

The Heart of the Matter

A New Heart: YHVH's First Work

- 'Elohiym always does the first work
- This truth and the meaning of all biblical words are revealed in the creation of all living things
- All living things function the same way – all living things are interdependent and have an order - 'Ivriym 4:12

- The heart of mankind (*'adam*) is always our Father's first work
- What does a new heart mean? What does 'in my heart' mean
- Strange fire of Nadav and Avihu

- Rules without relationship = rebellion
 - Relationship without rules = confusion/lawlessness
 - Righteous behavior is only taught and found in the Torah. The power and ability to be able to perform that righteousness* is only found in God's grace and mercy.
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- Imputed righteousness

Ya'aqov (James) 1:22-24

“But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural (*genesis*) face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.”

Ezekiel 36:26

“A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do *them*.”

Ezekiel 11:19-20

“And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh: That they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God.”

Mishlei (Proverbs) 4:23

“Keep (*natzar*) thy heart with all diligence (*shamar*); for out of it *are* the issues of life.”

D^ev^ariym (Deuteronomy) 30:5-8

“And the LORD thy God will bring thee into the land which thy fathers possessed, and thou shalt possess it; and he will do thee good, and multiply thee above thy fathers. And the LORD thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live. And the LORD thy God will put all these curses upon thine enemies, and on them that hate thee, which persecuted thee. And thou shalt return and obey the voice of the LORD, and do all his commandments which I command thee this day.”

Miz^emor (Psalm) 51:10-13

“Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew (*chad-desh*)* a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore (*shuv*) unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me *with thy* free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.”

*egkainidzo

What does 'in your heart' or 'God knows my heart' mean?

Etymology

English – heart – chief physical organ of life, will, center of emotion

Greek – *kardia* – the central and primary organ of the blood, source of man's mental and moral abilities

Hebrew – *lev* from *lavav*

- Hebrew – blood pump, enclosed center, middle or in the midst of
- Hirsch – conjoin in a central core
- Lamed, bet, bet or that which leads the home or house i.e. seat of authority
- *Lev/kardia* – heart, mind, consent, understanding, wisdom, midst, comfortably
- In ancient Greek and Hebrew literature the stomach, the belly and even the throat was sometimes synonymous with the heart

But God knows what is in my heart....

- Yes, and it desperately wicked – Yirmeyahu 17:9
- Yes, and this should send chills down your back – we can fake people on the outside but God knows what lies at the core of our being
- However, sometimes that new creation needs time to express Himself
- At the same time God does know our heart in spite of what other people may think – short discussion of wilderness and exile
- Sometimes when someone can't keep a particular commandment this phrase is used, however, more often, when someone does not WANT to keep a commandment the same words are spoken

Modern religious theology

In my heart or written in my heart means I do not have to do anything, He already did it. If I do anything i.e. keeping commandments, then I am adding to the finished work of Christ on the cross.

Divrei HaYamim Aleph 28:9

“And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart (*lev*) and with a willing mind (*nephesh*): for YHVH searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever.”

Rabbi Yehudah of Stutchin

“ The ruach dwells in the heart.”

Rabbi Nachman Krochmal ca 19th century a.d.*

“The essential subject matter of Aggadah is the focusing and directing of the heart...”

Talmud Sanhedrin 106b

“The All-Merciful requires only one thing – the heart.”

Talmud Baba Metzia 21a

“A hypocrite is one who is one thing in the mouth and another in the heart.”

“...the head corresponds to the brain and the mouth corresponds to the heart.”

Rashi – Ethics of the Fathers

“Because everything depends upon the heart.”

Mattityahu 22:37

“Yeshua’ said unto him, Thou shalt love YHVH thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.”

1st use – B^ere'shiyt 6:5

“And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and *that* every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.”

2 Corinthians 1:9-10

“But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead: Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us;”

Natural use – 2 Kings 9:24

“And Jehu drew a bow with his full strength, and smote Jehoram between his arms, and the arrow went out at his heart (*lev*), and he sunk down in his chariot.”

Miz^emor (Psalm) 46:2

“Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst (*lev*) of the sea;”

Mishlei (Proverbs) 19:8

“He that getteth wisdom (*lev*) loveth his own soul:
he that keepeth understanding shall find good.”

*qoneh-lev – seeks after the condition of the heart

Yir^em^eyahu (Jeremiah) 5:21

“Hear now this, O foolish people, and without understanding (*lev*); which have eyes, and see not; which have ears, and hear not.”

Sh^emot 28:29-30

“And Aaron shall bear the names of the children of Israel in the breastplate of judgment upon his heart, when he goeth in unto the holy *place*, for a memorial before the LORD continually. And thou shalt put in the breastplate of judgment the Urim and the Thummim;* and they shall be upon Aaron's heart, when he goeth in before the LORD: and Aaron shall bear the judgment of the children of Israel upon his heart before the LORD continually.”

*heart frequency – binary code

Hoshea 2:14

“Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak comfortably (*lev*)* unto her.”

*into her heart – New Covenant

Mattityahu 12:40

“For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.”

'Ivriym (Hebrews) 4:12

“For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

Mattityahu 5:8

“Blessed *are* the pure in heart: for they shall see God.”

Mattityahu 5:28

“But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.”

Luke 6:45

“A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.”

1 Samuel 16:7

“But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for *the LORD seeth* not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.”

B^ere'shiyt (Genesis) 27:41

“And Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing wherewith his father blessed him: and Esau said in his heart, The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then will I slay my brother Jacob.”

Mishlei (Proverbs) 3:1

“My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep* my commandments:”

*if it is rote mimicking this is an abomination – Yeshayahu 1:1-18

Devariym 6:4-7

“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God *is* one LORD: And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.”

Y^esha'yahu 29:13

“Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near *me* with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:”

Mattityahu (Matthew) 15:8

“This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with *their* lips; but their heart is far from me.”

D^evariym (Deuteronomy) 10:15-16

“Only the LORD had a delight in thy fathers to love them, and he chose their seed after them, *even* you above all people, as *it is* this day. Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiffnecked.”

Our Father always does the first work

1.He is the Father – ‘ab – source of – head of house
Abraham/Abigail –Genesis 4

2.He is revealed in the masc -zakar/neqevah

3.He takes upon flesh in the masc – He comes to us

4.He is the cornerstone/foundation

5.He is the Seed

6.He is the Word/information – bara’ – Yochanan 1:1 – information
comes before matter

Yochanan (John) 3:3-5

“Yeshua’ answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Yeshua’ answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.”

Yochanan (John) 3:6-8

“That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.”

Yochanan (John) 3:9-12

“Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be? Yeshua’ answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness. If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?”

Sh^emot (Exodus) 25:1-2

“And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering: of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering.”

*began in their heart so they could build it

Sh^emot 25:9-10

“According to all that I shew thee, *after* the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make *it*. And they shall make an ark *of* shittim wood: two cubits and a half *shall be* the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof.”

*first thing seen is the mercy seat

B^ere'shiyt (Genesis) - The Natural Creation

- 1:4 - And God saw the light, that *it was good*
- 1:10 – earth, water and the seas were good
- 1:12 – herbs, grass and fruit trees were good
- 1:18 – lights to rule the day and night were good
- 1:21 – sea creatures and fowl of heaven were good
- 1:25 – beast and cattle were good
- 1:31 - And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold,
it was very good – tov me'od – life/fullness of/reproduce

*cp tree of knowledge of good (tov) and evil (ra'/rasha')

'Ivriym (Hebrews) 13:9

Grace is good

“Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For *it is a good thing* that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein.”

*threshold (*miph^etan/aero*)

Romans 7:12

The law is good

“Wherefore the law *is* holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.”

Yochanan 1:17

There is an order

“For the law was given by Moses, *but* grace and truth came by Messiah Yeshua’.”

First the grace then the Torah

- Grace without Torah = no source of what is good and bad etc – relationship with no rules – no way to express relationship
- Torah without grace = no source of motivation or commitment – rules without relationship = rebellion and eventually changing the rules
- Torah before grace – no seed – cannot reproduce

Stephen Hawking and Genesis 1:1

First work in the creation

“In the beginning God created (energy) the heavens (space) and the earth (matter).”

Cells – Life!

- Protons, atoms, molecules, cells, tissues, organs, and organ systems – all work together but in order

“Living things seem to have controlling systems that carry out a number of functions, and when death comes, these controllers cease to function. At the point of death, all chemical present during life are still there, but they no longer carry out their function.”*

*Ian Miller, Physical Scientist - Quora

Information, Reproduction and the Origin of Life – American Scientist

“Directions for the reproduction of plans, for energy and the extraction of parts from the current environment, for the growth sequence, and for the effector mechanism translating instructions into growth---all had to be present at that moment.”

Richard Lewontin – Harvard Geneticist

“ No living molecule is self-replicating. Only whole cells may contain all the necessary machinery for “self” reproduction...Not only is DNA incapable of making copies of itself, aided or unaided, but it is incapable of “making” anything else. The proteins of the cell are made by other proteins, and without that protein-forming machinery nothing can be made...We inherit not only genes made of DNA but an intricate structure of cellular machinery.”

All that is living works the same way
'Ivriym (Hebrews) 4:12 (NAS)

“For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.”

Yochanan (John) 6:63

“It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, *they* are spirit, and *they* are life.”

The Seed is the Word and in the beginning First the seed then the fruit

- The seed (zera'/masc) and the egg ('emunah/fem)
- Male – zakar – speak/act in behalf
- Female – neqevah – respond (to make a perforation)
- If the seed (Word) does not germinate (become one with the egg/faith) then it cannot reproduce and life stops
- The Word (seed) and the Torah (casting forth of rain)

1 Corinthians 15:22-23

“For as in Adam all die, even so in Messiah shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Messiah the firstfruits; afterward they that are Messiah’s at his coming.”

The Father always does the first work

- 'Elohiym created man in His image, breathed the breath of life into him and then told him to dress and keep the garden
- Abel first brought the blood and then he gave an offering (*minchah*) to 'Elohiym
- Noah found grace in the eyes of 'Elohiym and then He told him to build an ark

- Abraham believed 'Elohiym and then he kept His commandments
- Sign of Isaac's bride – 1st give water to Eliezar then water the camels
- Moses and the Israelites were redeemed by the blood and then taken to Mt. Sinai

Devariym 1:31-33

“And in the wilderness, where thou hast seen how that the LORD thy God bare thee, as a man doth bear his son, in all the way that ye went, until ye came into this place. Yet in this thing ye did not believe the LORD your God, Who went in the way before you, to search you out a place to pitch your tents *in*, in fire by night, to shew you by what way ye should go, and in a cloud by day.”

1 Peter 1:15-16

“But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.”

Yochanan (John) 14:12

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works (*megas poiema** than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.”

*Ephesians 2:10

Mattityahu 22:37-40

“Yeshua’ said unto him, Thou shalt love YHVH thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second *is* like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

Yochanan 10:9

“I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture (*nome* from *nomos*).”

Acts 8:36-37

Ethiopian Eunuch

“And as they went on *their* way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, *here is* water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Messiah Yeshua‘ is the Son of God.”

Acts 15:1

“And certain men which came down from Judaea taught the brethren, *and said*, Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved.”

Acts 15:7-9

“And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men *and* brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe. And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as *he did* unto us; And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.”

Acts 15:18-21

“Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world. Wherefore my sentence is, that we trouble not them, which from among the Gentiles are turned to God: But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and *from* fornication, and *from* things strangled, and *from* blood. For Moses of old time hath in every city them that preach him, being read in the synagogues every sabbath day.”

Galatians 1:3-4

“Grace *be* to you and peace from God the Father, and *from* our Lord Jesus Christ, Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:”

Galatians 3:1-3

“O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you? This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?”

Miz^emor (Psalm) 92:13

“Those that be planted in the house of the YHVH shall flourish in the courts of our God.”

1 Yochanan (John) 4:19

“We love him, because he first loved us.”

1 Corinthians 15:45-46

“And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam *was made* a quickening spirit. Howbeit that *was* not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.”

Cp Romans 5:18-19 and chapter six

Mattityahu (Matthew) 6:33

“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added* unto you.”

*Vs 31 – eat, drink, wear

Mattityahu 23:26

“Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also.”

What do we read in the last book of scripture?

Hitgalut 12:15-17

“And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth. And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which **keep the commandments of 'Elohiym, and have the testimony of Yeshua' the Messiah.**”

Hitgalut 14:12

“Here is the patience of the saints: here *are* they that keep the commandments of 'Elohiym, and the faith of Yeshua'.”

Hitgalut 22:12-14

“And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward *is* with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. I **am Alpha and Omega**, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. Blessed *are* they that **do his commandments**, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.”

- Our Father's original design and will was our heart – Most Holy Place
- His Restoration of man begins in the natural – court – five senses – Torah (reveals the need for a Savior) – mind accept – the heart is replaced with a heart of flesh instead of stone. Then our Father is back to His original design – heart (Most Holy) then the mind (Holy Place) then the body (court)

Do the scriptures teach about a personal relationship?

1st 12 chapters – father (s) 11 times – mother (s) – 2 times –
Husband (s) – 2 times – wife – 24 times – son (s) – 54 times –
daughter (s) – 21 times – brother (s) – 15 times – sister (s) – 3
times

Yesha'yahu (Isaiah) 64:8

“But now, O LORD, thou *art* our father; we *are* the clay, and thou our potter; and we all *are* the work of thy hand.”

Yesha'yahu (Isaiah) 63:16

“Doubtless thou *art* our father, though Abraham be ignorant of us, and Israel acknowledge us not: thou, O LORD, *art* our father, our redeemer; thy name *is* from everlasting.”

D^ev^arⁱy^m (Deuteronomy) 32:6

“Do ye thus requite the LORD, O foolish people and unwise? *is* not he thy father *that* hath bought thee? hath he not made thee, and established thee?”

Yir^em^eyahu (Jeremiah) 3:19

“But I said, How shall I put thee among the children, and give thee a pleasant land, a goodly heritage of the hosts of nations? and I said, Thou shalt call me, My father; and shalt not turn away from me.”

Yesha'yahu (Isaiah) 54:5

For thy Maker *is* thine husband; the LORD of hosts *is* his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called.”

Sh^emot 4:22

“And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, Israel *is* my son, *even* my firstborn:”

Hoshea 1:10

“Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass, *that* in the place where it was said unto them, *Ye are not my people, there* it shall be said unto them, *Ye are the sons of the living God.*”

God, Israel and Election – Solomon Schechter

“...Israel declares his election in Devariym 6:4...and the [Holy Spirit] proclaims their election. Indeed the Holy one, blessed be He, says to Israel; you are my flock and I am your shepherd, make a hut for the shepherd that He may come and provide for you; you are the vineyard and I am the watcher, make a tent for the watcher that he guards you; you are the children and I am the Father—it is a glory for the father when he is with his children and a glory for the children when they are with their father; make therefore a house for the father that he comes and dwells with his children.”

Luke 11:2

“And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.”

Mattityahu 7:21-24

“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.”

Mattityahu 7:24-27

“Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.”

A new heart and the brazen altar

- The construction of the tabernacle begins with the heart of the tabernacle, that is, the Most Holy Place and the ark of the covenant, then the furniture and the work of the priests in the holy place. Then it moves to describe the way into the holy and Most Holy.
- The first thing seen in the tabernacle is the brazen altar or place of the whole burnt offering. The place of sacrifice (zavach) is already defined for us in Bere 31:54 in the eating and sharing of a meal. Passover – blood. The altar is the place of the blood which is the foundation of relationship. Whether of natural relationship through natural blood or restored relationship with the Father through the blood of His Son. The sacrifice at the brazen altar precedes the work of the holy place and the altar of incense

- The blood comes before the work of the ministry. The blood comes before the bringing of offerings. But it is the blood followed by the commandments that complete life. It is not the blood plus anything that redeemed us, but if Messiah did not rise then spiritual life stops.

Aaron, Nadav Abihu

- Vay-yiqera' 9:1-21 – Aaron brings the offerings to the brazen altar and his sons were with him – 4 times
- According to Vay-yiqera 16:11-13 Aaron was to bring in his censer the coals from the fire of the brazen altar along with sweet incense before YHVH that he die not.
- Vay-yiqera 9:22-24 – the fire comes down from YHVH and consumes the offering
- Vay-yiqera 10:1-2 – Nadav and Abihu put strange fire in the their censers and the fire comes from YHVH and consumes them
- They circumvented the brazen altar – what the strange fire was is not mentioned but it is not the point. It was not our Father's way.
- Hitgalut 8:1-5 – angels and judgement upon the earth for rejecting their Savior and using their own censers

Paul's Commentary

Romans 2:29

“But he *is* a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision *is that* of the heart, in the spirit, *and* not in the letter; whose praise *is* not of men, but of God.”

Romans 3:30-31

“Seeing *it is* one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith. Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law.”

Ephesians 2:8-10

“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.”

Romans 10:9

“That if thou shalt confess [*homologeos, yadah*] with thy mouth the Messiah Yeshua‘, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.”

Vay-yiq^era' (Leviticus) 5:5-6

“And it shall be, when he shall be guilty in one of these *things*, that he shall confess [*yadah*]* that he hath sinned in that *thing*: And he shall bring his trespass offering unto the LORD for his sin which he hath sinned, a female from the flock, a lamb or a kid of the goats, for a sin offering; and the priest shall make an atonement for him concerning his sin.”

*openly declare, speak forth

Vay-yiq^era' (Leviticus) 22:18-19

“Speak unto Aaron, and to his sons, and unto all the children of Israel, and say unto them, Whatsoever *he be* of the house of Israel, or of the strangers in Israel, that will offer his oblation for all his vows, and for all his freewill offerings [*homologian*], which they will offer unto the LORD for a burnt offering; *Ye shall offer* at your own will a male without blemish, of the beeves, of the sheep, or of the goats.”

Matthew 10:32

“Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.”

Luke 11:13

“If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?”

Mattityahu (Matthew) 7:7-8

“Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.”

Mattityahu (Matthew) 3:13-15

“Then cometh Yeshua’ from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? And Yeshua’ answering said unto him, Suffer *it to be* so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him.”

Romans 6:3-4

“Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Yeshua‘ the Messiah were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”

Last words of the Tanakh

Malakhi 4:4-6 – which comes first?

“Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, *with* the statutes and judgments. Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.”

It is the condition of our hearts and our relationship with our Father that will guide us in our interpretation of the letter of the law.

When things go wrong and when things get tough, no 'commandment' will carry you through those times. It will be that relationship that will get you through. That is the way it is in the natural and that is the way it is in the spiritual. Let us pass that on to the next generation. Let us see the fire come down and consume the sacrifice and not our children.