

Esteeming God's Instruction

Shalom,

Deuteronomy 18:9 When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations.

It is a remarkable thing to realize that much of what is believed, or has been learned, in our Greco-Roman society is based on faulty human reasoning, neglecting the only true light given to man by God through His Teaching and Instruction, or Torah. This teaching is taken from the weekly Torah reading found in **Deuteronomy 16:18 - 21:9**.

If you will take time to do a word search for the word, **abomination**, in scripture, you will quickly see that **much of what is considered normal behavior in our modern society is called abominable by the Word of God**. You will notice that certain **foods, deviant sexual practices, idols, sacrificing children, blemished sacrifices, gender confusion, and dishonest measures** are among those things which God requires His people to separate themselves from. God even states that these behaviors are His reason for driving nations from lands and giving them to His covenant people.

Deuteronomy 18:12 For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee.

Human reasoning, however, has deemed much of this behavior to have no adverse effect, or is a result of “Old fashioned morality” and therefore, has ignored the wisdom of our God who loves us so much that He draws us out of darkness into His marvelous light. **Those who reject His loving chastening**, not only practice unrighteousness themselves, but **proclaim the virtue of such ignorance under the guise of freedom, tolerance, and political correctness**.

Deuteronomy 17:1 (TLV) ¹ "You are not to sacrifice to Adonai your God a bull or a sheep that has a defect or anything bad—for that would be an abomination to Adonai your God.

Defective offerings seem to creep in as people follow the world’s way of doing things. We may not offer animals as sacrifices, for Yeshua, the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world is our perfect, spotless sacrifice for sin, but we are commanded to present our bodies as a living sacrifice. This means absolute submission and surrender to God. **The message of scripture is that we should always give our first and our best to God. The blemishes in our sacrifices manifest when we hold back what belongs to God**, whether it be our **tithes, our time and schedules, or our talents**.

Romans 12:1-2 (TLV) ¹ I urge you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice—holy, acceptable to God—which is your spiritual service. ² Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Matthew 6:33 (TLV) ³³ But seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

The Kingdom of God is God's way of doing things, and if we will truly prosper, we will receive revelation of His Kingdom and conform ourselves to His plans and purposes by meditating upon the instructions He has given us through His Torah from Genesis to Revelation, and acting accordingly. If need be, we must enthusiastically submit to His correction so that we may grow up into the full maturity of the Messiah, the anointed One, and into His anointing.

The Children of Israel demanded a king when **the plan of God was to make His covenant people a kingdom of priests**. Certainly we, who are heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Yeshua the Messiah, are the fulfillment of that plan, Jew and Gentile, and **should hearken carefully to His instruction for His Kingdom and the kings He has anointed**.

Deuteronomy 17:18-20 (TLV) ¹⁸ "Now when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he is to write for himself a copy of this Torah on a scroll, from what is before the Levitical kohanim. ¹⁹ It will remain with him, and he will read in it all the days of his life, in order to learn to fear Adonai his God and keep all the words of this Torah and these statutes. ²⁰ Then his heart will not be exalted above his brothers, and he will not turn from the commandment to the right or to the left—so that he may prolong his days in his kingship, he and his sons, in the midst of Israel.

Every Word of God is true and will never change. This is why we must hide His Word in our hearts that we not sin against Him. It is only by an **uncompromising stand on God's Word**, through the power of the Holy Spirit that we will withstand all the abominations of the nations and all the wiles of the devil.

Focused on His Kingdom,
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