and the head of the Jerusalem Council clearly tells us that we should be doers of the word and not just hearers of the word. **James 1:22-25 (scrn 1)**



And even the apostle Paul tells us the exact same thing in **Romans 2:13 (scrn 2)**

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.



And so, if this is true and we should not only be hearers of the Torah but doers of the Torah, then how can it be that today's modern-day Christian denominational empires can proclaim that the spoken word of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel is now null and void, and done away with?

The reason that today's modern-day Christian denominational empires proclaim that the spoken word of Yahovah is now null and void, and done away with is because today's modern-day Christian denominational empires have done exactly what the apostle Peter has warned them not to do.

The apostle Peter warned all of us that the writings of the apostle Paul were hard to understand. The apostle Peter also warned all of us that because the writings of the apostle Paul are difficult to understand... that the ignorant and the unstable would twist the writings of the apostle Paul to their own destruction as they do the other Scriptures. And the apostle Peter continues on to tell us that knowing this beforehand, we should take care so that we are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose our own stability. Let's turn very quickly to **2nd Peter 3:15-18 (scrn 3)**

2Pe 3:15 And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him,
2Pe 3:16 as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures.
2Pe 3:17 You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability.
2Pe 3:18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.



Keeping these things in mind, it's important that we as true God-fearing, Messiah following, cross bearing Christians understand that the majority of today's modern-day denominational empires of dirt are actually not churches of God... but they have become the churches of Paul (at least in their own minds).

You see, just as the apostle Peter warns us here in second Peter chapter 3 verse 16, many of today's modern-day denominational charters of men have twisted the writings of the apostle Paul to their own destruction as they do the other Scripture. They continually trip over the very cornerstone that Yahovah himself has put in Zion by twisting the writings of the apostle Paul to their own destruction as they do the other Scriptures. And they... who proclaim that the law is a curse, and proclaim that works are done away with, and proclaim that we are all once saved always saved, and proclaim that the house of Israel has been replaced by their own newly devised man-made Gentile country club... have indeed lost their own stability because of the teachings of and I quote... lawless people.

As we move into the eighth chapter of the book of Leviticus, were going to find that chapters 8, nine, and 10 all have to do with the ordination of the first priesthood of Israel. But before we get into this next set of chapters that really are one unit in of themselves, we're going to take a short detour this week to talk about a question that often times comes up among believers in our Messiah. And that question is... should we as modern-day believers in the 21st century still be keeping the Torah, also known as the law of Moses, also known as the spoken word of Yahovah.

This is probably one of the most profound questions that a modern-day 21st-century Christian can ask because it is one of the most important questions that a modern-day 21st-century Christian can ask. Should we, as modern-day 21st-century Christians still be keeping the

commandments and the precepts and the appointments that are found in the Old Testament?

My friends before we go any farther into our Fathers Torah, we as modern-day 21st-century Christians need to be able to answer this question in great detail. Why? Because this is the question that is being asked as our Father in heaven is pouring out his Spirit upon his people today in our time.

I would submit to you that there is no greater question that has ever been asked by mankind other than... Should we as modern-day 21st-century Christians be keeping the Torah. And I would submit to you that this question is being asked more today than it ever has been. And I would also submit to you that this question will be asked more tomorrow than it is being asked today.

As our Father in heaven pours out his Spirit upon his people, his spirit is calling his set apart people back to his spoken word. The very spoken word of Yahovah that our Messiah became through his obedience to the spoken word of Yahovah. And it is our Messiah Yeshua Hamashiach (Jesus and the Greek) that we are commanded to follow and to do as he did, and to walk as he walked. Our Messiah... who came from the house of David and the tribe of Judah who tells us very clearly that not the crossing of a T or the dotting of an I will pass from his Father's spoken word until heaven and earth both pass away and all things are accomplished which does not happen until the end of the age cleared the back of the book in Revelation chapter 21, always kept his Father's spoken word.

And I know that we have gone through a lot of this many times over in the past, but I would submit to you that it is going to become more important, and more crucial for us as true God-fearing, Messiah following, cross bearing Christians to be able to give an account as to why we know unequivocally and without a doubt that a modern-day 21st-century Christian should be keeping the Torah. Not because we say so... but because the spoken word of our Father in heaven says so. These God breathed Scriptures that we are now reading here today in the book of Leviticus do not belong only to the Jews. Let me say that again, these God breathed Scriptures that we are now reading here today in the book of Leviticus do not belong only to the Jews. These God breathed Scripture that we are reading here today were written in this book for all of mankind to hear and to obey.

I want us to think about all of these sacrificial offerings that we've been reading about in the book of Leviticus so far. How much detail do you see in our Father's commandment that lays out these very specific sacrificial offerings that each address a very different aspect of the sinful nature of mankind? Would you say that there is a little detail, or would you say that there is an exorbitant amount of detail that's given within these instructions?

For instance, listen to what we are told in Leviticus chapter 7 verse 18. **Leviticus 7:18 (scn 4)**

Lev 7:18 If any of the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offering is eaten on the third day, he who offers it shall not be accepted, neither shall it be credited to him. It is tainted, and he who eats of it shall bear his iniquity.



If we take nothing else from the book of Leviticus, I want us to understand the great detail that is laid out before the house of Israel and is required of the house of Israel by Yahovah himself. The first thing that we must remember is that God's ways are not man's ways. **Isaiah 55:8-9 (scrn 5)**

Isa 55:8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

Isa 55:9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.



The sinful nature of mankind has no idea on his own how his creator wants to be worshiped. And a great example of this can be found within the different religions of the world today. When we look closely at today's modern-day version of Christianity and its procedures and its

conventions that are used to worship Yahovah, it's extremely clear to anyone who has studied the spoken word of Yahovah for any length of time that these procedures and conventions that today's modern-day denominational empires use to worship God are for the most part man-made. They are the result of man's misguided attempt to conceive in our own minds... just how Yahovah ought to be worshiped.

You see, obedience is the key to our relationship with our Father in heaven. The Roman rooted version of Christianity that stems from and flows from modern-day Catholicism and her first day of the week Sunday Sabbath, and her Good Friday, and her Easter, and her Christ-mass, have come to their own conclusion that the details of worship, personal conduct, obedience, and the true love of God really no longer matter.

Today's modern-day denominational empires have literally devised a new religion for themselves that proclaims that it is entirely up to the individual worshiper to decide for him or herself how to worship the creator of the heavens and the earth. As long as we are sincere in our efforts, that's all that matters according to them.

What we as 21st-century Christians need to understand is that “*good enough*” in our eyes is not good enough in our Father's eyes. We do not get to say what is “*good enough*” when it comes to the worship of our Father in heaven. We do not get to choose how to worship him the way that we want to worship him. We do not get to choose what is good and what is evil. We do not get to choose when his holy ordained, and sanctified seventh day Sabbath is. We do not get to choose the day that our Messiah died on Passover day according to Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. We do not get to choose the birthday of our Messiah that we are not told within the confines of his God breathed Scripture.

Our Messiah who is indeed the Son of God tells us very clearly in Matthew chapter 5 that we should not think that he came to destroy the law or the prophets because he did not come to destroy the law or the prophets, he came to fulfill them. Yeshua Jesus did not come to exchange the law for grace!

Today's modern-day denominational empires will often times use the word “*fulfill*” to mean that something has been brought to an end or that the task is finished in this case referring to the law of Yahovah. Today's modern-day church reconstructs the spoken word of our Messiah in Matthew chapter 5 to mean “*I didn't come to destroy the law but to end it*” which in of itself is an oxymoron... (Emphasis on... Moron... you'll have to forgive me for... telling the truth).

The word used in Matthew chapter 5 for “*fulfill*” is actually the Greek word “*pleroo*” which means to bring something to the state of its fullest intent, or to fill up with meaning which is nearly the opposite of the Greek word “*telos*”. The Greek word for end, or to finish, or to complete something is the Greek word “*telos*” which our Messiah clearly does not use. If our Messiah wanted to say that he finished the law or that he had brought the law to an end, or that he had abolished his Father's law he would have clearly used the Greek word “*telos*” not

“*pleroo*”. Not to mention the fact that our Messiah continues to go on to tell us that not the crossing of a T or the daunting of an i of his Father’s law would pass until heaven and earth pass away, and all things are accomplished. Neither of which has come to pass at any time as of yet, and does not come to pass until clear at the end of the age in Revelation chapter 21 after his return.

Our Messiah is very clear in Matthew chapter 5, that we need to bury this heretical man-made idea once and for all that says that the Torah is somehow obsolete. As his chosen set apart people, we need to recognize that we have an obligation to be concerned and to be careful in our worship and in our lives and that we do indeed follow our creators ordained and sanctified principles, appointments, commandments, and precepts in great detail.

You see, this is what happens when we as Yahovah’s children do not pay attention to the detail that has been handed down to us through his spoken word (also known as his God breathed Scripture). It is this attention to detail that is expected from his chosen set apart people, and it is this attention to detail that marks us literally as the sons of God.

I cannot tell you how many times I’ve heard modern-day Christians boast about reading the Bible in 30 days. I cannot tell you how many speed reading courses there are that encourage Christians to speed read through the Bible and then think in their small minds that they know something about the spoken word of Yahovah the Creator of the heavens and the earth.

But you see, that’s what we have become today in our time. It was prophesied by the prophet Daniel that in the last days people would run to and fro across the face of the earth and that knowledge would increase. And people today in our time can fly from one country to another country in a matter of hours. And the explosion of information and knowledge that we have today is literally infinite and immeasurable.

Time is moving faster now than when we first believed. Trying to get people to sit down and listen to a one-hour study into the spoken word of Yahovah is indeed like trying to drag a camel through the eye of a needle. Only those who truly thirst will take the time that is needed to study to show themselves approved. It’s not about speed reading, it’s about studying.

Today we have become the generation of Velcro shoes, clip-on ties, and microwave ovens. Fast food, quick 10-minute teachings, and a cup of caffeine to keep us going seem to be the top commanded commodities of our time.

But we cannot treat the spoken word of Yahovah in that way. We cannot speed read through the spoken word of God and expect to understand the word of God.

Should a modern-day 21st-century Christian keep the Torah? Each one of us should be thinking about how we would answer that question. Because I tell you the truth my friends, there are already people who are asking that question, and even more people who will be asking

that question as the pages of Revelation unfold upon the earth in our time.

This again, is a question that cannot be answered properly within a 10-minute conversation. But this question can be answered properly. And we as modern-day 21st-century Christians need to be able to answer this question properly.

The first place that I take someone who asks me that question is to the blessings and curses of Yahovah found in Deuteronomy chapter 28. And so, before we continue our study into the book of Leviticus any farther, I'd like us to go read Deuteronomy chapter 28 so that we can get a good grasp of what the spoken word of our Father in heaven has already told us from the beginning about his blessings and his curses. **Deuteronomy 28 E2**

Deu 28:1 “And if you faithfully obey the voice of the LORD your God, being careful to do all his commandments that I command you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth.

Deu 28:2 And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the voice of the LORD your God.

Deu 28:3 Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field.

Deu 28:4 Blessed shall be the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground and the fruit of your cattle, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock.

Deu 28:5 Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl.

Deu 28:6 Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out.

Deu 28:7 “The LORD will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before you. They shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways.

Deu 28:8 The LORD will command the blessing on you in your barns and in all that you undertake. And he will bless you in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

Deu 28:9 The LORD will establish you as a people holy to himself, as he has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the LORD your God and walk in his ways.

Deu 28:10 And all the peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the LORD, and they shall be afraid of you.

Deu 28:11 And the LORD will make you abound in prosperity, in the fruit of your womb and in the fruit of your livestock and in the fruit of your ground, within the land that the LORD swore to your fathers to give you.

Deu 28:12 The LORD will open to you his good treasury, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season and to bless all the work of your hands. And you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow.

Deu 28:13 And the LORD will make you the head and not the tail, and you shall only go up and not down, if you obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you today, being careful to do them,

Deu 28:14 and if you do not turn aside from any of the words that I command you

today, to the right hand or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them.

Deu 28:15 “But if you will not obey the voice of the LORD your God or be careful to do all his commandments and his statutes that I command you today, then all these curses shall come upon you and overtake you.

Deu 28:16 Cursed shall you be in the city, and cursed shall you be in the field.

Deu 28:17 Cursed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl.

Deu 28:18 Cursed shall be the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock.

Deu 28:19 Cursed shall you be when you come in, and cursed shall you be when you go out.

Deu 28:20 “The LORD will send on you curses, confusion, and frustration in all that you undertake to do, until you are destroyed and perish quickly on account of the evil of your deeds, because you have forsaken me.

Deu 28:21 The LORD will make the pestilence stick to you until he has consumed you off the land that you are entering to take possession of it.

Deu 28:22 The LORD will strike you with wasting disease and with fever, inflammation and fiery heat, and with drought and with blight and with mildew. They shall pursue you until you perish.

Deu 28:23 And the heavens over your head shall be bronze, and the earth under you shall be iron.

Deu 28:24 The LORD will make the rain of your land powder. From heaven dust shall come down on you until you are destroyed.

Deu 28:25 “The LORD will cause you to be defeated before your enemies. You shall go out one way against them and flee seven ways before them. And you shall be a horror to all the kingdoms of the earth.

Deu 28:26 And your dead body shall be food for all birds of the air and for the beasts of the earth, and there shall be no one to frighten them away.

Deu 28:27 The LORD will strike you with the boils of Egypt, and with tumors and scabs and itch, of which you cannot be healed.

Deu 28:28 The LORD will strike you with madness and blindness and confusion of mind,

Deu 28:29 and you shall grope at noonday, as the blind grope in darkness, and you shall not prosper in your ways. And you shall be only oppressed and robbed continually, and there shall be no one to help you.

Deu 28:30 You shall betroth a wife, but another man shall ravish her. You shall build a house, but you shall not dwell in it. You shall plant a vineyard, but you shall not enjoy its fruit.

Deu 28:31 Your ox shall be slaughtered before your eyes, but you shall not eat any of it. Your donkey shall be seized before your face, but shall not be restored to you. Your sheep shall be given to your enemies, but there shall be no one to help you.

Deu 28:32 Your sons and your daughters shall be given to another people, while your eyes look on and fail with longing for them all day long, but you shall be helpless.

Deu 28:33 A nation that you have not known shall eat up the fruit of your ground and of all your labors, and you shall be only oppressed and crushed continually,

Deu 28:34 so that you are driven mad by the sights that your eyes see.

Deu 28:35 The LORD will strike you on the knees and on the legs with grievous boils of which you cannot be healed, from the sole of your foot to the crown of your head.

Deu 28:36 “The LORD will bring you and your king whom you set over you to a nation that neither you nor your fathers have known. And there you shall serve other gods of wood and stone.

Deu 28:37 And you shall become a horror, a proverb, and a byword among all the peoples where the LORD will lead you away.

Deu 28:38 You shall carry much seed into the field and shall gather in little, for the locust shall consume it.

Deu 28:39 You shall plant vineyards and dress them, but you shall neither drink of the wine nor gather the grapes, for the worm shall eat them.

Deu 28:40 You shall have olive trees throughout all your territory, but you shall not anoint yourself with the oil, for your olives shall drop off.

Deu 28:41 You shall father sons and daughters, but they shall not be yours, for they shall go into captivity.

Deu 28:42 The cricket shall possess all your trees and the fruit of your ground.

Deu 28:43 The sojourner who is among you shall rise higher and higher above you, and you shall come down lower and lower.

Deu 28:44 He shall lend to you, and you shall not lend to him. He shall be the head, and you shall be the tail.

Deu 28:45 “All these curses shall come upon you and pursue you and overtake you till you are destroyed, because you did not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to keep his commandments and his statutes that he commanded you.

Deu 28:46 They shall be a sign and a wonder against you and your offspring forever.

Deu 28:47 Because you did not serve the LORD your God with joyfulness and gladness of heart, because of the abundance of all things,

Deu 28:48 therefore you shall serve your enemies whom the LORD will send against you, in hunger and thirst, in nakedness, and lacking everything. And he will put a yoke of iron on your neck until he has destroyed you.

Deu 28:49 The LORD will bring a nation against you from far away, from the end of the earth, swooping down like the eagle, a nation whose language you do not understand,

Deu 28:50 a hard-faced nation who shall not respect the old or show mercy to the young.

Deu 28:51 It shall eat the offspring of your cattle and the fruit of your ground, until you

are destroyed; it also shall not leave you grain, wine, or oil, the increase of your herds or the young of your flock, until they have caused you to perish.

Deu 28:52 “They shall besiege you in all your towns, until your high and fortified walls, in which you trusted, come down throughout all your land. And they shall besiege you in all your towns throughout all your land, which the LORD your God has given you.

Deu 28:53 And you shall eat the fruit of your womb, the flesh of your sons and daughters, whom the LORD your God has given you, in the siege and in the distress with which your enemies shall distress you.

Deu 28:54 The man who is the most tender and refined among you will begrudge food to his brother, to the wife he embraces, and to the last of the children whom he has left,

Deu 28:55 so that he will not give to any of them any of the flesh of his children whom he is eating, because he has nothing else left, in the siege and in the distress with which your enemy shall distress you in all your towns.

Deu 28:56 The most tender and refined woman among you, who would not venture to set the sole of her foot on the ground because she is so delicate and tender, will begrudge to the husband she embraces, to her son and to her daughter,

Deu 28:57 her afterbirth that comes out from between her feet and her children whom she bears, because lacking everything she will eat them secretly, in the siege and in the distress with which your enemy shall distress you in your towns.

Deu 28:58 “If you are not careful to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that you may fear this glorious and awesome name, the LORD your God,

Deu 28:59 then the LORD will bring on you and your offspring extraordinary afflictions, afflictions severe and lasting, and sicknesses grievous and lasting.

Deu 28:60 And he will bring upon you again all the diseases of Egypt, of which you were afraid, and they shall cling to you.

Deu 28:61 Every sickness also and every affliction that is not recorded in the book of this law, the LORD will bring upon you, until you are destroyed.

Deu 28:62 Whereas you were as numerous as the stars of heaven, you shall be left few in number, because you did not obey the voice of the LORD your God.

Deu 28:63 And as the LORD took delight in doing you good and multiplying you, so the LORD will take delight in bringing ruin upon you and destroying you. And you shall be plucked off the land that you are entering to take possession of it.

Deu 28:64 “And the LORD will scatter you among all peoples, from one end of the earth to the other, and there you shall serve other gods of wood and stone, which neither you nor your fathers have known.

Deu 28:65 And among these nations you shall find no respite, and there shall be no resting place for the sole of your foot, but the LORD will give you there a trembling heart and failing eyes and a languishing soul.

Deu 28:66 Your life shall hang in doubt before you. Night and day you shall be in dread and have no assurance of your life.

Deu 28:67 In the morning you shall say, ‘If only it were evening!’ and at evening you

shall say, 'If only it were morning!' because of the dread that your heart shall feel, and the sights that your eyes shall see.

Deu 28:68 And the LORD will bring you back in ships to Egypt, a journey that I promised that you should never make again; and there you shall offer yourselves for sale to your enemies as male and female slaves, but there will be no buyer.”

Let there be no mistake my friends, our Father in heaven has put before us blessings and curses. Blessings if we are obedient, and curses if we are not. In a nutshell it's just that simple. First John chapter 5 verse three tells us the very definition of the love of God. And according to the apostle John, the biblical definition of the love of God found in first John chapter 5 verse three tells us that the love of God is that we keep his commandments and his commandments are not burdensome to us. If this is indeed true, then how can today's modern-day Christian denominational empires of dirt proclaim that the spoken word of Yahovah is dead?

I tell you the truth my friends, if I were the devil... this would be my main objective to.

The “*Law*” in the Old Testament is actually the word “*Torah*” which once again is the spoken word of Yahovah that is primarily written down in the first five books of the Bible and have never been erased. And before we go any further here in our study this evening, I'd like to once again revisit **Psalms 19:7-11 E1**

Psa 19:7 The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;

Psa 19:8 the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;

Psa 19:9 the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.

Psa 19:10 More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

Psa 19:11 Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

The first thing that I want us to see written in Psalms chapter 19 is that the Torah of Yahovah is perfect. And I want us to understand that the proper rendering of Psalms chapter 19 verse seven in the Hebrew language is indeed and I quote, “*The Torah of Yahovah is perfect*”. (SHOW THEM)

LAW = TORAH

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תורה / תורה

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BDB Definition:

- 1) law, direction, **instruction**
- 1a) instruction, direction (human or divine)
- 1a1) **body of prophetic teaching**
- 1a2) instruction in Messianic age
- 1a3) **body of priestly direction or instruction**
- 1a4) body of legal directives
- 1b) law
- 1b1) law of the burnt offering
- 1b2) of special law, codes of law
- 1c) custom, manner
- 1d) **the Deuteronomic or Mosaic Law**

LORD = YEHOVAH

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yehôvâh

BDB Definition:

Jehovah = “the existing One”

- 1) **the proper name of the one true God**
- 1a) unpronounced except with the vowel pointings of H136

And so, if the Torah of Yahovah is perfect in the Old Testament, how then is it a curse in the New Testament? Think about that for just a moment. If the Torah of Yahovah is perfect in the Old Testament, how does the Torah become a curse in the New Testament? The answer to that question is... It does not. This goes back to the blessings and the curses that we were given in Deuteronomy chapter 28. Does the apostle Paul tell us that the law is a curse in the Old Testament? I would submit to my friends that the apostle Paul never ever at any time ever tells us that the law, the Torah, the spoken word of God is a curse at any time in the New Testament. What does the apostle Paul tell us about the Torah, the law, the spoken word of Yahovah in the New Testament? **(scrn 6)**

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.**

Clearly the law of sin and death can be found in Deuteronomy chapter 28 where Yahovah lays out before us the blessings and the curses of his spoken word. The blessings come from being obedient and the law of sin and death comes as part of the curses when we are disobedient to the spoken word of Yahovah. Once again, we must remember that the apostle Paul was a Pharisee himself who was well educated in the beginning of the book and not just in the back half of the book. The apostle Paul clearly knew and understood Deuteronomy chapter 28 where Yahovah had laid out the blessings and the curses of his spoken word, and the blessings come from obedience, and the curses come from disobedience which is indeed the law of sin and death. But most modern day 21st century Christians have no concept of this because they have been wrongfully and shamefully taught that they only have to read the back half of the Bible from the book of Matthew to the book of Revelation and therefore are completely ignorant and blinded of the truth of the blessings and the curses that have been laid out before them in the beginning of the book.

Should we keep the Law “Torah” or just part of it? I would submit to you once again that we need to listen closely to exactly what it was that the apostle Paul said about himself. **Acts 24:14-15 (scrn 7)**

Act 24:14 But this I confess to you, that according to the Way, which they call a sect, I worship the God of our fathers, believing everything laid down by the Law and written in the Prophets,

Act 24:15 having a hope in God, which these men themselves accept, that there will be a resurrection of both the just and the unjust.



Clearly here in the book of Acts we have the apostle Paul telling us that he believes everything laid down by the law and written by the prophets. Nowhere does the apostle Paul ever say that the law itself is a curse. The curse comes from the penalty of transgressing the spoken word of Yahovah's our Father. This is the curse of the law not the law itself. And once again we have James and the Elders in Jerusalem telling us that Paul always lived in observance of the law in **Acts 21:23-24 (scrn 8)**

PAUL ALWAYS LIVED IN OBERVANCE OF THE LAW

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.

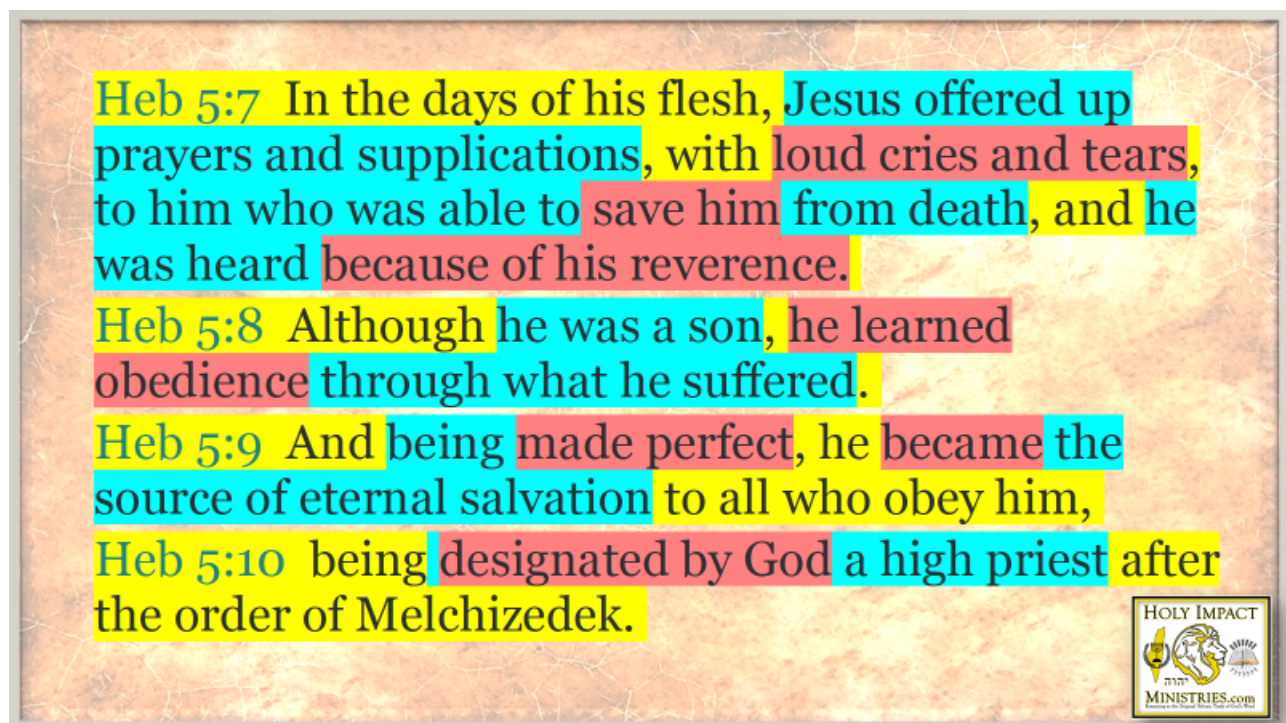


The truth of the matter is that we as modern-day 21st century Christians cannot keep the

Torah, the spoken word of Yahovah by the letter, and with the same detail that the house of Israel did in Moses day because we no longer have a physical temple, and we no longer have a Levitical priesthood. But... we do indeed have a temple. And we do indeed have a High Priest in the order of Melchizedek. Does this mean that the crossing of a T or the donning of an i has passed away from Yahovah's law, or his spoken word? God forbid!

It is because Yahovah's law and his spoken word still stands to this very day that we need a sacrificial offering, we need a ransom, we need a Passover lamb, we need a Messiah, a human man, a human sacrifice who came from the very body of David, and the tribe of Judah to be the propitiation of our sins. It is because the spoken word of Yahovah does still stand to this very day that those who do not have faith in his only begotten Son will not enter his kingdom. It is because the spoken word of Yahovah, his law still stands to this day, and not the crossing of a T or the daunting of an i has been taken away from his spoken word... that our Messiah was able to become the spoken word of Yahovah through his obedience to the spoken word of Yahovah.

Hebrews 5:7-10 (scrn 9)



The primary role of the Torah is to teach us what sin is, and why atonement is important. Sin which is the transgression of the spoken word of Yahovah is indeed a much more complex and serious matter than today's modern-day denominational charters of men think it is. Transgressing the spoken word of Yahovah is no small matter, and to atone for that transgression we must first understand how we have transgressed the spoken word of our Father in heaven. The Torah is the vehicle that Yahovah uses to define his definition of sin and his definition of righteousness. And it is the Torah that gives us his understanding.

The Torah is the one and only document that defines sin and its consequences and its

remedies. If you do not understand what is written in the Torah, then you will never understand what is written in the New Testament. The objective is to understand the Torah. The objective is to understand the spoken word of God as it was given and why it was given. The letter of the law helps us to understand the “*why*”. And without understanding the “*why*” we will never understand what our Messiah accomplished at the foot of the cross.

And we must remember that there is nothing magical about these sacrificial offerings that we are reading about in the book of Leviticus. There is nothing magical that happens through the blood of an innocent animal. The blood of an innocent animal is simply the representation of something that is used to help us understand in our human minds why the transgression of the spoken word of Yahovah leads to death.

It is written that Yahovah prefers our obedience rather than sacrifices. He would rather that we just be obedient! If we are obedient then we don’t need to sacrifice anything. That’s the objective my friends... The objective is obedience to the spoken word of Yahovah so that the sacrifice that has already been made for us through his only begotten Son does not need to be made again because it cannot be made again.

This sacrifice that was made by our Messiah the “*Son of God*”, our Passover lamb, was a one-time deal between God and man that cannot ever be made again. Now that this sacrifice has been made, it is up to us to choose obedience to him and to continue to keep his commandments because they are written in our hearts and in our minds and because they are written in our hearts and in our minds, they are no longer burdensome to us.

I hope that this short detour that we’ve taken from our study here this evening will indeed be a blessing to you and your family in helping to answer the most important question that Christianity is asking today... “*Should we as modern-day 21st century Christians be keeping the Torah?*”

And with that being said we will continue our study into Leviticus chapters 8, 9 and 10 and the ordination of the Levitical priesthood on the 19th of August on Wednesday evening at 7 PM Eastern standard Time.

Until then I would ask that everyone within the sound of my voice would please take what you have heard here today to your own prayer closet. Bow your head and bend your knee and face the holy promised land of Jerusalem and asking the name of Yeshua Hamashiach if what you have heard here today be true or not.

Ask, seek, and knock on his door and on his door alone, and the 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.