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IS THE TORAH IN VIOLATION OF GRACE?

Or grace and a bunch of flowers for Yeshua (Jesus)?

Nowadays, when you speak about keeping the Commandments of the Torah, and especially if you declare that you strive to do what they say, then the response is likely to be that you are a person with a legal spirit, who tries to fabricate his salvation by himself.

Salvation will be received exclusively through grace in Yeshua the Messiah (Jesus Christ) and not by performing the Commandments, and we thoroughly agree with that. The Scriptures are very clear about that.

The belief that Yeshua is the Son of God; that He rendered Himself to be sacrificed for our sins; that He has died and resurrected; and been baptized in His Name is sufficient to be saved. Salvation cannot be earned in any way. Grace is Grace. PERIOD!

However, there is much more than only our salvation. Infinitely more.

Once Yeshua has come into your life and was allowed to take possession of your heart, then from that moment on you are in a relationship with Him, as a bride who prepares herself for the marriage with her groom. (Revelation 19:6-9)

Being His bride, we love Him with the Love that He poured into our hearts. Hence our relationship is defined as a relationship of LOVE. Like John writes:

["We love Him because He first loved us." \(1 John 4:19\)](#)

If we really love Him, then we want to do so in a manner that pleases Him. I do not bring yellow tulips for my wife, if I know that she dislikes those. That means that love is not only a matter of my feelings for her. The knowledge about what pleases her directs and enhances my feelings for her! This is equally true for our relationship with Yeshua!

He has made very clear with what and how we can express our love for Him, and how we can please Him.

He says to his disciples:

“If you love Me, you will keep My commandments” (John 14:15)

“ Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me, (John 14:21)

Hence, there is another manner to associate with the Commandments than implied at the beginning of this writing. Keep God's commandments, not to earn our own salvation; but to love Him, after we received the salvation from Him first.

We long for the day that He returns, for the moment that He will invite us as His bride to His marriage supper.

He says:

“Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done.”(Revelation 22:12)

According to ‘what he has done’, He says. What else can that mean than “He who has My commands and keeps them” (John 14:21; see above)

This is what Paul says regarding the day that He returns:

“For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each man's work will become evident; for **the day** will show it because it is to be revealed with

fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work. If any man's **work** which he has built on it remains, he will receive a **reward**. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire." (1Cor.3:11-15)

On that day I would not want to belong to those people, that keep Gods Commandments, because they think that they can earn their salvation by doing so. Salvation you receive solely by Faith through Grace.

Neither would I want to belong to those that find that they do not have to keep Gods Commandments, because they do not enable you to acquire salvation anyway. Indeed, they are missing out on their reward.

On that day I would love to belong to those believers, who receive their salvation by faith through grace, and add to that the keeping of the commandments, not to be saved, but because of their love for Yeshua. On that day they will, in addition to their salvation, also receive their reward. Such reward consists of nothing less than all richness of wisdom and glory in the Being of God and Yeshua.

In Eternity, nobody will be unhappy, but one will have a deeper relationship with Him than another. After all, there will be a distinction between those, who 'are saved', and those who are saved and 'also have a reward'. Several verses in the Bible tell us about the variety in the rewards that will be given.

Yeshua says:

Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments (from Torah), and teaches others to do the same, shall be called **LEAST** in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever keeps and teaches them, he shall be called **GREAT** in the kingdom of heaven. (Mat. 5:19)

The Beatitudes end with the words:

"Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. Rejoice and be glad, for **your reward in heaven is great**; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. (Mat.5: 11-12)

Evidently there will be a 'small' and a 'big' reward. In 2 John 1:7-8 we read:

For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the antichrist. Watch yourselves, that you do not lose what we have accomplished, but that you may receive a **full** reward. (2 John 1:7-8)

Hence it is possible that you will not receive the FULL reward, but only a part of it.

The fact that there will be a differentiation seems to be supported by what we read in 1 Cor 15:41-42:

“.....for star differs from star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead.....”

Dear fellow believers, consider that the world, that we live in today is not the purpose and goal of our life. The time that we are allowed to live here is only in preparation for the new world, where we shall be united with God and Yeshua. The way and manner that we pass the short time on earth determines the way you will experience in eternity. Are you satisfied with Salvation only?

Is it important for you to receive God's blessing, especially for the life that you live here?

Or do you long for eternity where you receive everything possible from God himself? Even if you have to pay a price for it, during this life on earth?

Let us prepare ourselves for an eternal marriage with our Heavenly Groom, a marriage that can and will be called FULL.

Let us instigate each other to keep our eyes focused on Him and to keep his commandments, out of love to Him, whatever the cost that we may have to pay.

If a bride can give a bouquet of flowers to her groom, let this be my bouquet for Him.

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