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Messianic Perspectives

Shalom and welcome to Messianic Perspectives – a program aired on radio stations WRKJ 88.5 and WMTP 91.1 in Maine, with the purpose of exploring the scriptures from a Jewish point of view. Paul, whose Hebrew name is Sha'ul writes in Romans 9:4 – 5:

Rom 9:4 the people of Isra'el! They were made God's children, the Sh'khinah has been with them, the covenants are theirs, likewise the giving of the Torah, the Temple service and the promises;

Rom 9:5 the Patriarchs are theirs; and from them, as far as his physical descent is concerned, came the Messiah, who is over all. Praised be Adonai for ever! Amen.

It is from this perspective that we will explore the relationship between the Tenach – the Jewish Bible and the Brith Hadoshah – the New Covenant writings.

Today's topic – Torah and Application

I had made the comment in a previous episode that “Sha'ul's writings are saturated with Torah, whether a direct quote, indirect reference or concept. This same saturation is also found in the Gospels through Yeshua's teachings.

Last time I mentioned that both Z'kharyah and Elisheva were deemed righteous through observing all the mitzvot and ordinances that applied to them.

Can we do what applies to us today?

That is certainly what Yeshua was conveying throughout the Gospels, with parables and direct application of scripture.

When we look at the Gospels, all 10 commandments are referenced by Yeshua...not 9 but all 10. Yeshua spent a great deal of time teaching about Shabbat. Much of what He was correcting was in relation to the oral torah, which is also known as “the Traditions of the Elders and today is comprised in the writings known as the Talmud.

I can hear the comments now, “you are putting us back under the law” or “you are preaching legalism. For many of you who are not Jewish you can't be put back under something that you were never under to begin with. Likewise, if you were to follow Shabbat according to the “Traditions of the Elders” then yes you would be heading towards legalism.

Yeshua was instructing in contrast to what the Torah-teachers and Pharisees were teaching, ultimately providing the true intention of what Shabbat is all about.

Shabbat precedes the giving of Torah to Moshe for Israel and the Jewish people. It is part of creation – Genesis chapter 2 and verses 1 through 3

Gen 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, along with everything in them.

Gen 2:2 On the seventh day God was finished with his work which he had made, so he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

Gen 2:3 God blessed the seventh day and separated it as holy; because on that day God rested from all his work which he had created, so that it itself could produce.

And Shabbat will continue when Messiah returns: Isaiah chapter 66 and verses 22 and 23:

Isa 66:22 "For just as the new heavens and the new earth that I am making will continue in my presence," says Adonai, "so will your descendants and your name continue.

Isa 66:23 "Every month on Rosh-Hodesh and every week on Shabbat, everyone living will come to worship in my presence," says Adonai.

Notice in verse 23 it says everyone living will come to worship in my presence says Adonai...not just Jew, but the nations, everyone remaining will come before the presence of King Messiah at the beginning of the month, known as Rosh Hodesh and every week on Shabbat.

Man has changed Shabbat, not Adonai. So, who will you follow? Shabbat is an appointed time on the calendar, given to Israel as a sign of the covenant, but is eternal and applies to everyone under the New Covenant. Why not start now?

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So, until next time when we will continue our journey into Messianic Perspectives, todah and shalom (thank you and peace)

Messianic Perspectives is brought to you by Kehillah Portland, a Messianic Jewish Synagogue located in South Portland, where both Jew and non-Jew come together to worship on Shabbat and believe Yeshua is the Messiah spoken of in scripture and is the fulfillment of many promises given to Israel and the Jewish people. We meet every Saturday at 1338 Broadway Ave. in the Greater Portland Christian School gymnasium. Our service begins at 10:00 with meet and greet, followed by Torah study at 1 pm.