

TORAH, LAW OR INSTRUCTIONS OF GOD
INTRODUCTION

- Say - Welcome to Sabbath School class. Let's bow our head as we ask God for understanding in our study today. In our next few lessons we are beginning a study on the TORAH or Instructions from God which we refer to generally as the LAW of God. Our lesson today will be an introduction about the Torah or God's Laws.
- Say - The word Torah means "DIVINE Law, Direction or Instruction" of God, Strong's H8451. First we need to dispel the myth the world and the world's religions teach of the Torah or Instructions of God that they are a list of do's and don'ts. Another term erroneously applied to God's Law is the word "legalistic" which means a strict adherence to the Law. To be a follower of God, one must rise above such false doctrine for we will see God's Torah, Laws or Instructions are the ONLY instructions which lead anyone to repentance and eternal life.
- Say - The Torah is composed of the first five books of the Bible; Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. The reader will notice in our study these books of the Bible are sometimes referred to as "The Law of Moses" or the "Pentateuch" or our "School Master". Also remember that with every verse in the Bible or group of verses there is a physical lesson and a spiritual lesson. We will search for those lessons from God in this study.
- Say - We ALL need an instructor just as a new baby needs to be taught however the difference is God is the PERFECT INSTRUCTOR! God's Torah or Laws do not drag one to repentance but He gives all a chance to make the decision whether they will obey Him or not. We need to firmly instill this in our minds as we begin to study the Torah of God.
- Say - When one begins to fill their mind and life with the TRUTH of God and recognizes the PURITY of the TRUTH of God, then we will fall in love with Him our perfect Master and Instructor and learn to depend on Him just as a baby falls in love with their parents and totally depends on them for their needs. Then we will say as David said, "The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple" Psalm 19:7.
- Say - We need to consider nothing can exist without a governing law.
1. The Torah or PERFECT Instructions of God was established so God's creation could reach "ONENESS OF

MIND" instead of everyone "doing what was right in their own eyes".

2. The Torah or Instructions of God was established so His people would come to know the PURPOSE of His creation which is to become like Him. First He made us like Him in the flesh and eventually we will become like Him in the spirit, Genesis 1:26, I John 3:2. It takes a lifetime to become like Him!

3. The Torah or Instructions of God was established so His people would be able to REACH THEIR GOAL of being in The KINGDOM OF GOD; there is NO other way in spite of what the man-made religions teach.

Say - Here is what God tells us through Paul, "Brethren, my heart's desire (or intent) and prayer to God for Israel (not all are spiritual Israel but eventually will be) is, that they might be saved."

2For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God (they know and uphold the law of God), but not according to knowledge (because they have added man-made theology which is not true knowledge). Why is this so? Read on.

3For they being ignorant of God's righteousness (unable to understand without God's spirit), and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God (The righteousness of God is obedience to His Laws not disobedience. One must worship God in spirit and in truth and it is impossible to do so if we reject God's laws of righteousness).

4For Christ is the end (goal or object) of the law (Many say this verse means the Law of God is done away with but it means Christ is the ultimate goal, our ultimate example to become like Him.) for righteousness to every one that believeth (If we believe AND obey, we will become like Him).

5For Moses describeth (writes) the righteousness (the conditions of thinking, feeling and acting which are acceptable to God) which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them (not die, If God says, keep the Sabbath, do it, that is the righteousness of the Law) Romans 10:1-5.

Say - In another place Paul wrote a letter to Timothy about the Law of God. He said, "Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Savior and Jesus Christ (God is the ultimate savior by the

sacrifice of His Son He gave),2Unto Timothy, my own son in the faith:
... 3As I besought (encourage) thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into
Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some (give the message) that they
teach no other doctrine (than to walk in the Law of God because many
others were not teaching this truth and it is the same for us today.
The Bible tells us "To the law (Torah) and to the testimony: if they **speak
not according** to this word, it is because there is no light (truth) in them (and
to flee from them because we are not to listen to them" Isaiah
8:20). Now back to Paul's letter to Timothy.

5Now the end of the commandment is charity (the object, goal or purpose
of this command is love) out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and
of faith unfeigned (God's Law is teaches us what love is because "love
is the fulfilling of God's law, Romans13:10.):

6From which some having swerved have turned aside unto vain jangling
(already in his day, some had invented their own ideas and Paul is
saying don't stray from the Truth of the Law of God; it would be
well for us to follow his advice). Why is this so, read on?

7Desiring to be teachers of the law; understanding neither what they say, nor
whereof they affirm (there was nothing wrong with them wanting to
teach the Law but to change or twist its meaning is wrong Paul
was saying). Then Paul explained why, read on.

8But we know that the law is good, if a man use it lawfully (Paul is saying
the Law is PERFECT just the way it is but some were saying just
the opposite and leading them back to paganism just as today and
unless we know what the Law says, we will be on the wrong path)
I Timothy 1:1-3, 5-8.

Say - The Torah or Instructions of God is what tells us what sin is. Here
is how Paul said it, "7What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid.
Nay (NO), I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust (covet
ness), except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet. 8But sin, taking
occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence
(longing for what was evil). For without the law sin was dead (without
knowing of the Law or separated from the Law of God, he was
spiritually dead). 9For I was alive (physically) without the (awareness
of God's Law) law once: but when the commandment came (spiritual
understanding came at his conversion), sin revived, and I died (sin was
destitute of power over him when he was in ignorance to God's
law because without the understanding of the Law of God, one
does not know what is right or wrong but when Paul came to the
understanding of right and wrong through God's Law, sin
recovered its power in him also). 10And the commandment, which was

ordained to life (to give a good life), I found to be unto death (he recognized the misery of life in sin which would lead to death).
11For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me (Sin had deceived Paul into thinking the Law was dead or useless, not much different than today. Sin, the disobedience of God's Law is what separates us from God and eternal life.).

Say - Paul continued, "12Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good (God's Law is what will make one "holy, just and good" if we walk in it because God is the only one who can tell us what is "holy, just and good" it is not the world's religions). 14For we know (all of Christ's disciples in contrast to the false prophets knew) that the law is spiritual..." Romans 7:7-12.

Say - The Torah or Instructions of God teach us the "strait and narrow way" which leads to life in the Kingdom of God; nothing else will. All those who say the Law is done away or change God's Law in any way are teaching the broad way which leads to death and this is the way of the majority in the world. Here is how the Bible says it, "13Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction (death), and many (the majority) there be which go in thereat (it is the accepted way in our culture, make your own rules, do good, be nice but don't allow God to tell me what to do): 14Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it (why is it few that find it, because many fall for the false doctrines about God's Holy Law that they are done away with, but Christ warned us about this, He said,). 15Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves (the only way we will know if they are false prophets is if we know what the Bible teaches and that comes through studying)" Matthew 7:13-15.

Say - Timothy tells us another purpose of God's Torah or Instructions. He said, "14But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them (once we have proven the TRUTH of God, don't waver, stand firm); 15And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus (nothing else can teach us the way of salvation). 16All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness (the Law of Moses, prophets, Psalms, was the only "scripture" available at that time) 2 Timothy 3:14-16.

Say - Christ told us, "6 I am the way (My Law is the way in which one must walk to be in the Kingdom of God because it teaches us the way we are to think, feel and decide and it is the only way approved by God), the truth (all others are not the truth), and the life (only way to

achieve eternal life)" John 14:6. In another place, we are told, "Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster (guide) to bring us unto Christ...(because He is our SAVIOR, why would anyone say the Law is done away, it is unbelievable)" Galatians 3:25. The Bible tells us, "4Blessed is that man that maketh the LORD his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies (turn aside from the TRUE God and His Laws to false worship and conduct)" Psalm 40:4.

Say - Does keeping the Law of God save one? NO, but one must sincerely repent of breaking God's Law which is sin, I John 3:4 and then by God's grace we are forgiven but we cannot go back to our former way of life; we must live within God's Laws not contrary to them.

Say - Here is how the Bible says it, "1Blessed (not cursed) is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly (sinners), ... 2But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night (this is what he thinks about, not evil desires) 3And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. (In contrast) 4The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away (as in an enemy). 6For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous (those who live with in His Laws): but the way of the ungodly shall perish" Psalm 1.

Say - If we walk in God's Law of Love, we will be blessed physically and spiritually. In contrast if we do not walk in God's way of life illustrated in His Torah, we are living in the "broad way" of life and we will not be blessed. Read Deuteronomy 28:1-14 for the "blessings" and 15-68 for the "cursings" as proof of this statement.

Say - Is it any wonder God told those who would follow Him, "1Now these are the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments, which the LORD your God commanded to teach you (this is why the world is in such a mess, most will not do what God asks), ... 2That thou mightest fear the LORD thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged. 4Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD (here is the other reason we have so many problems, there is only ONE Most High God and how many Gods are there in this world):

5And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. 6And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart (this is where love starts is in the heart and the Bible says when "The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide" Psalm 37:31): 7And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy

children (it takes time and patience, this is life), and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up (we must do the best we can, teach and talk of the Law of God, forget T. V., bring God's law to life because it is life!). The Bible tells us "Set your hearts unto all the words which I testify among you this day, which ye shall command your children to observe to do, all the words of this law. 47For it is not a vain thing for you (His Law is not useless or empty talk, why) because it is your life" Deuteronomy 32:46-47): 8And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes (this is the way we are to walk with His Laws as a jewel that we are aware of and when we don't do it, that's when problems arise). 9And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates" Deuteronomy 6:1-9. This is what our conversations should be mostly about, link events and activities to the Torah or Laws of God, God will provide the understanding for our families.

Say - Many people say the Old Testament was not spiritual and it is true that God's spirit was not in all of them but Noah, Abraham and Moses it certainly was. Here is what the Bible tells us, "1Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers (speaking of all the children of Israel and all others that came with them from Egypt) were under the cloud (symbolically God was in the cloud), and all passed through the sea; 2And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; 3And did all eat the same spiritual meat (food); 4And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ (Christ was the God of Israel and these were the first Christians and He is our God today)" I Corinthians 10:1-3.

Say - As the reader can see there is much to say and know about the Torah or Instructions or Law of God. I hope you will all find this an interesting study and that we will all come to say as David did

"7The law of the LORD is perfect (complete), converting the soul (by changing our life, the way we think and feel and act, this is the only way, we cannot go to someone else to learn the difference between good and evil; we are to come out of Babylon): the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.

8The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes (spiritually speaking).

10More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

11Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them (not in despising them or changing them or teaching they are done away) there is great reward (eternal life for Christ said, "but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments" Matthew 19:17)" Psalm 19:7-11.

MEMORY VERSE

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BECAUSE IT IS YOUR LIFE.
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BELOW ARE THE MEMORY VERSES TO BE CUT OUT AN PLACED
WITH THE ACCOMPANYING PICTURE FOR THEIR SABBATH SCHOOL
NOTEBOOK

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BELOW IS THE SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON FOR TOTS

THE TORAH, GOD'S LAW

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BUT THESE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE MAKE UP GOD'S
TORAH OR GOD'S LAW AND SHOW ME LIFE'S
GOOD AND HAPPY PATHWAY.

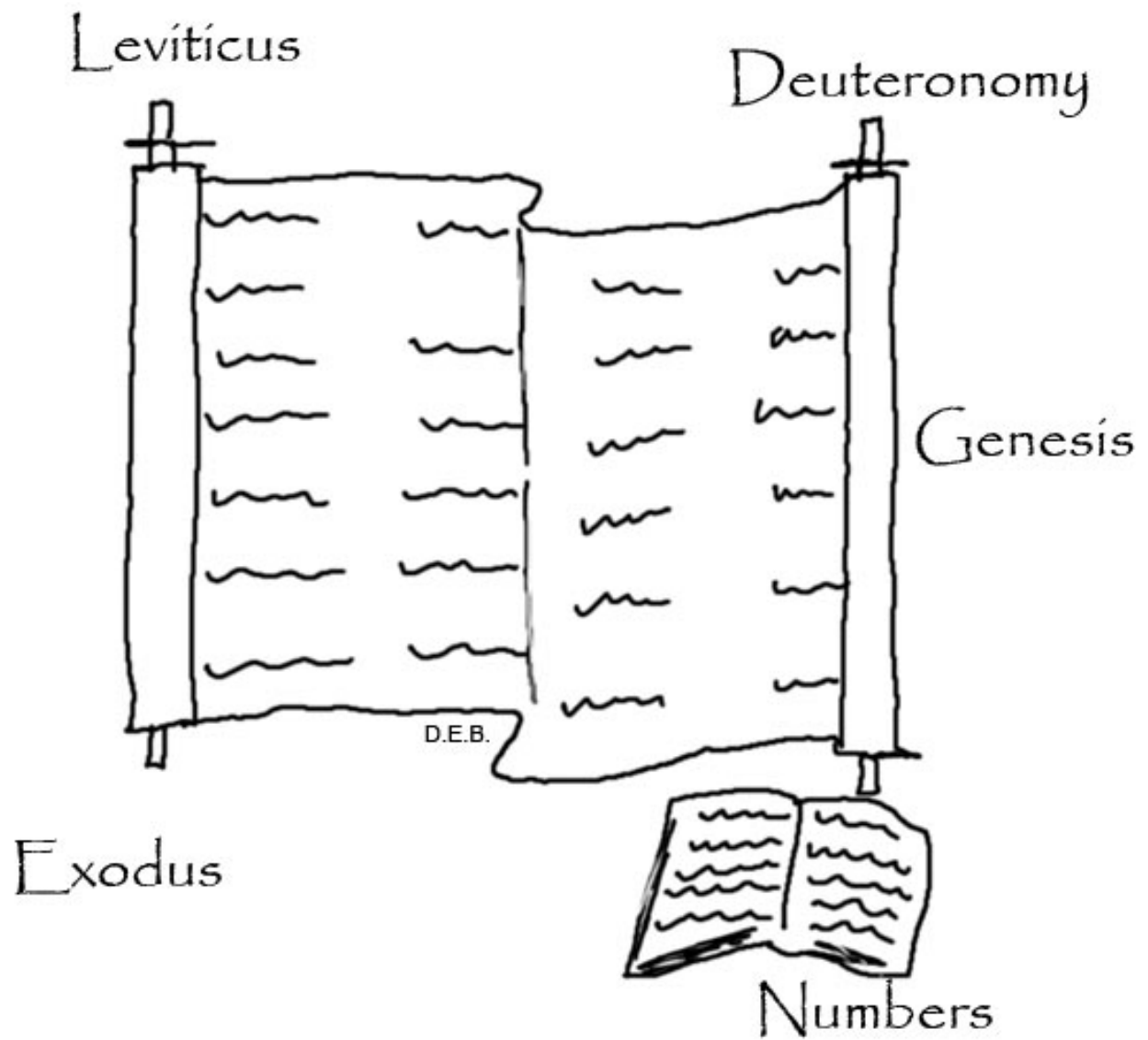
GOD'S LAWS ARE HOLY AND PERFECT TEACHING US
TO BE LIKE OUR CREATOR, JESUS, OUR
GREATEST EXAMPLE OF LOVE;
GOD'S LAW SHOW ME GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION
GIVEN DIVINELY FROM OUR HEAVENLY FATHER
ABOVE.

UNTO CHRIST, GOD'S LAW BRINGS US, TO TEACH US
OF HIS GENTLE, CARING WAYS;
I WILL LEARN AND DO GOD'S LAW OF LOVE AS HE
ASKS ME EACH AND EVERY DAY.

WITH ALL MY MIGHT I WILL LOVE THE LORD MY GOD
AND A FRIEND TO ME HE WILL ALWAYS BE;
HIS LAWS OF TRUTH IN MY HEART I WILL PLACE FOR
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SEE! BY B.R.B.

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Torah - God's Law



Put the books of the Torah or Law in order.

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