

Y'shua Ha-Shomer Ba-Asarah Ha-Devarim

ישוע - השומר בעשרה הדברים

Y'shua—The Shomer of the Ten Words (Commandments)

Y'shua—On the Commandments

If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. (John 15:10, KJV)

If you keep my commands, you will stay in my love - just as I have kept my Father's commands and stay in his love. (John 15:10, CJB)

What are the “Father’s commandments” that Y’shua kept? Our L-rd and Master said that we are to keep His commandments the same way that Y’shua has kept the Father’s commandments. When we do this, we will abide (stay) in His Love. It is amazing to think that a segment of Messiah’s Body has and is rejecting the Father’s Commandments. For sure, everyone you speak with would say that Exodus 20 are the Commandments of the Father. Indeed they are! But if Y’shua has kept the Father’s commandments well, shouldn’t we do the same with Y’shua the Shomer’s “High Fences” (His commandments)? As one well-known Bible teacher puts it: “Those who claim that believers are not required to live by the moral standards of the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament), fail to comprehend the teaching of the B’rit Chadasha (New Testament). Over and over again, New Testament believers are instructed to live above the demands of the Torah (Law) by the power of the Holy Spirit Who operates in them through the work of Messiah.”

The Wedding at Sinai

Our people stood at the foot of Mt. Sinai and heard the voice of *Elohim* speak the Ten Commandments. Last year we spoke about this event being His entering into a divine marriage with the people of Israel. We spoke about Exodus 19& 20 being a Jewish wedding where we can identify components such as:

- a *mikvah*—before the *Torah* (*ketubah*) was given, all the people had to immerse, as we see in *Shemot* 19:10, 14.
- a *chupah*—in Exodus 19:16 we read that when Moshe went up the mountain, “*there was thunder and lightning and a heavy cloud on the mountain.*” May we suggest that the clouds were *Adonai’s chupah*!
- a *ketubah*—In this wedding at Mt. Sinai, what is the *ketubah*? What is it that is the legally binding marriage covenant/contract between יהוה and His bride, Israel? It is *Torah*! For, here in chapters nineteen and twenty, the Lord begins to give His *Torah* to Israel. The first part of the revelation of *Torah* is what the Scripture calls the “*Ten Words*” better known as “The Ten Commandments.”
- a ring—the *Torah* itself tells us what the ring is. In Exodus 31:13, “*Veshamru B’nei Yisrael...*” “*You shall keep my Sabbaths, for it is a sign (אות, Ot) between Me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I am the Lord who sanctifies you.*” We are told in these verses that *Shabbat* is the sign (Hebrew: אות). Just as the ring is an outward sign that the husband and wife belong to each other, so is *Shabbat* an outward sign for יהוה and His people. It is an outward symbol that Israel and the יהוה belong to each other.
- a house—As far as the place of intimacy, the Groom began to make provision for such a place right after the Ten Words. In *Shemot* 20:21, Moshe received instruction concerning the “altar,” the place where the husband would meet with the wife in a special way (the *mishkan*). This would be the place where this divine couple would meet with each other in the most intimate fellowship.

The Higher Fences (Above the Demands of the Torah)

Torah Commandments	Y’shua’s (Higher) Commandments
<p>Acknowledge Him “I am ADONAI your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the abode of slavery. You are to have no other gods before me” Ex. 20:2,3</p>	<p>Love Him & Love Others “I and the Father are one” (John 10:30) “Rabbi, which of the mitzvot in the Torah is the most important? He told him, “‘You are to love ADONAI your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.’ This is the greatest and most important mitzvah. And a second is similar to it, ‘You are to love your neighbor as yourself.’ All of the Torah and the Prophets are dependent on these two mitzvot.” (Matthew 22:36-40)</p>
<p>No Idolatry—No graven images “You are not to make for yourselves a carved image or any kind of representation of anything in heaven above, on the earth beneath or in the water below the shoreline. You are not to bow down to them or serve them; for I, ADONAI your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sins of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but displaying grace to the thousandth generation of those who love me and obey my mitzvot.” Ex. 20:4-6</p>	<p>Worship in Spirit & Truth—Love Not the World “But the time is coming - indeed, it's here now - when the true worshippers will worship the Father spiritually and truly, for these are the kind of people the Father wants worshipping him. God is spirit; and worshippers must worship him spiritually and truly.” (John 4:23-24) “Do not love the world or the things of the world. If someone loves the world, then love for the Father is not in him; because all the things of the world - the desires of the old nature, the desires of the eyes, and the pretensions of life - are not from the Father but from the world. And the world is passing away, along with its desires. But whoever does God's will remains forever. (I John 2:15-17)</p>
<p>Honor His Name “You are not to use lightly the name of ADONAI your God, because ADONAI will not leave unpunished someone who uses his name lightly.” Ex. 20:7</p>	<p>Honor Him in All your Communication But I tell you not to swear at all - not ‘by heaven,’ because it is God's throne...Just let your ‘Yes’ be a simple ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No’ a simple ‘No’; anything more than this has its origin in evil. (Matt. 5:34,37)</p>
<p>Remember Shabbat Remember the day, Shabbat, to set it apart for God. You have six days to labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Shabbat for ADONAI your God. On it, you are not to do any kind of work - not you, your son or your daughter, not your male or female slave, not your livestock, and not the foreigner staying with you inside the gates to your property. For in six days, ADONAI made heaven and earth, the sea and everything in them; but on the seventh day he rested. This is why ADONAI blessed the day, Shabbat, and separated it for himself. Ex. 20:8-11</p>	<p>Do Good on the Sabbath “For the Son of Man is Lord of Shabbat!...How much more valuable is a man than a sheep! Therefore, what is permitted on Shabbat is to do good.” (Matt 12:8,12) “Then Yeshua said to them, “I ask you now: what is permitted on Shabbat? Doing good or doing evil? Saving life or destroying it?” (Luke 6:9) “If a boy is circumcised on Shabbat so that the Torah of Moshe will not be broken, why are you angry with me because I made a man's whole body well on Shabbat?” (John 7:23)</p>
<p>Honor Father and Mother “Honor your father and mother, so that you may live long in the land which ADONAI your God is giving you.” Ex. 20:12</p>	<p>Obedience, Children Honoring Parents, Parents Honoring Children “For God said, ‘Honor your father and mother,’ and ‘Anyone who curses his father or mother must be put to death.’” (Matthew 15:4) “Children, what you should do in union with the L-rd is obey your parents, for this is right. Honor your father and mother, this is the first commandment that embodies a promise so that it may go well with you, and you may live</p>

	long in the Land. Fathers, don't irritate your children and make them resentful; instead, raise them with the L-rd's kind of discipline and guidance.” (Eph 6:1-4)
Do not murder “Do not murder.” Ex. 20:13	Do not hate (Hate is murder) But I tell you that anyone who nurses anger against his brother will be subject to judgment; that whoever calls his brother, ‘You good-for-nothing!’ will be brought before the Sanhedrin; that whoever says, ‘Fool!’ incurs the penalty of burning in the fire of Gei-Hinnom! (Matt. 5:22) “Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life in him.” (1 John 3:15)
No adultery “Thou shalt not commit adultery” (Exodus 20:14). The Torah required two or three witnesses to convict a woman of adultery, or a trial by bitter water. (Nu 5:11-31)	To lust is adultery And 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. (Matt. 5:28)
No stealing “Do not steal.” Ex. 20:15	Seek First the Malchut “Therefore, I tell you, don't worry about your life – what you will eat or drink; or about your body - what you will wear. Isn't life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds flying about! They neither plant nor harvest, nor do they gather food into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Aren't you worth more than they are? Can any of you by worrying add a single hour to his life? And why be anxious about clothing? Think about the fields of wild irises, and how they grow. They neither work nor spin thread, yet I tell you that not even Shlomo in all his glory was clothed as beautifully as one of these. If this is how God clothes grass in the field - which is here today and gone tomorrow, thrown in an oven - won't he much more clothe you? What little trust you have! So don't be anxious, asking, ‘What will we eat?’, ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘How will we be clothed?’ For it is the pagans who set their hearts on all these things. Your heavenly Father knows you need them all. But seek first his Kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. (Matthew 6:25-33)
No false witness “Do not give false evidence against your neighbor.” Ex. 20:16	The Golden Rule “Always treat others as you would like them to treat you; that sums up the teaching of the Torah and the Prophets.” (Matthew 7:12)
Do not covet “Do not covet your neighbor's house; do not covet your neighbor's wife, his male or female slave, his ox, his donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor.” Ex. 20:17	Set affections on things above “Do not store up for yourselves wealth here on earth, where moths and rust destroy, and burglars break in and steal. Instead, store up for yourselves wealth in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and burglars do not break in or steal. For where your wealth is, there your heart will be also.” (Matthew 6:19-21)

The first seven commandments carried the death penalty if/when broken!