

Calgary L'chaim Bible Fellowship

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A study series with Saskatchewan & Bontoc Ekklesia group

Text: John 14:15

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Torah Living for the Non Jewish Believer

Introduction:

In our last lesson (Title: Divine Expectation) we learned and studied several bible passages starting at Deuteronomy 4 and learned about the responsibility given to the nation of Israel as a “Light unto the Nations” and in that way to be faithful to the Torah, because by doing so the people from the nations (non-Jewish individuals) will be attracted to Israel’s God and the Scriptures. We also examined Isaiah 56 and from these we saw the result that truly non Jewish individuals were drawn to the God of Israel, who expressed their faith in Him through Torah obedience and were strongly encouraged to continue and to keep it.

God has only ONE family and ONE way to live in His Family – If You Love Me Keep my Commandments!

We are now going to focus in what Yeshua taught in regards to non-Jewish believers in keeping the Torah (His teachings) and what Yeshua instructed His disciples in regards to teaching Torah to all individuals who would believe in Him through their teaching. First we look into John 10:1-18, here Yeshua speaks of uniting the sheep from the nations to the sheepfold of Israel. Together we have one Shepherd (Yeshua) united in Him, teaching us also of One guide to righteousness – the righteousness described in the Bible – Yeshua Himself. Second we look into Matthew 5:17-20 and Matthew 28:19-20, in these accounts Yeshua Messiah teaches the believers (now both Jewish and Non Jewish individuals) to take the Torah (God’s instructions) wherever they went, using it now as the basis of instructing new believers (no distinction between Jewish or non-Jewish).

The Good Olive Tree and the Grafted In Believer

Apostle Paul (Shaul) in Romans 11:9-24 teaches that non Jewish believers in Yeshua are grafted INTO Israel, uniting Jewish and non-Jewish believers into an inseparable identity (cross reference it to Isaiah 56 of which we learned last lesson on Divine Expectation). This unity is expanded and explained more in Ephesians 2:11-13 (read and include Chapter 3). This passage explicitly notes that non-Jewish believers are considered to be full citizens of Israel, co-equal family members with our Jewish believing counterparts, fellow partakers with each other of the blessings that God has promised to Abraham.

Be aware that there are so-called Bible teachers (even Jewish ones) that teaches unbiblical separation! One so called teaching is describing that there are Two –Torah’s one for the Jew and one for the non-Jew! This teaching alienates non-Jewish believers to their Jewish counterparts (thus going back again to the root of the problem in Acts 15, which should have been solved by the Jerusalem Council of accepting the non-Jewish believers among them and encouraging them to continue in keeping the Torah). – this unbiblical teaching hindered many believers from having a close relationship with each other creating two camps or groups.

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Having now understood and learned what the Bible says regarding non- Jewish believers partaking with the promises and covenants that were given to Israel. Non Jewish believers have now a genuine and biblical connection with the people and the Scriptures of Israel (the whole Bible). Now in Ezekiel 47: 21-23 – it is saying that we as true Bible believers in the Messiah and the God of Israel is now also connected to the Land of Israel (Revelation 15:3-4).