

Calgary LeChaim Bible Fellowship
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Lessons in Learning How to Love our Neighbor (1)
Torah Study Materials for Saskatoon "Ecclesia"

Text: Matthew 5: 23-24

Date: _____

Background:

Believers in Yeshua are instructed to let Messiah live out His life through them. Since Messiah lives in us, what does it look like to others when He lives His life through us? To be sure, such is a life full of grace, mercy, love and truth, and other godly qualities.

As a supplemental teaching / resource with our HaYesod studies, we established the fact that Yeshua recognized and encouraged Torah living to describe the hearts and minds of God's redeemed community.

The Messiah and the Torah:

We have explained in our earlier lesson that Yeshua came to interpret the Torah/Scriptures properly (Matt 5:17). This teaches us that the Second Testament (NT or Apostolic Writings) should not be seen as supplanting or abrogating the First Testament (OT or TaNaKh).

Here Yeshua gives the ORIGINAL meaning of the text vs the current and oral traditions of teachers.

Yeshua is teaching Torah, He is defending His interpretation of Torah vs the Rabbinical interpretation/ modern view.

Examples of His Torah Interpretation:

Bible continuity from "OT" to "NT" teach the SAME THING for holiness and sanctification.

a. Matthew 5: 21 – Murder

b. Matthew 5:27-28 - Adultery

The practice of Biblical Love is the distinctive characteristic of a disciple of Yeshua Messiah. As part of loving others biblically, faithful and consistent forgiveness of them indicates your thankfulness and understanding of God's forgiveness which is available to everyone of us through the death and resurrection of His Son, Yeshua.

(further reading : Matthew 18:21-35, John 13:35 and Ephesians 4:32)