

Study of Matthew 5

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Matthew 5:1-48

And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, His disciples came unto Him: 2 And he opened His mouth, and taught them,

Messiah was first and foremost a teacher. He did **NOT** come to earth to be worshipped, He came to earth at the Commandment of our heavenly Father, and His mandate, which He willingly and lovingly fulfilled, was to live by the Torah of YHVH and teach everyone that He spoke to, to do the same, to believe, follow, obey and **DO** the Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, thereby showing our heavenly Father how much we love Him; for both the Father and the Son have said, **IF** you Love Me keep and obey My Commandments, and Messiah said that His Commandments, His Doctrine was **NOT** His own, **BUT** that they were the Commandments and Doctrine of our heavenly Father. Messiah came to earth with the specific purpose of directing our attention to our heavenly Father and His ways, His Torah of Life. Messiah's mandate was to teach **ALL** people the Ways of YHVH, His Torah of Life, and then be the ransom, the propitiation for all of us, for **ALL** of the Sin, the Torah transgressions, that we, mankind, have committed, and what follows is what Messiah instructed us to **DO**.

1 – Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

The word Poor used here is Strong's Number 4434 πτωχός, ptōchós, and it means to fear, to cower, a beggar, therefore I believe that Messiah is telling us that the fear of YHVH is the beginning of **ALL** Wisdom, and that therefore tells us that **IF** we want to inherit the kingdom of Elohim, **IF** we want to spend eternity in the Kingdom of Elohim, then we **MUST** learn to be in awe of Him and revere Him, we are to be like beggars in His presence, asking for His favour, and **IF** we can learn revere, believe, and then obey what He Commanded us to do, **IF** we function in total loving surrendered obedience to His Torah of Life, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Directives for everlasting Life, **THEN** we **WILL** inherit the kingdom of heaven.

2 – Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

What are the people that mourn, mourning for, that will cause YHVH to comfort them? They are mourning for the Ways of YHVH, that society has thrown out or cast aside in favour of man made secular or religious doctrines that do **NOT** profit anyone, except those who have conjured up these false doctrines, for it allows them to have dominion over those who believe their lies, their false narratives. YHVH says that these people that mourn to see His Torah reinstated in the world, will be comforted, **FOR** YHVH will ensure that His Torah of Life, is what will be the constitution of His everlasting Kingdom.

3 – Blessed are the meek (Humble): for they shall inherit the earth.

The haughty prideful person has no place in the kingdom of Elohim, for as Paul says in Romans 8:7-8 **Because the carnal mind, the Torahless mind, IS enmity against Elohim: for it is NOT SUBJECT TO THE TORAH OF ELOHIM, neither indeed can it be. So then, they that are in the flesh, they that continually transgress YHVH's Torah of Life, CANNOT PLEASE ELOHIM.** Messiah

said that to be part of His kingdom, we had to learn to be servants to all people, which is something that haughty or prideful persons cannot do.

*4 – Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after **righteousness**: for they **shall be filled**.*

In Deuteronomy 6:24-25 it says: *And YHVH Commanded us **TO DO ALL** these Statutes (Torah), to fear the YHVH our Elohim, for our good always, that He might preserve us alive, as it is at this day. And it shall be our **righteousness**, **IF** we observe to do **ALL** these Commandments (His Torah of Life) before YHVH our Elohim, as He has Commanded us.*

It is pretty obvious, by the words of this *verse*, that YHVH's righteousness is His Torah, and that **IF WE** want to be **righteous** as He is, and commanded us to be, **THEN, WE** must learn to believe, follow, obey and **DO** the Father's Torah of Life, we must learn to believe, follow and obey His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Directives for everlasting Life. So when Messiah says that those who hunger for **righteousness** will be **filled**, it means that they will be **filled** with His Righteousness, it means that every one that is zealous for the Torah of YHVH, the very same Torah that YHVH gave to Moses at Mount Sinai, the very same Torah that became flesh and dwelt among us, will be **filled** with YHVH's **Righteousness**, which of course **IS** His Torah of Life.

5 – Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

The word Merciful is Strong's Number 1655 ἐλεήμων, eleēmōn, from 1653; actively compassionate, have pity, kind, gracious, merciful.

The best way to explain this is with the example of an ATM (Automated Teller Machine), which is how you can access the money that you have deposited in your own bank account, at any ATM machine anywhere in the world, **BUT** the necessary ingredient for you being able to access or get money out of an ATM machine, is that you first have to have put money in your account to start with, or the ATM will give you a message that reads *Insufficient funds*, and you will not be able to get access to any cash. It is the same with mercy; through your daily life, when you are merciful, kind, gracious and compassionate to other people, it is like making a deposit in your Mercy bank account, so that when **YOU** need mercy, kindness, grace, and or compassion, all you have to do is go to your ATME, and ask to get some mercy out of your account. Then your ATME, which is an acronym for Access To My Elohim, will search your Mercy account and see **IF** you have built up any mercy in your account, and **IF** you have indeed deposited or performed acts of mercy, **THEN** the ATME will automatically dispense the Mercy, kindness, grace and or compassion that you need for the particular situation or circumstance that you are in at that time, **BUT IF** the ATME searches your account and does **NOT** find any acts of mercy, grace, kindness or compassion, then it cannot and will **NOT** dispense any **MERCY**. Therefore **IF** anyone wants to have **mercy** extended to them, then, they had better be prepared to dispense mercy to all people, thereby building up their own **MERCY** savings account, for when they need to access it.

6 – Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see Elohim.

The word Pure used here is Strong's Number 2513 καθάρως, katharós, which means clean, literally or figuratively, it also means clear, pure; and in Hebrew it is the word Tahor, which is Strong's Number 2889 טָהוֹר, טָהַר, Tahor, from 2891, which means, pure in a ceremonial or moral sense, clean, fair, pure, pureness.

*Psalm 19:7-11 The Torah of YHVH is **perfect**, converting the soul: the Testimony of YHVH is **sure**, making wise the simple. 8 The Statutes of YHVH are **right**, rejoicing the heart: the Commandment of YHVH is **PURE**, enlightening the eyes. 9 The fear of YHVH is **clean**, enduring for ever: the Judgments of YHVH are **TRUE** and **righteous** altogether. 10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. 11 Moreover by them is your servant warned: and in keeping of them, **there is great reward**.*

As you can see *Psalm 19* describes the Torah as being **PURE**, therefore when YHVH says Blessed are the **PURE** in heart, He obviously means, that **ALL** the people that have internalized His Torah of Life, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, and written it on their hearts, are going to be blessed.

7 – Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of Elohim.

The word Peacemakers is Strong's Number G1518, εἰρηνοποιός, {eirēnopoios, from 1515 and 4160; pacification, peaceable, peacemaker, and in Hebrew it is the word Shalom שָׁלוֹם, which has a much more profound meaning, it means entire, whole, complete, healthy, safe, unharmed, perfect, peace.

Therefore based on the definition of this word peacemakers, it is quite evident that YHVH is saying, **BLESSED** are the people that are at **peace**, those who have found **shalom** in His Word, His Torah of Life, for they **KNOW** beyond a shadow of a doubt, that obedience to the Torah of YHVH, makes them complete, whole, perfect, mature, healthy and safe, because YHVH has guaranteed **ALL** people who willingly seek His Shalom, His peace, the peace that passes all understanding, by choosing to obey His Commandments, He has guaranteed them in *Deuteronomy 7:12-15* *Wherefore it shall come to pass, **IF** you hearken (shemah) to these Judgments (Torah), and Keep, and **DO** them, that YHVH your Elohim shall **keep** unto **YOU** the Covenant and the Mercy which He swore unto your fathers: And He will Love **YOU**, and bless **YOU**, and multiply **YOU**: He will also bless the fruit of **YOUR** womb, and the fruit of **YOUR** land, **YOUR** grain, and **YOUR** wine, and **YOUR** oil, the increase of **YOUR** kine, and the flocks of **YOUR** sheep, in the land which He swore unto **YOUR** fathers to give **YOU**. **YOU** shall be **blessed** above all people: there shall **NOT** be male or female barren among **YOU**, or among **YOUR** cattle. And YHVH **WILL TAKE AWAY FROM YOU, ALL SICKNESS**, and will put **NONE** of the evil diseases of Egypt, which **YOU** know, upon **YOU**; but will lay them upon all them that hate **YOU**.* Now that kind of promise is **REAL** peace.

*8 – Blessed are they which are persecuted for **righteousness**' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

Above, in the fourth blessing we were told that **ALL** people that Hunger for **Righteousness**, which is defined as obeying and doing the Torah of YHVH will be **filled** with **Righteousness**, filled with the Torah of YHVH, **BUT** here, YHVH says, **IF** anyone is persecuted for willingly choosing to obey the Path of Righteousness that He, YHVH has set out for the whole world to Follow, then they will inherit the kingdom of heaven, which means that they will rule and reign over the whole world with Messiah, as His spotless bride.

9 – Blessed are you, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for My sake.

Please remember that it is Messiah who is speaking here and all of Scripture declares that Messiah **IS** the Living Torah of Our heavenly Father, His Word made flesh. Therefore what Messiah is really saying here, **IS**, that **ALL** people who are reviled, vilified, and or abused for His sake, for the sake of

the Living Torah made flesh, because they have willingly and lovingly chosen to believe, follow, obey and **DO** the Torah of our heavenly Father, as Messiah Himself did, and taught us to do, **WILL** be blessed.

In *Galatians 5:22* we are told what the fruit of the Spirit is, *But the fruit of the Spirit is 1- Love, 2 – Joy, 3 – Peace, 4 – Longsuffering, 5 – Gentleness, 6 – Goodness, 7 Faith, 8 – Meekness, 9 – Temperance: against such there is no Law.*

That is exactly what Messiah is talking about here in His sermon on the mount, that obedience to the Torah will produce this kind of fruit, and that this Fruit that obedience to the Torah produces, **WILL Bless** all people that have willingly and lovingly chosen to obey, YHVH's Torah of Life

*Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your **reward** in heaven: For they also persecuted the prophets which were before you.*

Here Messiah Himself is saying that **IF** we willingly and lovingly choose to obey the Torah of YHVH, as He did, and taught us to do, that we might be reviled, vilified and even abused by the peoples of the world and those that adhere to man made secular and or religious doctrines, **BUT** if we persevere and continue to obey His Torah of Life on a daily basis, then we will be exceedingly glad, as Paul and all the Apostles were, and that our reward will be **GREAT**, for we will have the promised opportunity to rule and reign over the Kingdom of Elohim with Messiah as His Bride, for eternity.

Verse 13 You are the salt of the earth:

In the Torah, in *Leviticus 2:13* it says: *And every oblation of your food offering shall you season with salt; neither shall you suffer the salt of the Covenant of your Elohim to be lacking from your food offering: with all your offerings, you shall offer salt.*

This tells us that Salt, which is a preservative, speaks of the permanence of these offerings, for YHVH has said that the offering of His prescribed sacrifices, are everlasting Commandments, and **NO ONE**, absolutely **NO ONE BUT** YHVH Himself can change an eternal Covenant, **NOT** the Pope, **NOT** the Archbishop of Canterbury, absolutely **NO ONE** can change even one iota, of what YHVH has said **IS** forever, **BUT** because of their arrogance and pride, and their finite foolish wisdom, the Church fathers along with the synagogue leaders, have taken it upon themselves to declare that the sacrificial system is no longer valid for us today They are one hundred percent wrong, and they **WILL** pay the price for their insolence, when YHVH deals with them on Judgement Day.

*But **IF** the salt has lost its savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.*

Since salt represents preservation, permanence, therefore with this teaching about salt, I believe that YHVH is teaching us that as soon as anyone makes any changes to something that He, YHVH, in His sovereign power has put in place as a **permanent** or everlasting ordinance, that what they are effectively telling Him, the Creator of the universe, who by the way, has infinite wisdom, they are telling Him that their ways, the ways of finite human beings are better than what the Creator of the universe has put in place, thereby abolishing, in their minds, and for their followers, one or all of YHVH's everlasting ordinances, and please understand that all those who believe and adhere to these

false man made doctrines, all the people who choose to follow these man made decrees, or man made doctrines, are no longer of any use to our heavenly Father, for they can no longer be the manifest image of YHVH here on earth, they can no longer be a Light onto the nations of the world, because they are living in disobedience to His Torah of Life, the Light of the world, which means that they are living in Darkness, where the Light of the World can no longer shine in, nor through them.

Next YHVH uses another example to show us the usefulness of His Torah of Life, to give Light onto a world that is mired in darkness. He says in *verse 14 You are the **Light of the world**. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. 15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, But they put it on a candlestick; And it gives light unto all that are in the house.*

Like the salt that is no longer salty, a light that is put under a bushel cannot function in the manner that YHVH created it to function, for it does **NOT** shed any light, because it has been covered up, and for light to be able to do what YHVH intended it to do, it **MUST** be in the open, where it can be seen and understood by all who look upon it, thereby guiding all who look upon the Light to go in the direction or the path that is illuminated by that Light, and that path is YHVH's path of Righteousness, His Torah of Life.

*Verse 16 Let **YOUR** Light so shine before men,*

What is **OUR LIGHT** that we are to let shine before men? In Scripture, Light represents the presence of the Living Torah of YHVH, for the Living Torah made flesh **IS** the Light of the world, therefore when Messiah tells us, to let **OUR LIGHT** so shine before men, He is telling us that we are to mimic the Torah obedient Life that Messiah, who abides in us, lived while He was here on earth with us, we are to adhere to our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, as Messiah did and taught us to do. Therefore **OUR LIGHT** represents our obedience to the Commandments of YHVH, His Torah of Life, for the Torah of Life was made flesh and dwelt among us and we beheld His glory, the glory of the only begotten Son of Elohim, **full of grace and Truth**, who has come to earth to be the Light of the World, and when we keep the Torah of YHVH, as He did and taught us to do, then we too become a Light onto a world that is mired in darkness.

*That they may see your **GOOD WORKS**, And glorify your Father who is in heaven.*

Please understand that it is Messiah that is speaking here in *Matthew 5*, and He, Messiah Himself said, that we have to do **GOOD WORKS**, so that the people of the world can actually **SEE** our **GOOD WORKS** and glorify Elohim who is in heaven, What does all of this mean? Especially in the light of the two thousand years of false Christian teaching that says we are **NOT** to **WORK** for our salvation, and Yet, Paul himself told us, in *Philippians 2:12 Wherefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **WORK out your own salvation with fear and trembling.***

Now please understand that Scripture makes it abundantly clear that salvation is a gift, given to all of us, and if you have to work for a gift, then, it is no longer a gift, it is wages or a salary, but we have to remember that all have sinned, all have transgressed the Torah of YHVH, and fallen short of the glory of Elohim. Therefore we do have a role or a part to play in the Father's plan of Redemption onto salvation, and that part, that role, **IS** that we are to do **THE WORKS** of YHVH, and that means that we are to willingly and lovingly believe, follow, obey and **DO** YHVH's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life, we are to walk on YHVH's designated Path of

Righteousness, the Path that YHVH Himself established for us to walk on, at the very beginning of time.

Why has YHVH designated *us to WORK*, to obey YHVH's Commandments? It is because YHVH wants all of us to be a Light onto the people of the world that are mired in darkness, so that they too can come into His Light, His Truth, and benefit from YHVH redemption onto salvation plan.

Verse 17 Think not that I am come to destroy

(Strong's Number 2647 καταλύω, katalýō, from 2596 and 3089; to loosen down, **disintegrate**, to **demolish** both literally and or figuratively, to halt for the night, **destroy**, **dissolve**, come to nought, overthrow, **throw down**)

The Torah, or the prophets: I am NOT come to destroy, but to fulfill

(the word fulfill used here is the Greek word pleroo, which is Strong's Number 4137 πληρόω, plērōō, from 4134; to make replete, to **make full**, to cram, to **level up** (the hollow that disobedience left behind), or imbue, penetrate, influence, satisfy, execute, **verify**, **accomplish**, **fill up**, **be full**, **make full**, I am come to **fully preach**, **perfect**, supply, consummate. In the Septuagint the word pleroo is translated as **confirm** in *1Kings 1:14 Behold, while you yet talk there with the king, I also will come in after you, and (Pleroo) confirm your words*. In Strong's exhaustive Concordance of the Bible, this word pleroo is defined as to influence, execute, verify, coincide, agree with, supply more information, fill with the fullness of Elohim, fill it to the Brim, it means to fill as a fish net, or to fill up the Torah by explaining it so that people can better understand what it says, to supply, and in Thayer's Greek Lexicon of the Apostolic Scriptures, it is defined as to make full, to fill, to fill up, to fill to the full, supply liberally,)

Verse 18 For verily I Messiah say unto you,

Until heaven and earth pass away, NOT even one jot or one tittle shall in any way, pass from the Torah, until ALL be fulfilled.

(the word fulfilled used here is Strong's number 1096 γίνομαι, gínomai, to cause to be, to generate, to become, or come into being, arise, be assembled, become, befall, behave oneself, be brought to pass, be or come to pass, continue, be divided, draw, be ended, fall, be finished, follow, be found, be fulfilled, Elohim forbid, grow, happen, have, be kept, be made, be married, be ordained to be, partake, pass, be performed, be published, require, seem, be showed, sound, be taken, be turned, use, wax, will, would, be wrought.)

As I read these *verses*, I took the time to glance out of my office window, and surprise, surprise heaven and earth is still here, it has **NOT** passed away **YET**, therefore according to Messiah, who also noticed, as I did and as all of us should, that the heavens and the earth has **NOT** yet passed away, and that means that **NOT ONE JOT OR TITTLE** of the Torah has passed or been removed from the Torah, which means that **EVERY** aspect, every letter of every Word of the Torah is **STILL IN FULL FORCE TODAY**.

It is very difficult for me to believe and understand how, after reading these *verses*, and many more like them, that anyone, let alone over a billion religious people, could believe that the Torah of YHVH has somehow been done away with, since Messiah Himself, the One person that Christianity professes to believe, follow, obey and worship, has said that He has **NOT** come to destroy, dissolve, overthrow, throw down, or make the Torah come to nought, come to nothing.

To confirm that the Torah is **NOT** done away with Messiah says in *verse 19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of the **least** of these Commandments, (of the Torah of My Father)*

AND shall teach men to do so,

*HE shall be called the **least** in the kingdom of heaven:*

*BUT whosoever shall **DO** and **TEACH** these Commandments, (that are found in the Torah of My Father) that same person, **SHALL** be called **GREAT** in the kingdom of heaven.*

Please remember that when Messiah returns, He is coming for a **GREAT** bride, an obedient bride, a bride that keeps and teaches even the **LEAST** of His Commandment to other people, and that means that He is **NOT** coming for a bride that is **least**, a bride that wilfully breaks even the **least** of His Commandments, and teaches other people to do the same.

*Verse 20 For I say unto you, That except your **righteousness** shall exceed the **righteousness** of the scribes and Pharisees, you shall in **NO** case enter into the kingdom of heaven.*

The Scribes of Messiah's day religiously followed their own man made oral torah, which is filled with the so called righteousness of **MAN**, **BUT** Messiah said that unless our righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees, we will **NOT** be able to enter the kingdom of heaven. What righteousness was Messiah talking about that surpasses the righteousness of a man made oral torah?

*Deuteronomy 6:24-25 And YHVH **COMMANDED** us to do **ALL** these Statutes (His Torah), to fear YHVH our Elohim, for our good always, that He might preserve us alive, as it is at this day. And **IT SHALL BE OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS, IF WE OBSERVE TO DO ALL** these Commandments (the Father's Torah of Life) before YHVH our Elohim, as He has Commanded us.*

The Scribes and Pharisees followed and obeyed their own man made laws, which they called the oral torah; Catholicism on the other hand believes and follows their man made catechism, where the Church, and **NOT** Elohim, **IS** the ultimate authority, and Christianity follows their own man made teachings of the church fathers, which differs substantially from the written Torah of YHVH. All these man made teachings contain the **righteousness** of man, which falls way short of YHVH's **RIGHTEOUSNESS**, that is contained in YHVH's written Torah of Life. Therefore please understand that YHVH is telling us, that unless we learn to believe, follow, obey and **DO** the written Torah of our heavenly Father, the very same Torah that He gave to Moses at Mount Sinai, **THEN**, our **righteousness WILL NOT** exceed nor surpass the **righteousness** of the Scribes and Pharisees, whose **righteousness** relies on believing and following their own man made doctrines, rather than the Torah of YHVH, and that therefore means that we will **NOT** be able to enter the kingdom of Elohim.

Next Messiah gives us many examples of the difference between man's **righteousness** and YHVH's **RIGHTEOUSNESS**.

*Verse 21 You have **heard** that it was said by them of old time,*

*(the word **heard** tells us that this is speaking of Judaism's man made oral torah, and what it advocates)*

You shall not kill

*(Strong's Number 5407 φονεύω, phoneúō, from 5406; to be a **murderer**, kill, **do murder**, slay);*

And whosoever shall kill (murder) shall be in danger of the judgment:

Verse 22 But I Messiah the Living Torah made flesh, say unto you,
(Messiah **IS** the Word, the Torah of YHVH made flesh, therefore when He speaks, He represents the written Torah, the very same Torah that YHVH gave to Moses at mount Sinai).

And the written Torah says:

That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca

(Strong's Number G4469 ῥακά, rhaká, of Chaldea origin (compare 07386); O empty one, you are worthless, as a term of utter vilification),

*Shall be in danger of the council: **BUT** whosoever shall say, Thou **fool***

(Strong's Number G3474 μωρός, mōrós, probably from the base of 3466, which means dull or stupid, or tells him to shut up, or call him a **blockhead**, or that he is absurd, foolish),

Shall be in danger of hell fire.

The only place that you can formulate this type of opinion about your fellow man, is in your mind and or in your heart, therefore this is telling us that YHVH judges men's hearts, which is where Sin, Torahlessness originates.

*Verse 23 Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there you remember that your brother has something against you; 24 Then leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way; and First, be reconciled to your brother, And **THEN** come and offer your gift before the altar of YHVH.*

Messiah is telling us that we first **MUST** deal with the issues that divide us and our brother and sisters, and after the issue is resolved, then we can come back and offer our gift to YHVH with a clear conscience.

Verse 25 Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are in the way with him; Lest at any time the adversary deliver you to the judge, and the judge deliver you to the officer, and you be cast into prison. 26 Verily I say unto you, You shall by no means come out of there, until you have paid the uttermost farthing.

Don't be argumentative, but learn to live together in harmony with all people, even your adversaries.

*Verse 27 You have heard that it was said (this again represents the man made oral torah of the Scribes and Pharisees) by them of old time, You shall **NOT** commit adultery:*

*Verse 28 But I Messiah the Living Torah made flesh (who represents the written Torah given to Moses at Mount Sinai) say unto you, That whosoever looks on a woman to lust after her, has committed adultery with her **already in his heart.***

Again and again we see that YHVH judges men's hearts.

Now Messiah gives us some very harsh advice that is beneficial in guaranteeing that we will make it into the kingdom of Elohim, He says in *verse 29 And **IF** your right eye offend you, pluck it out, and cast it from you: For it is profitable for you that one of your members should perish, and not that your whole body should be cast into hell. 30 And if your right hand offends you, cut it off, and cast it from you: for it is profitable for you that one of your members should perish, and not that your whole body should be cast into hell.*

This is self explanatory, for YHVH is telling us that it is better to sacrifice anything and everything we have, to ensure that we have the opportunity to enter into the Kingdom of Elohim

Verse 31 It has been said (this again represents the man made oral torah of the Scribes and Pharisees), *Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorcement:*

Verse 32 But I Messiah, the Living Torah made flesh, (who represents the written Torah given to Moses at Mount Sinai) say unto you, *That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causes her to commit adultery: And whosoever shall marry her that is divorced commits adultery.* (for a more comprehensive look at Divorce, email me and I will send you my comprehensive study on Divorce, based on Scripture)

Verse 33 Again, you have heard that it has been said by them of old time (this again represents the man made oral torah of the Scribes and Pharisees) *You shall NOT forswear yourself, BUT shall perform unto YHVH your oaths: 34 But I Messiah the Words of the Living Torah made flesh* (who represents the written Torah that YHVH Himself gave to Mosheh at Mount Sinai) *say unto you, Swear not at all falsely; neither by heaven; for it is Elohim's throne: 35 Nor by the earth; for it is His footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King. 36 Neither shall you swear by your head, because you cannot make one hair white or black. 37 But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: For whatsoever is more than these comes of evil.*

In the King Jame version of Scripture it is **NOT** one hundred percent clear what Messiah is saying about swearing or making an oath, but in the Shem Tov version of *Matthew 5* and in the rest of Scripture, Messiah makes it abundantly clear that when we make an oath, or swear, that we are **NOT** to swear **falsely**, whether we swear by heaven, the earth, Jerusalem, or by our own head, but that when we say yes or no to something, then we **MUST** follow through with it.

Verse 38 You have heard that it has been said, (this again represents the man made oral torah of the Scribes and Pharisees), *An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: 39 But I, the Living Torah made flesh,* (who represents the written Torah given to Moses at Mount Sinai) *say unto you, That you resist not evil:* (the word evil used here is Strong's number G4190 πονηρός, ponēros, which means evil annoyances, undeserved harassment, evil hardships that the people of the world place on you, the toil and hardships, the mean and abusive treatment that they often place upon you, **BUT** you are to rise above these petty things, therefore) *whosoever shall smite you on your right cheek, turn to him the other also. 40 And if any man will sue you at the law, and take away your coat, let him have your cloak also. 41 And whosoever shall compel you to go a mile, go with him two miles. 42 Give to him that asks of you, and from him that would borrow of you do NOT turn yourself away.*

Again and again Messiah is speaking to the heart condition of man, he tells us not to be vindictive or vengeful, but that we are to be kind, and long suffering as He is, we are not to be argumentative, but be as agreeable as possible, and try as hard as we can to get along with our neighbours, even if they are obnoxious, for YHHV has made it abundantly clear that vengeance is His.

Verse 43 You have heard that it has been said (this again represents the man made oral torah of the Scribes and Pharisees) *You shall love your neighbour; and hate your enemy.* *But I, the Living Torah made flesh,* (who represents the written Torah given to Moses at Mount Sinai) *say unto you, Love your enemies, Bless them that curse you, Do good to them that hate you, And pray for them who despitefully use you, and persecute you; 45 That you may be the children of your*

*Father who is in heaven: For He makes his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, He sends rain on the just and on the unjust. For if you **LOVE** them who love you, what reward do you have? Are you not then just like the publicans (a tax collector) who do the same?*

Since every human being was created by YHVH, and YHVH loves **ALL** of His children, and therefore, **IF** we profess to **LOVE** YHVH, then we **MUST** learn to love **WHAT** and **WHO** He loves, therefore loving our neighbours and our enemies, who are **ALL** children of Elohim is our Elohim mandated duty, as believers in the only Begotten Son of Elohim and His Father who is in heaven.

And if you salute your brethren only, then what do you do more than others?

Do not even the publicans (tax collectors) do the same?

*Therefore **BE** perfect*

(Strong's Number 5046 τέλειος, téleios, from 5056; which means complete in various applications of labour, growth, mental and moral character, as noun, it means completeness, of full age, mature, perfect, and in the Hebrew Scriptures the word perfect is translated from the word Tamim, תָּמִים, which means complete, whole, perfect, sound, healthful, without blemish, innocent, honest, upright, man of integrity, what is complete, what is true, completeness, truth),

*Even as your Father who is in heaven is **PERFECT**, upright, true, without blemish, innocent of any and all wrong doing, honest, upright, filled with integrity, **TRUTH** personified. This is what it means to be Holy as YHVH is Holy. Amen*

Studying and keeping Torah together as a community.

Have a great Elohim blessed week and may YHVH bless your every thought, and your every deed. Until we meet again. Shalom Alechem!