

Hell of Torah Part 2 of 6: Church Rejecting the Law; Jesus' Return

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We're going to continue with this theme called the hell of Torah. Last week we began to look at what this statement really means. We looked at Scripture and external resources such as the Apocrypha, 2 Esdras. We also found that you can take all the denominations that exist in evangelical Christianity today, you can even go into Catholicism, and put them all in a huge circle even with all the doctrinal differences that we possess, and we can all agree judgment is coming. When you go to Scripture and look at this judgment that is coming, we discover that it's coming in a very particular fashion. The judgment that is coming is coming in fire.

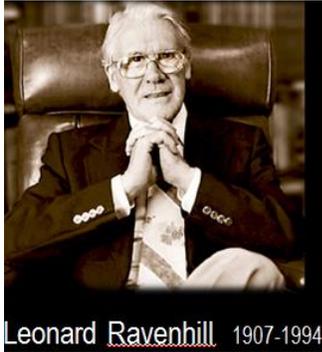
This is very significant to note because it tells us how God is going to judge the world. It tells us by what measure He is going to judge mankind. The fire that is going to be kindled on the Day of Judgment, that is going to literally melt the heavens and the earth and consume the wicked, is none other than the Law of God. It is the Torah.

Last week we learned that God Himself is a fire. When He spoke the commandments from Mount Sinai, His words preceded forth from the fire. The Torah is the fire. We saw the LORD's words in Jeremiah 23:29—Is not My word like a fire?

This concept that I presented last week regarding the Law of God or the Hell of Torah coming presents a serious theological conundrum for those believers who believe Christ's purpose in coming to this earth was actually to do away with the Law. This presents a serious problem because everywhere we read in Scripture Christ is coming back and He's bringing the Torah. He is going to bring the Hell of Torah. This leaves you scratching your head as to how Christ could return and do away with the Law. Again, that is exactly what He's bringing.

Many of you have heard me talk about this before, but modern-day Christianity had reduced faith to a concept. In other words, it's a faith that's not translated into action. It is a faith that's not translated into self-sacrifice. It is a faith that's not required to observe Torah or walk in the Commandments of God. It has become conceptual. It only needs to be in the mind. I just need to have a belief, and I am saved. Unfortunately, this conceptual faith is not faith at all. It is a deception. Casting the Law of God behind your backs all for the pretense of exulting Yeshua is a deception. That is not faith. And we know exactly why that is a deception; because our Mashiach—is not a minister of sin. He is not a minister of lawlessness (Galatians 2:17).

There was a very well known man whose name is Leonard Raven Hill. He was one of the most prolific, articulate, well-spoken preachers that has ever come out of Christianity. This gentleman spared no



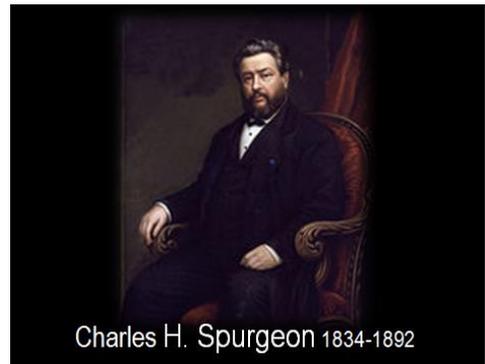
Leonard Ravenhill 1907-1994

words whatsoever regarding what he saw happening to the Church, and he came out against it. I'll give you an example; listen to the statement that he makes—[The sinner's prayer has sent more people to hell than all the bars in America.](#)

Unfortunately, when you look at the condition of the church today you quickly realize just how relevant this statement that Raven Hill made is in today's Church. Satan has cast a spell upon the Church by peddling his perverse and twisted theology and getting the Church to embrace this counterfeit faith. Satan's faith is one that costs you nothing, and yet you inherit everything. It is a faith that does not require self-sacrifice. It is a pseudo-faith. It is one that refuses to embrace the conviction of Godly sorrow, yet it's quick to embrace the dictates of its own heart.

Step back and look at the Church today. Satan has done the unthinkable. He has successfully peddled his campaign of a Lawless gospel. And what has happened? The Church has swallowed it whole.

Raven Hill wasn't the only one who saw the enemy infiltrating the Church. Going back in time a little bit further we find a man known as Charles Spurgeon. He's a hellfire Baptist preacher. How many of you have heard of Charles Spurgeon? I would think most of you have. Hands down he is one of the most influential preachers in the history of Christianity. This man dealt with the very issues that I'm dealing with today, and he dealt with them head on sparing no words. If you've ever read his commentaries or sermons, you quickly realize that Spurgeon wasn't someone who was concerned with political correctness. He wasn't concerned whether or not what he said offended somebody or hurt somebody's feelings. When you go through his commentaries, they will pierce you to the heart because they stem from Scripture. They are powerful!



Charles H. Spurgeon 1834-1892

Spurgeon's goal was to pull people out of deception. He wanted to take them back from the kingdom of Satan and bring them into the power of God. Suffice it to say, Spurgeon, like Raven Hill before him, saw what was happening to the Church. He saw a trend beginning to develop, and he took every opportunity to speak out against what he saw happening.

I want to read to you part of one of Spurgeon's sermons. Ironically enough, the title is [The Perpetuity of God's Law](#). Listen to what he says; this is profound—[Lower the Law, and you dim the light by which man perceives his guilt.](#) The first thing I want you to identify here is regarding where Spurgeon saw that the Law was to be held. It was to be held up high. It was to be put on a pedestal. The Law is what we need to be looking at. It is what we need to seek to attain righteousness. Yet the first thing we read here says, "Bring it down off that pedestal and what happens? You dim the light by which man perceives his guilt." By doing that you sever conviction. That is what happens. And what does Torah say, or what does Psalms 119:105 say? [Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.](#) You could say that the Torah is a lamp. We are told that the Torah is a light in Proverbs six.

He goes on—This is a very serious loss to the sinner, rather than a gain; for it lessens the likelihood of his conviction and conversion. ... I say you have deprived the gospel of its ablest auxiliary [most powerful weapon] when you have set aside the Law. You have taken away from it the schoolmaster that is to bring men to Christ...they will never accept grace till they tremble before a just and holy Law. Therefore the Law serves a most necessary and blessed purpose and it must not be removed from its place. When the sinner sees the awful consequences of breaking the Law of God—that he cannot escape the certainty of judgment—he will see his need to put on the LORD Jesus Christ. When we preach future punishment by the Law, the sinner comes to Christ solely to flee from 'the wrath to come'" (C.H. Spurgeon, "The Perpetuity of the Law of God." #1660). This is what the whole Hell of Torah is all about. It is about realizing consequences.

Spurgeon's statement is one of the most beautiful articulations of the Law you will find outside of the Bible. These words are more relevant today than ever before. Look at the Church today. Instead of believers embracing liberty from sin, they are embracing the liberty from righteousness. In other words, they are embracing a liberty from God's Law or His instruction. This is exactly why we find the apostle Paul stating these words to Timothy warning him—³For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; ⁴ and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables (2 Timothy 4:3-4).

Paul said—For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine. I don't want to get into it today, but I can show you from Scripture, specifically the New Testament, what Paul means by sound doctrine. It is explicit. He is referring to Torah every time he references sound doctrine. Every time Paul says this you should think Torah. I'll come back to that sometime in the near future and bear that out for you.

The words of Paul are in full bloom in the Church today. I'm not talking about the world. I'm talking about the Church. What does this tell us? When we realize that Paul wrote this 2000 years ago, what does this tell us? It tells us that we are living in the very last moments of time. The final grains of sand in the hourglass are dropping down. Judgment is upon us, people. This is the crescendo of the history of the world. Never since the flood have we seen anything like we see today. We are seeing unbridled passions and lusts in people. We see unrestrained wickedness. Men are not just practicing sin; they are actually boasting in it. They are rejoicing in sin. This world has never seen anything like this environment since the time of the flood.

I can tell you that the spiritual realm is in total chaos being engaged in the most epic of battles. The demons are scrambling like never before. They have very little time left, and they know it. They are moving as fast as they can to add to their kingdom more worshippers, more servants, of Satan because they're preparing for the final battle.

And when you look at the world today, when you look at the Church, you see that these demons are going out, and they are deceiving men and women at record levels. The only way to describe the situation is nightmarish. You have to pinch yourself and rub your eyes because you cannot believe what you are seeing. It's surreal.

But having said that, none of this should surprise you. Why? Because we were given warning. Scripture does not cease to warn us of these things. The Apostle Paul did not cease to warn us. Righteous men of God like Raven Hill and Charles Spurgeon have warned us. Spurgeon foresaw what we are experiencing today in the Church. He saw what was going to happen to the Church. If you have any question what he was warning about, consider his following quote as he peered into the future of the Church. This is what he saw—[A time will come when instead of shepherds feeding the sheep, the church will have clowns entertaining the goat \(C.H. Spurgeon \)](#)

Think about that statement. If Spurgeon were alive today and looked at the Church, he would break down and weep regarding the relevancy of this statement—[we have clowns entertaining the goats.](#)

We are living in a generation where churches have turned themselves into entertainment venues. They offer everything from rodeos to rock shows and cappuccino to carnivals. This is what we have in the church today. Do you want to be entertained? Come to the church.

Just think about that. I'm not kidding when I say rodeos. They are literally bringing horses and dirt in, and you have a guy riding around proclaiming the name of Jesus while he's having a rodeo. Clowns have entered the building.

Any question to this, just consider the following video. This is something that's went viral. Most of us have seen this. It describes the Church today. This is Victoria Osteen from August 2014:

["I just want to encourage every one of us to realize when we obey God we're not doing it for God. I mean, that's one way to look at it. We're doing it ourselves. Because God takes pleasure when we're happy. That's the thing that gives him the greatest joy this morning. I want you to know this morning just do good for your own self. Do good cuz God wants you to be happy. When you come to church when you worship him you're not doing it for God really. You're doing it for yourself because that's what makes God happy. Amen?"¹](#)

There are no words to describe that other than the fact this is the montra today. Are you more shocked by what she said and the fact that she said it? Or are you more shocked that what she said is actually true? Think about that.

I will tell you it's the latter. I am more shocked by the fact what she said is actually happening in the churches. This is why people are going to church, and they don't even realize it. They're going for their passions and the dictates of their own heart.

Let me take you back to Raven Hill because he can articulate this quite well for us. This is what he says—[The early church was married to poverty, prisons, and persecutions. Today 'The Church' is married to prosperity, personality, and popularity" \(Leonard Ravenhill\).](#)

This is the truth. This is what Church has become. It has become a circus. It is about popularity and prosperity.

Where are the prisons? Where are the persecutions? This is what Raven Hill was getting at. These are bold and very strong words. Godly sorrow is nowhere to be found. Conviction is as rare as gold. Why? Because Satan has stripped the Church of the Law of God. That's why. Go to the core of the problem; Satan has stripped the Church of the Law of God. And by so doing he has taken away the reality of judgment. That's what he has done. He has taken away the truth of the fire that is coming. He has sedated people so that they do not understand the hell of Torah.

When you take away the Law of God, something happens inside of us. The fear is taken away. You strip the fear of God away from somebody. It is no wonder that believers feel so at home, so comfortable, today committing sin. It is because they have no fear. They have no fear because there is no Law.

Deuteronomy 31:11-12—when all Israel comes to appear before the LORD your God in the place which He chooses, you shall read this Law [Torah] before all Israel in their hearing. ¹² Gather the people together, men and women and little ones, and the stranger who is within your gates [no one is to be excluded from hearing the Law], that they may hear and that they may learn to fear the LORD your God and carefully observe all the words of this law.

You are told in this passage the power that the Law possesses. This is the power of the words of God. When the words are heard in our ears, they cause something to change inside of us. It causes conviction and makes you turn from sin and fear God. We are told in Proverbs 16:6—And by the fear of the LORD one departs from evil. That's what we're told. You need the fear of God. You've got to have it.

Think about the kings of Israel. The LORD commanded something very specific upon the kings of Israel. He commanded that they were to have their own copy of the Torah, and they were to read it. Why? Because it was to produce fear inside of them so that they would not sin. We need to be reading our Bibles. Amen? This is what we need to be doing.

I want to take you to the book of Psalms now. I want to continue this theme of the hell of Torah. I want to continue to show you the fire, the imagery, and the fiery judgment. And here we're going to be given more evidence as to the validity of the Law. This is the information that you guys need to store away and be sharing with your believing and unbelieving friends. This is from Psalms 96:13—For He is coming, for He is coming to judge the earth. I want to stop right here. Who is the "He" in question here? It is Yeshua. I will prove this even further from the gospel of John 5:22—For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son.

There is no question that the "He" is Yeshua. With that frame of mind, I want to read it in context—[Yeshua] is coming, for [Yeshua] is coming to judge the earth [He shall judge the world how?]. He shall judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with His truth (Psalms 96:13). So we see here how the LORD is coming back to judge, and His judgment is going to be through righteousness.

So what is righteousness? Well fortunately for us the Bible tells us. Psalms 119:172—My tongue shall speak of Your word, for all Your commandments are righteousness. This is how He is coming to judge the earth. It will be through His commandments. This is why Yeshua made that statement in John 14:15—If you love me, keep My commandments. This is a warning!

Yeshua was warning His disciples. He was warning us, "If you love Me you're going to want to keep My commandments." This is because He is the one who's coming back to judge according to the very thing he spoke in John 14:15, His commandments or His Law. Torah.

This is why the apostle Paul actually makes the following statement recorded in 2 Corinthians 5:10-11—¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. Let me tell you something. Paul is quoting from Ecclesiastes 12:13-14—¹³ Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandment, for this is man's all. ¹⁴ For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil.

Continuing in 2 Corinthians 5:11—¹¹ Knowing, therefore, the terror of the LORD. Paul knows something about his Mashiach; he knows something about the Messiah. When Messiah comes back, it is going to be frightening. Go read the prophets, Joel and Isaiah. They say the exact same thing. The day of the LORD is great and terrible. That's how it's defined. Therefore, Paul tells us—¹¹ Knowing, therefore, the terror of the LORD [What do we do?] We persuade men. We warn them. We turn them back to Yeshua. They need salvation. They need a savior. Finishing 2 Corinthians 5:11—**but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.**

I'm going back to Psalm 96:13 because I want to build upon this passage for you by taking you to its parallel passage. It's a mirror image of what we read right here. It's actually a passage that we covered last week that I said we would come back to because there's a lot more to say about it. So we're going to go back to Revelation 19:11, and this is what we read—¹¹ Now I [John] saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True.

It's amazing. You've got to collect all the thoughts that are being presented here. The whole thing is that John sees heaven open. And what do we know happens on Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur? The gates of heaven open, but it's not for us to go in. It is because the King is coming out. That is what John is looking at. He sees this, and he sees the King coming out of heaven, and He's on a white horse. The King has a specific name that He is called by immediately, Faithful and True.

Continuing in Revelation 19:11—**and in righteousness He judges and makes war.** When the gates of heaven are open, the LORD is coming out to Judge. He is coming out for war. And we're told it's in a very specific way. This is exactly how Psalm 96:13 said he would come—**For He is coming, for He is coming to judge the earth. He shall judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with His truth.**

We continue in Revelation 19:12-13—¹² His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. ¹³ He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood.

I want to stop here because I want you to understand this passage regarding the blood that is soaked into His robe. This is not His own blood. For us Christians, when we think about blood we think lamb and sacrifice. We think about Yeshua taking our sins. That is not what is happening here. That is not the context. The blood that is soaked into His robe is because He has slain His enemies. Think about that! He has slain the wicked to the extent that His entire garment is saturated in blood.

Let me prove that statement. In Isaiah 63:1-2 we read—¹ **Who is this who comes from Edom, With dyed garments from Bozrah, This One who is glorious in His apparel, Traveling in the greatness of His strength?-- "I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save."** ² **Why is Your apparel red, And Your garments like one who treads in the winepress?** Remember these terms. You're going to see them in Revelation.

Continuing in Isaiah 63:3-4—³ **I have trodden the winepress alone, And from the peoples no one was with Me. For I have trodden them in My anger, And trampled them in My fury; their blood is sprinkled upon My garments [This is the blood of the wicked], And I have stained all My robes.** ⁴ **For the day of vengeance [this is the context] is in My heart, And the year of My redeemed has come.** So this blood that we see, this robe dipped in blood in Revelation 19:13 is not referring to His sacrifice. It is referring to His vengeance. And it is the blood of the wicked that has splattered and saturated His robe.

We continue in Revelation 19:13—**and His name is called The Word of God.** The second thing I want to draw your attention to here is the specific name ascribed to Yeshua in this passage. It is none other than the Word of God. This title wasn't by accident. It was used intentionally because it goes along with the context of the passage. The title keeps the context because Yeshua is coming back with a vengeance. What have we established in regard to how He is going to judge? He is going to judge through Torah or you could say, the His word because Yeshua is the Living Torah. Is he not?

Now the passage in Revelation 19:14 goes on to state—¹⁴ **And the armies in heaven.** Notice Yeshua doesn't say, "And my friends in heaven are coming along with Me." It says—**the armies**—because this is war. This is the context. He is coming back for war.

Continuing in Revelation 19:14-15—**clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses.** ¹⁵ **Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations.**

This is interesting because if you remember from part 1 of the study, it is mentioned in 2 Esdras that when Yeshua comes to destroy His enemies, He opens His mouth and out comes a fiery stream that devours His adversaries. Yet when we go to Revelation, we get a little different imagery. We are told that it is a sword that comes out of Yeshua's mouth. So going back to 2 Esdras we were given the understanding of what the fiery stream is. It is Torah. It is the Law. While here in Revelation the image given is a sword that comes out of His mouth.

To bring understanding to this, we can go to Ephesians 6:17 and find the following—**And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.** The sword is His commandments. It is His truth. It is His Torah. Which, by the way, is the very title used for Yeshua in this passage. The sword represents the Word of God. You can also see this in Hebrews 4:12—**For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword.** Over and over again we find that the sword is imagery used for the Torah. It is used for the Word of God.

When you study Yeshua's parables, you find that this is common. He takes two parables and butts them up to each other. He uses two different imageries to get the point across. We can find an example of this in Pharaoh's dreams. In the first dream, cows were used. In the second dream, corn was used. However, they were used to make the same point. So when we look at the sword, we find that it has

the exact same meaning as the fire. It means Torah. This is how He is coming to judge, with His Word which is the Word of God.

Continuing with Revelation 19:15—¹⁵ **Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.**

So here we see Yeshua coming back to take vengeance on the wicked. And let me put it to you this way, He is going to take vengeance through His Torah on those who are Torahless or lawless. These are the ones who are going to fall under judgment.

Let me tell you the most disturbing part of all of this. When Yeshua comes back to judge, there are going to be a lot of people who believed that they are saved. There are going to be people that believe they are true servants of Yeshua, but when Yeshua comes back He is going to open His mouth and His Law (Torah) is going to come forth and testify otherwise.

Let me give you an example of this from Matthew 7:21-23. Hands down this is one of the three scariest verses in all of Scripture. What Yeshua says here applies exclusively the Church—²¹ **Not everyone who says to Me, 'LORD, LORD.'** The first thing I want to mention is they are calling Him by name. They profess to know Him and call on Him by the name, LORD. Continuing—**shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.**

Do you want to know one of the secrets of entering into eternal life? We are to do the will of the Father in heaven. If you ask me how to describe Torah in less than five words, I find there are two ways to do this. Number one, I could just say Yeshua and be done with it. I could also say, “It is the will of God.” What is the will of God? Torah.

So here we see people calling on Yeshua. They are saying, “Jesus or Yeshua.” They are calling Him by name, “LORD, LORD.”

We move on to Matthew 7:22—²² **Many will say to Me in that day, 'LORD, LORD, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?'** I want to be very clear. These are people who confess Jesus is LORD. They profess Yeshua is the Mashiach. They don't just profess it; they're going out to do the work of the kingdom in His name. They are going out telling people, “I serve Yeshua. I serve Jesus.”

Listen to what He says to these people in Matthew 7:23—²³ **And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'** In these verses we find that the LORD will reject those who reject His Torah. This is going back to the conceptual faith. Conceptual faith is a deception because—**faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead (James 2:17).** Also in Hebrews 5:9—**He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.**

These individuals that we're looking at here became spiritual anesthesiologists. They've killed and numbed the pain of Godly sorrow. The people we read about in the Matthew verses are the ones who cast the Law behind their backs and without any conviction embrace the dictates of their own heart.

The people we read about here are deceived. That is why they are surprised at Yeshua's rejection of them. This is not what they expected. They expected eternal life. They were calling upon the name of Yeshua and He refused them. This, for me, terrifies me. It's passages like this that should keep you on your knees daily. Amen?

Let's go to the book of Romans. I want to give some additional evidence as to the measure by which God is going to judge mankind because when it comes to a topic like this I can't submit too much evidence. Going to Romans 1:28-31—**And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; ²⁹ being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, ³⁰ backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, ³¹ undiscerning.** That's a scary descriptor. Not being able to discern is scary.

Read again Hebrew 4: 12—**For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword.** It is a discerner of thoughts and intents of the heart. That is scary because if you cast out Tanakh from behind you, what do you lose? Discernment.

Continuing in Romans 1:31—**untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving.** What does Yeshua say? If you do not forgive your brother, you will not be forgiven. That is terrifying because we all like to lie to ourselves and say, "I've really forgiven that person." The LORD knows your heart. He knows the bitterness that you cling to. These are terrifying words when you really look at these words in the context of eternal salvation. It frightens me.

Continuing in Romans 1:31-32 & 2:1—**unmerciful; ³² who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.** Chapter 2:1 ¹ **Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things.**

I want to point out something; Paul is talking to fellow believers. These are people who are judging other people in the church, and they're guiltier of doing the very same things. They are hypocrites!

Continuing in Romans 2:2 ² **But we know that the judgment of God is according to truth against those who practice such things.** What is truth? Go back to Psalms 119:142—**Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and Your Law [Torah] is truth.**

Do not be deceived. The judgment of God is according to His Word. It is according to Torah. This is stated everywhere you look in Scripture. You can't get away from it.

Judgment is coming; fire is coming, and it's going to be the Word of the LORD that consumes the wicked. It will be the Law. And the Law is the very thing that we find believers casting behind their backs today!

Let me take this theme of fiery judgment a step further. Again, you're going to see that the Torah is not only applicable today; rather, it's closer to us in intimacy than ever before because of what Yeshua. Let

me take you to the prophet Jeremiah 31:31-32—³¹ Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah-- ³² not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD.

I want to stop here because here we have a prophecy in that God is going to make a new covenant. This prophecy is all about the new covenant with His people. This covenant is not going to be identical to the last covenant. This new covenant is going to be different because it is going to be superior.

What makes it superior to that of the last covenant? We are given this information in the very next verse of Jeremiah 31:33—³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

I want you to ponder that verse. The writing of the Law on tablets of stone as found in Exodus 20 where the Torah was etched in the stone tablets by the finger of God or the Ruach HaKodesh is not how it is going to be done in the new covenant. With the new covenant, the words of the Living God, the Torah itself, are placed upon our hearts.

I do want to point out here that there is no mention in this passage anywhere of the Law of God being done away with. Notice that there's nothing about the Law of God not being valid. Rather, there's an intimacy created with the new covenant. The LORD actually doubled down, so to speak, on the Law by moving it to our hearts; therefore, He moved it closer to us than ever before.

How was this done? The new covenant was instituted through our LORD and Savior Yeshua. This is why He is called the mediator of the new covenant. It was through His selfless act of being a sacrifice for our sins that allowed us to be saved and instituted the new covenant which is a better covenant, a superior covenant, where the Law of God is written on our hearts.

Remember what Yeshua said in John 7 when He told His disciples that it was good if He went away because if He went away He would send the Ruach HaKodesh, the Holy Spirit, to them. The Holy Spirit does all sorts of things. He is a witness, intercessor, teacher, and comforter. The Holy Spirit would tell us of things to come. So there are prophecies given through the Ruach HaKodesh.

You see all these beautiful things that the Ruach HaKodesh does. There is something else that the Ruach does. What is that? When Yeshua commands the Holy Spirit to come to us, we become children of the new covenant. When the spirit comes into our heart, He writes the Law of God on us. This is the new covenant. It's powerful!

So when people make the statement that the law has been done away with, you can just see the total collapse of understanding the faith, of understanding Yeshua and what He has done, and understanding the new covenant. It is a total collapse. It's a total failure.

What's fascinating about this new covenant is that it ties into this hell of Torah where we know fire is literally equated to the Torah. And this Torah is supposed to be written on our hearts. Look at what

John the Baptist says. This is fascinating. Luke 3:15-16—¹⁵ Now as the people were in expectation, and all reasoned in their hearts about John, whether he was the Christ or not, ¹⁶ John answered, saying to all, "I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

He said fire because that's what's going to be written on our hearts. It is the Torah. It is a fire. We're actually to be baptized in the Law. Have you ever heard that concept in church before? Being baptized with Torah is being baptized in God's righteousness, with Yeshua's righteousness. This is all testifying of who He really is.

It's not a coincidence that we see this imagery of fire used here. Understand that the new covenant is not a covenant devoid of Law. Rather, it's a covenant where the fire of Torah burns in our hearts! Amen?

I want to close with this statement by Charles Spurgeon—I do not believe that any man can preach the gospel who does not preach the law. The law is the needle, and you cannot draw the silken thread of the gospel through a man's heart unless you first send the needle of the law to make way for it. If men do not understand the law, they will not feel that they are sinners.

Oh my goodness! How true is that statement? We find that when we go to Scripture, what he articulated here is so true. It is a biblical fact.

He goes on—And if they are not consciously sinners, they will never value the sin offering. There is no healing a man till the law has wounded him, no making him alive till the law has slain him" (C.H. Spurgeon, sermon, "A Plain Man's Sermon" #1879).

This is an absolute beautiful articulation of reality. We need more people like Spurgeon speaking as he spoke. We need hell-fire preachers turning people back to Yeshua so that they can be saved in an authentic faith.

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