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Bar Mitzvah
Genuine Saving Faith

Pastor Don: This Bar Mitzvah is proclaiming what Josiah believes.

“Thank you for coming to my Bar Mitzvah!

In the presence of Yeshua’s body of believers, I am openly proclaiming that Yeshua (commonly called Jesus) is ‘My LORD’. This means that I will obey Yeshua in all my thoughts and actions.

Let it be known that on ‘This Day’ that “I believe All of YHVH’s Word”!

Today, I am using some words which may be unfamiliar to you. These words are from the Hebrew text of the Bible.

First, Jesus’s name is not Jesus Christ. When we say Jesus Christ, the average person pictures a blond-haired, blue-eyed man who lived in Europe or in the US. In actuality, He is Jewish and lived in Israel, which is in the Middle East.

One of the results of my studies is to restore the Hebrew historical context.

I am going to be referring to Jesus by His Hebrew name Yeshua, which means: *YHVH saves*. Secondly, Christ is not His last name, but

His title. Again, I shall use the Hebrew term, Mashiach. Mashiach means *Anointed One, the Messiah*.

So instead of saying Jesus Christ, we can more accurately say Yeshua HaMashiach which means *the salvation of YHVH, the anointed One*.

Psalm 19 verse 7 in the English Standard Version says:

“The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure,
making wise the simple;”

First, I am going to talk a little about this verse. The original language in which the Torah was written was Hebrew. The Hebrew word for Torah which is often mis-translated as law. And the word for *YHVH* is translated LORD (Note: LORD is generally written with all capital letters.)

Now, I shall read Psalm 19:7 in Hebrew. The Hebrew from which I am reading is the Westminster Leningrad Codex. This is the oldest and most respected manuscript of the Torah.

תּוֹרַת יְהוָה תְּמִימָה מִשִּׁיבַת נֶפֶשׁ

עֲדוֹת יְהוָה נְאֻמָּה מִחֲכִימַת פִּתִּי:

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Hebrew	English	Notes
תּוֹרַת	The law of	
יְהוָה	Yahweh	
תְּמִימָה	[is] perfect	
מְשִׁיבַת	converting	
נַפְשׁ	the soul	
עֵדוּת	the testimony of	
יְהוָה	Yahweh	
נֶאֱמָנָה	[is] sure	
מְחַכֵּמַת	making wise	
פְּתִי:	the simple	

I am going to give you my translation:

*The Torah of our Messiah is true changing the soul and mind.
The testimony of our Messiah is whole, making any who read
it wise in the Torah.*

Now, I will be explaining **“What is Genuine Saving Faith”** and my leading text is based on the Book of James. James, or as he was called in Hebrew *Yaakov*, was the brother of Yeshua and was considered to be the leading apostle among believers who were known as “the Way” in Jerusalem.

The Book of Yaacov (or James as it is often called in English) was written specifically for believers in the Messiah.

In the Book of Yaacov 1:21 & 22 it states:

“Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”

Take a close look at verse 21:

“Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

Note that Yaacov spells out...“put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness”; that is, in order to receive YHVH’s Word, one needs to do away with a foul tongue and evil acts of sin so we may walk in “the Way” of the Messiah.

And “***with meekness,***” ***means*** that we need to humble ourselves in order to grow and mature in Messiah.

We are encouraged to do what the LORD requires because then “***the implanted word***” will develop us! For it says “***which is able to save your souls***” We work out our salvation by fulfilling verse 22 which instructs us to ***be doers of the word (Torah), and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves!***

If we are not a doer of YHVH’s Word, we ***deceive ourselves!*** This means we can have God’s “implanted word” in us and still lose our souls ... ***if*** we do not walk in His ways.

Let me read that verse again,

“Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”

Where does the Scripture say that YHVH implants His Word within us?

In Jeremiah 31 verses 31 & 33 tell us:

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel...”

“This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the LORD. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.”

The context of this verse in Jeremiah is a New Covenant; but in actuality, this is not a new covenant for it is the same covenant that was given to Israel at Mount Sinai through Moses. What makes this covenant new is the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Yeshua said

⁴⁶“For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote of me. ⁴⁷But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?” John 5:46-47.

This is the Covenant that Our Messiah accomplished on the cross (Luke 20:22) is the New Covenant of our Messiah. As it says in Acts 2:21, Peter said, ***“AND IT SHALL BE THAT EVERYONE WHO CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED.”***

“He will forgive us of our sins, for we don’t earn God’s forgiveness we receive it by His grace through faith and are being saved and receiving God’s forgiveness. But note that YHVH’s Torah (Word) is written on our hearts and minds, that is, it is implanted, but this implanted word is only effective **IF** we are doers of His Torah in us! Yaacov continues in chapter 1:25

But the one who looks into the perfect Torah (law), the Torah (law) of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

Here we see that the “implanted Word” that is, the Torah (YHVH’s instruction) written on our hearts. It was YHVH’s work in us, to forgive our sins, & at the same time Yeshua Himself abides in us. It is worth repeating what Yeshua’s brother Yaakov stated:

“But the one who looks into the perfect Torah (law), the Torah (law) of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing”.

YHVH’s instruction is “perfect” and when practiced it gives not only “liberty” but also blessing!

Yeshua and His Apostles attended synagogues and read from the Torah (first five books) and the Prophets! Even after the death, burial, and resurrection of Yeshua. Paul and the Apostles continued what Yeshua taught them!

Paul, for instance, told young Timothy who had a congregation that,

“Command and teach these things. Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I come, devote

yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching". 1 Timothy 4:11-13.

Note it said that **“public reading of Scripture”**

Question: what Scripture? What do you think Yeshua taught while He taught during His earthly ministry? This was before any New Testament was written. Let us remember that Yeshua taught and kept the Torah which confirmed His Messiahship.

Listen to what else Paul told Timothy, the young preacher:

“and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ-Jesus Messiah Yeshua. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:15-17

It was common knowledge for the Torah to be called the

“Sacred Writings which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in the Messiah, Yeshua.”

I love to read the Scriptures, let me read this again about the Torah it says,

“and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ-Jesus Messiah Yeshua. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in

righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

!! I've made up my mind that I'm going to stick with the Torah as Paul told Timothy!!

Special Note. Do not think that merely “love” takes the place of fulfilling YHVH’s Torah of works. In Exodus 20, the Ten Commandments, tells us to walk in His commandments. The second part which is the “Royal Law” which is in Leviticus 19:18; this tells us how to walk in His Torah.

Yaacov said,

⁸If you really fulfill the Royal Torah (law) according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. ⁹But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. Yaacov 2:8-10.

Here it is stated that

“if you really fulfill the Royal Torah (Law) according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,”

and in Romans 13:8-10:

⁸“Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong

to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the Torah (law).”

We are to keep both His Torah (Law) and the Royal Law.

!!Therefore, fulfilling the Torah is walking in the Torah, & in the Royal love of the Torah! For both of these come from YHVH!

Also, the confession of faith for all followers of Yeshua is summed up in the Shema. In Deuteronomy 6:4–9, where Yeshua was asked in Luke 10:25:

²⁵*And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”* ²⁶*He said to him, “What is written in the Torah (Law)? How do you read it?”* ²⁷*And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.”*

and Mark 12:31 Yeshua continued 31

“The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

All of this and more come from the Torah!

!!Let me be clear, belief in Yeshua comes first and secondly is that we must follow what He said and what He did. In John 3:36 notice the two conditions of Yeshua!!

“Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him”.

I want to conclude by telling you the story of **“What is Genuine Saving Faith.”**

In Yaacov Chapter 2: verses 11 through 26.

¹¹For he who said, “Do not commit adultery,” also said, “Do not murder.” If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.

¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. ¹³For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment. ¹⁴What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. Pause!

¹⁸But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. ¹⁹You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! ²⁰Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? ²¹Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? ²²You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; ²³and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”—and he was called a friend of God. ²⁴You

see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone.
Pause!

²⁵And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? ²⁶For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.

To sum up:

²²You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works;

²⁴You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone.

1. Therefore, we see that Paul and Yaacov are in perfect agreement on the issue of “faith and works.” (Note it is not faith versus works, but faith AND works) James 2:22,24.
2. Remember to “**believe only**” is what **the demons do**.
 - a. But the one who **only** believes & does not keep the **Commandments becomes nothing but a bare affirmation or merely a positive confession. Actually, that person denies the faith and is understood as having demonic faith!** 2:19, 20,14.
3. Faith (faith in the Messiah) precedes works James 2:23,24.
4. Faith **and** Works together prove “genuine saving faith” James 22,23.
5. The “Royal Law” of Love does not take the place of YHVH’s commands in the Torah. Lev 19:18.
6. The one who believes in the Messiah and produces good works (Torah) is justified & declared righteous and will enter into the benefits of eternal life. James 2:22,23

7. If you believe only in the Messiah, without works of the Torah you are deceiving yourself. James 1:22,26

Leviticus 10:10 instructs us to judge and to interpret His Torah correctly!

וְלֹהֲבִלֵּיל בֵּין הַקֹּדֶשׁ וּבֵין הַחֵל וּבֵין הַטָּמֵא וּבֵין
הַטָּהוֹר:

YHVH has always been reaching out to us with Psalms 19:7 in the TaNaKh.

תּוֹרַת יְהוָה יְתִמָּה מְשִׁיבַת נַפְשׁ עֲדוֹת יְהוָה
נְאֻמָּה מַחְכִּימַת פִּתִּי:

Earlier I gave you my translation of this verse. Now I shall give you **my interpretation** of this verse after much study.

The Torah of YHVH is perfect, converting, and changing the soul, YHVH's testimony is true for it will reform and make the mind wise, if you do what it asks of you.

I cannot close without “The Shema” which is our confession of faith. Which Yeshua our Messiah Himself proclaimed. **Everyone please stand as we recite the Shema.**

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְהוָה אֶחָד :

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