

The Laws and Torah Are Not Done Away

The second most important thing you can tell yourself and others is that the laws and Torah (teachings) of YHWH are not done away. You are to be keeping the laws and Torah of YHWH, as they apply to yourself and to your circumstances. The manner in which the laws and Torah of YHWH are administered may change due to circumstances, but the authority of the laws and Torah of YHWH has not changed.

Matthew 5 from "The Net Bible":

“5:17 Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have not come to abolish these things but to fulfill them.

5:18 I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth pass away not the smallest letter or stroke of a letter will pass from the law until everything takes place.

5:19 So anyone who breaks one of the least of these commands and teaches others to do so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever obeys them and teaches others to do so will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

5:20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness goes beyond that of the experts in the law and the Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

What do people teach that the Son of God (English ‘Jesus’, Aramaic ‘Yahoshua’) did? **They teach that the Christ did away with the laws of YHWH** in the Hebrew Text. Just the opposite of what Jesus Himself said. They teach that Christians do not have to keep the Sabbath or the Torah of YHWH, because Christ fulfilled everything for them. Such people give many reasons for teaching the exact opposite of what Yahoshua Himself taught. But we should not be listening to the reasons of men. We should only listen to the teachings of the scriptures.

Deuteronomy 13 from The Net Bible:

“(13:1) You must be careful to do everything I am commanding you. Do not add to it or subtract from it!

13:1 Suppose a prophet or one who foretells by dreams should appear among you and show you a sign or wonder,

13:2 and the sign or wonder should come to pass concerning what he said to you, namely, “Let us follow other gods” – gods whom you have not previously known – “and let us serve them.”

13:3 You must not listen to the words of that prophet or dreamer, for the Lord [YHWH] your God [Elohim] will be testing you to see if you love him with all your mind and being.

13:4 You must follow the Lord [YHWH] your God [Elohim] and revere only him; and you must observe his commandments, obey him, serve him, and remain loyal to him.

13:5 As for that prophet or dreamer, he must be executed because he encouraged rebellion against the Lord [YHWH] your God [Elohim] who brought you from the land of Egypt, redeeming you from that place of slavery, and because he has tried to entice you from the way the Lord [YHWH] your God [Elohim] has commanded you to go. In this way you must purge out evil from within.”

Paul claimed to be a dreamer of dreams, and a witness of visions, and claimed to be taught directly by the Messiah Yahoshua. So the question is: “Did Paul teach people to worship “the Lord

[YHWH] your God [Elohim]” with changed and done-away laws?” Because, if Paul said what people say he said, then Paul is a Deuteronomy 13 heretic, and is to be rejected outright.

But wait: Who told you that Paul said what people say he said? Essentially it is the Catholic and Protestant churches which promote the “Pauline Theology”. It is their Bibles and commentaries which teach this.

Understand something: Christianity is the only major religion in the world that allows its members to learn its religious tenets without having to read them in the original language. The Koran is written in Arabic, and the Jews read the Hebrew Text, and the Hindus read their text in Sanskrit. Only the Christians do not learn their tenets by reading them for themselves directly from the Hebrew and Greek Texts.

What this means is that those who do not read the original Texts are letting other people, other men, tell them what the Text says. When you do this, you will be led down the doctrinal path that those men want you to go. As long as you read from their Bibles and read from their commentaries you are going to be led down the path of believing their “Pauline Theology”.

So the question becomes: “Can the Greek Text be honestly translated in such a manner in which Paul is not saying what people say he said?” That is, did Paul really teach people to worship YHWH in a way that contradicts the Messiah’s own words and Deuteronomy 13? Did Paul really teach the “Pauline Theology”?

Acts 24 from “The Net Bible”:

“24:13 ... nor can they prove to you the things they are accusing me of doing.

24:14 But I confess this to you, that I [Paul] worship the God of our ancestors according to the Way (which they call a sect), **believing everything that is according to the law** and that is written in the prophets.”

Paul’s defense of himself is that he, years after the resurrection of Yahoshua the Messiah, still worshiped “the Lord [YHWH] your God [Elohim]”, **and still believed everything in the law and the prophets**. In that day they lived under the rules of “Honor and Shame”, which meant that to say “you believe something” also meant that “you practiced what you believed”. Even at the end of Acts, Paul was teaching the Gentiles on the Sabbath days. **Essentially, Paul claimed that he was not saying what people said he said.**

As you may know, not everyone agrees that Paul taught the “Pauline Theology”. Many people read the scriptures in the Greek Text, and understand that Paul did not say what people say he said. This is essentially the primary dilemma: If you do not know Greek, then you must rely upon someone else, other men, to tell you what it says. This “fact of life” makes you **vulnerable to being taught things that are just not true.**

Matthew 5:18 is a prime-example: “I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth **pass away** not the smallest letter or stroke of a letter will pass from the law, **until everything is fulfilled.**”

This Greek Text is translated by scholars of the “Pauline Theology” in a very biased manner. First, using the words “pass away” invokes an English idiom, said when someone dies; “She passed away last night”. But the Greek word “3928” does not mean this, it means “to pass by”, like a car would do as it passes you by on the road. Further, this Greek verb is in the “**Aorist + Active**”, (Reference

"The Complete Word Study New Testament with Parallel Greek" © 1992 Spiros Zodhiates and AMG International, Inc. AMG Publishers; and "Analytical Greek New Testament" © 1981 Baker Book House Company). Thus, you need to express the verb-action in the past-tense, and also is happening-now:

"I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth **has passed by**..."

The condition being given, "until something", is that until we see this event has already happened, passed by, then "the rest of the sentence" applies.

The second part of the verse,

"...until everything takes place", or KJV "...till all be fulfilled":

Here the Greek verb "takes place" or "fulfilled" is G1096, and actually means "to become into existence". Here it is in the "**Subjunctive + Aorist + Middle**". The "Middle-voice" means that the verb is acting upon itself somehow. For example: "I hit myself" is an example of the "Middle-voice".

In Greek grammar the word "everything" or "all", G3956, is always constrained to be the subject of the sentence, which in this case is "the strokes of the Hebrew Text" (this is what is being talked about that can be "fulfilled"). In the Greek language this sentence is talking about "everything" only within the context of "every-stroke of the Hebrew Text" becoming G1096, "into existence".

This means that this verse is not talking about "everything" as the Pauline translations want you to think. The Pauline Theology needs you to think that "everything" or "all" can refer to prophecies and timetables and resurrections and eras. They need you to think that this can refer to something else, something other than to the Hebrew Text. Then you are given reasons why prophecies and timetables and resurrections and eras have somehow been "fulfilled". Then you are told that the primary condition of the verse, "heaven and earth has passed by", is not relevant, and therefore you can now toss out the strokes of the Hebrew Text. Thus, they lead you into thinking that you no longer have to keep the laws in the Hebrew Text anymore. They lead you into thinking the exact opposite of what the Messiah said "Not To Think" in the previous verse. But this logical-path is only the fabricated reasoning of mortal men, and is not supported by these verses.

Putting these grammar rules together, another translation of the last part of the sentence could be: "**...until every-stroke of the Hebrew Text has-become-itself (manifested)**".

Thus, the entire verse can be translated:

5:18: I tell you the truth, **until heaven and earth has passed by, not the smallest letter, or stroke of a letter, will pass-by from the law, until every-stroke of the Hebrew Text has-become-itself (manifested).**

With this translation, the Messiah is telling everyone that even if you were on the other side of the event of heaven and earth passing by, and has already done so, even so not one Hebrew character of the law is changed, not until all of the Hebrew Text has (past-tense) **become-itself (manifested)**.

Obviously, the heaven and the earth are still here, just as they were 2,000 years ago. The heaven and the earth have not (past-tense) passed by yet. And just as obviously not every stoke and letter in the Hebrew Text has "fulfilled"-itself yet, as we are still waiting for many events to happen. Therefore, we see that **the Messiah is being very emphatic** about the law and the Hebrew Text

not being “done away”. The Messiah told us “Do not think that I have come to destroy the law...”. So we should not be led into thinking that He did. The laws in the Hebrew Text have always been the unchangeable measure of a man’s righteousness.

1-John from “The Net Bible”:

“3:7 Little children, **let no one deceive you: The one who practices righteousness [verb] is righteous [noun]**”

Please Understand The Bias:

By translating the Greek Text as “till all be fulfilled”, there is presented a subtle “loophole” left open in the reader’s mind that allows them to consider that the law’s of YHWH can indeed pass away (die). Then in the other books they translate Paul’s writings in such a way that leads people to think that Paul taught that the laws of YHWH are now “past-tense” and “passed away”. They use this implied “loophole”, and tell people not to keep YHWH’s laws anymore.

But the brutal fact is that the Catholic and Protestant Bibles and commentaries, read every day by millions of people, have translated the Greek Text in a manner which is blatantly biased, and is intentionally meant to lead people into believing their “Pauline Theology”. But actually nothing is further from the truth. The Messiah Yahoshua told us directly, His own words, do not think that He will allow anyone to loosen-up even one stoke of the Hebrew Text.

Again, think about Deuteronomy 13. If Paul said what people say he said, then Paul is directly contradicting the Messiah’s own words. He is teaching people to follow “some other god” that is not the Creator of the Hebrew Text. Paul would therefore be a heretic, and should therefore not be believed. **But Paul did not say what people say he said**, and Paul would never teach against his God, the Lord [YHWH] your God [Elohim].

People have been taught these Pauline Theology lies for so many years, that it is nearly impossible for them to consider that they have been led into a false understanding. People read the New Testament printed by Catholic and Protestant scholars, and actually think it is possible for the New Covenant authors to teach contrary to the Torah and the Elohim of Israel. They are told to think that the teachings and the commands of the Lord [YHWH] your God [Elohim] have passed by.

Instead, take the exact opposite view. As you read the Bible, say to yourself: “No, it is impossible for these authors to be teaching contrary to Deuteronomy 13, nor to tell people not to keep YHWH’s laws found in His Torah. Remind yourself that it is impossible that an author would tell people to worship the Lord [YHWH] your God [Elohim] in a manner contrary to the laws and Torah of YHWH.”

With this in mind, read the Text again and ask: “Then what is the author really trying to tell us?” There are many online commentaries which explain Paul’s writings, from the Greek, demonstrating that Paul was not doing away with the laws of YHWH.

Contrary to what people are taught, the commands of the Lord [YHWH] your God [Elohim] are not “past-tense”. Only the manners in which some laws must be administered are temporarily “on hold”, as circumstances have changed.

For example: Not having a Temple-building means that you cannot administer those laws that apply to the priests and the Temple-building. But you can still apply the underlying principles of those same Temple-laws in your life. You can apply the principles as and when they are applicable to your circumstances.

The primary point here is that not having a Temple-building does not mean that those Temple-laws are done-away forever. It simply means that they are administered differently until such time as the Temple-building is rebuilt. The Torah is not “past-tense”, it is “current-tense”. And it is also “future-tense”, as the laws of the Hebrew Text will be the “law-of-the-land” in the Kingdom of the Lord [YHWH] your God [Elohim], when the Messiah Yahoshua returns to restore all things.

The Greek Text of Matthew 5:18 tells us that not even one Hebrew character of the law can be changed. The laws and Torah of YHWH are not done away. Those who promote the Pauline Theology print the Bibles and write the Commentaries people read. But do not let their literature tell you what Paul said. In the Greek Text Paul did not say what people say he said. The book of Acts tells us that Paul kept and taught others to keep the laws of YHWH, well after the resurrection, even while in Rome. You today are also to keep the laws and Torah of YHWH, as they apply to yourself and to your circumstances.

But What about the Gentiles?

In order to include the gentiles, and to have righteous congregations outside of Judea (without priests, sacrifices, and a Temple to keep them ritually clean), those Laws dealing with staying ritually clean, and regaining a person’s ritual purification, have to be administered differently. Essentially, a change in Law had to occur.

This is exactly what Hebrews 7:11-17 says. **Yahoshua (Jesus) is our High Priest in a different priesthood, the Melchizedek Priesthood.** The list of Laws dealing with purification and getting back into right-standing with Yahowah (YHWH) has been superseded by the provisions of the Melchizedek Priesthood. That is, different rules for “being clean” now apply. This path to being “clean” is why the Holy Spirit can dwell inside of us.

We enter the congregation; we engage in direct communication (prayer) with the Father, and stand “clean”, because of our belief in the exalted Yahoshua (Jesus) the Messiah, through the provisions of the Melchizedek Priesthood. And at the same time, we practice righteousness (1-John 3:6-7) by obeying the list of Laws which define what sin is in the first place, as itemized in the Hebrew Text.

Thus, we are no longer justified (stand “clean” again) by the works of the Law, that list of Laws dealing with purification. We are now justified through the provisions of a better priesthood, the Melchizedek Priesthood. **But this “grace” has nothing to do with tossing out the list of Laws telling us what sin is in the first place.** “What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? **God forbid.**” (Romans 6:1, Hebrews 10:26). **Grace is not a license to sin.**

The New Covenant is a refreshing of the previous Covenant. **The New Covenant is what was there before, plus some new administrations, gifts, promises, and cleanliness through the Melchizedek Priesthood.** The previous Covenant is not tossed, it is enhanced. **The Hebrew Text does not “go away”!** Ezekiel 40 through 48 describes that when the Temple is rebuilt, and when there are priests doing their duties again, than those same Hebrew Text instructions (Torah) will be back into practice by them once more.

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The list of Laws which tell us what to do to live holy lives, are now written into our minds and hearts (Jeremiah 31:31 and Galatians 5:16-26). Now we want to obey the Laws (teachings) of Yahowah (YHWH), **so that we do not practice sin. And at the same time** we cannot call any man “unclean” nor “defiled” (Acts 10:28, 11:9) when the Father has given him His Holy Spirit. Access to the Father, including how to be “clean”, is now through a better priesthood, in which our Lord Yahoshua (Jesus) is the High Priest.

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