



**PTB 8 of 48: Bottom Line on Righteousness and Law in 3 parts.**

**INTRODUCTION:**

**To see the continuing of this Message in three parts, what will be considered is:**

- I. Bottom line of The Bible outline on Righteousness of God and Man summarized.**
- II. Idolatry.**
- III. Rivers of Living Water from Jesus.**

We are all aware of the compromises being made now for Judaisers in Messianic Judaism and similar popular movements to respect the Law more along with Jesus of Nazareth as the Christ more. It is good in that this respects the Word of God of the completeness of the fulness of the Gentiles and the increased hope for the Jewish salvation has now come in. Of course, this compromise is fraught with several dangers. For example, Scofield mites and Messianic Judaizers rightly see the return of Israel to the Promised Land as fulfillment of the Scripture, and true, you see it clearly for example in the first half of Zechariah 14; however, masters of half truth or bent truth they fail to present the second half of Zechariah 14 which is that only half of Jerusalem at the END will be saved.

Here is the bottom line of Jews and Gentiles: the cause of Christ clearly states in Ephesians and backed up with the details of Galatians and Romans that the Jews in the sight of God, God and Christ have become equals in the body of Christ which is the church of the firstborn written in heaven. However, of course from the perspective of God working in history it is stated in Ephesians from the Gentile perspective that they would become one in the body of Christ, for there is no doubt that Israel was the original chosen of God to be His people.

This matter of Jew and Gentiles is mixed in with the matter of Law, for you must say that the Jews as in the current state of Israel, at least those few that pay attention to religion at all, consider their greatest contribution to the world to be Moses and the Law, hence you see all their emphasis today on the Talmud, which is the first 5 books of the Bible, the Law of Moses; and a corresponding emphasis on striving to reach them with mixing certain laws of the Law with the Messianic hopes. Scofield mites neglect so much real Bible, in favor of the non-existent in the Bible words of rapture, millennium, and dispensationalism (how then can they be literal and the disaster in the SBC be a conservative resurgence), that the Scofield mites and Judaizers ignore the edict of Pastor James of Jerusalem and Peter and Paul, the first a Jewish fisherman and the second a lawyer of the Jewish nation, declaring in the first century not to lay any requirements of the law on any believer, Jew or Gentile. (You see, this is how equality of ONeness in the body of Christ first showed itself, or at least secondarily.)

What was the conclusion of the Apostles and elders gathered at Jerusalem for the great circumcision conference (Acts 15)? That (1) since God has given to Jews and Gentiles the gift of the Holy Spirit, there is no difference; (2) it is a sign that both the Jewish believing heart and the Gentiles believing heart are purified by faith; (3) it is tempting God to put a yoke on Jews or Gentiles that it was obvious in OT days the Hebrew forefathers were not able to bear (more about this momentarily as we continue with what the Law could not do in that it was weak according to the flesh, Acts 15:10); (4) then in what might be considered a first statement of faith of all Christianity, those assembled Christians decided **“But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.” (Acts 15:11)**

No, even as today the Jewish Christians, who at that time outnumbered the Gentile Christians, did not take easily this perspective from God and the Holy Spirit. THEY WERE SILENT.

**“Then all the multitude kept silence, and gave audience to Barnabas and Paul, declaring what miracles and wonders God had wrought among the Gentiles by them. And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying, Men and brethren, hearken unto me: Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name. And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written, After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up: That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things.**

**Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.” (Acts 15:12-18)**

**NOTE: In a later message, we must discuss how that Tabernacle of David, through Jesus was and is set up. Let it be said right now, that it in no way justifies the false claims of the Scofield mites and Messianic Judaizers that this requires a non-existent in the Bible second kingdom of God on earth and in Jerusalem that the Hebrews rule.**

Isn't it amazing the difference in the historical perspective then and now? THEN, the Jewish Christians were debating about letting the Gentile Christians into the church; NOW, the Gentile Christians are debating on how to get the Jewish Christians into the church. And the sad part is that with the influences of the Scofield mites and the Messianic Judaizers, the stand and statement of faith made at First Century Jerusalem is being compromised. Here, however, the bottom line is that known and controlled by God are all His works from the beginning, and not only in Zechariah 14 did He declare ahead of time some of those works that the Jews today, at least some of them, would be restored to their own Promised Land, but He just as clearly declared in the same chapter that Jesus Himself with one foot on Mount Olives and one foot on ,would save one half of all in Jerusalem at the END, thus making complete the One body in Christ of the Church of the firstborn written in heaven.

Back to the Law which really today and then separated the Jews and Gentiles, and the Law particularly in the ten commandments has clearly become the standard for morality and ethics throughout the world. Yet as Paul makes clear in Romans, the chief contribution of the Jewish nation to the world and to Christianity is that to them were given the oracles of God. Jesus was a Jew; Paul was a Jew; all our common forefathers in the faith were Hebrews like Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Moses; and in fact all the Apostles of Christianity and the Prophets of the OT were Hebrew Jews.

By the way, it is important to note that the first usage of the word Hebrew in the Bible is in Genesis 14:13 where Abraham was called a Hebrew; and of course most know that Jew is short for Jerusalem or for a citizen of Jerusalem.

Without covering the whole Bible in one message, we must get on with the sermon for the day which is on "Righteousness of man and God" or what is really right in the world of God the Father? As Dr. Lee would say, the request is that you for a few moments cast your mental tents of three parts: (1) the Law in the Old Testament interpreted by the NT; (2) Idolatry, the chief sin of the Hebrew nations; and (3) Rivers of Living Water through faith in Christ, the cure for the two evils of Israel in Jeremiah and from God Himself that (a) they had forsake God and (b) they had hewn out broken cisterns that could hold not water.

1. Sometimes Aish gets the Torah right as in this quote: (Of course anything based on the Bible, even part of it, has to have some right.

*6. What does God ask of you except to fear Him? (Deuteronomy 10:12)*

Moses tells this to the Children of Israel in his words of rebuke at the end of his life. You think religion is so hard and demanding? You're afraid to get started? When you really come down to it, God asks only one thing of us – that we care about Him. Live with the reality that God is there. He loves and cares for us, but He insists that we live up to our potential. We cannot hide from Him. If we only live with that awareness, all else will follow naturally.

{ <https://www.aish.com/sp/ph/Six-Famous-Questions-from-the-Torah.html?s=mm> }

2. Of course like they have done for generations the conservative Judaizers take Scripture out of context, Look briefly at Deuteronomy 10 in total context.

**At that time the Lord said to me, “Chisel out two stone tablets like the first ones and come up to me on the mountain. Also make a wooden ark.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>2</sup>I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke. Then you are to put them in the ark.”**

**<sup>3</sup> So I made the ark out of acacia wood and chiseled out two stone tablets like the first ones, and I went up on the mountain with the two tablets in my hands. <sup>4</sup>The Lord wrote on these tablets what he had written before, the Ten Commandments he had proclaimed to you on the mountain, out of the fire, on the day of the assembly. And the Lord gave them to me. <sup>5</sup> Then I came back down the mountain and put the tablets in the ark I had made, as the Lord commanded me, and they are there now.**

**<sup>6</sup> (The Israelites traveled from the wells of Bene Jaakan to Moserah. There Aaron died and was buried, and Eleazar his son succeeded him as priest. <sup>7</sup> From there they traveled to Gudgodah and on to Jotbathah, a land with streams of water. <sup>8</sup> At that time the Lord set apart the tribe of Levi to carry the ark of the covenant of the Lord, to stand before the Lord to minister and to pronounce blessings in his name, as they still do today. <sup>9</sup> That is why the Levites have no share or inheritance among their fellow Israelites; the Lord is their inheritance, as the Lord your God told them.)**

**<sup>10</sup> Now I had stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights, as I did the first time, and the Lord listened to me at this time also. It was not his will to destroy you.**

**<sup>11</sup> “Go,” the Lord said to me, “and lead the people on their way, so that they may enter and possess the land I swore to their ancestors to give them.”**

**Fear the Lord**

**<sup>12</sup> And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God ask of you but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, <sup>13</sup> and to observe the Lord’s commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good?**

<sup>14</sup> To the Lord your God belong the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth and everything in it. <sup>15</sup> Yet the Lord set his affection on your ancestors and loved them, and he chose you, their descendants, above all the nations – as it is today.

<sup>16</sup> Circumcise your hearts, therefore, and do not be stiff-necked any longer. <sup>17</sup> For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes. <sup>18</sup> He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing. <sup>19</sup> And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt. <sup>20</sup> Fear the Lord your God and serve him. Hold fast to him and take your oaths in his name. <sup>21</sup> He is the one you praise; he is your God, who performed for you those great and awesome wonders you saw with your own eyes. <sup>22</sup> Your ancestors who went down into Egypt were seventy in all, and now the Lord your God has made you as numerous as the stars in the sky.

**I. The Ten Commandments according to Jesus and the Apostles, recorded in the New Testament and quoted from the OT, then explained for the proper meaning. A reminder, the Bible through the authorship of God the Holy Spirit is self-interpretative.**

**NOTE: the bottom line of the Law, especially the 10 commands, is that given by the Holy Spirit to the Apostle Paul in Romans 10, and it is the bottom line for Israel today and Gentiles today, summarized as the broken cisterns are works of “going about to establish their own righteousness”. Of course, both Jew and Gentile today have many creative ways, assisted by sin and Satan and pride of life, to strive to establish and justify their own existence and rightness, or righteousness.**

**Romans 10 New King James Version (NKJV)**

**Israel Needs the Gospel**

“Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for [a]Israel is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, “The man who does those things shall live by them.” <sup>6</sup> But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down from above) <sup>7</sup> or, “ ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup> But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith which we preach): <sup>9</sup> that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the

dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11 For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame." 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. 13 For "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

1. Exodus 20, Luke 18:20, Mark 7:10, Matthew 5:38, Romans 13:8,9, and James 2:11. **{These are the Ten Commandments according to Jesus and the Apostles.}**

2. Exodus 21:17 and Mark 7:10: speaking evil of mother and father was considered so serious to God that those who did such were to be put to death.

3. Exodus 21:24 and Matthew 5:38: under the law it was to be life for life, eye for eye, and tooth for tooth so greatly did God respect human life and welfare and desire Israel to do the same.

4. Exodus 32:6 and I Corinthians 10:7: Paul reminds Christians at Corinth not to be idolaters even as the children of Israel were while Moses was on Mount Sinai getting the Ten Commandments.

There is a lot of sentimental slop about Mount Sinai today from both the Jewish Aish society and the fictions of the Scofield mites such as John Hagee, sort of like efforts to rewrite history. What we need is to get a better perspective from a lawyer expert of the first century, a Hebrew himself, the Apostle Paul who wrote in I Corinthians 10 about the true events of Mount Sinai.

**"Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup> all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup> all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup> and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup> But with most of them God was not well pleased, for *their bodies* were scattered in the wilderness.**

**<sup>6</sup> Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. <sup>7</sup> And do not become idolaters as *were* some of them. As it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play." <sup>8</sup> Nor let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell; <sup>9</sup> nor let us <sup>[a]</sup>tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents; <sup>10</sup> nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer. <sup>11</sup> Now <sup>[b]</sup>all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our <sup>[c]</sup>admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.**

**<sup>12</sup> Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup> No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God *is* faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to <sup>[d]</sup>bear *it*.**

1. The real scope on Mount Sinai and the wilderness wanderings, with the unnecessary 40 more years attached, is clearly presented by this Hebrew scholar of the first century as God was not pleased with most of them, only a remnant as always.

**“But with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.” (I Corinthians 10:6)**

2. A Hebrew leader that was there at Mount Sinai in his last will and testament, Moses, what did he have to say in his farewell address to the nation. Many consider the whole book of Deuteronomy, which we will start considering next week as the Farwell Address of Moses, one such quote is from chapter 4—

**“32 “Indeed, ask now concerning the former days which were before you, since the day that God created man on the earth, and inquire from one end of the heavens to the other. Has anything been done like this great thing, or has anything been heard like it? 33 Has any people heard the voice of God speaking from the midst of the fire, as you have heard it, and survived? 34 Or has a god tried to go to take for himself a nation from within another nation by trials, by signs and wonders and by war and by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm and by great terrors, as the Lord your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes? 35 To you it was shown that you might know that the Lord, He is God; there is no other besides Him. 36 Out of the heavens He let you hear His voice to discipline you; and on earth He let you see His great fire, and you heard His words from the midst of the fire. 37 Because He loved your fathers, therefore He chose their descendants after them. And He personally brought you from Egypt by His great power, 38 driving out from before you nations greater and mightier than you, to bring you in and to give you their land for an inheritance, as it is today. 39 Know therefore today, and take it to your heart, that the Lord, He is God in heaven above and on the earth below; there is no other. 40 So you shall keep His statutes and His commandments which I am giving you today, that it may go well with you and with your children after you, and that you may live long on the land which the Lord your God is giving you for all time.”**

3. Idolatry was the main problem at Sinai, the main problem in the United Kingdom of Israel under David and Solomon, and during the dispersion the Jews learned above all not to make idols; yet idolatry did not stop, only new ways were found like the rest of the Gentile world to commit idolatry. Just before the destruction of Jerusalem during the time of the Prophet Jeremiah, God Himself spoke to Israel to identify that new form of Idolatry.

**“You have committed two evils, forsaken Me the fountain of living waters; and hewn out for yourselves cisterns, broken cisterns that will hold no water.”**

II. The Laws of a Holy God **{the laws went beyond the commandments to regulations, civil law which would be the law of the new nations, and how to organize}.**

## Leviticus

1. Leviticus 4:18-20 and Hebrews 9:22: not a paraphrase or a quote, but rather in Hebrews 9:22 Paul summarizes what blood could do in the laws and ordinances of the Old Testament, the practices of which Leviticus 4:18-20 is typical.

2. Leviticus 11:44 and I Peter 1:16: God requires that His people be Holy since He Himself is Holy.

3. Leviticus 18:5,16 and Galatians 3:12: any person who desires to live under the Laws must live by keeping the Laws.

4. Leviticus 19:12 and Matthew 5:33.

(1). In these just and holy requirements of the Law of Leviticus since "I am the LORD", His name is not to be sworn by falsely nor profaned.

(2). With this quote as a starting point, Jesus says don't make any oath.

### III. How Did the Law Read during the time of Jesus.

1. Luke 10:26: "And He **{Jesus}** said to him, 'What is written in the Law' How does it read to you'" (NASV)

2. Leviticus 19:18 and Luke 10:27: (1) To Love God with all the heart, mind, and soul; and (2) To Love your neighbor as yourself.

3. Leviticus 18:5 and Luke 10:28: "And He (Jesus) said to him, 'You have answered correctly; DO THIS, AND YOU WILL LIVE.'" (NASV) **{NOTE: If you could really do this, keep these laws, you would live eternally. If now and during NT times, as the Scriptures tell us is true, that is if "the law is our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ, was it also the schoolmaster to bring the remnant of the remnant in OT times to Christ. I think so, although they looked forward to the atonement while we look behind; and we are told that the Gospel was preached to Abraham, how can we fail to see that it was also preached to all God's people of the OT times. Indeed, we will see how much in the last chapters, with all the "Prophet Messiah" references in the Prophets, how much really the Writing Prophets did speak of Christ, and of the Gospel aspects of Christ. Can we say then that God's people of the OT, like the Gentiles and the Jews of whom Paul wrote in Romans, that "they are without excuse for their sins".}**

### IV The Laws Jesus Came to Fulfill, not Destroy.

1. Leviticus 19:18 and Matthew 5:43: You have been told to love your neighbors and hate your enemies'

2. Be like God (Matthew 5:44,45): **"But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you in order that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous."** (NASV)