



Keeping the commandments for love

Something I hear said all the time and yesterday I heard a man say it again, "We keep the commandments not to earn our salvation but just because we love God." I then was brought to Ecc 12.

Ecc 12:13 † This is the end of the matter. All has been heard. **Fear YHWH, and keep his commandments:** for this is the whole duty of man.

14 For YHWH will bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

Where does it talk about love in our duty? Yes, we praise and honor because He made us and has promised to give us eternal life, but where does it say we do it "just because we love"?

We are instructed to love YHWH, yes.

Deut 6:4 Hear, O Israel: YHWH [is] our Elohaym, YHWH [is] one

Deut 6:5 And you shall love YHWH your Elohaym with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.

Note: **YHWH** our **Elohaym** [God] is ONE, not two or three, but ONE.

Then we learn what YHWH will do for those that love Him... but this is not a command TO love Him or a statement of "because we love Him we keep His commandments".

Deut 7:9 Know therefore that YHWH your Elohaym, He [is] Elohaym, the faithful Elohaym, which keeps covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;

Deut 7:10 And repays them that hate Him to His face, to destroy them: He will not be slack to him that hates Him, He will repay him to his face.

Again, yes we do keep His commandments because we love Him, that is just one part of it, BUT **the MAIN reason is because we fear and we DO NOT want to be separated from Him.**

Deut 30:19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, [that] I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both you and your

seed may live:

Deut 30:20 That you may love YHWH your Elohaym, [and] that you may obey his voice, and that you may cleave unto him: for he [is] your life, and the length of your days: that you may dwell in the land which YHWH swore unto your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.

When men say "We keep the commandments not to earn our salvation but because we love God." it is a VERY deceiving statement as we keep the commandments because we want to be with Him and if we do not keep the commandments then we will be separated from Him and destroyed. It is true we did not earn the grace of YHWH nor the redemption price paid in/by Yahusha, but we FOR SURE must keep the commandments and obey for fear lest we be rejected and separated from YHWH. **We keep the commandments to stay in the covenant** and earn the right to the redemption graciously and freely given to us. Anyone who continues to walk in transgression of the commandments has **NO** right to the redemption paid and the tree of life. This "We keep the commandments not to earn our salvation but just because we love God." is a **soft false gospel** and is not speaking of truth. The reason they say it is because they are confused by the 'saved by grace' and the attacks on earning their salvation by the works of the law, they are ignorant. They do not understand the only grace part of our salvation was the redemption price of Yahusha, ALL of the rest is our works, our command to love our neighbor and to love our creator by works. We can ONLY show our love by our works and if we fail in our works then we WILL BE LOST! While we may have "FEELINGS" of joy and peace, love is NOT a "FEELING" but actions and works.

Our faith and love are only known by our works.

Jas 2:14 What [*does it*] profit, my brethren, though a man say he has faith, and have not works? can faith save him?

Jas 2:17 Even so faith, if it has not works, is dead, being alone.

Jas 2:18 Yea, a man may say, You have faith, and I have works: show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

Jas 2:19 You believe that there is one YHWH; you do well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

Jas 2:20 But will you know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

Jas 2:21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?



Jas 2:22 Do you see how faith was wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?

Jas 2:23 And the scripture was fulfilled which says, **Abraham believed YHWH, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness:** and he was called the Friend of YHWH.

Jas 2:24 You see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.

Jas 2:25 Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent *[them]* out another way?

Jas 2:26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

What is 'love'? It is an action, something done, a work and not just a feeling. Even when one is hurt or sick or angry, the actions of doing good and not evil, of keeping the commandments is done regardless of feelings. The action is love and not the feeling.

Conclusion

The doctrine or statement "We keep the commandments not to earn our salvation but just because we love God." is a **soft false gospel** because the works of keeping the commandments is what defines 'love', and earns our right to the salvation given and not keeping them WILL get us destroyed.

1John 4:9 In this was manifested the love of YHWH toward us, because that YHWH sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

1John 4:21 And this commandment have we from him, That he who loves YHWH love his brother also.

1John 5:2 By this we know that we love the children of YHWH, when we love YHWH, and keep his commandments.

1John 5:3 For this is our love of YHWH, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

2John 1:6 And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as you have heard from the beginning, you should walk in it.

Rev 3:12 Him that overcomes will I make a pillar in the temple of my Elohaym, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my Elohaym, and the name of the city of my Elohaym, *[which is]* new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from my Elohaym: and *[I will write upon him]* my new name.

Rev 2:7 He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says unto the assemblies; To him that overcomes will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of YHWH.