

Week 17: February 15, 2025

Shabbat Message

Yitro / Jethro / יתרו

[Exodus 18:1-20:23](#)

My Way or Yah's Way

The Commandments that lead to Eternal Life

Introduction

This Torah portion begins with Moshe receiving his father in law Yitro or Jethro in English. Yitro was very helpful to Moshe because he gave him some good advice in a word it was delegation.

He told Moses stop doing everything in your strength and rely on other leaders besides you. If there are really hard cases that needed to be taken to Yehovah then they can give them to you and you can take it from there but the rest of the judgements could be handled by the judges for Tens, Fifties and Hundreds. Then the portion continues in ch. 19 with Yehovah coming down to meet with the people on Mount Sinai. There were thunders, lightnings and shofars making sound. The voice of Yehovah started speaking and the people got very scared and asked Moshe if He would speak for Yehovah. Imagine if the people didn't fear Yehovah and allowed him to speak. The portion then continues with our subject today on the Ten Words or what they are famously called the Ten Commandments.

Matthew 19:16-23

1. Yeshua spoke to the rich young ruler and told him if you want to enter into eternal life keep the commandments. What commandments was he talking about?
2. Yeshua was referring to the Ten Commandments from (Exodus 20:12-13; Deut. 5:16-17: Lev 19:18.)
3. Yeshua did not leave it at that because He challenged the young man saying one thing you lack...go see all you have and give to the poor and come follow me. Keeping the Commandments without Yeshua is NOT salvation. Yeshua Himself said that the commandments talk about Him (John 5:46). Paul said that Timothy had everything He needed for Salvation in 2 Timothy 3:15.

Exodus 20:2-6

1. I am Yehovah your Elohim who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. First you must know who your Elohim your God is. Is he a god of wood and hay or is He the infinite Living God of the Universe?
2. You Shall have NO other gods before. Meaning anything that gets in your way with your relationship with Yehovah and His Son Yeshua is a god.
3. You shall not yourself any Pe-sel literally crafted idols or any likeness of anything that is in the heaven above or on the earth below or in the water under the earth. The Star of David, The Christian Fish, crosses, any kind of Angels or Female Angels etc. get rid of them. Yehovah Elohim is serious about these things. Yehovah is a Jealous Elohim.
Jealous in the Hebrew is Kanna is an adjective meaning My name is Jealous.

Exodus 20:7-11

1. You not take the Name of Yehovah your Elohim in Vain. What does that mean? The word take is Tissa means do not take, lift or bear the Name of Yehovah in vain in Hebrew L'shave meaning useless or deceptively or loosely. But reverence His Name.
2. Remember the Yom Shabbat or the Sabbath Day to keep it Kadosh (Set Apart or Holy).
It's the only day of the week that Yehovah told us to remember. If it is something that HE says to remember then we should make it a priority. Both Jew and Gentile are supposed

to rest on this day.

3. This is a commandment that is connected to our very creation cycle itself because that is when Yehovah rested for our example as well. Please take Shabbat seriously folks.

Exodus 20:12-14

1. Honor your father and your mother has another blessing to it that you might live a long life on the earth.
2. Do not murder. If you are angry in your heart it is the same as murder (Matthew 5:21-22).
3. Do not commit adultery. If you look at a woman lustfully you have committed adultery in your heart. (Matthew 5:27-28). That include women looking at men as well.

Exodus 20:15-17

1. Do not steal. (Ephesians 4:28).
2. Do not bear false witness against your neighbor. (Prov. 6:16-19; Prov. 14:5; Prov. 21:28).
3. Do not covet your neighbors house, wife, manservant, maidservant, his ox, his donkey, or anything that is your neighbors. (Prov. 10:2; Prov. 22:16; Heb. 13:5).

Take Away

1. The 10 commandments were and are not the only commandments that Israel are to follow as some have taught. Instead the Ten Commandments are the spinal column of the

Torah.

2. The Commandments are able to make you wise unto salvation according to Paul.
3. First we follow Yeshua and then we guard His commandments.

Application

1. I will continue to follow the commandments as Yeshua has encouraged us to do.
2. We must realize that following the commandments in themselves to not give us eternal life but by follow Yeshua first then do His commandments.
3. I will continue to be humble in my life as I try to follow Him and not being in pride in regards to the commandments.

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