

In an attempt to bring balance and understanding into the belief system of men the author seeks to display Scriptural testimony that the law of God has never been annulled by the appearing of the grace of God, has is seen in Messiah our Lord. Further, that the preaching/teaching of the law is needed in various ways: to bring sinners to repentance, to teach the Believer what righteous living really looks like, to serve as the standard of judgment by which men are judged at the end of this age, and in the age to come it will become the norm of thought and behavior in the nations that will exist at that time.

## Do The Psalms And The Prophets Teach Christians That The Law Should Be Obeyed? (The Torah, the body of God's Commandments)

### Hey America:

The answer to the question posed in the title of this article is YES. The Psalms and the Prophets testify together harmoniously that the commandments of God em-bodied in the Torah exist today and are eternal. **The reason this is so, is that God is law, and the written law is but a reflection of both His person and His purposes.** This same truth exists in the world of men. **For what person or government ever established and enforced a law that was not after his/its own value system and purpose?** Good and righteous men create good and righteous laws. Wicked men create evil and foolish laws, each after their person, and their purposes.



Therefore, upon this reasoning alone, how can it ever be thought that the laws of the eternal God who is both the creator and master of everything could be annulled or made void? For to make void His law is equal to making God Himself void. Can the One who created all things, and by whose power and wisdom all things are sustained, can this person be made void? The answer is obviously no, and neither can His law be made void.

This article is meant to stand in opposition to the belief system that proposes that the grace of God that has been revealed by the coming of our Lord Yeshua, the Messiah, (*the Christ*

*as some call Him*) has made the Law void. We will do this by bringing testimony forth from not only New Testament sources, but also from the Psalms and the Prophets. The very source material that the early Apostles preached from, and used to establish the New Testament Scripture, and the New Testament Church.

In the great treatise that we now refer to as the **Book of Romans** the Apostle Paul, who in his time was a great promoter and defender of the faith, establishes the reality that Messiah stands between the Believer and the Law. This is pointedly spoken of in Roman's 5:14 where it says, **"...for ye are not under the law, but under grace."** And of course, we know that this grace (*favor*) that the apostle is speaking of is accessed only by the faith of the Believer. Thus, it is written in another place, **"For by grace are ye**

*saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is a gift of God. Not of works lest any man should boast*" (Ephesians 2:8-9, KJV). However, please allow me to make this simple point. If the law has ceased to exist, if at some point, it had been annulled as many choose to believe it has been, then the grace of God *which is present in the person of Messiah*) would not exist to stand between the Believer and the Law. But I suggest to you as even the Apostle Paul suggested in his time, that the faith of the Believer in no wise can make God's law void, for please take note of these words spoken by the Apostle Paul (Ro. 3:31 KJV). ***"Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law."*** It is extremely obvious to me that the Book of Romans, along with the other New Testament books clearly testify that the Believer is justified purely by the mercy of God, completely apart from the keeping of the commandments of the law, in that NO man (*with the exception of Messiah Himself*) has ever been able to fully (*blamelessly*) obey God's laws. **However, once a soul of man has been justified by the mercy of God, then righteousness in that person's behavior, and consequently a life that rightly testifies of eternal and heavenly realities can only be obtained by obedience to YeHoVah's commandments.**

Why do I as a Christian Preacher bother to speak of this point? It is because of the existence of confusion, outright unbelief, and disobedience regarding the reality that God's laws were never made void, but are meant of God to be obeyed, and in faithful obedience they are to be fleshed out in the lives of Believers.

Failure to recognize and obey this truth brings forth tremendous error in the belief system and consequently the manner of life of people. A few classic examples of this that have very far-reaching ramifications are:



- That so many refuse to obey the commandment of God that teaches the keeping of the Seventh Day Sabbath, let alone the other Sabbaths commanded in the Scripture.
- The failure of so many to admit and practice the reality that the Law of God has never and does not now allow for equality of headship between men and women.
- That so many refuse to adorn the sexes distinctly different, the one from the other. For to disobey this is an abomination in God's sight, for He created the sexes in their persons to reflect very different eternal and heavenly realities, therefore it is an abominable thing to God for men and women to be adorned similarly.
- Corruptions of the reality that marriage is a picture of the relationship of Messiah and the Believer. The wife (*or wives if he has more than one*) is owned by the husband, and thus, as Messiah owns all Believers the husband is to mimic Messiah in all points of authority and responsibility toward his wife, and the children she brings forth to him. The woman is to mimic the proper actions of a Believer toward Messiah in her actions and attitude toward her husband. To do less than this is to mock the very grace of God that calls us to Messiah, and to divorce un-scripturally is to practice an abomination. For God hates divorce.
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## The Psalms Repeatedly Speak Of the Beauty and Purpose of YeHoVah's Law

- Psalms 19:7-9 KJV--*The law of the LORD* (YeHoVah',—the eternal name of God, used nearly 7,000 times in the original Biblical text) *is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD* (YeHoVah') *is true, making wise the simple. The statutes of the LORD* (YeHoVah') *are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD* (YeHoVah') *is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the LORD* (YeHoVah') *is clean, enduring forever: the judgments of the LORD* (YeHoVah') *are true and righteous altogether.*
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## John The Revelator's Wisdom

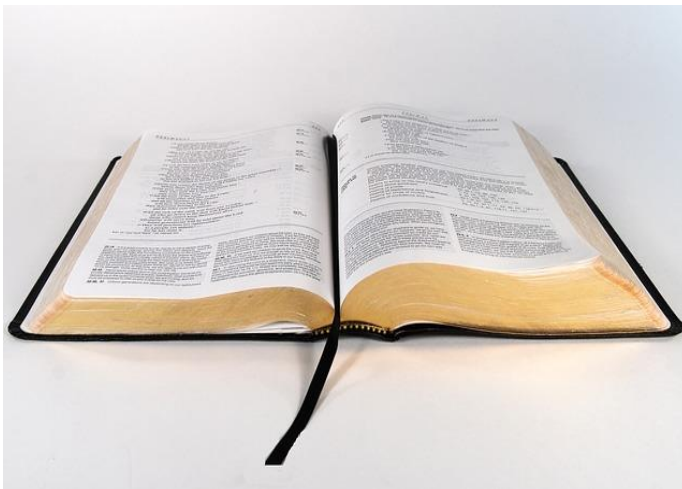
John's writings testify to whoever has eyes to see, and ears to hear, that Believers have two signature qualities which meet God's approval.

- Revelation 12:17 KJV—*And the dragon was wroth with the woman and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which **keep the commandments** of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ.*
- Revelation 14:12 KJV--*Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that **keep the commandments of God**, and the faith of Jesus Christ.*

## The Prophet Isaiah Was Able To Foresee

Isaiah was able to look ahead in the Spirit to a time when the Law of God would fill the earth.

- Isaiah 42:4 KJV—*He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he (Yeshua) have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait on His law.* (a prophecy concerning Messiah)



## Jeremiah the Prophet Foresaw A Time When God's Law Would Be Written, Not In Tablets Of Stone, But In The Hearts Of Men

- Jeremiah 31:33 KJV—*But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days saith the LORD (YeHoVah) I will put my law in their inward parts and write it in their hearts, and will be their God, and they shall be my people.* (If God's law were made void as so many claim, they how could YeHoVah write them upon the tablets of our heart?)

## The Prophet Micah Foreseeing The End Times

- Micah 4:1-2 KJV--*But in the last days.....and many nations shall come,.....and he (Messiah our*

Lord) *will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion.....*

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## **Malachi Speaks Of A Believer's Responsibility In Handling YeHoVah's Word**

The Old Testament Priest was a picture of a New Testament Minister, who is a minister of the word of the Lord, which the law is a part of.

- Malachi 2:7 KJV—*For the Priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth; for he is a messenger of the LORD (YeHoVah') of Hosts.*
- Malachi 4:1&4 KJV—*For, behold the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble, and the day that cometh shall burn them up.....*(Who is it that does wickedly? All those that do not abide in the faith of Yeshua, and do not keep His commandments) *Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him at Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments.*

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## **Jeremiah Gives A Reason Why Men Do Not Obey**

Jeremiah testified against Israel that the reason for their disobedience was pride. Even to this day Pride of heart remains a basic reason for disobedience.

- Jeremiah 44:10 KJV—*They are not humbled even unto this day, neither have they feared, nor walked in my law, nor in my statutes, that I set before you and before your forefathers.*

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## **Hosea States That Men Are Ignorant of YeHoVah's Law, But Mainly Because They Reject His Law, and Consider Elements Of His Law As Foolishness**

- Hosea 4:6 KJV--*My People are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because thou hast rejected knowledge.....seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God.....*
- Hosea 8:12 KJV—*I have written to him the great things of my law, but they were counted as a strange thing.*

## **Amos the Prophet Spoke Of How Men Loved the Traditions of Men, and Hated Yehovah's Laws**

- Amos 2:4 KJV—*Thus saith the LORD: (YeHoVah') For three transgressions of Judah and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof, because they have despised the law of the LORD, (YeHoVah') and have not kept his commandments, and their lies caused them to err, after the which their father have walked.*

## Lastly, We Hear The Words Of The Greatest Teacher And Prophet Of All. The Lord Yeshua, The Messiah

- Revelations 22:14 KJV--*Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.*
- Matthew 5:17-19 KJV--*Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.*

In the conclusion of this article my exhortation is simple. Do not allow yourself to be deceived into thinking that the commandments of the Law have no need of being fleshed out in the lives of men, and especially in the lives of Believers. For the keeping of the Law can save no man, but it is first the preaching of the Law that is used by the Holy Spirit to bring forth conviction of sin, and without the conviction of sin the Everlasting Gospel can never be obtained by any soul of man. For men must first be convicted of sin to be able to recognize their need for a savior and turn by faith into the arms of Yeshua. It is then the teaching of the commandments of God are used by the Holy Spirit to instruct men as to how to live out righteousness, the which brings forth a life that properly reflects Messiah and His purposes.

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