

The importance of questions

Blind faith is no faith at all

I want you to ask yourself....

What if someone asked you, **“How do you know that you know Jesus?”**

How would you answer them?

Scripture tells us the answer, if we love Him we will guard the commandments and walk as he walked. This sort of digging for the truth, is what Master Yeshua constantly did. He didn't condemn people as much as ask them to condemn themselves through a question.

“Who do you say that I am?”

Peter's answer reveals the truth

Peter answers the Messiah, "Some say John the Baptist, some say that you are Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

And the Messiah replied, "But who do you say that I am?"

The question serves a purpose, it is a mirror to reflect our heart, our desires and have us verbalize them back out loud. When you pray, ask the Father above to reveal your heart's desires. I've asked him to take desires that are not of his will.

Daily examination of our thoughts, words, and deeds.

Was I a faithful servant today?

The enemy will also deceive us with questions

Satan the deceiver, also uses questions to deceive us. This is why man made traditions are also deadly to the soul. The serpent asked;

"Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"

How did Eve answer this question?

[Gen 3:2-3 CSB] The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit from the trees in the garden. "But about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden, God said, 'You must not eat it **or touch it**, or you will die.' "

Do you see it?

Hidden right there in Genesis 3 is a warning against the oral Torah. Eve (more likely Adam in warning Eve) built a *fence* around the Torah of not eating of the tree of good and evil.

[Gen 2:17 CSB] “but **you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil**, for on the day you eat from it, you will certainly die.”

Why would Eve tell the Serpent that to *touch* the fruit is to die? Adam likely (and this is my guess) added to the written Torah given to Adam - now he had good intentions I'm sure as the Rabbi's today in the thousand of oral traditions and fences they have added around Torah.

Do traditions and oral laws help make us holy?

What did the Messiah ask the Pharisees who *loved* their traditions?

[Mat 15:3 CSB] He answered them, "**Why do you break God's commandment because of your tradition?**"

We don't get their answer - but a warning of the spiritual condition of those who believe they are righteous, but are just following the traditions of the religious men that came before them.

[Mat 15:7-9 CSB] Hypocrites! Isaiah prophesied correctly about you when he said: This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. They worship me in vain, teaching as doctrines human commands."

The same is true back in the garden.

Satan knew with Eve's oral tradition, her oral Torah He had an opening - and let's be clear. Satan's target wasn't Eve but to go through Eve to hit Adam. What did Satan ask Eve next?

[Gen 3:4-5 CSB] "No! You will not die," the serpent said to the woman. "In fact, God knows that when you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

Satan goes straight for Eve's pride. To become like God, and lies about the punishment of sin. Sound familiar?

You shall be like God?

You will not surely die?

For that? I'm going to let you ponder the answer.

I've decided and feel this is led by the Ruach - the Holy Set Apart Breath of the Most High - that I am going to be less direct in these studies. I don't want to be your go to for answers. I want you to learn to find the answers yourself. I want you to be disciples of truth not *my* disciples.

Satan wants us to feel elevated, to believe we can attain the most high position. After all it's what he wanted, and why he was cast from Shamayim (Heavens) - His pride made him believe that *he* could become like the most high, that he could become Elohyim. Compare this to the Son - when HaSatan tempts the Son.

Come inherit the Earth?

[Mat 4:8-9 CSB] Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. And he said to him, "I will give you all these things if you will fall down and worship me."

He wants our worship energy to go towards him, and not towards Elohim. So of course he sets up traditions, lies, and distractions to keep your worship energy away from Father and towards everything else - *even the right hand*. Now I know some believe that the right hand accepted worship, and there is some evidence and witnesses of that. But if you really examine his words - does he point us to worship of himself?

[Mat 4:10 CSB] Then Jesus told him, "Go away, Satan! For it is written: Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."

Not at all. When he said, "Worship the Lord your God" was he not quoting Torah? Was Torah commanding you to worship the right hand or the Father, YHVH?

Jesus knew that worship energy would be stolen from the most high, and we can see that in the gospel of Matthew and Mark.

Traditions steal glory from Father YAH

Who did he tell you to pray to?

[Mat 6:6 CSB] "But when you pray, go into your private room, shut your door, and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

This verse in the Hebrew manuscripts also completely deflates the sacred name movement. He didn't tell them to pray to Yahowah, Yehovah or any other version of the tetragrammaton. But to pray to the **FATHER** who is in HEAVEN.

That's what pleases Him - intimacy.

Why don't you call your physical Father by his first name?

How can we find wisdom?

This is an important question and one I hope everyone watching this has the knowledge to know how to find the wisdom of the Father. The challenge is that even being wise doesn't preclude your ability to endure till the end. Solomon is called the wisest man that ever lived yet with all that wisdom and knowledge he still turned from the will of the Father. He still took his own children to the fire.

How can one gain the wisdom of the Father and *ensure they aren't led astray* by lies?

The Torah is the starting point for every test.

When someone tells me, "Do you not hear the law" or "The law (Torah) is bondage" - I immediately *know* I cannot trust that person based on the Torah.

Either the Torah is perfectly preserved of the Father or *none of the scripture in your Bible is worthy of your trust*.

What about the *clear* text of Jeremiah 8:8 / 7:22,23?

This is a common proof text against the authority of Torah. What if I could demonstrate the context has *nothing* to do with the written torah - but what the *teachers* of Torah were teaching?

[Jer 8:8 CSB] "How can you claim, 'We are wise; the law of the LORD is with us'? In fact, the **lying pen of scribes has produced falsehood.**

Were the scribes actually *altering* Torah? Well if they were they didn't do a very good job, leaving the evidence behind with Jer 7:22, 23 and 8:8. What's more likely the truth - that we can take a single verse out of context - or that we need a *deeper* understanding than one verse to properly understand historically what was going on here and what the teachers of Torah were doing?

1) What is the historical context?

If we go back to the first sin of the children of David, what do we see Solomon doing?

[1Ki 11:4-10 CSB] When Solomon was old, his wives turned his heart away to follow other gods. He was not wholeheartedly devoted to the LORD his God, as his father David had been. Solomon followed Ashtoreth, the goddess of the Sidonians, and Milcom, the abhorrent idol of the Ammonites. Solomon did what was evil in the LORD's sight, and unlike his father David, he did not remain loyal to the LORD. At that time, **Solomon built a high place for Chemosh, the abhorrent idol of Moab, and for Milcom, the abhorrent idol of the Ammonites, on the hill across from Jerusalem.** He did the same for all his foreign wives, who were burning incense and offering sacrifices to their gods. The LORD was angry with Solomon, **because his heart had turned away from the LORD,** the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice. He had commanded him about this, so that he would not follow other gods, but Solomon did not do what the LORD had commanded.

Solomon turned to burning his own children on the altar - this is important as this is the historical *CONTEXT* of offerings being done that did not please the Father.

2) How can we be sure this is true?

Back to Torah - two or three witnesses. (Deut 19:15) What is the problem Jeremiah is addressing?

[Jer 3:8-10 CSB] "I observed that it was because unfaithful Israel had committed adultery that I had sent her away and had given her a certificate of divorce. Nevertheless, her treacherous sister Judah was not afraid but also went and prostituted herself. "Indifferent to her prostitution, she defiled the land and committed adultery with stones and trees. "Yet in spite of all this, her treacherous sister Judah didn't return to me with all her heart -- only in pretense." This is the LORD's declaration.

Israel had done *so wickedly* with FALSE GODS (trees and stones) that Father PUT THEM OUT OF THE LAND. He *DIVORCED ISRAEL*.

Not for following Torah - and this is important. The "scribes" who were teaching the law, were teaching *falsely* that this idolatry and human sacrifice that they were engaged in was LAWFUL - go back to the verse, what does it start off with?

'We are wise; the law of the LORD is with us'?

How can one say the Torah of YHVH is with them, yet do this?

[Jer 5:7 CSB] Why should I forgive you? **Your children have abandoned me and sworn by those who are not gods.** I satisfied their needs, yet they committed adultery; they gashed themselves at the prostitute's house.

3) How can we be so sure, the text of these passages are clear?

[2Ki 24:4 CSB] and also because of all the **innocent blood he had shed**. He had filled Jerusalem with innocent blood, and the LORD was not willing to forgive.

The slaughter of the innocents - and no this is not about *animals*. Animals have no moral capacity - Just because a text reads clearly one way *alone* out of context of the chapter, book and the entire scriptures - doesn't make it true. This is the same mistake Sha'ul makes. He takes a verse that has a clear text, like Hab 2:4b.

"The just shall live by faith."

And all the faithful say, "amen".

However, just as with Jer 7:22, 23 and 8:8 - we cannot take *one verse* or even *half a verse* and say that is *doctrine*. This does great violence to the text.

4) Does Father hate slaughtering animals?

One of the related arguments to this false doctrine is that the sacrifice of animals was “added due to their own wicked hearts” (Paraphrasing the Messiah on marriage) - and I could do a whole study on that! There’s a *grave error* in trusting the Greek midrash (commentary) of Torah over the clarity itself. Really - this is like Christian Talmud. Accepting the written Christian oral Torah (New Testament) and the traditions that go along with it above the actual Torah.

This is backward!

BUT THIS IS EXACTLY what Christians and those in the HR movement do that reject Torah. It’s odd in your rejection of Paul, you come out rejecting Torah and in the end are no different than Paul.

What separates you from Paul?

I don’t want to leave this passage here - as the common reply I’ve heard, “this is a clear passage” - yes this is *exactly* what Paul did as well. You cannot take a “verse” and make doctrine out of it. This is not how Father works.

The sacrifice Father abhors?

There are many passages used against sacrifice, "I desire obedience and not sacrifice" - or "I desire mercy and not sacrifice". What I would remind you, is he's present the problem - that they were unmerciful, they were disobedient - so the sacrifice **DID NOT MATTER**.

What does Messiah say on *THIS EXACT ISSUE*?

[Mat 5:21-24 CSB] You have heard that it was said to our ancestors, Do not murder, and whoever murders will be subject to judgment. "But I tell you, everyone who is angry with his brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Whoever insults his brother or sister, will be subject to the court. Whoever says, 'You fool! ' will be subject to hellfire. "So **if you are offering your gift on the altar**, and there you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, "leave your gift there in front of the altar. **First go and be reconciled with your brother or sister, and THEN come and offer your gift.**

He's not saying DO NOT make the offering - he's saying FIRST obey, FIRST show mercy. THEN your offering WILL PLEASE ME.

The same is true with taking these passages in Jeremiah against all sacrifice, and using 8:8 against the Torah itself teaching sacrifice. **You are wickedly acting against the Father.**

What would you do if I threw my own child on a fire?

[Jer 7:30-31 CSB] For the Judeans have done what is evil in my sight." This is the LORD's declaration. "They have set up their abhorrent things in the house that bears my name in order to defile it. "They have built the high places of Topheth in Ben Hinnom Valley in order to burn their sons and daughters in the fire, a thing I did not command; I never entertained the thought.

This is the CONTEXT of the sacrifices being done that were not taught (7:22) and that the *TEACHERS* (scribes) were promising peace and safety, even though they TAUGHT AGAINST TORAH! They were teaching that everything would be FINE with Israel throwing it's own sons and daughters onto the flames for foreign false gods. You see - this is actually Pauline. The false teachers, are teaching you to eat food sacrificed to idols, while at the same time - telling you not to trust Torah which tells us not to eat food sacrificed to idols.

IT IS DOUBLE SPEAK.

Why were they doing what the Father commanded them not to do?

Detestable acts?

Here is the Torah commandment Jer 7:22 is TALKING about. NOT ALL SACRIFICE. You don't CHANGE TORAH, through your perversion of the Prophets.

[Deu 12:31 CSB] "You must not do the same to the LORD your God, because they practice every detestable act, which the LORD hates, for their gods. They even burn their sons and daughters in the fire to their gods.

The Tanakh is *supernaturally consistent* - if a human altered it?

WHY IS IT SO CONSISTENT?

[Jer 19:5 CSB] "They have built high places to Baal on which to burn their children in the fire as burnt offerings to Baal, something I have never commanded or mentioned; I never entertained the thought.

[2Ki 17:17 CSB] They sacrificed their sons and daughters in the fire and practiced divination and interpreted omens. They devoted themselves to do what was evil in the LORD's sight and angered him.

[Psa 106:37 CSB] They sacrificed their sons and daughters to demons.

[Eze 16:20 CSB] 'You even took your sons and daughters you bore to me and sacrificed them to these images as food. Wasn't your prostitution enough?

4) Does Judaism teach Torah?

I figured this study wouldn't be completed without upsetting every people group - Mohammed, Joseph Smith, Paul, Ellen White, Ebionites, Gospel of the Holy Twelve, Clementine Homilies, Talmud, Bhagavad Gita, Secular Humanism, Karl Marx - **these are all dumpster fire material.**

Torah calls it idolatry. The Torah is mankind's *only* source of truth, and those who speak against it - like Paul, like Ebionites, like Christianity, Islam, etc? They are enemies of the Father.

But I'm going to take this a step further.

Judaism - which teaches that the Oral Torah goes back to Sinai? They have made themselves enemies of the Father. Talmud is thoroughly pagan and anti-Torah.

How can we be sure we cannot trust the sages?

Let's look at one verse from the Torah.

[Deu 30:11 CSB] "This command that I give you today is certainly not too difficult or beyond your reach.

If it was too difficult and requires an interloper to *teach us* - then it would certainly have instructed us here, that it **is too difficult and we need someone to come down and teach us. IT IS BEYOND OUR REACH! We need the sages and priests to teach the words!**

It is corrupted! You cannot trust it!

See the same message? Men who teach against Christianity, using Paul as their wedge are hypocrites as their religion has the same doctrines of men clouding the minds of God's creation. I'm sick of following hypocrites.

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That finishes it doesn't it?

There's no way the Talmud came from the mind of the Father. None.

It unlike the Tanakh (and I'm not giving a blanket approval of *every* book in the Torah and the Prophets. Only the Torah is perfect) are from the minds of men, and you can tell immediately reading it - it is *not* inspired by the Holy Spirit.

It is wicked and abominable to the Father.

[Deu 4:2 CSB] "You must not add anything to what I command you or take anything away from it, so that you may keep the commands of the LORD your God I am giving you.

What do the sages in Talmud do? They have *added to and taken from Father's Torah*.

What type of believer are you?

Father doesn't want us following other men. He wants you following HIM. The only reason he gave us Deut 18:15-19 is because we have proclivity to fall away and will until the next world. He needed a perfect example to show it IS POSSIBLE to not sin. To be perfect as our heavenly father is perfect.

This is what I strive for, following TORAH - in the example of the Son of Righteousness. Follow no man.

Follow the will of the Father in Heaven.