

Theological abusive doctrines 2/10/18

1. The primary text for Rabbi's teaching last week was from Galatians 4:8-11: "**However at that time, when you did not know God, you were slaves to those which by nature are no gods. But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how is it that you turn back again to the weak and worthless elemental things, to which you desire to be enslaved all over again? You observe days and months and seasons and years. I fear for you, that perhaps I have labored over you in vain.**" (Galatians 4:8-11)

1. "Slaves to gods." is it more likely that these gods are laws, feasts, or traditions (mostly spelled out in scripture) or pagan gods?

2. turning back to "weak and worthless things," like God's laws or appointed days? If this were one's intention, that could be blasphemy.

2. While we're in Galatians, let's gain some perspective by looking at the previous chapter: **Even so Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness. Therefore, be sure that it is those who are of faith who are sons of Abraham. The Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "All the nations will be blessed in you." So then those who are of faith are blessed with Abraham, the believer. For as many as are of the works of the Law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who does not abide by all things written in the book of the law, to perform them."** (3:6-14)

1. Abraham had faith because He believed God, and it was "reckoned to him as righteousness."

2. All the nations of the earth will be "blessed in you."

3. Those who are "of the works of the law" are cursed. Why? Because they would dare to try to follow God's instruction? The Tanakh used the word curse for the law to... for those who did not follow it. It does go on to say for those not "abiding in all the things written" Yes, indeed, trying to be righteous through the works of the law will bring a curse, but the problem lies in our disobedience, not in the law.

4. **"My son, do not forget my teaching, But let your heart keep my commandments; For length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you."** (Proverbs 3:1-2)

1. *Abused Doctrine: Don't be concerned with following His law. Christ ended it.* First off, what law? Most churches teach 8 or maybe 9 of the commandments. This invites robbery of true blessing, and possibly curse, which we read come from disobedience to His commands.

Illustration of Mike, choosing a commandment to break.

5. **For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law. Or is God the God of Jews only? Is He not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, since indeed God who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith is one. Do we**

then nullify the Law through faith? May it never be! On the contrary, we establish the Law.

(Romans 3:28-31)

1. We could look back at Galatians where it says, "that God would justify the Gentiles by faith" and verse 28 above and postulate, like Christianity has that before Christ, atonement was won through "observance to the law" and now, in Christ, through faith alone. So, we lead to another abused doctrine.

II. *Abused Doctrine: Jews have their "old covenant" with obedience to laws, like say... not eating pork or honoring shabbat, and the Christians have the "new covenant" which wins atonement by faith in Christ. You lucky gentiles: Christ died so you can eat whatever you want! This is known as "dual covenant theology"*

I believe that this is the doctrine of HaSatan. Why? It reaffirms to unbelievers that they do not need atonement through Yeshua. It also cheapens the sacrifice of Yeshua by either equalizing it to something that we could do, not to mention, doesn't the idea of dying so we can eat what we want cheapen it?

Both of these are abuses are bases in a fundamental misunderstanding of what the purpose of the law was. Let's consider Leviticus 20:22-23: **Ye shall therefore keep all my statutes, and all my judgments, and do them: that the land, whither I bring you to dwell therein, spew you not out. And ye shall not walk in the manners of the nation, which I cast out before you: for they committed all these things, and therefore I abhorred them.** (Lev. 20:22-23)

1. Keep all the statutes: this is our issue because of the sin nature.

2. Notice that the law is to set us apart from the other nations. (illustration of tearing the law, because they broke some) (illustration of grace in this.)

The other important when God gave the 10 commandments, the sabbath, or the dietary laws, it was never stated that atonement could be made by observing these.

Priesthood:

When he goes in to make atonement in the holy place, no one shall be in the tent of meeting until he comes out, that he may make atonement for himself and for his household and for all the assembly of Israel. (Lev. 16:17)

For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood by reason of the life that makes atonement. (Lev. 17:11)

1. This is the sacrificial system of the Levitical priesthood was the means of atonement.

2. Notice the necessary element was blood

You shall gird them with sashes, Aaron and his sons, and bind caps on them, and they shall have the priesthood by a perpetual statute. So you shall ordain Aaron and his sons.. (Exodus 29:9)

III. Abusive Doctrine: When the glorious Third Temple is built, Jewish believers and unbelievers will be united together as we offer up sacrifices in the Temple, as a sweet savor before the lord. (notice small l)

For it was fitting for us to have such a high priest, holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners and exalted above the heavens; who does not need daily, like those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the *sins* of the people, because this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. For the Law appoints men as high priests who are weak, but the word of the oath, which came after the Law, appoints a Son, made perfect forever. (Hebrews 7:26-28)

For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham as he was returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, to whom also Abraham apportioned a tenth part of all *the spoils*, was first of all, by the translation of *his name*, king of righteousness, and then also king of Salem, which is king of peace. Without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, he remains a priest perpetually. Now observe how great this man was to whom Abraham, the patriarch, gave a tenth of the choicest spoils. (Hebrews 7:1-4)

***Yeshua* has entered there as a forerunner on our behalf, having become *Kohen Gadol* "forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." (6:20) (TLV)**

1. His sacrifice was offered once for all, as the Priest forever after the order of Melki-tzedek.

Now it is better understood why Acts 4:12 proclaims: **And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved."**

So, no true believer in Yeshua will offer sacrifices in the Temple, because that would negate what He did for us. I would even say it could be blasphemy to do so. We do not want to choose the Levitical priesthood. That has passed away. That is why Yeshua is our high priest, after the order of Melki-tzedek, forever. I believe that missing that is a key contributor to these abusive doctrines, and others in both Christianity and Judaism.

But, when we attempt to follow his instructions, we abide in Him as Romans 3:31 says. Afterall, Yeshua was the lawgiver.