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## Newly Created for Good Works

Shalom,

The Torah portion in **Deuteronomy 21:10–25:19** is called **Ki teitzei** or “**When you go out.**” The **Kingdom Principles given to us in Torah** are also **New Creation realities**. They can only be completely obeyed and fulfilled by those who have been reborn by the Spirit of God, and yet they reach into the **areas of natural behavior** common to all men.

*“You are not to watch your brother’s ox or sheep straying and behave as if you hadn’t seen it; you must bring them back to your brother. If your brother is not close by, or you don’t know who the owner is, you are to bring it home to your house; and it will remain with you until your brother asks for it; then you are to give it back to him. You are to do the same with his donkey, his coat or anything else of your brother’s that he loses. If you find something he lost, you must not ignore it.” (Deuteronomy 22:1-3 CJB)*

*“You are not to exploit a hired worker who is poor and needy, whether one of your brothers or a foreigner living in your land in your town.” (Deuteronomy 24:14 CJB)*

*“You are not to deprive the foreigner or the orphan of the justice which is his due, and you are not to take a widow’s clothing as collateral for a loan. Rather, remember that you were a slave in Egypt; and ADONAI your God redeemed you from there. That is why I am ordering you to do this.*

*“When harvesting the grain in your field, if you forgot a sheaf of grain there, you are not to go back and get it; it will remain there for the foreigner, the orphan, and the widow, so that ADONAI your God will bless you in all the work you do. When you beat your olive tree, you are not to go back over the branches again; the olives that are left will be for the foreigner, the orphan, and the widow. When you gather the grapes from your vineyard, you are not to return and pick grapes a second time; what is left will be for the foreigner, the orphan, and the widow. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt. That is why I am ordering you to do this.” (Deuteronomy 24:17-22 CJB)*

These instructions teach us that God is love, and that, in His loving nature, He places people in a place of honor, and He desires for us, as His covenant creation to love and honor one another. **Yeshua taught us the eternal plans and purposes of the Torah.** His teaching **revealed** His truth and **exposed** the legalistic perversion that results when men evaluate spiritual truth with only natural reasoning. **The law of the Spirit of Life that is in the anointed Jesus has set us free from the law of sin and death.** Jesus made it very clear that we are **not to neglect the foundational books of Torah**, but rather to

receive them that they may **teach** and **instruct** us about that which is from the Spirit of God, and can only be spiritually discerned.

*Now a natural man does not accept the things of the Ruach Elohim, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. But the one who is spiritual discerns all things, and he himself is discerned by no one.* (1 Corinthians 2:14-15 TLV)

Those without the anointing of the Holy Spirit may keep the words of His instructions and still have hard hearts. They view their adherence to the rules as righteousness while neglecting the heart of the matter, which is being a new creation in the Messiah.

*Do not think that I came to abolish the Torah or the Prophets! I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill. Amen, I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or serif shall ever pass away from the Torah until all things come to pass. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others the same, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever keeps and teaches them, this one shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.* (Matthew 5:17-19 TLV)

Some people have reasoned that since we can't be saved by obeying God's instructions, we can just forget about them, or reason everything contained in the books of Torah are "law," not recognizing that only the law of sin and death, or the sacrificial system for temporary atonement, was removed when Jesus' blood was shed once for all time. Nevertheless, in the Spirit, **those righteous commandments, or instructions, are to impart to us, as new creations, the Torah of the Spirit of life in Messiah Yeshua.** They are not a burden to obey, but a joyous reality realized by walking in the Spirit. **Since we have become born-again new creations, in the Spirit, we can walk in obedience to that for which we were created. We were created by Him, and for Him. We are one in Him through His Word and Spirit that was implanted in us in the new birth.**

*For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.* (Ephesians 2:10 NIV)

Notice the same scripture as rendered by another version:

*No, we neither make nor save ourselves. God does both the making and saving. He creates each of us by Christ Jesus to join Him in the work He does, the good work He has gotten ready for us to do, work we had better be doing.* (Ephesians 2:10 MSG)

Notice that the same principles are explained by Yeshua in **Matthew, chapters 5-7**. He **fulfilled**, or He **fully filled**, His words with understanding that they might be acted upon, not with mere outward obedience of the flesh, but with full spiritual revelation from the heart.

Walking in the Spirit as a New Creation in Messiah is a wonderful and exciting adventure that can never be emulated through any activity of the flesh. Men try to find excitement and meaning in life through a variety of activities, many resulting in pain and suffering, but **God has provided all that we could desire by simply trusting Him and His Living Word.**

His Workmanship,  
Terry

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