

# The Refreshing

*Everyone knows that Yeshua said that he wouldn't destroy the law in Matthew 5...*

## **Matthew 5:17-19 do**

**17** Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

**18** 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.

**19** 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.

**20** For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

*But then shortly after in the same chapter he says this...*

## **Matthew 5:38-39**

**38** Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:

**39** But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.

*The sacrificial law that he was quoting established the following in Exodus 21.*

## **Exodus 21:23-25**

**23** And if any mischief follow, then thou shalt give life for life,

**24** Eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot,

**25** Burning for burning, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.

So either he's contradicting himself or he's fulfilling the law and prophets like he said he would. All the law and the prophets prophesied of Yeshua coming to refresh the law of God to the original Holy Covenant, which is the 10 commandments. And that is the good news. For example this was prophesied in Isaiah.

#### **Isaiah 42:21**

21 The LORD is well pleased for his righteousness' sake; he will magnify the law, and make it honourable.

Yeshua magnified the law when he commanded us to love God with all our hearts, souls and minds and love our neighbours as ourselves. Loving your neighbour as yourself means to rebuke their sin. This definition is given in Leviticus 19. Which Yeshua quotes when he tells us to "Judge righteous judgement"

#### **John 7:24**

24 Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment

#### **Leviticus 19:15-18**

15 Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment: thou shalt not respect the person of the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty: but in righteousness shalt thou judge thy neighbour.

16 Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer among thy people: neither shalt thou stand against the blood of thy neighbour; I am the Lord.

17 Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbour, and not suffer sin upon him.

18 Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the Lord.

You see, God's people have always been given the option to rebuke sin, under sacrificial law you could rebuke sin such that everyone lives, or fail to rebuke sin and stone your neighbour. Yeshua made the law honourable by commanding us to rebuke sin instead. There is nothing honourable about killing your neighbour when they sin. Matthew 22 is one example of this.

#### **Matthew 22:36-40**

36 Master, which is the great commandment in the law?

37 Yeshua said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

38 This is the first and great commandment.

39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

This is why Yeshua came to save the world not to condemn it

### **John 3:16-19**

16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

You see under sacrificial law the wages of sin is death, literally. As proven by Hebrews 10:28.

### **Hebrews 10:28**

28 He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:

This is why Paul calls the sacrificial law, which was added unto the 10 commandments, the law of sin and death.

### **Romans 8:1-2**

1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Yeshua, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Yeshua hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

Remember Yahshua came not to condemn the world, but rather to give mercy not sacrifice. So, you wont die without mercy.

### **Matthew 9:13**

13 But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

We have to figure out what mercy means and what sacrifice means.

### **Hosea 6:6-7**

6 For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.

7 But they like men have transgressed the covenant: there have they dealt treacherously against me.

He is telling us that he desires mercy not sacrifice but they didn't listen. They transgressed the covenant. So therefore, mercy must mean to keep the covenant. It clearly states in verse 6, sacrifice is the sacrificial law that God added because of transgression. Furthermore, mercy was described in Deuteronomy 7.

### **Deuteronomy 7:9-10**

9 Know therefore that the Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;

10 And repayeth them that hate him to their face, to destroy them: he will not be slack to him that hateth him, he will repay him to his face.

This is why when Zacharias was filled with the holy spirit, he prophesied that the Messiah would perform the mercy God promised by refreshing the holy covenant.

### **Luke 1:72**

72 To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant;

Yeshua's ministry shows the refreshing of the covenant. This is why Yeshua did not stone the adulterous woman, instead he rebuked her in John 8

### **John 8:1-11**

1 Yeshua went unto the mount of Olives.

2 And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down, and taught them.

3 And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst,

4 They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act.

5 Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?

6 This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Yeshua stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not.

7 So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, **He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.**

8 And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground.

9 And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Yeshua was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.

10 When Yeshua had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?

11 She said, No man, Lord. And Yeshua said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: **go, and sin no more.**

All the apostles knew the importance of this, and they knew that it was important to know what Moses prophesied of the Messiah because Moses tells exactly what Yeshua will be sent to do. Check out what Peter tells us the gospel is in Acts 3.

#### **Acts 3:19-26**

19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.

20 And he shall send Yeshua Christ, which before was preached unto you:

21 Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

22 For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.

23 And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.

24 Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days.

25 Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.

26 Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Yeshua, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.

What Moses truly said about the Messiah is found in Deuteronomy 18.

### **Deuteronomy 18:15-19**

15 The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;

16 According to all that thou desiredst of the Lord thy God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not.

17 And the Lord said unto me, They have well spoken that which they have spoken.

18 I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.

19 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him.

So according to what Israel desired at Horeb would the Messiah be risen up. What Israel desired in Horeb was to keep the 10 commandments. They also desired that the law of sin and death would be taken away, saying *“neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not.”* Mount Sinai represents this sacrificial law as established by Paul later in Galatians chapters 3 and 4.

With this in mind, we see in Acts 15 that there comes a certain sect of jews who believed in the Messiah but are saying it's needful to keep the sacrificial law and circumcise the flesh, this is the same doctrine as the “Torah Movement” or “Messianic jews” today. So the apostles give their council and once again, remind us that new believers should go to church/synagogues on the sabbaths to learn what Moses said about the Messiah.

### **Acts 15**

1 And certain men which came down from Judaea taught the brethren, and said, Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved.

2 When therefore Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and disputation with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas, and certain other of them, should go up to Jerusalem unto the apostles and elders about this question.

3 And being brought on their way by the church, they passed through Phenice and Samaria, declaring the conversion of the Gentiles: and they caused great joy unto all the brethren.

**4** And when they were come to Jerusalem, they were received of the church, and of the apostles and elders, and they declared all things that God had done with them.

**5** But there rose up certain of the sect of the Pharisees which believed, saying, That it was needful to circumcise them, and to command them to keep the law of Moses.

**6** And the apostles and elders came together for to consider of this matter.

**7** And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe.

**8** And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us;

**9** And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.

**10** Now therefore why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?

Stopping there, we already know this can't be the same yoke as Yeshuas. Who told us that his yoke is easy and his burden is light. So they take council and decide that they will tell new believers to keep 4 necessary precepts from the holy covenant and rainbow covenant, and then go and learn the rest of the details of these covenants of promise on the sabbath days in synagogues that are teaching this refreshing that moises prophesied of. And if they do that, they will do well.

So that wrote letters after that manner, one of them is what we know as the book of Galatians. In Galatians 3 Pauls urges people not to go down the sacrificial law path.

### **Galatians 3:19**

**19** Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.

I mentioned how Yeshua said his yoke was easy, when he says this he also quotes Isaiah 28 which tells us again that he refreshed the instruction of God back to the 10 commandments and ended the sacrificial law.

### **Matthew 11:28-30**

**28** Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

**29** Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

**30** For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Here is what he's quoting

### **Isaiah 28:11-12**

**11** For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.

**12** To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear.

You see, Peter knew that Yeshua refreshed the 10 commandments, as did Paul, but the whole church and torah movement don't hear this because it was prophesied long ago to be this way. Only God's elect understands the true gospel. Christians think that everything was nailed to the cross, the torah movement think nothing was nailed to the cross. Both are wrong, the narrow path in the middle is understanding that just the sacrificial law, a.k.a the 'handwritten ordinances' were nailed to the cross. This is clear to see in Colossians chapter 2.

### **Col 2:14**

14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;

So the question begs, 'what are the handwritten ordinances?' The answer is in Deuteronomy 31.



## **Deuteronomy 31**

24 And it came to pass, when Moses had made an end of writing the words of this law in a book, until they were finished,

25 That Moses commanded the Levites, which bare the ark of the covenant of the Lord, saying,

26 Take this book of the law, and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, that it may be there for a witness against thee.

See the sacrificial law went on the outside of the ark to bear witness, the 10 commandments were on the inside. This is why Yeshua's last words were "It is finished" in John 19.

## **John 19:28-30**

28 After this, Yeshua knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst.

29 Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth.

30 When Yeshua therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.