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Rebellion

A stiff neck, a hardened heart, an attitude of rebellion – no matter what the label, it’s one’s heart that’s self-willed, having no desire to submit to the Creator. And when speaking of commandment keeping, some are quick to retort, “Oh, you mean the 613 commandments of the Old Testament” as if, because they are contained in the Old Testament, they’ve been nailed to the tree!”

But from where does the number 613 come? And are there really only 613 commandments one must obey, and no more?

Let’s take a moment and address this oft-given number ... arbitrary at best, given that there is little unanimity among the rabbin. The number 613 is derived from the Hebrew word, *beriyth*, בְּרִיתַת H.1285, ***Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance***, and meaning *compact* or *covenant*. The gematria valuation or numerical value (א = 400; כ = 200; י = 10; ב = 2) whose sum is 612. Then from Deuteronomy 6:4, it is said Yahweh our Elohim is ONE, which added to the 612 yields 613. It is from this calculation the number 613 is derived, not arbitrarily arrived by a council of rabbin.

But for the sake of argument, let’s say there were 613 commandments. As Yahweh’s people, should we not obey all of Yahweh’s commandments, statutes, laws, and judgments? And, not follow all the instructions of Yahweh’s Word? (Deut. 8:3; Matt. 4:4; Luke 4:4).

The nominal Christian will most often say, “No,” out of disdain toward Yahweh’s Word which provides ordinances for Sabbath observance, festival keeping, dietary restrictions, and the putting away of pagan celebrations of XMAS, Easter, Halloween, and the like.

Such is the “upside down” thinking of the world, where good is called bad and bad, good. Those who practice, and then teach their congregations a “doctrine of disobedience,” are reserved for a rude awakening with Yahshua’s return and His charge, “I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness” (Matt. 7:23).

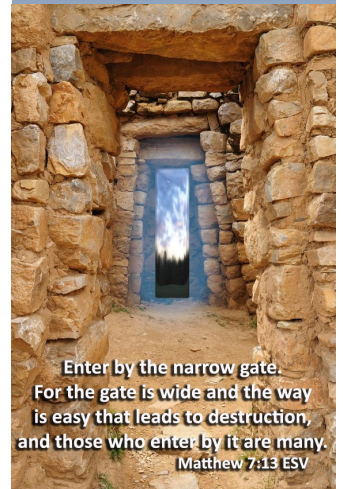


The Law and Commandment: Holy, Just, and Good

Contrarily, the Apostle Paul affirmed the Law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good (Rom. 7:12) and the Psalmist concluded also, *The law of Yahweh [is] perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of Yahweh [is] sure, making wise the simple; the statutes of Yahweh [are] right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of Yahweh [is] pure, enlightening the eyes; the*

Woe to them! For they have gone the way of Cain, and for pay they have rushed headlong into the error of Balaam, and perished in the rebellion of Korah.

Jude 11 NASB



Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. Matthew 7:13 ESV

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fear of Yahweh [is] clean, enduring forever; the judgments of Yahweh [are] true and righteous altogether. More to be desired [are they] than gold, yea, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them Your servant is warned, [and] in keeping them [there's] great reward, Psalm 19:7-11.

The 613 enumerated commandments are not applicable to all people, however. Some are reserved for the Levitical priesthood; some for the keeping of Yahweh's Sabbath and His *moedim* (appointed times); some for women of child-bearing age; others, solely for men in the conduct of their work and their relationships with others; and some of a judicial nature, for the conduct of congregational order. Therefore, none should think himself or herself so overwhelmed that precludes obedience to those pertinent to his or her station in life.

The nominal Christian would dismiss Old Testament prescriptions of law and order, citing the Master's own Words:

Come to Me, all [you] who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke [is] easy and My burden is light, Matthew 11:28-30.

They say the Savior ushered in a dispensation of grace that lightened the gravity of observing the Law. They will go so far even, as corroborating the Master's Words with Paul, saying, *But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not [in] the oldness of the letter, Romans 7:6.* They'll also joyfully point out, "the letter kills, but the spirit gives life" (2 Cor. 3:6) not knowing sin against the letter is against the Spirit. And so, they'll heartily embrace Yahshua saying, "the words that I speak to you, *they are spirit, and they are life*" (John 6:63).

Conclusion: The Law Defines Sin

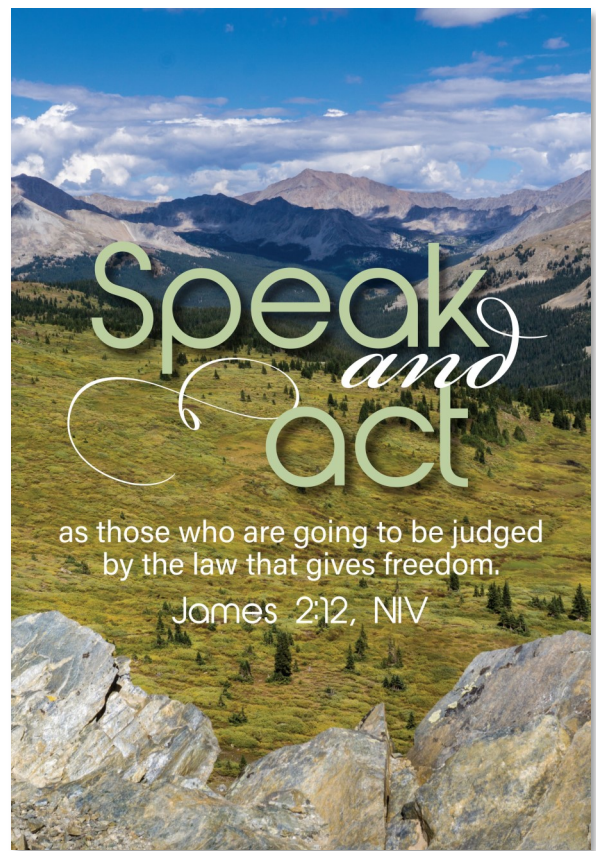
But by removing Yahweh's standard which identifies sin — "for I had not known lust, except the law had said, 'Thou shalt not covet'" (Rom. 7:7) — the rebellious lawbreaker can go about, like the adulteress who ate, wiped her mouth, and declared she had done no wickedness (Prov. 30:20). Indeed, will they subvert Holy Words — *For with the heart man believes to righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made to salvation, Romans 10:10* — and profess themselves having believed and confessed without at all, worked that righteousness whereby their salvation is known and never considering, moreover, that precisely has the law been made for them: lawless and disobedient, unrighteous and sinners, unholy and profane, defiled and perjured (1 Tim. 1:9-10). Here again, it's the upside-down thinking of the world, led astray by man's adversary, ha Satan.

Yahshua came to do the Father's will, was without sin and therefore, obedient in all points of the law. He lived life as an example of how many may be set apart (*godosh*) as Scripture demands (Lev. 11:44-45, 19:2, 20:7-8; Matt. 5:48; 1 Pet. 1:16).

The predominant theme in these three verses of Leviticus 20:24-26 is, Yahweh had a people to Himself from other people and commanded them to put a difference between what He had declared clean beasts and fowl from the unclean, lest they should make themselves abominable. They were to be holy, for He Who is holy severed them from every other people, and they were, therefore, His.

The New Testament from which nominal Christianity likes to quote, offers this corroborative evidence from the hand of the Apostle Paul:

Therefore come out from among them and be separate, says the Master, and do not touch what is unclean;



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and I will receive you. I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Sovereign El Shaddai. Therefore having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of Elohim, 2 Corinthians 6:17-7:1.

The Apostle Peter exhorted his charge, as strangers and pilgrims to abstain from such things that war against the soul (1 Pet. 2:11) and James concludes that when sin is finished, it brings forth death (James 1:15).

The New Testament does not give us permission to live in willful sin while professing faith in Yahshua. The thief will no longer steal; the liar will no longer lie; the adulterer(ess) will no longer commit adultery; the fornicator will no longer commit fornication; and the homosexual will no longer continue his abomination — civil law approving of transgression of Yahweh’s TORAH, notwithstanding!

It is still, death comes as the wages of sin (Rom. 6:23). For sin to be defined and identified, there must be a standard —Yahweh’s commandments, statutes, ordinances, precepts, laws, and right rulings! Walking contrarily to these is walking in rebellion, and is itself a statement declaring one’s unbelief regardless of what his tongue may profess.

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of Yahweh, Romans 3:23. Nevertheless, the gift of eternal life is still come by Yahshua the Messiah, to all who will reckon themselves to be dead indeed to, rebelling against His law and permitting sin to reign in them (Rom. 6:23, 11-12). These will cease yielding themselves as servants to obey sin unto death, and will instead, obey from the heart that form of Wholesome Words and Sound Doctrine delivered them (Rom. 6:16).



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Confessions From Behind the Wall

I wrote this while I was in the county jail. This was the second time I had to go through this painful experience.



TIMES

Times can be hard and people can be cold,
 They seek after to destroy the soul.
 In weakness, Yahweh gives inner strength
 To fight the battle one cannot win alone.
 Relying on Yah's grace brings perfect rest!
 Seeking His face and not His hand, you will surely be blessed.
 On His seat of mercy we can all depend,
 Because He sent Yahshua who died for all sin.
 In TIMES like these He is your One and only True Friend.
 Surrender your all to Him, so that He can mend
 Your broken heart and your lost soul.
 Then sit back, stand still and watch your blessings unfold.

(Proverbs 3:5-6, Romans 8:28, Isaiah 40:28-31)

You'll Not Drown

"I will not drown in shallow water. I did not come this far to falter. I will not rest until I'm free," Randy Travis.

Indeed, is it far easier to resist being distracted, drawn away, tempted, enticed, beset, overcome, and brought into bondage – in short, to resist the devil – when you're in shallow water, than getting so deep into sin that you pierce yourself through with many sorrows, before drowning in destruction and perdition.

Yeah, if once you get yourself acquainted with the devices of the devil – Satan is his name, and destruction is his game – you'll have discovered that in having insisted doing business with him in deep waters, you'll have experienced his works. **JUST DON'T GO THERE!**

What do you suppose would have happened to Yahshua, if when the tempter had drawn Him away to the pinnacle of the temple, He had cast Himself down? That's right. He'd have perished, angels given charge concerning Him, notwithstanding. And, why? because in having not resisted the temptation of the devil, He would have tempted His Father. And He will not be tempted!

So, when you feel yourself becoming drawn away and tempted, say to yourself, "I will not drown in shallow water. I did not come this far to falter. I will not rest until I'm free!"



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*And give Him no rest, till He establish,
till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth,*

Isaiah 62:7.