

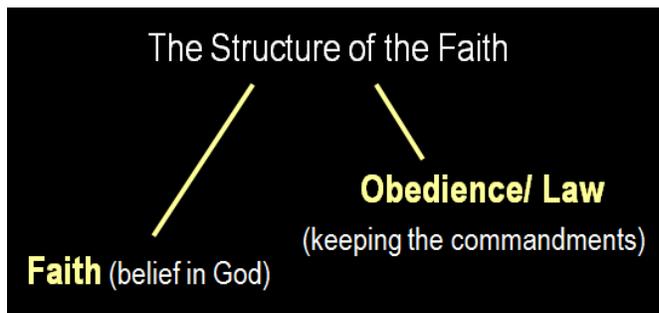
Hell of Torah Part 5 of 6: Faith & Obedience; Hearing the Voice of God

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Last week we began to look at something known as the structure of the faith. It is through this we learned faith is not just conceptual in that it is something only in our minds. It is much more than that. Faith is action. True faith is made complete through works or obedience. This makes perfect sense when we consider the fact that all things are established on the testimony of two or three. This is a principle woven throughout the tapestry of the Word. All things are established on the testimony of two or three, and this includes the faith itself because faith without works it is dead. Right? Faith without works is not faith; it is deception.



Today we're going to continue to look at this structure of the faith. We are going to compile some more evidence to show this structure really does exist in the pages of Scripture. Scripture is riddled with it. As we further identify this reality by looking at the variety of examples given in Scripture of said structure, we're going to continue to prove the legitimacy of the Torah and the importance of God's Law for our lives today.

With that said, I want to begin today by taking you to 2 Corinthians where we are going to discover Paul revealing this beautiful secret of how to obtain understanding of God's Word. What is the secret? How do we obtain understanding of God's Word? Listen to what Paul says in 2 Corinthians 3:12—¹² **Therefore, since we have such hope, we use great boldness of speech--¹³ unlike Moses, who put a veil over his face so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the end of what was passing away.**

Remember that Moses used to speak directly to God, and the glory of God radiated from his face. It was awesome because it was the voice of the LORD. When Moses encountered the voice of the Living God, the glory of God was glowing on Moses' face.

Move on to 2 Corinthians 3:14-16—¹⁴ **But their minds were blinded. For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament, because the veil is taken away in Christ.** ¹⁵ **But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart. 16 Nevertheless when one turns to the LORD, the veil is taken away.** In other words, in order to obtain understanding and be able to see the inner depth and beauty of Torah, you have to have faith in Yeshua. There's no other way without faith

in Yeshua. Without faith in Yeshua, the veil still going to lie on your heart and blind your eyes. You can give your life to the study of Torah and Scripture, but you will never obtain true understanding until you give in to the Messiah Yeshua.

The first thing I want to establish right off the bat is to obtain understanding from Scripture this is how it's done. I want to take you back to the Old Testament in Psalm 119 because this particular Psalm talks about the same thing that Paul just addressed. But what's interesting is it describes it just a little bit differently regarding how to obtain understanding. Look at what Psalmist says in 119:98-100—⁹⁸ **You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies; for they are ever with me.** ⁹⁹ **I have more understanding than all my teachers, for Your testimonies are my meditation.** ¹⁰⁰ **I understand more than the ancients, because I keep Your precepts (emphasis added).** Because he keeps the commandments of God, He is more understanding than the ancients and his teachers.

Go to 2 Corinthians 3:14-15 and Paul will tell you that understanding comes through faith in Yeshua. Go to Psalm 119:98-99 and we are told understanding comes through keeping the commandments. Do you see it? Do you see the structure of the faith? What is the structure of the faith? It is faith in Yeshua and keeping His commandments.

I just brought two passages together to give you an example of the structure itself. You might say to me, “Daniel, that's pretty far out there. You are reaching into the New Testament plucking out a passage and going back to the Old Testament and going the same thing trying to make them gel together.” My answer to this is, “They do. We are talking about the same thing.” You need to keep in mind we're talking about understanding. That is what's at stake here. We are told it is by faith in 2 Corinthians; then we're told it's by obedience in Psalm 119. Is one right and the other wrong? No! They are both right.

Let me further prove this through Scripture. I'm going to take you to another passage where we find Yeshua speaking and bringing this all together. John 14:15—**If you love Me, keep My commandments.** Do you see it? You're looking at the structure of the faith in this verse. Right there is one of the most complicated and condensed forms of the structure. Notice what Yeshua says—**If you love me.** I in other words, if you believe in Me and trust in me, something will happen. You will respond to that trust. What's the course of action? You will—**keep My commandments.** That is the structure of the faith; it is faith with obedience.

Now what's fascinating is what Yeshua says as He continues ties in with Psalm 119 and 2 Corinthians 3. As Yeshua continues, He reveals something beautiful that gives us understanding. John 14:16-17—¹⁶ **And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever--** ¹⁷ **the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.**

So if I follow the structure of the faith by loving Him and keeping His commandments, if I believe in Him and put my faith in Him and do as He said, what takes place? We're given the Holy Spirit. This is the effect it will have.

Let me take it a step further. What is the effect the Holy Spirit is going to have on my life? John 14:21—**He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me.** It doesn't say someone who has their Bibles open at home and is studying. That is not what it says. It says—**He who has My**

commandments and keeps them. There must be active participation on your part in this book [Bible]. The true ones who believe in Yeshua are the doers of the Word.

Now look at what else He says in John 14:21—**And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.** This is the response. You adhere to the structure of the faith, you believe in Yeshua, and you keep His commandments, He responds by giving the Holy Spirit. Then, the Holy Spirit does something. It manifests the Son of the Living God. The Holy Spirit manifests Yeshua.

Dropping down to John 14:26—**But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.** The Spirit Himself is going to instruct us by revealing secrets, the mysteries, found in this book. It is through that Spirit you're going to be given the tool necessary to see that Bible stereogram that is concealed from many people. Then you will know more than the ancients and the teachers because when you follow the structure of the faith, you're going to be given great mysteries.

Let me give you some different example of the structure of the faith. 2 Timothy 3:12—**Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.** Do you see it? Look at the structure of the faith. It's right there. It's amazing how quickly we read over things, and we don't retain or understand them. The first descriptor given is—**live godly.** Living godly means living righteously, holy, and keeping His commandments. That's what this is talking about. We are to do these things for whom? Messiah Yeshua.

Well, that verse isn't as encouraging as what Yeshua said. Yeshua told us in John 14:26 we would get the Holy Spirit when we do these things. Paul is telling us to expect persecution.

These are examples. Yet we have pieces of evidence that will describe whether you are truly a believer in Yeshua because these are pieces of evidence that should exist in your life. This is the Ruach HaKodesh, Holy Spirit, dwelling in your temple. Are you being persecuted? If you're not, here is something you need to ask yourself, where am I in my relationship with the LORD Yeshua?

Let's go to a different passage. This is Paul speaking to the elders from Ephesus telling them—**testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our LORD Jesus Christ (Acts 20:21).** This was the gospel. This was the message that the Apostle Paul preached. Do you see the structure of faith because it's there? **Repentance toward God.** What do we do when we repent? We stop doing the things that the world and Satan want us to do. Instead, we turn to God and start keeping His commandments. This is the structure of the faith over and over again.

Are we picking up on these things? Do you remember in Acts the Feast of Shavuot or Pentecost? That is when the Jews in the Diaspora were coming to Jerusalem. This was after the resurrection. When they were there, they were witnessing prophesy that had been foretold unfolding before their eyes. They were listening to men who did not know their languages speaking to them in these languages. They were awestruck by all the things happening.

Then we find Peter giving a message in Acts 2:37-38—³⁷ **Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?"** ³⁸ **Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the**

remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Do you see the structure of the faith? It is right there. What did Peter instruct them to do? Repent. Repent means I'm going to now turn from the fleshly desires from the world, and I'm going to do those things that God instructs in His Word. I'm going to keep His commandments (John 14:15).

Peter then goes on to say—**be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ**. Obviously, if I am being baptized, the whole point of it is I believe that Yeshua is the Messiah, and I believe God raised Him from the dead on the third day. I'm going to go through the baptism of the death and resurrection of the Messiah Yeshua because I believe it's a public profession. The statement of the faith is seen over and over again. We see these things because the LORD is trying to tell us something.

Then we find Peter speaking about the Gentiles who were coming into faith. Acts 10:34-35—³⁴ **Then Peter opened his mouth and said: "In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. ³⁵ But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him.** This is the statement of the faith. In other words, I believe in God, and I believe He is going to do the things He says He's going to do. Then I am going to work righteousness. This is the statement of the faith over and over again. You see it labeled a little bit differently, but it is saying the exact same things.

Let me take you to Revelation to the Church of Philadelphia which is who we want to be. Revelation 3:8—**I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name.** The structure of the faith is right there. You have kept His word which is His commandments, and you have kept the testimony of who He says He is. He is the Son of God. This is powerful!

Revelation 20:4—**And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God.** The structure of the faith is their testimony that Yeshua is the Messiah, and for the Word of God. They would not compromise the commandments of God.

I want to give you one more example. This is one of my personal favorites. It is something I addressed during this last Passover. It is the story of the Exodus. I would say this is perhaps one of the most comprehensive visuals we have regarding the structure of the faith and what it looks like in real life.

Going back to the book of Exodus we find the children of Israel have been in bondage to the Egyptians for four hundred thirty years. God heard the cries of His people at this time, and He is moved with compassion. He proceeds to set them free, and He does so by raining down judgment upon the Egyptians. At the precipice of His judgment, right before He pours out the tenth and final plague, He instructs His people to do something peculiar. He instructs His people to kill a Pesach lamb.

Now, if you look at the instructions given the children of Israel, you find they were not just commanded to find a pure and spotless lamb; a lamb without blemish. They were not just required to kill this lamb.



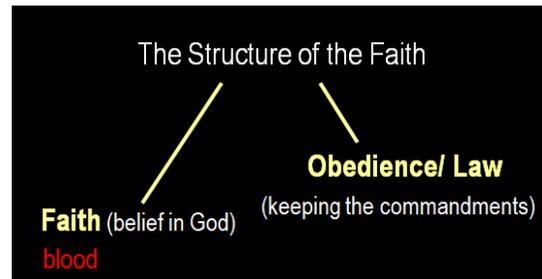
They were not just required to eat of its flesh with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. We find in the instructions they are to do something with the blood of the lamb. Exodus 12:12-13—¹² **For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute**

judgment: I am the LORD. ¹³ Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

So when the Israelites applied the blood of the lamb to the doorposts and lintels of their houses, we find the LORD through this blood protected the lives of the children of Israel. They were spared death and the horrifying wrath of God. And thus far in this passage, we begin to see the imagery of salvation through the blood of the Lamb.

Paul has some commentary that parallels exactly what is happening here. Listen to what he says in Romans 5:8-9—⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

That verse is the perfect description of exactly what is happening in the story of Passover. The children of Israel when they were in Egypt were sinners. They were doing what was right in their own eyes, and they were not living for God. Torah was not the Law of the land. Yet we find God has mercy upon them, and He provided a way they might be spared death and might be set free from bondage. How was that done? Through the blood of the lamb. It was through the blood of the lamb they were justified and set free. No blood means no life or freedom. To achieve freedom, to achieve life, they had to have faith in the fact the blood could save them. They had to have faith in the fact that when they applied the blood to the doorposts and lintels, they were going to be preserved from the wrath that was to come. This, then, is the first and foremost, the primary components, of the structure of the faith. First and foremost it's faith in the blood.



We are continuing to look at the story in Exodus. I have to ask the question when the children of Israel apply the blood to the door, was that the end of the story? When the death angel saw the blood and passed over the homes, did all the children of Israel magically vanish and immediately appear in the Promised Land? Could you imagine all the Egyptians looking around at all the Israelites and then the Israelites disappear?

My point is when they apply the blood it's not the end of the story. Actually, we find as this story begins to unfold it is right at this point the structure of the faith begins to come into view because after the children of Israel apply the blood, we discover the LORD did something. He begins to take them out of Egypt, and He brings them to the Red Sea. What happens when they get to the Red Sea? The LORD brings them through it. In other words, it is a baptism.

Think about the structure the faith. First, a person has to believe. Then what are they supposed to do? They are to be baptized. This is exactly what happened to the children of Israel.

Look at Paul's commentary in 2 Corinthians 10:1-2—¹ Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, ² all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. Paul addressed this the exact same way.

So when you look at the structure of faith today, what are believers in Yeshua supposed to do if they confess His name? They get baptized right. We can look at the story in Acts when Paul has this revelation of Yeshua. There is no doubt that Paul believed in Him at that point. Ananias came, laid hands on Paul and prayed for him. Paul then got up and was baptized. There was a sense of urgency that comes when you profess your faith in Yeshua.

You need to be baptized. When you go back to the Exodus story, we find the blood was applied, and immediately they were baptized. It was the same sense of urgency. But again, is this the end of the story? No. It is now we discover that after the LORD brings them through the Red Sea, He takes them to the mountain of God, Mount Sinai. What happened then? Exodus 19:16-18—¹⁶ Then it came to pass on the third day, in the morning, that there were thunderings and lightnings, and a thick cloud on the mountain; and the sound of the trumpet was very loud, so that all the people who were in the camp trembled. ¹⁷ And Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. ¹⁸ Now Mount Sinai was completely in smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire. Its smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mountain quaked greatly.

God descended upon the mountain in fire. So all of Israel is looking at this fiery furnace. What does God do when he descends down upon this mountain in the fire? The LORD delivers His commandments to the children of Israel. He delivers His Torah. And upon receiving His Law, what happens to the children of Israel. Poof, they were magically whisked into the Promised Land? No. That is not what happened. What came next was that they were tested. This was when they faced trials, tribulations, and persecutions. All this happened in this time frame.

I have to ask the question, why would God do all this? I like the version where you put the blood on the doorposts and lentils, and you're raptured into the Promised Land. That is my version. That is the version I prefer above all else. However, that's not the version that the children of Israel were given.

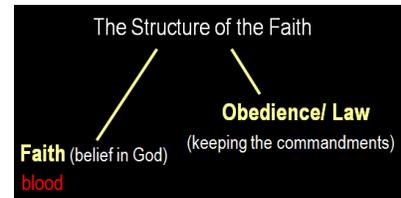
So you have the blood, and then you have the baptism. Then you have the giving of His commandments. And now comes the testing. Why the testing? Why go through this? We are told in Deuteronomy 8:1-2—¹ Every commandment which I command you today you must be careful to observe, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers. ² And you shall remember that the LORD your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. That's why.

People, listen to me. You are in the wilderness, and you are being tested to know whether or not you are going to obey Him or not. You are being tested to see if you are going to compromise. Please understand this; your faith does not end because you said a salvation prayer at some point in your life. It doesn't end when you commit your life to Yeshua. That is only the beginning.

Just as the LORD took Israel through the wilderness for forty years, you're also going to be tested. And many of you have faced trials and tribulations. You have experienced sorrow. Some of you may have even experienced the hardcore persecutions. What defines us as believers, and I want you to listen to me very closely, what defines us as believers is how we respond to the testing. That's what will define who you really are. When the fire begins to test you, you're going to know the impurities. The LORD is going to know what's going on.

We have got to hold the line of righteousness because things are getting so wicked and vile. I have never spiritually fought like I have this year. It is incredible. We are at war, and most people don't know because they're so distracted. I have got to tell you this, no matter what it's going to cost you in this life you cannot compromise.

The point of me sharing this with you is if you want to enter into eternal life, you are going to have to follow the structure of faith. It is going to require sacrifice. It is going to cost you everything in this life. You can take it to the bank. Right?



I want to take you to Philippians because I want to talk about something. There is an understanding among believers that when they come into the faith there is a joy and a freedom of being forgiven for sins. These things should be there. However, one of the travesties of what's not there is this intense pushing into the relationship. In other words, you say the salvation prayer, and you ask for forgiveness. Then you feel good; you feel joy. But then it stagnates. Nothing begins to happen although there is something happening. The problem is that you don't realize what is happening.

I want to take you to Philippians because this describes how we should be responding to our believe in Yeshua. List to what Paul says in Philippians 3:13-14—¹³ **Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended.** Think about that statement for a second. Some of the most unbelievable miracles mentioned in Scripture were done through the Apostle Paul. Then we find Paul making that statement—**Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended.**

Continuing in Philippians 3:13-14—**but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead,** ¹⁴ **I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.** Notice how there is forward motion. He is pressing toward the goal.

So the point I'm trying to make is your faith is not stagnant. It is constantly growing inside of us. It is constantly moving towards Yeshua and seeking Him day by day. In fact, in Corinthians, Paul likens the faith to a race. It is a race when the shot goes off, what do you think people do who are running a race? When the shot goes off do they step back and start taking in the landscape? No. They start running. Paul uses analogies because he has taken spiritual concepts and brought them down into the physical realm to impress them upon us in order to show us how the race is truly won. Right?

Look at what Paul says in 1 Corinthians 9:25-27—²⁵ **And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown.** ²⁶ **Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air.** ²⁷ **But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.**

What an amazing statement! Paul fights the flesh knowing his own life is on the line. He runs the race as if only one person is going to win. Paul tells us in 2 Timothy if anyone competes in athletics he's not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. What do you think he's saying? He is saying that you're not going to be crowned if you're going to walk in rebellion. That is the bottom line. It is not going to happen.

Let me take you back to Philippians because Paul is going to show that the faith is supposed to be

mature. It is supposed to grow; there is supposed to be movement. Philippians 1:8-9—⁸ **For God is my witness, how greatly I long for you all with the affection of Jesus Christ.** ⁹ **And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment.** It's to abound; there's supposed to be a movement. There is supposed to be a forward motion. Think about it as a mountain. You're constantly climbing up; you're not stopping and coming back down. You're moving up until you reach the summit where Yeshua is.

Paul said we are to abound in knowledge. Where do you suppose we get knowledge? We get it from the Word of God. We are to abound in discernment. Where do you suppose we get discernment? Read Hebrews chapters 4 & 5. Discernment comes from the Word of God.

Let me ask this, are you abounding? Are you seeking first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness in your life? Is that what you're doing? Are you literally poring over the pages of the Bible seeking these things?

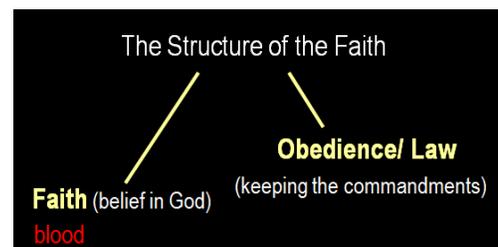
He goes on in Philippians 1:10—**that you may approve the things that are excellent.** This is why we have got to dedicate ourselves to Yeshua and to the study of His Word. This is not just the study of His Word, but it is the application of His Word to our lives. We study for the sake of knowledge; we study to do. In the midst of the study, we're going to be rewarded because now we're going to know the difference between good and evil; we're going to be able to prove the things that are excellent.

Paul used the exact same terminology in Romans 2:11 regarding his own brothers. He literally says you— **approve the things that are excellent, being instructed out of the Law.** This is how we are going to prove the things are excellent. He goes on in Philippians 1:10-11—**that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ,** ¹¹ **being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.**

Let me take you to Ephesians 5:8-10—⁸ **For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the LORD. Walk as children of light** ⁹ **(for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth),** ¹⁰ **finding out what is acceptable to the LORD.** Did you catch what he just said here? He said the fruit of righteousness presses in, it moves, to find out what is acceptable to the LORD.

Who Paul is describing is someone who studies Torah, the prophets, the New Testament, and all of Scripture. This is someone who is pouring over it. This is someone who does exactly what it says here in verse ten—**finding out what is acceptable to the LORD.** We do this that we may approve the things that are excellent.

Let me ask you a question. Do you think that Satan in his diabolical scheming of attempting to destroy the Church, the faith, and the structure of the faith, might just attempt to remove a component of the structure of faith or attack it? We have to ask ourselves this question because we are at war with the spiritual host of wickedness. Might Satan attempt to mess with the structure? Obviously, it's a rhetorical question. Yes, he would and does.



So how might Satan do that? Let's just step back and look at the Church today. What has Satan done? He has convinced a large majority that the Law of God is done away with and is no longer valid;



therefore, the sheep no longer study the Law. They no longer read it for application. They don't read it for wisdom, knowledge, or for truth so that they can approve the things that are excellent. The Law has been completely thrown out.

What is really happening here? What is really taking place? What do I see when I step back? This is what I see Satan doing. He's breaking the communication between Yeshua and His sheep because what we find in the Law of God, which is the Torah, is the

Torah is the voice of God.

I want to give you some perspective; I want you to be able to share the perspective. If you want to understand Torah and its true light, understand this, it is the voice of God. If I had a nickel for every time someone came up to me telling me they just want to hear from God. They have been praying and praying, and they just want to hear from God. My response is this, "When's the last time you read the Word?" The Word is His voice.



Let me prove this to you. Look at Deuteronomy 28:1-2—¹ Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments. Did you catch that? He said—if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God. The voice of God is His commandments. It is His spoken Word.

Then Moses goes on in Deuteronomy 28:1-2— which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. ² And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD your God. Remember that when you go to Deuteronomy chapters 26, 27, and 28, you start seeing something awesome which is the blessings and curses. If you keep the commandments of God, you will be blessed. If you don't, you are going to be cursed.

Look at Deuteronomy 30:9-10 which again proves the voice of the Living God is Torah—⁹ The LORD your God will make you abound in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your body, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your land for good. For the LORD will again rejoice over you for good as He rejoiced over your fathers, ¹⁰ if you obey the voice of the LORD your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes. Again we find the voice of God being equated to keeping the

commandments in that His voice is the commandments. His voice is the statutes—which are written in this Book of the Law, and if you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.



When a country is at war, one of the most important things they rely upon in executing their missions and successfully conquering the enemy in to focus on communication. Ask any general or military strategists and they will tell you communication is primary, it's imperatively, one of the first

things a military strategist will do when planning out how they're going to engage the enemy. One of the first things that are talked about is how to take out the enemies communications. When you do that, they can't receive orders from their generals or superiors. If you can't collaborate with each other, it's difficult to defend, and it is almost impossible to attack. If you destroy communications, the result is total destruction and chaos.

Satan knows this, and the last thing he wants us to do is to have a clear line of communication with the LORD. He wants the Church to be in disarray and confusion. He wants them to be blinded.

We are at war, and we have to understand what Satan is doing. When you understand the fact that the Torah is the voice of God speaking to His people and giving them warning and wisdom then you begin to start looking at Torah in a whole new light. No longer do you see it as this curse that needs to be avoided. You start reading it and start realizing this is the voice of my LORD Yeshua. He gave us this for wisdom and protection. He gave us Torah that we might approve the things that are excellent. Right? It gives us the ability to discern between that which is good and that which is not good.

Proverbs 19:27—**Cease listening to instruction [warning in the Hebrew], my son, and you will stray from the words of knowledge.** Over and over again you will find the Torah is there to warn us of our adversary, to warn us of ourselves, and to warn us of our own flesh.

Isaiah says in Isaiah 30:9— **That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children who will not hear the Law of the LORD.** The first thing you need to identify here is those who are rebellious are identified as those who refuse to hear from Torah. Ultimately, what are they refusing to hear? They are refusing to hear from God because Torah is the voice of God.

It continues in Isaiah 30:10— Who say to the seers, “Do not see,” and to the prophets, “Do not prophesy to us right things; speak to us smooth things, prophesy deceits.

I want to make something clear. It is true that we are not justified by the Law itself but by faith in Yeshua. We know that the Law itself has no power to save us, but the question becomes what Paul asked in Romans 3:31— **Do we then make void the Law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the Law.** We move forward; we keep His commandments lest we be branded with the rebellious.

We can boil it all down to this. Those who follow God's pattern of design, who follow the structure of the faith, who keep His commandments, and have the testimony of Yeshua, these are the ones that are going to be preserved through the fires of Torah. The fire is going to have no power over them.

I'm going to close with one last passage that shows the structure of the faith, but I save this one for the last because it's the Great Commission. We have all heard of it. We find it in Matthew 28:18-20—¹⁸ **And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”**

The structure of the faith is right there. We are to go out and baptize people. In other words, persuade them in the truth of Yeshua. Tell them Yeshua is the Messiah. And then we are to do what? **Teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you.** This command was given to His disciples who were Jews who were given His Torahprophets. They were to go out and teach others Torah. This is the structure of the faith again!

