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Torah Study and Teaching, Be on Track Spiritually

Over and over, we see false light being presented instead of God's truth in so called biblical establishments. Shaul says in 2 Corinthians 11:13-14 NKJV, "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works." They may be fooling the people they teach and even themselves, but they are not fooling God.

They are just fools who teach their own doctrine instead of the Bible in its correct context. 2 Corinthians 11:19-20 NKJV says, "For you put up with fools gladly, since you yourselves are wise! For you put up with it if one brings you into bondage, if one devours you, if one takes from you, if one exalts himself, if one strikes you on the face."

As we can see, Shaul is talking about people who say that God sent them. An apostle is someone who is sent by God. There are many apostles (probably millions) according to Ephesians 4:11-12 NKJV, "And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry." It is a common ministry, but God did not send these false believers. These false apostles take from them and abuse the people. They even tell them to do what they think is right, but they are telling them lies. As we can see, they demand respect and are filled with self-conceit and pride.

Get on track spiritually and be set free from these abusive and pride filled people. The fruit of their labors is a stone building. They labor to produce a building of stone; and a people who will kneel down to them. Perhaps they think that their stone will last.

Kefa says in 2 Peter 3:10-14 NKJV:

"But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?

Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless."

Blameless means you are keeping God's commandments. If you are not, you can look forward to the lake of fire (Revelation 21:8). Notice it says all liars will go to the lake of fire too, so all those who say there is no lake of fire will go there too.

Look past the buildings and see God's light and truth. If all you are looking for is a building and a nice speech, you are looking in the wrong place. These false teachers may give you some tools for life. That is not spirituality. Anyone can use common sense; God gave us a mind to use, and we can either be foolish or practical.

God's word though comes from God and God knows best how we should live. When we reject God and His commandments, we are rejecting God's love and goodness. We reject God when we reject His words. 2 Peter 2:18-19 NKJV says, "For when they speak great swelling words of emptiness, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through lewdness, the ones who have actually escaped from those who live in error. While they promise them liberty, they themselves are slaves of corruption." Great speeches and practical information will not teach you truth. You may have a great time at your building; great music and putting your hour in a week is not spirituality. Are you being led to God and the truths of the Bible?

Torah Study

This is our Torah study for this week. We also have an accompanying teaching available for the portion entitled, "Be Prepared and On Track Spiritually." Noach means, "comfort" and is the name of the righteous man that walked with God and saved mankind from the flood. We see messianic figures throughout the Torah and Noah was one of those messianic figures. One righteous man, Noah, saves the world; Yeshua the Messiah also saves the world. Noah's name spelled backwards means grace. Noah found grace (יָדָן – khane) in the eyes of Yēhōvāh the Hebrew says. The portion of Noach begins by telling us that Noah had three sons and that he walked with God.

God saw that the earth was corrupt and filled with violence so He told Noah that He would save him and his family. He was to build an ark because God was about to destroy the earth. Noah was to bring two of every animal into the ark along with food and seven pairs of clean animals and birds.

Noah was six hundred years old when the earth flooded. Water came up from the ground and down from the sky and the Bible says that God shut the ark Himself. It rained for 40 days so that even the mountains were covered. Everything under the water died and the ark was afloat for 150 days and then the water subsided. The ark came to rest on the 17th day of the seventh month (Tishri) on one of mountains in the Ararat range. Notice it is not on Mt. Ararat, but on one of the mountains in that range. Noah sent out birds to see if the water had subsided and by the first day of the first month (Nisan) the earth had dried up and Noah and all that was in the ark departed on the 28th day of the second month (Iyar) near Shavuot (Pentecost).

Many think the story of Noah is a fairy tale, but when we read the text, specific times and dates are given. Since we see specific details like this, it would lead us to conclude that this

was no fairy tale. They say that Noah's ark has been discovered in Turkey. Turkey actually has a visitor's center at the location of the ruins of Noah's Ark in the Ararat range of mountains. I should note that science often tries to discredit biblical findings and that is probably why this is not widely known.

God must have wanted Noah's ark to be found and he put it on Ron Wyatt's (an amateur archaeologist) heart to go look for it. After he found it, there wasn't that much of it exposed so he came back to the United States and began praying for God to expose more of it. There was an earthquake in that region, and he then planned another trip back and found quite a bit more of the Ark exposed. Numerous studies have been made since its discovery and the site have been authenticated.

Yeshua said in Luke 19:40, "But he answered them, 'I tell you that if they keep quiet, the stones will shout!'" It is ironic that man has ignored God, yet even the petrified rocks of Noah's Ark shout out from the earth exclaiming that God and His word is true. You can see a video about Noah's Ark at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IoTkguzRaCU&t=205s>.

This portion should make us think about how God wants to use us. God told Noah to build an Ark, and God gave him the drive to complete the task. So, whatever God gives you to do, be faithful and keep at it. Remember, we do not have to try to do everything; just do the things God is leading you to do. Noah walked with God and did what was right. He was righteous because he did what was right.

What are some of the ways we can accomplish walking with God?

Agree every day to keep His commandments forever – keeping God's commandments is one way to walk with God.

God expects us to do what He already gave us.

God says we should hate what God hates. We love others but hate sin.

If we think anything wrong in our minds, immediately correct our thinking.

Be thankful to God.

Praise God.

Live in God's presence; He sees us and is with us.

Learn to discern between God's voice and the voice of the world.

Noah made a sacrifice to God near Shavuot or on Shavuot and God said He would not flood the whole earth again. The rainbow would be a sign of that. Three major events in history happened on Shavuot. Noah gave thanks on Shavuot for God saving him; the Mount Sinai law was given on Shavuot; and the Holy Spirit was given on Shavuot.

The portion continues; all plant life and animals could be food for man, but they were not to eat the blood of animals. God would hold those accountable who take the life of a person because God made man in His image. It says that Noah walked with God and so we see man communicating and hearing from God. God created man in His image, so it appears man was created to be in fellowship with God from the beginning. Shem, Ham, and Yefet were the sons of Noah and they reestablished human life on the earth.

Ham saw Noah naked and so Noah cursed Ham's son Kena'an because of that. Noah lived to

be 950 years old. And then the genealogies of Noah's descendants are given. They all spoke one language at that time, but the Lord made them to speak other languages so that they could not complete the Tower of Babel. More genealogy is given, and the portion ends with Abraham leaving Ur and stopping off at Haran. In the next portion Abraham goes on to the land of Canaan.

In the Haftarah it says that **God will never forget Israel**. We need to remember that. "For this is like the waters of Noah to Me; for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah would no longer cover the earth, so have I sworn that I would not be angry with you, nor rebuke you. For the mountains shall depart and the hills be removed, but My kindness shall not depart from you, nor shall My covenant of peace be removed;" Isaiah 54:9-10 NKJV.

In Isaiah 53 it talks about Yeshua our Messiah coming and giving Himself for our sins. Since we believe that, we should also take seriously God's promises to Israel. We want to be honest with our interpretation of the Bible. It clearly says that God is NOT done with Israel.

Noach did what was right and saved the world. We too can bring blessings to the world by living right. Just as Noach walked with God, we should make it our aim in life to walk with God and keep His commandments. Noah's Ark has been discovered, but more important than that, is for each of us to discover the mighty God of the universe. After that, we need some direction in our lives. See our teaching called, "Be On Track Spiritually" that accompanies this Torah study.

Be Prepared and On Track Spiritually Teaching

Keep at life both physically and spiritually; be steady.

Have you ever let things pile up and then get stressed out trying to get things done that need to get done? That is a place we do not want to be in often. What about spiritually? We can tend to let up on our spiritual life at times so that it takes a back seat to other things in our life.

The Bible is very explicit about always being prepared spiritually. Hebrews 3:12-13 says, "Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin." When we think about what Noach faced, we should have nothing to complain about. He was a believer surrounded by terrible sin and yet he remained faithful.

I cannot imagine what Noach had to deal with. Someone I was talking to recently mentioned that we are in a spiritual battle. Thank you very much; we all need to be reminded about that. Kefa said, "For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth;" 2 Peter 1:12 NKJV. We need to be reminded often to do what is "right and good;" Deuteronomy 6:18 NKJV.

Shaul said in 2 Corinthians 10:4-5 NKJV, "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing

that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ." Control your thoughts; they are your thoughts. Ya'akov said in James 4:7-8 NKJV, "Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts." Resist the devil; you do it; make everything you think clean spiritually. These are a couple of important scriptures for our walk with God.

Be prepared in life so you have your needs met.

Sometimes our spiritual walk in life can suffer because we did not have the foresight to be prepared. Some go about life without thinking much about being secure both financially and spiritually. Of course, there are other important things we should do too, but those are two major areas of life we need to take care of. It would be difficult to sustain life as we should if we are careless with our finances. It would be difficult to live like we should without being committed spiritually.

Shaul uses some strong language about taking care of ourselves. "But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever." 1 Timothy 5:8 NKJV. We already talked about the urgency of taking care of ourselves spiritually.

Yeshua said we are to seek doing what is right; that is what righteousness means. "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; Matthew 6:33 NKJV. Leviticus 11:44 NKJV says, "For I am the LORD your God. You shall therefore consecrate yourselves, and you shall be holy; for I am holy." In order to be holy, you have to act holy. Some say you can be right or holy without acting that way. That is just ridiculous. Those that teach that way are just blind leaders of the blind.

Stay on track.

The Bible says that doing things God's way will actually help you to live longer. "Therefore you shall be careful to do as the LORD your God has commanded you; you shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left. You shall walk in all the ways which the LORD your God has commanded you, that you may live and that it may be well with you, and that you may prolong your day;" Deuteronomy 5:32-33 NKJV. Stay on track; do not go off to the left or right. Do what God says.

People can be extremely dedicated to success. I once heard about this lady who was working 70 to 80 hours a week for her job. That is a lot of work just to be successful at what you do. Be dedicated to God and not just fiscal success. The Bible says that God's commandments make us wise and understanding (Deuteronomy 4:6). Proverbs 20:15 NKJV says, "There is gold and a multitude of rubies, but the lips of knowledge are a precious jewel."

We need to address spiritual verities; do not allow worldly values to run your spiritual life.

Don't we want truth and not just made-up doctrine. We read scriptures like where Yeshua said, "And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men;" Matthew 15:9 NKJV. Man-made doctrine that is micromanaging, just ritual, or ridiculous

commandments are not God's commandments. So, do not make them into commandments of God.

Colossians chapter 2 is about not keeping commandments of men. Keep God's commandments and not all the extra misapplied commandments of men. Shaul said, "Which **all concern things which perish with the using — according to the commandments and doctrines of men?** These things indeed have an appearance of wisdom in self-imposed religion, false humility, and neglect of the body, but are of no value against the indulgence of the flesh;" Colossians 2:22-23 NKJV. What is the context? Commandments of men. So do not judge others on the extra man-made commandments (that's the context). Be careful not to turn these scriptures around and nullify God's commandments. You are then nullifying God's commandments with your man-made commandment.

What is really important? Shaul said that much of religious ritual does not help us to keep God's commandments. In fact, they can make it more difficult. Also, watch out for people who read into the scriptures and come up with all kinds of ideas. They can make the Bible deep and difficult.

And it is not true that it is too hard to keep God's commandments. It is hard to keep lots of non-essential man-made commandments though. About God's commandments: "For this mitzvah which I am giving you today is not too hard for you, it is not beyond your reach; Deuteronomy 30:11 CJB. So those who say it is too hard to keep the Old Testament commandments are just making that up. 1 John 5:3 CJB says, "For loving God means obeying his commands. Moreover, **His commands are not burdensome.**" Yochanan is referring to Deuteronomy 30:11 (There was no New Testament yet.)

Finally

Noah was a man who did what was right and saved the world. People who foreshadow the Messiah are said to be a Messianic type. We now have archaeological evidence for the existence of Noah's Ark in Turkey. We have found Noah's Ark; it seems the stones cry out that God is indeed there (the petrified ruins of Noah's Ark are a witness to us; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IoTkguzRaCU&t=212s>). Like Noah, we need to be faithful to keep God's commandments. We should stand strong and work hard at doing what is right. Resist the devil and draw near to God. Take care of the matters of life and our spiritual lives. Stay on track spiritually; God should be an important part of our lives. Hang on to spiritual truth and live for God.