

בְּחֻקֹּתַי

B'CHUKKOTAI - BY MY REGULATIONS



TORAH – VAYIKRA (LEV) 26:3 – 27:34

B'RIT HADASHAH – YOCHANAN (JOHN) 14:15-21, 15:10-12

VAYIKRA (LEVITICUS) 26

אִם-בְּחֻקֹּתַי תֵּלְכוּ וְאֶת-מִצְוֹתַי תִּשְׁמְרוּ וְעִשְׂתֶּם אֹתָם:

3 *"If you live (^{na} If you walk) by My regulations, observe My mitzvot and obey them;*

4 *then I will provide the rain you need in its season, the land will yield its produce, and the trees in the field will yield their fruit.*

YOCHANAN (JOHN) 14:15-21

15 "If you love Me, you will keep My commands;

^{NAU} **Deuteronomy 5**

10 *but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.*

^{NAU} **Deuteronomy 11**

22 *"For if you are careful to keep all this commandment which I am commanding you to do, to love the L-RD your G-d, to walk in all His ways and hold fast to Him,*

^{NAU} **Exodus 20**

6 *but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.*

"If you love me" We are commanded in the Torah to love G-d? How can a person be commanded to love?

"you will keep my commands" Is this a promise (blessing) or a command?

^{NAU} **Yechezk'el (Ezekiel) 36**

27 *"I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.*

Also, if a person is very *"Orthodox"* or *"Torah Observant"* and tries to keep all of G-d's commands does that mean he loves G-d? Ref: Yochanan (John) 5:23; I Yochanan 2:23.

16 and I will ask the Father, and He will give you another comforting Counselor like Me, the Spirit of Truth, to be with you forever.

"If you love Me" Why is the giving of the Holy Spirit conditional on loving and obeying Yeshua?

"like me" Jesus (Yeshua) called the Spirit "*another Comforter*," and the Greek word translated "*another*" means "another of the same kind." The Spirit of G-d is not different from the Son of G-d, for both are G-d.

Bible Exposition Commentary

Should we honor the Holy Spirit the same way as we honor the Father and Yeshua?

"*comforting Counselor*" Strong's #3875 parakletos {par-ak'-lay-tos} Meaning: 1) summoned, called to one's side, esp. called to one's aid

Yesha'yahu (Isaiah) 40

1 "*Comfort and keep comforting My people,*" says your G-d.

Tehillim (Psalm) 86

17 *Give me a sign of Your favor, so that those who hate me will see it and be ashamed, because You, ADONAI, have helped and comforted me.*

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"*the Spirit of Truth*"

1 Yochanan (John) 4

6 *We are from G-d. Whoever knows G-d listens to us; whoever is not from G-d doesn't listen to us. This is how we distinguish the Spirit of truth from the spirit of error.*

1 Yochanan (John) 5

6 *He is the one who came by means of water and blood, Yeshua the Messiah- not with water only, but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit bears witness, because the Spirit is the truth.*

Yeshua refers to the Spirit as the "*Spirit of Truth*" immediately after calling Him the "*comforting Counselor*". Why?

What would be the "*spirit of error*" as mentioned in 1 Yochanan (John) 4:6 above?

Yochanan (John) 14

6(a) *Yeshua said, "I AM the Way- and the Truth and the Life;*

Earlier, Yeshua had just declared Himself as *"the Truth"*. So why does He now refer to the Spirit as *"the Spirit of Truth"*?

17 *The world cannot receive Him, because it neither sees nor knows Him. You know Him, because He is staying with you and will be united with you (nau will be in you).*

Yochanan (John) 3

6 *What is born from the flesh is flesh, and what is born from the Spirit is spirit.*

7 *Stop being amazed at my telling you that you must be born again from above!*

Romans 8

7 *For the mind controlled by the old nature is hostile to G-d, because it does not submit itself to G-d's Torah- indeed, it cannot. 8 Thus, those who identify with their old nature cannot please G-d. 9 But you, you do not identify with your old nature but with the Spirit- provided the Spirit of G-d is living inside you, for anyone who doesn't have the Spirit of the Messiah doesn't belong to Him.*

Why can't the world receive G-d's Spirit? Hint: see verse 15 above.

18 *I will not leave you orphans- I am coming to you.*

Tehillim (Psalm) 68

6(5) *G-d in His holy dwelling, is a father to orphans and defender of widows.*

Why does Yeshua invoke the image of orphans?

19 In just a little while, the world will no longer see Me; but you will see Me. Because I live, you too will live.

Yochanan (John) 7

33 Yeshua said, "I will be with you only a little while longer; then I will go away to the One who sent Me. 34 You will look for Me and not find Me; indeed, where I am, you cannot come."

Why does the world no longer see Yeshua?

20 When that day comes, you will know that I am united with My Father, and you with Me, and I with you.

Yesha'yahu (Isaiah) 2

10 Come into the rock, hide in the dust to escape the terror of ADONAI and the glory of His majesty. 11 The proud looks of man will be humiliated; the arrogance of men will be bowed down; and when that day comes, ADONAI alone will be exalted. 12 Yes, ADONAI-Tzva'ot has a day in store for all who are proud and lofty, for all who are lifted high to be humiliated;

Ephesians 1

19 and how surpassingly great is His power working in us who trust Him. It works with the same mighty strength He used 20 when He worked in the Messiah to raise Him from the dead and seat Him at His right hand in heaven,

"When that day comes" What could be the meaning of "that day"?

21 Whoever has My commands and keeps them is the one who loves Me, and the one who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and reveal Myself to him."

Luke 24

27 Then, starting with Moshe and all the prophets, He explained to them the things that can be found throughout the Tanakh concerning Himself.

In what ways is Yeshua revealed to us?

YOCHANAN (JOHN) 15:10-12

10 *If you keep My commands, you will stay in My love- just as I have kept My Father's commands and stay in His love.*

Vayikra (Leviticus) 19

34 *Rather, treat the foreigner staying with you like the native-born among you- you are to love him as yourself, for you were foreigners in the land of Egypt; I am ADONAI your G-d.*

How does the Torah teach love?

11 *I have said this to you so that My joy may be in you, and your joy be complete.*

^{NAU} **Luke 10**

17 *The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name."*

How does obeying Yeshua's commands (v.10) bring us joy (v.11)?

Note that in Galatians 5:22 the order for the fruit of the Spirit is love followed by joy; the same order is used here in vv. 10-11.

12 *"This is My command: that you keep on loving each other just as I have loved you.*

Mattityahu (Matthew) 22

36 *"Rabbi, which of the mitzvot in the Torah is the most important?"* 37 *He told him, "'You are to love ADONAI your G-d with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.'* 38 *This is the greatest and most important mitzvah.* 39 *And a second is similar to it, 'You are to love your neighbor as yourself.'* 40 *All of the Torah and the Prophets are dependent on these two mitzvot.*" (^{NAU} *"On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets."*).

The two most important commandments (mitzvot) in the Torah are stated above. What must we know about these two commandments (mitzvot)?