

Jews for Yeshua

Thought of the Month

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“And They Loved Not the Truth”

2 Thessalonians 2:10

This last year was a very large eye opener for me and my wife during the elections. All my life in America, conservatives and liberals were able to live, work, and govern side by side for the most part. But this year when liberals saw they were losing power, it is like this sudden very dark presence came out from behind some hidden veil.

It was shocking to see to say the least, with riots, and the destruction of businesses and of personal and public properties, as well as with the assaulting of people, jamming of traffic and starting of fires by people of the left, I could not help but be reminded of “Crystal Nacht” in Nazi Germany, the night when the young Nazis began the major push of their party into power.

It was like a time when I once witnessed a child in a store yelling, crying, and screaming, as loud as he could scream and throw a tantrum, in order to compel his parents to cave in under the pressure and give him what he wanted.

Like the Nazi party and their “youth”, he was not interested in any “rules” of proper behavior or conduct, but interested only in obtaining his goal, no matter what it took to achieve it – much in the same way the “youth” of the “Democrat” party are doing today.

I found this interesting, because our Savior Yeshua stated that a day would come when lawlessness/Torahlessness would greatly increase, and the love of many grow cold; **Mattit’yahu (Matthew) 24:12**.

The Scriptures also state that this will create an environment in the end days where a lawless/Torahlessness One will be able to rise into a position of world power and dominion; **Daniel 7:23-25. II Thessalonians 2:3,4; Revelation 13:11-18** where through his exercise of power, signs, lying miracles and of unrighteous deception, those who do not have a love for the truth would perish; **2 Thessalonians 2:9,10**.

In other words, that in that generation those who do not love the truth will be attracted to lawless behavior, to lawless people, and ultimately to a lawless individual.

I find it interesting that President Trump is such a controversial figure to these lawless individuals. Yeshua was also a controversial figure. So much so, that He was crucified after being tried at a lawless court hearing and condemned through false accusation.

The Apostles also stirred up controversy among the lawless, causing people to want to stone and imprison them contrary to the Law as well.

Perhaps even some of us have stirred up controversy by sharing the Sabbath, the feast days, and/or dietary laws with family members who in turn became very angry and upset with us – especially if it meant giving up the idol in their living room. But what do all of these situations have in common?

The common thread is that people who hate man's law and/or God's law, react violently and/or hatefully towards those who attempt to defend and uphold these things.

For example, if I knew absolutely nothing about President Trump, I could determine his character with reasonable accuracy just by observing how lawless people react to him.

For example, when I see the rioting, destruction of public and private property, fires, and assaults, it is not Christians, or Jews, or Veterans, business owners, police or other generally law abiding citizens or God fearing individuals I see doing these things, but young people, gays, lesbians, abortionists, atheists, marijuana users, leftist/Democrats, and God haters.

This tells me that President Trump is likely a law-abiding individual, a business owner or otherwise financially responsible person, and either a God fearing person, or at least one who respects Christians and Jews, and possibly even other people of faith.

In other words, if he were one of them (a lawless person), then as our Savior said, "they would love their own"; **Yehochanan (John) 15:18,19**, so that if a leader is law abiding, then the law abiding will be attracted to them, and the lawless would not be attracted to them. And if a leader is lawless, then the law abiding would not be attracted to them, but the lawless would be*.

The Scriptures state that God's commandments are Truth; **Mizmor (Psalm) 119:151**. That God's law is Truth; **Mizmor (Psalm) 119:142**. That God's Word is Truth; **Yehochanan (John) 17:17**, and ultimately, that Yeshua Himself is Truth; **Yehochanan (John) 14:6**.

How many people out there engaging in these protests and riots love any of these expressions of God's Truth? None of course; for if they did, they would not be acting lawlessly. But the shocking thing, is that so many believers hate and oppose many of these same truths.

That is, many say they love Yeshua, with some even working miracles in His name. But in the end He says to them, "Depart from me you workers of lawlessness/Torahlessness"; **Mattit'yahu (Matthew) 7:21-23**.

The Scriptures also state that it is impossible for those with fleshly minds to submit to God's Law; **Romans 8:7,8**. So who are people who refuse to acknowledge or submit to God's Law? They are a lawless ones.

Oh sure, they may keep many human laws, and maybe even "some" of God's Law, even while denying God's existence. But for those people their obedience is by mere coincidence. But what about the Christian? When a Christian, treat's God's Law more like a buffet dinner, where they take what they like, or that is culturally acceptable, and pass by the rest; are they not also, likewise, placing themselves inadvertently into the class of the "lawless ones".

In human society, if a person commits even one misdemeanor or felony they are considered lawless individuals. Yaaqov (James) also says this concerning God's Law, that if we break even one commandment, then we are guilty of lawlessness just like anybody else breaking any other part of His Law is; **Yaaqov (James) 2:10**.

Yehochanan (John) states this also, showing that sin *is lawlessness/Torahlessness* (the Greek here pointing towards the practice, habit, or lifestyle of sin); **I Yehochanan (I John) 3:4**. The book of Hebrews sums it up the most specifically concerning when this line is crossed, by stating it is when we sin willfully (knowingly and on purpose/with deliberate intent); **Hebrews 10:26**.

In a nutshell, whenever we knowingly defy any commandment of God's Law, then we have placed our self into the class of "the lawless". And like lawless "unbelievers", lawless "believers" likewise fight against whatever part of God's Truth they disagree with.

Like those opposing President Trump, those who oppose any part of God's Law, defy, resist, curse, persecute, and assassinate the character of those who defend God's Law. Why? Because they, like the lawless people in the streets, "Love not the Truth".

I know this may sound harsh to some, but really the difference between someone who willfully resist and breaks just one of God's commands, and someone who willfully resist and breaks all of God's commands, is just a matter of degrees.

That is, if guilt were assessed by degree on a scale with 100 different degrees (levels) of guilt, with 1 representing the least degree of guilt, and 100 representing the greatest degree of guilt, then the difference between a person who breaks just one commandment and one who breaks all of them is just a matter of 99 degrees, with every degree simply representing the degree that a person is willing to resist God's sovereignty, and to what degree they are willing to engage in lawless behavior against the Creator – with the ultimate result of all intentional lawless behavior sharing in that guilt to one degree or another.

God's Law is Truth; **Mizmor (Psalm) 119:142,151**. The Word of God, which is also Truth, says so; **Yehochanan (John) 17:17**, and so to love God's Law, one must love Truth. And to love Truth, one must be willing to forsake any lies and lawless deeds in their life that prevents them from fully conforming to the Truth of His Law.

Why? Because God's Law is the only standard that perfectly and truthfully reflects His perfect standard and character; **Mizmor (Psalm) 19:7**; and one cannot fully love the Law giver, while simultaneously hating and defying the Law of the Law giver.

There is One Law giver, and one Law that He rules the universe with. That same Law will someday go forth from Mt. Zion; **Yesh'yahu (Isaiah) 2:1-4**, and cause the whole earth to be full of His knowledge even as the waters cover the sea; **Yesh'yahu (Isaiah) 11:9; Habakkuk 2:14**.

For decades, Protestant churches in America have been teaching a "lawless" gospel. Many people on the left will even declare themselves to be believers under this banner - under this "other" gospel. But when a nation teaches through its churches week after week, year after year, and decade after decade, that God's law and the life of a believer are to have nothing in common, the lawless society that we are now witnessing and living in is the natural result and consequence of that theology.

Are we willing to turn the tide by rejecting this lawlessness by repenting and fully loving and embracing **HIS** Truth? Or will we continue on the slippery slope of decline into darkness by continuing to resist and oppose His Truth in whole or in part with the ultimate result of bringing the Lawless One into world power and dominion?

God's Law define's for us God's standard in Truth, and violation of that Law is sin. That is what sin is, is violation of His Law. And there is only one god who desires professing believers to continuing sinning, that is, to continue breaking God's Law, and that is the god Satan who the Scriptures declare to be the god of this manmade world; **Mattit'yahu (Matthew) 4:8,9; I Corinthians 4:4**.

But in **Yaaqov (James) 5:19,20** it is written "...if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns them back, let them know that they who turn a sinner from the error of their way will save a soul from death..."

Our God, is the God of Truth, the God of the Scriptures, who after giving His commandments said, "I have set before you this day life and death....choose life, so that you and your children may live; **D'varim (Deuteronomy) 30:11-19.**

So let us do so from this day forward by refraining from any further lawless behavior, and choose rather to separate ourselves from this lawless society by fully embracing His Truth. For in so doing, we inject His life - His love, back into this dying world; **I Yehochanan (I John) 5:2,3** glorify Him, and become constructive partakers of Yeshua's great commission to remove lawlessness from this earth; **I Yehochanan (I John) 3:8.**

***Note*:** The same could be said about the Sabbath, if a person knew only that they needed to keep the Sabbath, but did not know which day to keep it on, they would be able to determine the day to be Fr-day night through S-turday day just based on how much opposition there is to it as compared to the other days of the week. It is the day lawless individuals seek the most to defile through partying and sexual sin, it is the big day for sports events, and for the farmer's markets and day you hear the most programs on the radio trying to sell products contrary to the Sabbath prohibition against selling. It is also the day you will most likely be penalized for, and persecuted for, if refusing to work on that day, among many other evidences.*