

Why The Law?

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I wanted to share a story that happened to me recently in Jerusalem. A man came to me for council, thinking that he had committed the unpardonable sin. He said that he willfully sinned after being a believer in Yahshua. He also said that he felt that he was going to the Lake of fire anyway, so why should he try to keep the Law or Torah of Yahweh?

This man's dilemma is not much different than all human beings today. Although many lawless Christians accuse us of trying to earn our salvation, because we strive to obey Yahweh's Torah, we understand this is not the case for true believers. In many respects we are no different than the young man who thought that he committed the unpardonable sin, "***for all have sinned and have fallen short of the glory of Yahweh***" (Ro 3:23). All true believers realize that our works have only gotten us a death penalty, so no one that ever lived can go before the throne of Yahweh and ask for salvation through his works **Rom 3:20** "***Because by works of Law not one of all flesh will be justified before Him, for through Law is full knowledge of sin.***" The bottom line is on judgment day two things will happen. Either Yahweh's mercy or justice will prevail. Either we will be granted entrance into his Kingdom through the grace and shed blood of his Son Yahshua, or we will get exactly what we deserve and be cast into the Lake of Fire. Both scenarios are completely just in the eyes of Yahweh, and it is his right as Creator of all to enact either scenario.

So why then would one keep the law of Yahweh? If we are saved already without the law, then why would we serve it, and if we are going to the Lake of Fire, what good would it do to keep the Torah in that case? The answer is actually the same in both cases. The law was never meant to be a salvational issue, it was only meant to teach us the difference between right and wrong (Ps119:105). There is not a person on this planet who does not want to be happy, and the stark reality is that the direct happiness of our lives totally depends on the *daily decisions* that we make each day. Whether we are talking about divorce, sexually transmitted diseases, unhappy job situations, or not being able to pay the rent, all of these are effects of poor decision making in our lives. The Torah or Law of Yahweh in the Bible is simply there to teach us right from wrong, and keep us from making so many poor decisions in our life that will only lead to our misery and unhappiness. **Psa 19:7** ***The Law of Yahweh is perfect, converting the soul. The Testimony of Yahweh is sure, making the simple wise.***

Psa 19:8 ***The precepts of Yahweh are right, rejoicing the heart. The commands of Yahweh are pure, giving light to the eyes.***

The Law is perfect, but we are not. As a matter of fact most people make decisions based on their own hearts. **Jer 17:9** ***The heart is deceitful above all things, and it is desperately wicked; who can know it?***

So the bottom line is that whether you are really saved, or don't even believe in Yahweh, it is only wisdom in keeping the Torah. **Gal 3:12b** "***but the man who does them shall live in them.***" Keeping the law of Yahweh will only lead to a meaningful fulfilled happy life. It will protect you from divorce, sickness, bitterness, and all the other penalties that come from sin. This is not religion, it is science. Eating pig will lead to heart disease. Eating highly toxic foods such as shellfish will lead to hepatitis, and other diseases. Adultery and fornication will lead to sexually transmitted diseases. Even proverbs fourteen tells us,

Pro 14:30 *A healthy heart is the life of the flesh, but envy is the rottenness of the bones.*

This is a scientific fact, that people with hatred and bitterness will develop bone cancer. My friend's father was told by his doctor, that his life was shortened at least ten years because of a spirit of envy. Yahweh's law is like gravity, it never fails, and even the Apostle Paul tells us; **Rom 7:12** *So indeed the Law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good.*

The problem is not with the perfect law of Yahweh, but with the rebellious nature of man. **Pro 14:12** *There is a way that seems right to a man, but the end of it is the ways of death.* The only reason an atheist does not want to believe in Yahweh is that he does not want any accountability to a higher authority. But as we have shown, there is no escaping the laws of nature that Yahweh put in force. You will reap what you sow, so whether you are saved or not, it is only wisdom and toward the end of an individual's happiness that he would keep the laws of Yahweh. A man I met this summer had similar thoughts, contemplating whether we need to keep Yahweh's law or not. Then he told me, that he asked himself a simple question. What would the world be like if all the earth kept just one of the Ten Commandments? *Let's say thou shalt not steal.* He thought and said. There would never again be a kidnapped child. There would be no adultery because someone would not steal someone else's wife. There would be no tension in the world and wars over people taking someone else's land. And there would be no locks on doors, because you would not need them. Now does this sound like slavery or freedom?

There is a second reason though, that a true believer would keep the torah. If the law is the perfect will of Yahweh, as we have seen, then we would want to do everything in that perfect will to keep our relationship with Yahweh pure. So now, we would keep the law by Faith. Hebrew 11:6 *says it is impossible to please Yahweh without faith.* Faith is "simply believing every thing that Yahweh says is true." We are not obeying Torah to be saved, as we already are saved by the blood of Yahshua, but we are obeying Torah by faith, as our father Abraham did, because we believe Yahweh when he says his word is **PERFECT!** For me to change even one letter of his word, would be showing it is not perfect, and making myself a creator besides him, breaking the first commandment.

Deu 5:7 *You shall have no other Elohim before Me.* To say that the law is written on my heart, therefore I don't have to keep it, makes absolutely no sense whatsoever. It is like a sick man with pneumonia saying my medicine is in the refrigerator; therefore I will get better by not taking it. How can something be written on your heart and done away with at the same time. This is truly mocking Yahshua's spirit of grace. He is clear. If you love him **Obey** His Commandments! **1Jo 2:4** *The one saying, I have known Him, and not keeping His commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in that one.* This is plain that the ones claiming to be true followers of Yahshua's should as we read in; **1Jo 2:6;** *The one claiming to rest in Him ought so to walk himself as that One walked.* All others are not walking in the light of scripture. **Isa 8:20** *To the Law and to the Testimony! If they do not speak according to this Word, it is because there is no dawn to them!* **BEWARE** of wolves in sheep clothing!

Mat 7:21 *Not everyone who says to Me, Master, Master, will enter into the kingdom of Heaven, but the ones who do the will of My Father in Heaven.* **Mat 7:22** *Many will say to Me in that day, Master, Master, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name do many works of power?*

Mat 7:23 *And then I will declare to them, I never knew you; "depart from Me, those working lawlessness!"* The way we know the perfect will of Yahweh is through his word, the Torah and the New Testament; let us strive to be one with our Heavenly Father through the words that he has given us.