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Torah in The Heart (Make Plain the Teachings; Jeremiah's New Covenant Oracle; What will Things Look Like When the New Covenant Comes In; This is YHVH's Torah; The Torah of YHVH is Perfect – Walk In It; The Plan of God; Blessings and Curses; The Word of YHVH – Hear It and Do It; Circumcision of the Heart; It's for Our Good; What's in Your Heart; Will You Keep My Commandments or Not; Do God's Commands and Live)

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Torah in The Heart

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TEACHING NOTES

-Today I want to build on a subject that I started on February 9th in which the first part of that series was called “A New Covenant – Part One”; the second part was given on February 16th and was called “Jeremiah's New Covenant Scroll”; and the third part was given on March 16th and was called “The New Covenant Oracle”.

A New Covenant – Part One (A Distinction between Jeremiah's New Covenant (Chapter 31) and the Book of Hebrews New Covenant (Chapter 8); Replacement Theology; The Story Behind Jeremiah's New Covenant Prophecy; Baruch, Son of Neriah, The Scribe; Who is a Prophet; Directly From the Mouth of YHVH, “Thus Says YHVH”, “Declares YHVH”, “The Word of YHVH Came to Me”, “YHVH Said/Called/Spoke to Me”; “The Word which was to Jeremiah from YHVH Saying; Jeremiah's New Covenant Scroll)

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Jeremiah's New Covenant Scroll (Jeremiah's New Covenant Prophecy – Jeremiah 31:31-34; The Word That Came to Jeremiah from YHVH; Take the Scroll and Write on it All the Words of YHVH; Baruch, Son of Neriah, The Scribe; Daniel's Seventy Week Prophecy and Jeremiah 25; Understand in the Word – Understand in the Vision; Bring Back the Captivity – A Message for the House of Israel and the House of Judah; Grab Hold of the Covenant; YHVH Will Save His People; There is No Remedy; You Shall be My People and I will be Your God; YHVH's Purposes are Done; Let Us Go to Zion; Ephraim is My Son; Rachel is Weeping for Her Son, for He is Not; Joseph is Still Alive – Stop Your Weeping; Follow the Way in Which You Came; God's Dream; People are Put to Death for Their Own Sins; God's Son is Returning; Valley of Dry Bones; Return to YHVH; After Two Days He Will Revive Us; I Will Plant Them in the Land with All My Heart and All My Soul)

Audio/Video Link: <https://unitedisrael.org/jeremiahs-new-covenant-scroll/>

The New Covenant Oracle (Jeremiah 31 – The New Covenant Oracle; Foreigners Who Join Themselves to YHVH; Turn to YHVH and be Saved; Three Steps to the New Covenant; (1) An Internalization of the Torah; (2) An Improved Intimate Relationship; and (3) An Advancement of the Knowledge of God; A Matter of the Heart – Getting the

Inside Right; Listen – Learn – Guard – Do; I will be Your God and You will be My People; Return to Me and I will Return to You; Turn and Live; Circumcision of the Heart)

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-Today is a follow up (ie. Part Four) to the three previous teachings wherein I want to take this just a little bit further and should benefit us in our understanding. I've called today's class "Torah in The Heart". We covered Torah on the inside recently but today I want to take the class in a little bit different direction.

-The purpose of my teaching, especially of late has been if you notice the subject matter, it's to clarify certain key biblical concepts plainly according to the text of the Hebrew Bible that may not have been properly understood. What was the original context and meaning of those ideas? Part of this is to present the teaching plainly.

-Deu 1:5a Beyond the Jordan, in the land of Moab, Moses undertook to explain this law.

-The idea is to present subject material in such a way that you can grab hold of it and you can understand it. Of late, I am focusing on subjects that have either been misapplied, misunderstood, or even misappropriated. We have key terms in our religious toolbox that we might not be using in the right way. The whole purpose of these teachings is to present it plainly. When we study scripture we should do so from the words, in connection with the words, and on the basis of the words. We are going to look at the biblical text to define the biblical text. Speak where the bible speaks, be silent where the bible is silent, call bible things by bible names and do bible things in bible ways. Let the text of the Hebrew Scriptures define and clarify our understanding. Today, many commentaries have become disconnected from the text of the bible. I like to found everything that we know and understand and seek to understand from the text of the Hebrew Bible itself. Many who claim to follow biblical faith use the right words or the right terms but they do it in the wrong way.

-A lot of people reference the new covenant but they do so in a way that takes it out of its context. The purpose of the three recent classes on the new covenant were to take us back into the text themselves and take a look at what we can learn about Jeremiah's New Covenant from Jeremiah as the source of our understanding. Ironically, many people have looked to a lot of other people than to Jeremiah to understand the new covenant. Many people today in various religious settings and groups often claim to follow the new covenant and claim to be "under the new covenant". It's imperative for us to seek to understand that.

-Today's teaching is a continuation of the previous three part series but it sets out to answer a little bit more of a specific question that's related to Jeremiah's New Covenant Oracle. Today's teaching is titled "Torah in The Heart". I want to focus more closely on what I called in last week's teaching, the internalization of the Torah. I have already validated the saying with scriptures, I'm actually asking a deeper question. What does the Torah in the heart do? What is the evidence that one has the Torah on the heart? In certain text we are told to write these things on our hearts and we know that there are scriptures where there are people that have the Torah on their heart, but what does it do?

-People have ideas about the world to come when a large portion of God's people will have the Torah written on the heart but what does that lead to? What does the world look like when the knowledge of God covers the earth as the waters cover the sea? Some

believe that we will be like the angles of heaven and there won't be male or female, yet I have not found any of this in scripture. I find that there are children born and that people live long age, certain things that are very much like they are now. It's not to say that the new world will not be cast in a better way or a better place, a new heavens and a new earth, I just don't see us as beings of light, floating around with wings. What does it look like when the new covenant is in full force? Is it so different than it is right now?

-Jer 31:31-34 "Behold, the days are coming, declares YHVH, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares YHVH. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares YHVH: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know YHVH,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares YHVH. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

-Specifically, I will put my Torah in their midst, and on their heart I will write it. We are bringing this even closer in compared to the first three classes in this series. A lot of questions come from this, what Torah are we talking about, Genesis thru Deuteronomy, or Deuteronomy itself or something else? In Jeremiah 31:33b God is speaking and he says, "I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts." In this verse when it says my Torah, this is YHVH's Torah.

-Torah means instruction or direction. If we defined Torah as the Book of Genesis through the Book of Deuteronomy, those five books contain more than Torah. If this is the case than it contains not only instruction and direction, it contains narrative, and poetry, and various things which all come together in to what we later defined as the Torah. What part of Torah is YHVH's Torah, meaning YHVH instruction for living?

-Some people say that when the Torah is written on the heart it will be all of Genesis through Deuteronomy. Others think that the true Torah is represented in two phrases, love the Lord with all your heart and love your neighbor as yourself. Some people say I have the Torah written on my heart but it doesn't mean I do any of the laws. They would also say, you can't keep the law anyway. Love God, love your neighbor as yourself, and the Torah is written on my heart, and I try to do the best I can. If you ask them, do you try to follow the Torah, do you follow the teachings, and they say no I'm not under the Torah. Another group says the whole thing is written on your heart and you have to do it. So what's the answer here?

-When I talk about the instruction of YHVH, I'm talking about something that is described variously in scripture. In Psalm 1 we get a picture of two distinct groups, the righteous and the wicked. We also learn in Psalm 1, blessed is the man whose delight is in the Torah of YHVH and in his Torah he meditates day and night. This indicates that YHVH's Torah is discernable, something that is firmly established and developed in the course of scripture.

-Psa 19:7-9 The law of YHVH is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of YHVH is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of YHVH are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of YHVH is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of YHVH is clean, enduring forever; the rules of YHVH are true, and righteous altogether.

-Psa 119:1-3 Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of YHVH! Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart, who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways!

-The law of YHVH is perfect and has the power to convert the essence of a being or cause to return, the very essence of a being. It can literally cause a revival if you will. The Torah of YHVH can revive the soul. Those who delight in it and meditate on it day and night and walk in it whose way is blameless will be blessed. It can bring a conversion of the soul, it's perfect, it's complete, and it brings about blessing. Torah provides us with direction and tells us which way to go for blessing and for life.

-Tragically, the Torah is often not associated with blessing. People today have associated that which was meant to bring life and blessing with curse and death. This is so mixed up and lacking direction, they lack Torah.

-Isa 51:1 "Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek YHVH: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug.

-Isa 51:4 "Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.

-This is the Torah of YHVH. YHVH is speaking and defining something that will go forth from him that is the Torah.

-Isa 2:2-3 (Mic 4:1-2) It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of YHVH shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of YHVH, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of YHVH from Jerusalem.

-Isa 51:7 "Listen to me, you who know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law; fear not the reproach of man, nor be dismayed at their revilings.

-Those who seek YHVH, those who chase righteousness, ultimately are those who know righteousness and those in whose heart is the Torah. The plan of God has not changed or been altered ever. It's always been the same criteria to define those who are righteous in God's eyes. God has always had the same demands, the same requirements, the same requests, and the same desire. It's mankind who has not followed through with achieving that which God set out as something which is achievable. If your understanding of mankind is that man is something in a fallen state, not capable of doing that which God says, this isn't biblical. Man is created in the image of God, fully capable of fulfilling that which God has required of him. It doesn't mean that we don't have a heart condition. It doesn't mean that mankind has a proclivity towards sin and unrighteousness. God set the bar so that mankind can achieve it, you can do it.

-Gen 4:3-7 In the course of time Cain brought to YHVH an offering of the fruit of the ground, and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And YHVH had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. YHVH said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it."

-Psa 82:5-6 They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken. I said, "You are gods, sons of the Most High, all of you.

-God made mankind a little lower than the angels but with the potential for greatness. Greatness is achieved through obedience. God's plan has not changed, those who achieve righteousness in any given age, do it the same way, by doing it.

-Gen 26:2-5 And YHVH appeared to him and said, "Do not go down to Egypt; dwell in the land of which I shall tell you. Sojourn in this land, and I will be with you and will bless you, for to you and to your offspring I will give all these lands, and I will establish the oath that I swore to Abraham your father. I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and will give to your offspring all these lands. And in your offspring all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because Abraham obeyed my voice and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws."

-Deu 4:2 You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of YHVH your God that I command you.

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

-Literally its saying, Abraham guarded my guarded things, which means to not add to or take away from the Torah of YHVH. You are going to protect those things which are to be guarded. What are my guarded things, it says my commands, my statutes, and my Torah's, my instructions. Because Abraham guarded YHVH's commands, statutes, and Torah all this blessing flows. Do what it is you are supposed to do and blessing flows. If you don't do these things, blessings won't flow. If you do these things the blessings will chase you down and overtake you. If you don't do these things, curses will chase you down and overtake you. God's plan has not significantly changed throughout history. What does God want from man?

-Deu 5:29 Oh that they had such a heart as this always, to fear me and to keep all my commandments, that it might go well with them and with their descendants forever!

-Oh that they had in them this heart. God's greatest desire is that people, his creation, the crowning achievement of the creation is humanity. If they just had a heart that would fear God and keep his commandments all the days. The Plan of God and the method whereby we can attain a status of righteousness in God's eyes are to be on the right side of history. It's not a secret, it's not beyond our grasp, and it's not something that's unachievable.

-Deu 29:29-30:14 "The secret things belong to YHVH our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this instruction. "And when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where YHVH your God has driven you, and return to YHVH your God, you and your children, and obey his voice in all that I command you today, with all your heart and with all your soul, then YHVH your God will restore your fortunes and have mercy on you, and he will gather you again from all the peoples where YHVH your God has scattered you. If your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there YHVH your God will gather you, and from there he will take you. And YHVH your God will bring you into the land that your fathers possessed, that you may possess it. And he will make you more prosperous and numerous than your fathers. And YHVH your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love YHVH your God with all your

heart and with all your soul, that you may live. And YHVH your God will put all these curses on your foes and enemies who persecuted you. And you shall again obey the voice of YHVH and keep all his commandments that I command you today. YHVH your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your womb and in the fruit of your cattle and in the fruit of your ground. For YHVH will again take delight in prospering you, as he took delight in your fathers, when you obey the voice of YHVH your God, to keep his commandments and his statutes that are written in this Torah, when you turn to YHVH your God with all your heart and with all your soul. "For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off. It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will ascend to heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.

-Here in the Torah of Moses as it's called we get a glimpse of the New Covenant. This is prophetic, the children of Israel have not even crossed into the Promised Land and Moses never will. This is a prophecy that after the blessings and the curses come upon the children of Israel and they are scattered among the nations they are going to come to themselves and return to the heart and when they do, God's going to circumcise their heart. He's going to circumcise their heart for a very specific reason, to empower them to do and keep the commandments which is all that God ever wanted. The whole purpose of a circumcision of the heart is to enable and empower through God's Spirit and the working of God to enable and empower us to keep and do his commands. The secret things belong to YHVH but that which is revealed is revealed for one purpose, that we might do. Scripture says that God's Spirit does a work in us which enables us to do what he always wanted us to do. Oh that they had such a heart in them as this. This is prophetic in that it describes a return to the heart during a dispersion, a promised ingathering of the exiles which is the whole meaning and goal of history is that Israel who is scattered will return. That's what the new covenant is about.

-Jer 31:31-34 "Behold, the days are coming, declares YHVH, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares YHVH. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares YHVH: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know YHVH,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares YHVH. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

-A promised ingathering of exiles, a return to the heart, a whole hearted return to God with all your heart and all you soul and a circumcision of heart. Everything depends upon obedience as we would call it, or as scripture calls it, doing it. You can't be obedient and not do God's instruction.

-The return to heart, the whole hearted return, and even the circumcision of heart lead us primarily to one thing, that you may do it. As YHVH said, Oh that they had such a heart in them as this, to fear me and to guard my commands all the day. This results in, that it might be well with them and their children. It's for your good. Everything about the

instruction of YHVH, the teaching of YHVH is for our good. What's in your Heart? Will you do his commandments or not?

-Deu 8:1-3 "The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that YHVH swore to give to your fathers. And you shall remember the whole way that YHVH your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of YHVH.

-What would the world be like if for one day everybody followed the commands? They didn't murder, they didn't steal, and they didn't take another person's loved one. What about for one hour? There is some tremendous good going on in the world today but there is also a lot of untold bad. What's in our heart? Everything in the wilderness was for the purpose to know whether or not they would do it.

-Exo 35:1 Moses assembled all the congregation of the people of Israel and said to them, "These are the things that YHVH has commanded you to do.

-Lev 19:37 And you shall observe all my statutes and all my rules, and do them: I am YHVH."

-Lev 20:7-8 Consecrate yourselves, therefore, and be holy, for I am YHVH your God. Keep my statutes and do them; I am YHVH who sanctifies you.

-Lev 20:22 "You shall therefore keep all my statutes and all my rules and do them, that the land where I am bringing you to live may not vomit you out.

-Lev 22:30-31 It shall be eaten on the same day; you shall leave none of it until morning: I am YHVH. "So you shall keep my commandments and do them: I am YHVH.

-Lev 25:18 "Therefore you shall do my statutes and keep my rules and perform them, and then you will dwell in the land securely.

-Lev 26:3-4 "If you walk in my statutes and observe my commandments and do them, then I will give you your rains in their season, and the land shall yield its increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit.

-Num 15:37-41 YHVH said to Moses, "Speak to the people of Israel, and tell them to make tassels on the corners of their garments throughout their generations, and to put a cord of blue on the tassel of each corner. And it shall be a tassel for you to look at and remember all the commandments of YHVH, to do them, not to follow after your own heart and your own eyes, which you are inclined to whore after. So you shall remember and do all my commandments, and be holy to your God. I am YHVH your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt to be your God: I am YHVH your God."

-Deu 7:11-16 You shall therefore be careful to do the commandment and the statutes and the rules that I command you today. "And because you listen to these rules and keep and do them, YHVH your God will keep with you the covenant and the steadfast love that he swore to your fathers. He will love you, bless you, and multiply you. He will also bless the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground, your grain and your wine and your oil, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock, in the land that he swore to your fathers to give you. You shall be blessed above all peoples. There shall not be male or female barren among you or among your livestock. And YHVH will take away from you all sickness, and none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which you knew, will he inflict

on you, but he will lay them on all who hate you. And you shall consume all the peoples that YHVH your God will give over to you. Your eye shall not pity them, neither shall you serve their gods, for that would be a snare to you.

-Deu 26:16-19 "This day YHVH your God commands you to do these statutes and rules. You shall therefore be careful to do them with all your heart and with all your soul. You have declared today that YHVH is your God, and that you will walk in his ways, and keep his statutes and his commandments and his rules, and will obey his voice. And YHVH has declared today that you are a people for his treasured possession, as he has promised you, and that you are to keep all his commandments, and that he will set you in praise and in fame and in honor high above all nations that he has made, and that you shall be a people holy to YHVH your God, as he promised."

-Deu 29:9-15 Therefore keep the words of this covenant and do them, that you may prosper in all that you do. "You are standing today all of you before YHVH your God: the heads of your tribes, your elders, and your officers, all the men of Israel, your little ones, your wives, and the sojourner who is in your camp, from the one who chops your wood to the one who draws your water, so that you may enter into the sworn covenant of YHVH your God, which YHVH your God is making with you today, that he may establish you today as his people, and that he may be your God, as he promised you, and as he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. It is not with you alone that I am making this sworn covenant, but with whoever is standing here with us today before YHVH our God, and with whoever is not here with us today.

-Deu 27:26 "Cursed be anyone who does not confirm the words of this law by doing them.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

-Jer 11:1-8 The word that came to Jeremiah from YHVH: "Hear the words of this covenant, and speak to the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem. You shall say to them, Thus says YHVH, the God of Israel: Cursed be the man who does not hear the words of this covenant that I commanded your fathers when I brought them out of the land of Egypt, from the iron furnace, saying, Listen to my voice, and do all that I command you. So shall you be my people, and I will be your God, that I may confirm the oath that I swore to your fathers, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey, as at this day." Then I answered, "So be it, YHVH." And YHVH said to me, "Proclaim all these words in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem: Hear the words of this covenant and do them. For I solemnly warned your fathers when I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, warning them persistently, even to this day, saying, Obey my voice. Yet they did not obey or incline their ear, but everyone walked in the stubbornness of his evil heart. Therefore I brought upon them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded them to do, but they did not."

-Eze 11:17-20 Therefore say, 'Thus says Adonai YHVH: I will gather you from the peoples and assemble you out of the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel.' And when they come there, they will remove from it all its detestable things and all its abominations. And I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, that they may walk in my statutes and keep my rules and obey them. And they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

-Do you understand that when YHVH takes out the heart of stone and replaces it with a heart of flesh and puts a new Spirit within this people it's to enable and empower them to

do what he always expected them to do. Oh that they had such a heart in them as this always.

-Eze 37:15-28 The word of YHVH came to me: "Son of man, take a stick and write on it, 'For Judah, and the people of Israel associated with him'; then take another stick and write on it, 'For Joseph (the stick of Ephraim) and all the house of Israel associated with him.' And join them one to another into one stick, that they may become one in your hand. And when your people say to you, 'Will you not tell us what you mean by these?' say to them, Thus says Adonai YHVH: Behold, I am about to take the stick of Joseph (that is in the hand of Ephraim) and the tribes of Israel associated with him. And I will join with it the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, that they may be one in my hand. When the sticks on which you write are in your hand before their eyes, then say to them, Thus says Adonai YHVH: Behold, I will take the people of Israel from the nations among which they have gone, and will gather them from all around, and bring them to their own land. And I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel. And one king shall be king over them all, and they shall be no longer two nations, and no longer divided into two kingdoms. They shall not defile themselves anymore with their idols and their detestable things, or with any of their transgressions. But I will save them from all the backslidings in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them; and they shall be my people, and I will be their God. "My servant David shall be king over them, and they shall all have one shepherd. They shall walk in my rules and be careful to obey my statutes. They shall dwell in the land that I gave to my servant Jacob, where your fathers lived. They and their children and their children's children shall dwell there forever, and David my servant shall be their prince forever. I will make a covenant of peace with them. It shall be an everlasting covenant with them. And I will set them in their land and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in their midst forevermore. My dwelling place shall be with them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Then the nations will know that I am YHVH who sanctifies Israel, when my sanctuary is in their midst forevermore."

-This is future language and yet it still brings about I will be their God and they will be my people is this adherence to the teaching. Doing the commands clearly brings life.

-Lev 18:1-5 And YHVH spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, I am YHVH your God. You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt, where you lived, and you shall not do as they do in the land of Canaan, to which I am bringing you. You shall not walk in their statutes. You shall follow my rules and keep my statutes and walk in them. I am YHVH your God. You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am YHVH.

-Eze 20:11, 13, 21 I gave them my statutes and made known to them my rules, by which, if a person does them, he shall live. But the house of Israel rebelled against me in the wilderness. They did not walk in my statutes but rejected my rules, by which, if a person does them, he shall live; and my Sabbaths they greatly profaned. "Then I said I would pour out my wrath upon them in the wilderness, to make a full end of them. But the children rebelled against me. They did not walk in my statutes and were not careful to obey my rules, by which, if a person does them, he shall live; they profaned my Sabbaths. "Then I said I would pour out my wrath upon them and spend my anger against them in the wilderness.

-Neh 9:29 And you warned them in order to turn them back to your law. Yet they acted presumptuously and did not obey your commandments, but sinned against your rules, which if a person does them, he shall live by them, and they turned a stubborn shoulder and stiffened their neck and would not obey.

-Hab 2:4 "Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.

-The person that does them will live in them. The righteous live in his trust and it brings life. All alone YHVH has desired his people to do his commands knowing that this brings life and blessing and that his Torah is perfect, converting the soul. All who know righteousness have the Torah on their heart and all those who have the Torah on their heart walk therein. You can't have the Torah on your heart and not do the commands. It's no secret, it's not beyond our grasp. The true message of the covenant, any covenant between mankind and YHVH involves doing his commands. It's always been the same, the plan has not changed.

-When you go back to Adam, what brings problems is when they violate a command. Abraham is consider righteous because he does and follows the instructions. Moses brings the same message all the way through. If other people or groups teach that God's commands are not important and that they aren't related somehow with establishing a relationship between God and people, if they say there is no connections and they say you shouldn't keep, if they teach that God's commands are done away with, run from that, it's just not biblical, it's a lie. What's in your heart? I set before you today, life and blessing, death and cursing, choose life, choose life.

Shabbat Shalom, Shavua Tov; See you next week!

THIS WEEK IN TORAH

MARCH 23, 2019

This week's Torah Portion Tzav: "Command" (Leviticus 6:1 – 8:36) Priests and offerings, Taking of the ash and altar fire, Three altar fires, Meal/Sin/Guilt offerings, Koshering, Gifts to the Kohen, Thanksgiving offering, Eating in a state of contamination, Fat and blood, The parts and their order, Consecration of Aaron and his sons.

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