



TORAH...TORAH...

WHAT IS TORAH?

Part 8

Be Holy As He Is Holy

Torah



Barchu et Adonai ham'vorach!

Baruch Adonai ham'vorach l'olam va'ed!

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech

ha'olam, asher bachar banu mikol

ha'amim, v'natan lanu et Torato.

Baruch atah, Adonai, notein haTorah.

בְּרַכּוּ אֶת יי הַמְּבָרָךְ!
בְּרוּךְ יי הַמְּבָרָךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד!

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ
הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר בָּחַר בָּנוּ מִכָּל
הָעַמִּים, וְנָתַן לָנוּ אֶת תּוֹרָתוֹ.
בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי, נוֹתֵן הַתּוֹרָה.

Bless Adonai who is blessed!

Blessed is Adonai who is blessed forever and ever!

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe, who has
chosen us from all the peoples and given us Your Torah.

Blessed are You, Adonai, who gives the Torah.



What is Torah?

God's principles

– God's fundamental truths –

**Torah serves as a foundation for
defining good and evil, right and wrong,
truth and lies**

God's Word – His Torah – Is Our Anchor



What is Torah?

God's instructions

**– God's guidelines for living –
Torah provides a roadmap to living
righteously to be a light to the nations
as individuals and as a community**

What is Torah?

God's law

- God's binding rules of engagement –
Torah establishes order and defines
justice for governing individual and
societal conduct**

God's Word – His Torah – Is Our Anchor



What is Torah?

God's commands

- God's mandated requirement –
Torah defines the prerequisites to
national and individual blessing as well
as the consequences of rebellion**

God's Word – His Torah – Is Our Anchor



What is Torah?

God's plans and purposes

– God's love for His creation –

Torah lays out the heart of God, His desire for intimacy and His design for creation's eternal redemption

Special



Having a **CLOSE CONNECTION** with a specific person, thing, or group

Having a **PARTICULAR INTENTION** concerning a person, thing, or group

God did not choose Abraham and his descendants as His eternal people because they were special.

God chose them **TO BE** special!

Genesis 17



7 “I am establishing my covenant between me and you, along with your descendants after you, generation after generation, as an everlasting covenant, **TO BE GOD FOR YOU AND FOR YOUR DESCENDANTS AFTER YOU.**

Genesis 12



1 Now Adonai said to Avram, “Get yourself out of your country, away from your kinsmen and away from your father’s house, and go to the land that I will show you.

2 **I WILL MAKE OF YOU A GREAT NATION**, I will bless you, and I will make your name great; and you are to be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, but I will curse anyone who curses you; **AND BY YOU ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH WILL BE BLESSED.**”

Deuteronomy 4



1 “Now, Isra’el, **LISTEN TO THE LAWS AND RULINGS I AM TEACHING YOU, IN ORDER TO FOLLOW THEM**, so that you will live; then you will go in and take possession of the land that Adonai, the God of your fathers, is giving you.

Deuteronomy 4



2 In order **TO OBEY** the mitzvot of Adonai your God which I am giving you, **DO NOT ADD** to what I am saying, and **DO NOT SUBTRACT** from it.

Deuteronomy 4



5 Look, **I HAVE TAUGHT YOU LAWS AND RULINGS, JUST AS ADONAI MY GOD ORDERED ME, SO THAT YOU CAN BEHAVE ACCORDINGLY** in the land where you are going in order to take possession of it.

Deuteronomy 4



6 Therefore, **OBSERVE** them and **FOLLOW** them; **FOR THEN ALL PEOPLES WILL SEE YOU AS HAVING WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING**. When they hear of all these laws, they will say, **'THIS GREAT NATION IS SURELY A WISE AND UNDERSTANDING PEOPLE.'**

Deuteronomy 4



7 For what great nation is there **THAT HAS**
GOD AS CLOSE TO THEM AS ADONAI
OUR GOD IS, WHENEVER WE CALL ON HIM?

Deuteronomy 4



8 What great nation is there THAT HAS LAWS
AND RULINGS AS JUST AS THIS ENTIRE
TORAH WHICH I AM SETTING BEFORE YOU
TODAY?

Special



God chose Israel to be special – a people united with a unique purpose.

To accomplish this purpose, he gave them by His grace the two most important gifts:

– RELATIONSHIP –

– TORAH –

Special



– RELATIONSHIP –

With God and with each other

– TORAH –

The way of life and holiness

Leviticus 19 – Be Holy, Be Special



1 Adonai said to Moshe, 2 “Speak to the entire community of Isra’el; tell them, ‘You people are to

**BE HOLY BECAUSE I, ADONAI YOUR GOD,
AM HOLY.**

קָדוֹשׁ - kâdôsh

Someone or something that is pure, separated from the rest, usually for a **SPECIAL** purpose; holy, dedicated, consecrated.

Leviticus 19 – Be Holy, Be Special



3 “Every one of you is to revere his father and mother, and you are to keep my Shabbats; **I AM ADONAI YOUR GOD**.

33 If a foreigner stays with you in your land, do not do him wrong. 34 Rather, treat the foreigner staying with you like the native-born among you — you are to love him as yourself, for you were foreigners in the land of Egypt; **I AM ADONAI YOUR GOD**....

35 Don't be dishonest when measuring length, weight or capacity. 36 Rather, use an honest balance-scale, honest weights, an honest bushel dry-measure and an honest gallon liquid-measure; **I AM ADONAI YOUR GOD**, who brought you out of the land of Egypt...

Leviticus 19 – Be Holy, Be Special



37 Observe all my regulations and rulings **AND**

DO THEM; I AM ADONAI.”

Torah – To Obey & To Teach



Matthew 5

17 **“DON’T THINK that I have come TO ABOLISH
THE TORAH OR THE PROPHETS. I have come
not to abolish BUT TO COMPLETE.”**

Torah – To Obey & To Teach



Matthew 5

18 Yes indeed! I tell you that until heaven and earth pass away, NOT SO MUCH AS A YUD OR A STROKE WILL PASS FROM THE TORAH — not until everything that must happen has happened.

Torah – To Obey & To Teach



Matthew 5

19 So whoever **DISOBEYS THE LEAST OF THESE
MITZVOT AND TEACHES OTHERS TO DO SO**

will be called the least in the Kingdom of Heaven.

But **WHOEVER OBEYS THEM AND SO TEACHES**
will be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Torah – To Obey & To Teach



17 “Don’t think that I have come to **ABOLISH** **[destroy]** the Torah or the Prophets.

19 So whoever **DISOBEYS** the least of these mitzvot [commandments] and **TEACHES OTHERS TO DO SO** will be called the least in the Kingdom of Heaven.

DESTROYS

Torah – To Obey & To Teach



17 I have come not to abolish but to **COMPLETE [fulfil]**.

19 But whoever **OBEYS** them and so **TEACHES** **[fulfils]** will be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven

FULFILLS

Torah – To Obey & To Teach



21 “You have heard...

27 “You have heard that our fathers were told, ‘Do not commit adultery.’ 28 But I tell you that a man who even looks at a woman with the purpose of lusting after her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.



**We are responsible to obey and to teach
Torah...to live it...and we will be held
accountable for that in both our words and our
actions.**

Torah – To Obey & To Teach



29 If your right eye makes you sin, gouge it out and throw it away! Better that you should lose one part of you than have your whole body thrown into Gei-Hinnom.

30 And if your right hand makes you sin, cut it off and throw it away! Better that you should lose one part of you than have your whole body thrown into Gei-Hinnom.

1 Corinthians 5



9 In my earlier letter I wrote you not to associate with people who engage in sexual immorality. 10 I didn't mean the sexually immoral people outside your community, or the greedy, or the thieves or the idol-worshippers — for then you would have to leave the world altogether! 11 **No, what I wrote you was not to associate with anyone who is supposedly a brother but who also engages in sexual immorality, is greedy, worships idols, is abusive, gets drunk or steals.** With such a person you shouldn't even eat! 12 **For what business is it of mine to judge outsiders? ISN'T IT THOSE WHO ARE PART OF THE COMMUNITY THAT YOU SHOULD BE JUDGING?** 13 God will judge those who are outside. Just expel the evildoer from among yourselves.



John 14 – Relationship & Actions

6 Yeshua said, “**I AM THE WAY — AND THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE**; no one comes to the Father except through me.



John 14 – Relationship & Actions

7 Because you have **KNOWN** me, you will also **KNOW** my Father; from now on, you do **KNOW** him — in fact, **YOU HAVE SEEN HIM.**”



John 14 – Relationship & Actions

8 Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it will be enough for us.” 9 Yeshua replied to him,

“Have I been with you so long without your knowing me, Philip? **WHOEVER HAS SEEN ME**

HAS SEEN THE FATHER; so how can you say,

‘Show us the Father’?



John 14 – Relationship & Actions

10 Don't you believe that I am united with the Father, and the Father united with me? What I am telling you, I am not saying on my own initiative;

THE FATHER LIVING IN ME IS
DOING HIS OWN WORKS.



John 14 – Relationship & Actions

11 Trust me, that I am united with the Father, and the Father united with me. But if you can't, then trust **BECAUSE OF THE WORKS THEMSELVES.**



John 14 – Relationship & Actions

12 Yes, indeed! I tell you that whoever trusts in me **WILL ALSO DO THE WORKS I DO!** Indeed, he will do greater ones, because I am going to the Father.

James 2:24 You see that a person is declared righteous because of **ACTIONS** and not because of faith alone.

ἔργον – ergon

Visible actions, as an effort or occupation; deeds, work.

John 14 – Relationship & Actions



13 In fact, whatever you ask for in my name, I will do; so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask me for something in my name, I will do it.

John 14 – Relationship & Actions



15

**IF YOU LOVE ME, YOU WILL KEEP
MY COMMANDS;**

John 14 – Relationship & Actions



16 and I will ask the Father, and he will give you another comforting Counselor like me, **the Spirit of Truth, to be with you forever**. 17 The world cannot receive him, because it neither sees nor knows him. You know him, because he is staying with you and will be united with you.

John 14 – Relationship & Actions



18 I will not leave you orphans — I am coming to you. 19 In just a little while, the world will no longer see me; but you will see me. Because I live, you too will live.



John 14 – Relationship & Actions

20 When that day comes, you will know that I am united with my Father, and you with me, and I with you. 21 **Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me, and the one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.”**

What is Yeshua Saying?



To know the way,
is to know the Way Giver!

Proverbs 6:23 For the mitzvah is a lamp, Torah is light, and reproofs that discipline are **the way** to life.

Psalms 86:11 Adonai, teach me **your way**, so that I can live by your truth; make me single-hearted, so that I can fear your name.

Psalms 119:29-31 29 Keep deceitful ways far from me, and favor me with your Torah. 30 I choose **the way** of trust; I set your rulings [before me].

What is Yeshua Saying?



To know the truth,
is to know the Truth Giver!

Psalm 119:142 Your righteousness is eternal righteousness,
and **your Torah is truth.**

Psalm 119:151 You are close by, Adonai; and **all your
mitzvot are truth.**

What is Yeshua Saying?



To know the life,
is to know the Life Giver!

Proverbs 3:17-18 Her ways are pleasant ways, and all her paths are peace. **She is a tree of life** to those who grasp her; whoever holds fast to her will be made happy.

John 1



1 In the beginning was **the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.** 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 All things came to be through him, and without him nothing made had being. 4 **In him was life, and the life was the light of mankind.** 5 **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not suppressed it.**

John 17 – Be Special, Live Torah



17 Set them apart for holiness by means of the truth — your word is truth. 18 Just as you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.

John 17 – Be Special, Live Torah



19 On their behalf I am setting myself apart for holiness, so that they too may be set apart for holiness by means of the truth.

John 17 – Be Special, Live Torah



20 “I pray not only for these, but also for those who will trust in me because of their word, 21 that they may all be one. **Just as you, Father, are united with me and I with you, I pray that they may be united with us, so that the world may believe that you sent me.**

Prolepsis



The representation or assumption of a future event as if presently existing or already accomplished

Living Torah is a prolepsis of the coming Kingdom of God