ONE TORAH FOR ALL

One Torah shall be to him that is home-born, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among you.

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What is Torah – part 4

The Torah Moshe and the Torah YHWH

Melakim Aleph (1st Kings) 2:3

"and keep the charge of YHWH your Elohim, to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, and His commandments, and His ordinances, and His testimonies, according to that which is written in the Torah of Moshe, that you may prosper in all that you do, and wherever you turn."

Understanding what the Torah Moshe is, is relatively simple as it is the first five books: B'reshit, Shemot, Vayyiqra, B'midbar, Devarim. However, understanding that the Torah YHWH is not exactly the same as the Torah Moshe may be a little more difficult to grasp. In fact, it may be a completely new idea and will take some time to process.

To understand the difference, one must first realize that the Torah YHWH is eternal. We explored this in <u>part one</u> of this series. If it has been a while since reading that study, one may desire to go and read it again. There are parts within the Torah Moshe which are not eternal; rather, they are simply historical accounts of what happened in the past. For example, the ten plagues which YHWH put upon Pharaoh and upon Egypt happened in the days of Moshe, but have not continued. They happened and then they stopped happening. While this historical event took place, it does not continue to take place, that is, it is not eternal. The same could be shown for each and every historical event recorded in the Torah Moshe. We do not believe it to be necessary to belabor this point as we believe the reader will be able to grasp this point rather quickly.

Another point to show that some of the things written in the Torah Moshe are not eternal is the work of the serpent Satan. He tempted Chavah and got her to eat of the fruit. He is still tempting the people of YHWH in order to try to cause them to stumble in their way in walking with YHWH. However, there is a day coming, may it be soon, in which Satan shall be bound and no longer will be able to tempt the people of YHWH. The temptations which Satan casts in front of the people of YHWH are not eternal.

In part 3 we discussed the Word being made flesh.

Yochanan (John) 1:14

And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us.

The Word is eternal. It was the eternal Torah YHWH which was made flesh. Not everything contained within the Torah Moshe is a part of the Word which was made flesh and dwelt among us. However, all of the Torah YHWH is a part of the Word made flesh.

What then is the difference between the Torah Moshe and the Torah YHWH? The Torah YHWH consists of all those things recorded in Scripture which are His direct commandments to His people as a whole. These are not only found within the Torah Moshe, but we also find these types of commandments, ordinances, statutes, and judgments in the prophets, writings, and even in the Brit Chadasha (New Testament).

Yochanan (John) 10:27

"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me."

In addition to the general commandments to all of His people, the Torah YHWH also consists of all personal commands to the individual. Whatever YHWH through His Spirit tells a person is Torah to that person. For example, please consider this personal command to Avraham.

B'reshit (Genesis) 22:2

And He said, "Take now your son, your only son, whom you love, even Yitzchaq, and go into the land of Moryah. And offer him there for a burnt-offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell you."

This was a direct command from Elohim to Avraham. It was Torah to Avraham directly from Elohim. YHWH expects no one else to obey this command, even though it is Torah, but it is only Torah YHWH to Avraham. It is Torah Moshe to everyone else, since it is recorded in the Torah Moshe as a historical event. This is not to say that others cannot learn from this recorded event, because we can, as this event contains principles which are eternal. Even though the direct commandment is not to be repeated in the lives of others, there are principles which can be gleaned and applied in one's life.

Since He is the Word made flesh, when Yeshua spoke a general command to His followers, this is Torah YHWH. However, he also spoke commands to individuals which no one else is expected to obey, for example, those who were commanded to go get the colt of the donkey.

Margos (Mark) 11:2

And [He] says unto them, "Go your way into the village that is over against you, and immediately as you enter into it, you shall find a colt tied, whereon no man ever yet sat; loose him, and bring him."

This command was Torah YHWH to those whom Yeshua spoke that day. However, it is not to anyone else. It is simply a part of the historical account found within the Besorah (Gospel).

In <u>part 1</u> of this series we focused upon the Torah also including the Voice of YHWH. It is the Voice of YHWH which is primarily the Torah YHWH. Since Yeshua is the Word made flesh, all He says is Torah. What we need to understand and determine is whether what He said was also inclusive of me or just to another individual. Furthermore, all that the Spirit of Mashiach impresses upon me as an individual is Torah YHWH to me personally. The same goes for you, as well. Sadly, many confuse the Torah YHWH to them personally as something to be enforced upon everyone around them. This does nothing except to drive people out of His kingdom.

Each individual needs to be able to hear His Voice in order to be able to walk in all of the Torah YHWH that He speaks into his life. Each person needs to learn and know the Torah Moshe, for it will help one to learn to hear His Voice clearly and to be able to walk in obedience to His Voice in all things, great and small.

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