

THE LAW

We all have natural aptitudes making some things easy to grasp. We all have other things we struggle to grasp. I don't know why this is, just that it is. This, I believe, applies to spiritual things as well as physical things. For me, grasping "the Law of God" was a huge struggle; approaching nightmare status. How so?

All my life I had a very strong, yet tender spiritual inclination. I truly feared the Almighty. Growing up in a hell-fire and brimstone church deserves much of the credit for this. That cold-sweat fear, never far away, was not all bad however. It kept me from travelling down some dangerous, if tantalizing, roads. When I was twelve, my family left that church, and we went to a much more liberal and formal church. It was very different. My formative church teaching declared that cigarettes, beer, lipstick, and dancing would assure the miscreant a place in hell. The new church had a pipe-organ, the Pastor wore a clerical collar, all the ladies wore make-up and jewellery, and the parking lot boasted some fine rolling stock. The switch made me less fearful, but somewhat confused.

When I became an adult, and had a family, I took us to several different churches. I wasn't hopping because I sought an easier Sunday spot, but because I seemed to have a nose for truth, and knew we weren't finding it. In these various churches, one thing remained constant. They each had their own set of "rules"... things we don't do here, and things we do do here. But none of them, including the hell-fire one from my childhood, ever looked at "the Law" per sé. Again, lots of different customized laws; but not "the Law", whatever that is.

By my early fifties, I became very serious about my spiritual state, and destiny. You see, that fear of God blasted into my child's mind, had never really left. It just hadn't been poked for a long time. After a most volatile exit from my last denominational church (as an elder there, I dared to make the Pastor uncomfortable), in time, I became part of a less traditional group of believers. They taught "the Law of YahWeH" as set out in the Books of Moses, in the Old Testament. But rather than being harsh about it, these were the most gentle, loving, and unselfishly helpful people I had ever known. The teaching was scrupulously thorough, but most loving. And my personal study of Scripture concurred with it. I was determined to "keep the Law". At first, it was rather neat, like being an Old Testament Israelite. But very quickly, things got messy, and scary. There are well over six-hundred laws in the Books of Moses (the first five Books of our Bible). Add to this the warning, that to break one of them, was to break all of them, and the cold-sweats came back. Trust me, zeal plus knee-shaking fear can result in much fretful sleep. I would finally figure out a way to keep one law, and my pleasure in it would be punched in the nose by discovering three laws I hadn't yet encountered, and knew I couldn't keep. I truly wondered how these people could be so peaceful.

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Amid what became a daily battle with panic, I felt that YahWeH was slowly placing a covering of calmness over me. He knew my desire was to obey Him. The only thing in it for me was to one day hear "Well done!" from Him, or so I hoped. And I couldn't master six-hundred plus laws if I lived to be ninety-five. But what do I do?... forget obedience? Trust me, it was not a happy time.

What I write here now, is possibly the most painstaking writing exercise I have executed. It has been written fully, revised, fine-tuned, rewritten, pondered, restudied, waited upon, and "finalized" five times. Why? Because it is crucially important, hugely misunderstood, and can be either bondage or freedom for the child of YahWeH who simply wants to do what His Father desires. I want to get it right, and easily grasped. What I offer, after two years of effort, is now matured. That's what my heart tells me... see what you think.

The best place to start is with the question... "What IS the Law?" The Almighty Eternal One - YahWeH, placed His own offspring on planet earth, not to simply inhabit this place in a state of unrippled bliss. You see, I believe that the garden of Eden was a place other than a plot of land on the surface of this globe... but that's another study. I only mention it to explain why I believe that Adam and Eve's eviction from the garden was the first time their feet touched good old terra firma. But by that time, this was, and still is, the territory of "the god of this world" (as satan is titled in II Corinthians 4:4). No, this is not day-camp for YahWeH's children; it is "the veil of tears", the battlefield, enemy territory. We are here to be proven. We are here to learn, and experience refinement. We are here to be converted into something worthy to share eternal rest with our Father. To help His children get through this minefield, YahWeH established certain "rules" or "laws". These laws are designed to enable the eternal spirit part of us win the daily battle with the flesh part of us. Planet earth exists in the third dimension of reality. It is therefore bound by space, time, and physical death... we call all this, "physicality". In order to legally function in a physical place, one must have a physical body. Our "flesh-man" is our required earth-suit. And it is constantly in conflict with the real us, our "spirit-man". The Apostle Paul warns us that our carnality, our physicality, our "flesh" is at enmity against YahWeH (see Romans 8:7 for proof). This is the nature of the dual man (flesh vs. spirit). So the various laws commanded by our Father all have to do with the protection of our bodies, to keep us safe and healthy physically so our bodies can carry our spirits to the finish-line. Disobedience to the laws can take our physical lives prematurely, or make us sick and incapacitated, thus short-circuiting the refinement of our spirit-man.

So "the Law" was established and commanded by our Heavenly Father for our own good. It, if obeyed, would be a great blessing, a protective covering, for YahWeH's offspring sojourning through a hostile land.

How exactly did we get the Law? As we learned in the section "The House of

Israel", the Almighty spoke directly to the Patriarchs of His family. He made promises to Abram (later named Abraham), then Abraham's son Isaac, then Isaac's son Jacob. YaHWeH's family, His chosen people multiplied, becoming a vast population. Centuries later they found themselves in the bondage of slavery in Egypt. YaHWeH spoke to Moses, instructing him to bring the Israelites out from Egyptian bondage. Under the protective hand of their Father, they received miraculous provision, safety, and deliverance. In spite of being the recipients of such grace, they became a most ungrateful, complaining, rebellious, and disobedient people. YaHWeH therefore had to rein this bunch in. So He gave Moses, their leader, an expanded set of rules, a revised "Law". It was presented to Moses on Mount Sinai by the Almighty Himself. Moses then read it to the people. They agreed to obey this expanded Law, and the contract was ratified in blood (animal blood). What we call "the Mosaic Covenant" was now in force.

It is important to note however, that the Law of YaHWeH existed before the time of Moses. The Book of Genesis tells us that Abraham "kept the Law". But long before that, it was carried through the great flood by Noah...

"But with thee (Noah) will I establish My covenant;
and thou wilt come into the ark..."
(Genesis 6:18 K.J.V.)

Let me clarify two things here. The word "covenant" is synonymous with "the Law". It is a contract based on a set of commanded rules, in the Bible. Secondly, the word "establish" is a most misleading translation of the original Hebrew text. It sounds as if this is the first setting up of the Law, but it's not. The original word was an Aramaic word - "quwm" (Strong's #6965). It means "to continue" and "to strengthen"; NOT establish. So the accurate way to translate the original into English would be...

"But with thee (Noah) will I continue and strengthen
My covenant (law)..."

Well, if Noah continued it, it had to have been in force before him; and before the flood. Almighty YaHWeH "established" Covenant Law when He established Adam, His first offspring on earth.

And for how long will the Law remain in effect? This is where my turmoil began. But take heart. If you are being hit with your inability to keep over six-hundred laws perfectly, read on. The Law is "everlasting"...

"For verily I say unto you (the Messiah speaking), Till
heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in
no wise pass from the law..."
(Matthew 5:18 K.J.V.)

Oh boy! In fact, the Bible, in many places, refers to the Law as "everlasting", "forever", and "unto a thousand generations"... that's "ALWAYS".

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The Law is not going to end as long as the heavens and the earth are here. So what on earth are we to do? Do you realize that under the Mosaic Law, it is a stoning offence to light a fire on a sabbath day? What if you live in a bitterly cold climate, like I do, and your furnace pilot goes out on a sabbath? Are you, and your water pipes, just supposed to freeze? I even kept a candle going on sabbaths. That way I wouldn't have to "light" a fire, just "transfer" fire, if needed. Now you multiply this loop-hole covering by six hundred, and you may appreciate my growing depression. And that warning in the Book of James was always there...

"For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and offend in one point, he is guilty of (breaking) all (the laws)."
(James 2:10 K.J.V.)

At one point I even told myself that if this is the case, I might as well light the barbeque on a sabbath and enjoy a steak. On that very day, I read this Scripture...

"If thou wilt enter into life, KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS."
(Matthew 19:17 K.J.V.)

And down I went again. On many occasions my mind would drift back to my traditional, denominational "church" days. All my Pastors (and I had sat under nineteen of them by that time) said that the Law was "nailed to the cross", and that it no longer had to be kept at all. BUT! BUT! BUT!, I cried out, how do you get around the Messiah's words that not one letter of it would pass away as long as the earth is here?

I went to the "nailed" Scripture, in desperation. Here it is...

"Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to His cross."
(Colossians 2:14 K.J.V.)

Sure enough... SOMETHING was indeed nailed to His death tree. It even says this in the original Greek text. But I was taught, and fully believe to this day, that YahWeH would never contradict Himself. It must be ME who is missing some key point. So do you know what I did with this tiny glimmer of relief from my anxiety? I held it, and didn't touch this subject for months. I kept this little light close, and pulled the covers over my head. I didn't study the Law, I didn't try to keep the Law (nor did I try to break it). I savoured this potential gulp of air for a long time.

In time, I knew I could handle it again. I reread the "nailed" Scripture and noted something. Here it is again, with what hit me highlighted...

"Blotting out THE HANDWRITING OF ORDINANCES THAT WAS AGAINST US, WHICH WAS CONTRARY TO US, and took IT out of the way, NAILING IT TO HIS CROSS."

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Finally, finally, finally... it dawned on me. Look at the highlighted words... "handwritten ordinances", "against us", "contrary to us", "nailed IT (those) to the tree". Well, what does the Bible say about "the Law"?...

"For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; AND HIS COMMANDMENTS ARE NOT GRIEVOUS (not 'against' us)."
(I John 5:3 K.J.V.)

"Thy law is truth... Thy commandments are my DELIGHT (not 'contrary' to us)."
(Psalms 119:142,143 K.J.V.)

Other Scriptures call the Law "perfect", "a guiding light", "delightful", "able to convert our soul". The thing nailed to the tree was harsh, contrary to the nature of YahWeH's children, designed to push against us. And what was that? It was the changed Covenant Law, the Law of Moses, NOT the original Law set in place for our help. It was the punishing Law, set in the face of YahWeH's disobedient rebel family, to show them the crushing weight of the consequences of disobedience. It was a Law without mercy...

"He that despised Moses' law DIED WITHOUT MERCY..."
(Hebrews 10:28 K.J.V.)

The Mosaic Law was designed to have to be kept, but which no man could keep. Why? Was YahWeH having sport with His children? No. He was reining them in, punishing them for their disobedience, teaching them that without His mercy no man could survive, and forcing them to look for another change... relief from the crushing punishment. And what form would that relief take?... FAITH... but more about this later.

It was NOT "the Law" per sé which was nailed to the Roman tree. YahWeH's Law will not pass away. It was the added "ordinances", added because of disobedience, added without mercy, added to be unkeepable, added to show the hopelessness of the sin state... it was THIS, and only this, that was taken out of the way, and nailed to His death stake, with Him.

Notice something most interesting about this whole matter...

"It is the glory of God to conceal a thing; but the honour of kings is to search out a matter."
(Proverbs 25:2 K.J.V.)

Truth, as I have said so often in this paper, is NEVER laying on the surface to be tripped over. It is hidden... buried treasure. I believe the matter of the Law of YahWeH is one of the great mysteries to be unearthed. This is what I discovered from my digging. When YahWeH's children ran outside their protective yard (through sin), into the devil's backyard, their Father had to accomplish three things. First, He had to rescue His children and bring them back. Secondly, He had to rescue them in a way that none of the

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devil's children could qualify for. Thirdly, He had to keep His word. And it was the Mosaic Law which so skillfully accomplished these three things. Here's how.

First, He had to rescue His children. What was it they needed rescue from? Breaking His Law! And what is that?...

"For SIN is THE TRANSGRESSION (breaking) OF THE LAW."
(John 3:4 K.J.V.)

YaHWeH's children needed rescue from sin. How is the transgression of the Law reversed? By keeping it. This is why the Mosaic Law was a "forced" Law. It HAD TO BE kept... no option.

Secondly, He had to make it impossible for any of the offspring "of their father, the devil" to qualify for rescue. The Mosaic Law achieved this. The Mosaic Law was a law imposed on the flesh-man. These were all physical do's and don't's. If any flesh-man was able, even by the most extreme effort, to keep the whole Law, what would that do? Remember, the "wheat" (YaHWeH's offspring) and the "tares" (the devil's offspring) share one thing. They both come here in an earth-suit, a "flesh-man" body. If one of the wheat could keep the Law of Moses, so could one of the tares keep the Law of Moses. If he did, he'd qualify for rescue from sin, and eventual entrance into eternal rest. Imagine the consequences of this. Satan has been seeking a toe-hold on Heaven on a technicality, since he fell to earth after his eviction from Heaven as Lucifer. The Almighty had to erect a Law barricade which no flesh-man could surmount. And He did it through the Mosaic Law.

Thirdly, He had to keep His own word. This is the best part. YaHWeH decreed that only through the perfect keeping of the Law, ALL the Law, could one qualify for entrance into His eternal presence. Also, the whole Law had to be kept by the flesh-man. If you reread the section "The House of Israel" you'll see an examination of the Covenant promises, and their evolution. What do I mean by "evolution"? Whenever YaHWeH's servant met the conditions on a promise from his Father, YaHWeH remoulded the promise. It evolved into something bigger and better. Notice though, the evolution of the promises never changed the Covenant. It remained "everlasting". But the promises and the conditions attached to the static Covenant could be reshaped by YaHWeH. So? Well, the Mosaic Covenant Law, down to every jot and tittle, WAS KEPT PERFECTLY, BY A FLESH-MAN! The Almighty Himself came down from His Heaven, and inhabited planet earth, through the legal doorway (a human womb), in a legal earth-suit, as the Saviour Messiah, and kept the entire Mosaic Covenant Law perfectly. By this unspeakable vicarious act, the Almighty could again evolve the conditions and promises of the everlasting Covenant. It was 100% legal; satan was powerless to stop it on a technicality. The Bible foretold this in the Old Testament, and it is described in the New Testament; most aptly called "THE BETTER COVENANT". We need to closely examine this "better" Covenant. This is how it was foretold in the Old Testament...

"Behold the days come, saith (YaHWeH), THAT I WILL MAKE

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A NEW COVENANT with the House of Israel and with the House of Judah. Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; WHICH MY COVENANT (the Mosaic) THEY BREAK, although I was an husband unto them, saith (YaHWeH): BUT THIS SHALL BE THE COVENANT THAT I WILL MAKE WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL; After those days, saith (YaHWeH), I WILL PUT MY LAW IN THEIR INWARD PARTS, AND WRITE IT IN THEIR HEARTS, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people." (Jeremiah 31:31-33 K.J.V.)

YaHWeH said that He would evolve a "new Covenant" in the last days, with His family. How will it be "new"? The Mosaic Covenant dealt with the flesh-man part of His disobedient children. It was written in stone tablets. The ordinances were handwritten on large plastered stones, placed outside the gates of the various cities, to remind and warn all those who entered that a death penalty awaited those who broke these laws. One man, in His flesh-man, kept all the Law perfectly. The new, evolved Covenant switches from the flesh-man to the spirit-man. It will not be written in stone, but in the hearts and minds of His children's spirit. It won't be put their by memorization or effort; it will be put their by our Father's Spirit. No tare, no offspring of the devil, could ever qualify for this. Let's move forward to the New Testament. Jeremiah wrote that this glorious new Covenant would one day come. Well, it did come...

"But NOW hath He obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also He is the Mediator of A BETTER COVENANT, which was established upon BETTER PROMISES. For if the first covenant had been faultless (the original Greek text reads 'unblemished' - broken by His children), then should no place have been sought for the second. For finding fault with them (the people, not the laws), He saith, Behold, the days come, saith (YaHWeH), when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and with the House of Judah. Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the days when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in My covenant, and I regarded them not, saith (YaHWeH). For this is the covenant that I will make with the House of Israel after those days, saith (YaHWeH); I WILL PUT MY LAWS INTO THEIR MIND, AND WRITE THEM IN THEIR HEARTS, and I will be to them (YaHWeH), and they shall be to Me a people... FOR I WILL BE MERCIFUL TO THEIR UNRIGHTEOUSNESS, AND THEIR SINS AND THEIR INIQUITIES WILL I REMEMBER NO MORE." (Hebrews 8:6-12 K.J.V.)

HalleluYah! As we learned earlier...

"He that despised (broke) Moses' law DIED WITHOUT MERCY..." (Hebrews 10:28 K.J.V.)

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To be outside the reach of YahWeH's mercy is as bad as it gets. But, under the better Covenant, look what happens...

"For I WILL BE MERCIFUL to their unrighteousness,
and their sins and their iniquities WILL I
REMEMBER NO MORE."
(Hebrews 8:12 K.J.V.)

Wow! How can this be? It says here that Almighty YahWeH will evolve His Covenant relationship to His children, to the point where He'll turn a blind eye to their sins. Have I read this Scripture correctly? Again... how can this be? Something had to replace sheer robotic obedience to the rules. Something just as important; actually, something MORE important to YahWeH than functioning by rote. Well, something DID...

"By FAITH Abel offered unto (YahWeH) a MORE EXCELLENT
(more important to YahWeH) sacrifice than Cain, by which
(i.e. his faith) he obtained witness THAT HE WAS RIGHTEOUS...
By FAITH Enoch was translated that he should not see death...
By FAITH Noah... prepared an ark to the saving of his house...
By FAITH Abraham... sojourned in the land of promise...
These all died in FAITH, not having seen the promises, but
having seen them afar off (in the future, with their spirit-
eyes, which no tare has), and were persuaded of them, and
embraced them..."
(Hebrews 11:4-13 K.J.V.)

Do you see it? The keeping of the whole Law, by YahWeH-shua, the Messiah, in His flesh-man, was the final, total payment for sin. His vicarious death paid the bill in full. That central point in the history of this physical time-bound planet changed everything in the relationship between YahWeH and all His offspring, the sons of Adam. Since no flesh (other than that of the Saviour's earth-suit) could keep the whole Law, the ONLY "justification" in the sight of YahWeH, available to His child was the payment (therefore "eradication" of) for sin made by Him. And the ONLY way to partake of that justification is through FAITH! Those who came before the sin-payment was accomplished were justified by their faith, because their faith saw the payment coming in the future (fully persuaded). Those of us here after the sin-payment was accomplished are justified by our faith, because we are fully persuaded that it was "finished".

The Apostle Paul makes this very clear in his letter to the believers in the Galatian church...

"But BEFORE FAITH CAME, we were kept under (the unbearable pressure of) the Law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. Wherefore THE LAW WAS OUR SCHOOL-MASTER to bring us to Christ, THAT WE MIGHT BE JUSTIFIED BY FAITH. But after that faith is come, WE ARE NO LONGER UNDER A SCHOLLMASTER."
(Galatians 3:23-25 K.J.V.)

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The Law of YahWeH was first established with His first offspring, Adam. It was there to be kept, so that the sons of Adam would be protected (safe and healthy) in this hostile land. Over time, YahWeH's children had stepped so far from the Law, and became so indistinguishable (in their flesh) from the children of the devil, that a strict and cruel Schoolmaster was sent... the Mosaic Law. Its only purpose was to teach every Israelite that he was a "guilty" man, and that he was powerless to pull himself to the status of an "innocent" man. To escape the death sentence of the guilty, one must be "justified". This is the Hebrew word "tsadaq" (Strong's #6663). It means "to be right", and "to make right". Justification, therefore innocence, was available in two ways. The first way (and it had to come first) was through obedience - perfectly keeping all the Law. But no Israelite could do that... SAVE ONE... YahWeH-shua (YahWeH Himself in a body of flesh). Now the second way of justification is legally available... FAITH - faith in the perfect Law keeping of the Saviour. That is, being fully persuaded that He paid the full price we owed, so now we too are "innocent". HalleluYah! The Schoolmaster has retired.

Knowing this gloriously good news raises an important question, however. Does this fact mean that the evolved Covenant, the "better" Covenant, comes with no Law, nothing to "keep"?...

"For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass,
one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law..."
(Matthew 5:18 K.J.V.)

This is where I became confused. Perhaps someone reading this might be confused as well. Here's the light at the end of the tunnel. The "LAW" of YahWeH shall never pass away. But what is that Law? The Mosaic Law, the ordinances that were contrary to us and against us was fulfilled. It didn't pass away either. By that I mean, YahWeH didn't blink; He didn't say, "I made a mistake, you don't have to keep this Law, I've changed My mind." No, that Law didn't pass, it was fulfilled... big difference. But there is still the core Law of YahWeH. What is that?...

"If you LOVE Me, KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS."
(John 14:15 K.J.V.)

"He that hath MY COMMANDMENTS AND KEEPETH THEM,
he it is that LOVETH Me..."
(John 14:21 K.J.V.)

"If you KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS, ye shall abide
in My LOVE..."
(John 15:10 K.J.V.)

The Messiah's reference to "commandments" points to the "Ten Commandments" (Exodus 20:1-17) as well as the many other instructions which are outside the Mosaic Law. These were given throughout the Bible for the well-being and survival of YahWeH's children, not to punish us. But notice my

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highlighting of "love". This is the Law we are to keep. Keep this, and you will keep all YahWeH's Law...

"Then one of them (a Pharisee) which was a lawyer, asked Him (the Messiah) a question, tempting (trying to trick) Him, and saying; Master, WHICH IS THE GREAT (most important) COMMANDMENT IN THE LAW? (YahWeH-shua) said unto him, THOU SHALT LOVE (YahWeH) WITH ALL THY HEART, AND WITH ALL THY SOUL, AND WITH ALL THY MIND. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it; THOU SHALT LOVE THY NEIGHBOUR AS THYSELF. ON THESE TWO COMMANDMENTS HANG ALL THE LAW and the prophets (these embody every commanded law)."
(Matthew 22:35-40 K.J.V.)

This can correctly be termed, "the Law of love". As I've tried to do in each section of this paper, I must point out why I include this study in a writing entitled "The Cherished Lies". YahWeH teaches truth... satan teaches lies. And he tailors those lies most subtly. Why? Because he knows that if we like them, if we feel "I can live with this", we will cherish those lies. We will take them into our hearts, and teach them to our children. Well, what is the great quest of earth walkers today, as never before? "LOVE, SWEET LOVE". It's "what the world needs now", isn't it? Satan will try his best to snag you here. Yes, he'll attempt different approaches regarding the Law of YahWeH. He'll be able to convince some that the Law is dead... nothing to keep. Many will buy it. He'll try to convince those who don't believe that, to take upon themselves the burden of the Mosaic Law... keep them all, or you are guilty of them all. And those somewhere between these extremes will have a specific lie made-to-measure for them. But for those who realize the truth of what has been pointed out here, he will nail you with "love"... feel good, sticky sweet, never get angry love. But the Law of love is NOT this. The love which has been sold to the masses, in this painful world, is based on feelings. It is the province of the flesh-man only; not the spirit-man. So what you probably think when you hear "the Law of love", will be what satan has groomed you, and most of society, to think. "Oh praise God; I just love everybody in the world; and I love God so much, all I want to do is jump for joy and sing those wonderful choruses." You might FEEL love toward everyone, and love for your Heavenly Father. But the Bible contains a very specific litmus test. As I said already, love - true love - is not a feeling; it is a "spirit"...

"For (YahWeH) hath not given us (His children) the SPIRIT of fear; but (the SPIRIT) of power, and (the SPIRIT) of love, and (the SPIRIT) of a sound mind."
(II Timothy 1:7 K.J.V.)

Do you have the spirit of love? Here's the test...

"BY THIS (test) WE KNOW THAT WE LOVE THE CHILDREN OF (YahWeH), WHEN WE LOVE (YahWeH), AND KEEP HIS

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COMMANDMENTS. FOR THIS IS (proof of) THE LOVE OF
(YaHWeH), THAT WE KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS..."
(I John 5:2,3 K.J.V.)

This is most important to understand. This cuts to the core of the flesh vs. the spirit. John prefaced this explanation of love by saying...

"... and every one that loveth him that begat (a father) loveth him also that is begotten of him (the offspring of that father)."
(I John 5:1 K.J.V.)

There are men whom I have deep love for. But some of them have children who are most unloveable. That is to say, their FLESH-MAN is most unloveable by my FLESH-MAN. But my spirit-man will override my flesh. Does that mean I'll start to like that person? Probably not. My spirit-man, however, will have love for the offspring of whom I love. This may not ever reach my flesh-man feelings. That, fortunately, is not the test of my love. The test of my love, believe it or not, is that I love YaHWeH. That seems like a bit of a cop-out, wouldn't you say? Well, think about it. John states that the PROOF of loving the children of YaHWeH (not "liking", but "loving") is that we love YaHWeH Himself. But how do we know if we truly love YaHWeH?...

"FOR THIS IS (proof of) THE LOVE OF (YaHWeH), THAT WE KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS..."
(I John 5:3 K.J.V.)

If I keep YaHWeH's commandments TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY, I prove my love for my Father. Why did I highlight "to the best of my ability"? Because of this amazing truth... WE DON'T HAVE TO KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS, BUT WE HAVE TO KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS." What on earth does that mean?

Let's say that I have a son; and because of blatant disobedience to my instructions, I forced him to wash and polish my car to the most meticulous standards. If I ever found the car less than perfectly clean, I would not include him in my will. After a long time, a way of fully paying for his disobedience was found. I gladly told him that he would be in my will, no matter what he did, or didn't do. The thing that could remove him from my will was gone forever. He no longer has to polish my car. One day I look out the window and see him detailing my car with a toothbrush and Q-tips. I rush out and say, why are you doing that? You no longer have to. He replies, "I know you like an immaculate car; and I want to keep it that way for you because I love you." You see, all I ever wanted from my son was his love. And he has proven his love, not with words, not with feelings, not with hugs and kisses, but with obedience... even when he doesn't have to any more. He could well have hated my guts when he was cleaning my car to stay in the will. But now that he can't lose his inheritance, only true love would cause him to keep my car the way I like it. This may be a somewhat crippled analogy, but I think it conveys the truth of the Law of love.

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Under the Mosaic Law, the pressure to obey was from without. The children of YahWeH were indeed "under" the Law. It pressed down upon them with crushing weight. But that crushing weight is gone forever. However, there is a different pressure which should exist. It doesn't press from without, it presses from within. It's the bursting pressure of love, true love, spirit love. When you understand what your Father did to pay the full penalty for your disobedience - He left His throne in Heaven, to come to this hostile land encumbered by a flesh body, to suffer persecution, humiliation, rejection, torture, and physical death of the most cruel kind - your spirit will press within your heart a love which needs a relief valve. And that relief valve is obedience... obedience to His instructions which embody His will for you. These commandments are NOT against us, they are NOT contrary to us, and they are NOT unkeepable.

I quoted these Scriptures earlier; I'll quote them again, with some of my comments in brackets. Hopefully they'll be clearer now...

"If you love Me (if your heart can't hold it in) keep My commandments (to relieve the pressure and prove your love)."
(John 14:15 K.J.V.)

"He that hath my commandments (written in his heart) and keepeth them (because his heart can't contain his love, so obedience is the outflow), he it is that loveth me (and proves it)..."
(John 14:21 K.J.V.)

"If you keep My commandments (proving your love for Me) ye shall abide in My love..."
(John 15:10 K.J.V.)

We are spirit of YahWeH's Spirit, if we are His offspring. But we are NOT flesh of His flesh. YahWeH is a Spirit (see John 4:24 for proof), and that Spirit breathed its very self into Adam's nostrils (see Genesis 2:7 for proof). So all the progeny of Adam have that same breath of YahWeH in them (I will show you in a later section why not all earth walkers are the progeny of Adam). The Mosaic Law was "added to" the core Law which YahWeH instructed His children to keep. That "added" set of unkeepable rules was taken away when our Saviour paid the penalty for all our disobedience. And that glorious truth, our salvation, motivates our spirit-man to obedience "to the best of our ability".

How do we elevate our ability to obey our Father? Well, if you don't know your Father, how will you ever know what His stated will is? His will for you is stated in the Bible. To know Him, you must know His Word. Hopefully my rather confusing statement makes more sense... "WE DON'T HAVE TO KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS (the death penalty is gone), BUT WE HAVE TO KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS (because our spirit-man love for our Spirit Father will not allow our flesh-man to do otherwise)."... our obedience proves our love.

-13- (The Law)

I am head and heart satisfied with this explanation of the Law of YahWeH... finally! It has taken me almost six decades to understand it. I'm so glad He didn't let me give up on it.

There's hardly a day pass when I'm not astounded at how Almighty YahWeH has brought me through more trials than I could count... trials which I could see no way through. How could I do anything less than to love Him with all my heart, soul, and mind? And how could I not want to express my love for Him with anything but obedience to His Word?... to the best of my ability?... not because I have to, but expressly because I don't have to. I pray this will touch some heart.