

BURGER KING BELIEVERS

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"And all the people answered together, and said, "ALL that Yahweh has spoken, we will do..." Ex.19: 9a

"According to ALL that I show you- the PATTERN of the Dwelling Place and the PATTERN of all its furnishings-MAKE IT EXACTLY SO." Exodus 25:9

This short but powerful teaching addresses a widespread attitude within the Messianic Yisra'elite congregations, especially in the Western- Americanized culture.

"Have it your way at Burger-King"

This is a familiar sales pitch of a famous fast-food restaurant that serves burgers and fries. This phrase means that you have the privilege and the liberty of adding to and subtracting from the original product to suit your own tastes, likes, or dislikes. Unfortunately, so it has become the slogan of "churchianity" and those who enter into Torah observance in these last days.

Since the time of Constantine (around 330 C.E.), the original congregation of the called-out ones have added to and taken from the original blueprint (Rev.22: 18-19) until what has been erroneously called the "church" has severed itself from the original Olive Tree of Yisrael (Rom.9-11) and has become the habitation of every demon and unclean thing (Rev.18: 1-5). In its desire to become "user friendly" and to gain members, it has tickled the ears of the "consumer" with all its slick advertising jargon, appealing to the fleshly desires and lusts. Quality has become judged by quantity (number served), and NOT by the level of maturity and richness or nutritional value of the product served to the public.

Is it scriptural to "have it your way"?

What if Moshe had that attitude when he constructed the tabernacle (Mishkan)? Ask yourself the question-Would the esteem of Yahweh have filled the Holy of Holies (Ex.40)? The obvious answer is "Of course not!" Moshe was required to build EVERYTHING ACCORDING TO THE PATTERN shown to him on Mt. Sinai! The pattern came directly from Yahweh. The same principle is applied to every commandment, teaching, ordinance, feast day, dietary law, and manner of dress. Yahshua said, "If you love ME, keep my commandments."

Our Master did NOT say, "You can pick and choose what ones you want to obey like condiments on a hamburger." No, it MUST have all the original ingredients and recipe to be the REAL THING!

Let us use the example of word definitions. How do we define sin? Is the word definition what your pastor says from the pulpit on SUNday (chances are you never hear the word sin), or what policies a board makes, or even what comes from denominational headquarters? The Scriptures make it very clear what the definition of sin is according to its inspired authors. Sin is the violation of Torah (1 **John 3:3-4**)!

However, if you or your "church" believes Yahshua came to do away with the "law" (which is called *antinomianism*), you cannot define sin, according to **Rom.4: 15**. Where there is no law-there is no sin! So, you can never sin according to this doctrine. That is the root of the confusion (Bavel) in the "church" today. Yahshua did not have very compassionate words for those who lived a life of lawlessness (see **Matt.7: 21-23; 13:41; 2Thess.2: 7**). Yahshua came to redeem us from our lawbreaking-NOT the law. Yahshua did not redeem us to sin, but to free us from sin (Rom.6).

Yahshua said all who worship the Father Yahweh must worship in Spirit and **TRUTH!** The problem is, the church has been majoring on the spirit and minoring on Truth. Yahshua said "Thy Word (Torah) is truth."

Does truth change?

Yahshua said He did not come to destroy the law but to explain it more clearly, or to reveal the true spirit behind each commandment (mitzvot), and He would bring the Torah to its fullest expression (**Matt.5: 17-20**). Yahshua is the living Torah. He kept the law perfectly, without sin, not so you and I did not have to do the commandments, but so He could be the spotless Lamb of Yahweh offered for our lawbreaking! He is our trespass and sin offering. That is why HE came-not to free us from the Torah, but to free us to do the Torah NOW empowered by His spirit.

We are to be His witnesses. How do we fulfill that command? WE observe this command by witnessing to the world of the one Father- Yahweh and the one Messiah, Yahshua. We are also required to live the lifestyle of a redeemed person that will witness of His power to save us FROM sin.

Rav Shaul taught that there is a mystery of lawlessness NOW at work (**2Thess 2**). Friends, to think you can have it "your way" is the greatest deception from the satan. When it comes to the Word of Yahweh, it is His way or no way! You cannot pick and choose from the Torah to suit your own tastes and desires like a fast food chain. **Revelation 21:7** says of the Renewed Yerushalayim, "And there shall by no means enter into it whatever is unclean, neither ANYONE doing abomination and FALSEHOOD, but only those written in the Lamb's book of life." So from now on, when I order food from the Torah tray I want mine with everything on it. How about you?

Shalom B'Shem Yahshua -Rabbi Edward Levi Nydle B'nai Avraham

