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However there is good news. The good news is God promised to restore all things before Yeshua returns. Acts 3:20-21. Today more and more Christians are embracing their Hebraic Heritage (also called Jewish Roots) and growing in their knowledge and understanding of the God of Abraham, Issac and Jacob. Yet like many of our church fathers before us, many Christians including Pastors and leaders are rejecting this twenty first century miracle of restoration of the Jewish Roots of our faith.

There are many concerns Pastors and leaders have concerning the Jewish Roots movement. First, many think we are teaching legalism and that Christians should come under the law of Moses. Secondly, they think we are teaching that Christians are to worship like Jews and wear prayer shawls or kippahs and even worship on Saturday. How and why would we do that when Paul, an Apostle of our Messiah said, "we are not under the law we are under grace." The faith that is practiced by most Christians today does not reflect the faithfulness of our biblical patriarchs many of whom were faithful unto death. Studying our Hebraic Heritage is the pursuit of true biblical faith that

"subdued kingdoms, produced righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouth of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, waxed valiant in battle, and turned to flight the armies of their enemies. Women received their dead raised to life, others were tortured not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection. Others on trial faced cruel mockings and scourging, some were even bound and imprisoned. Heb. 11:33-36. The writer of Hebrews goes on to say that all these things were accomplished without them having obtained the promise of God, the infilling of the Holy Spirit. He continues by telling us God has provided something better for us, the Baptism in the Holy Ghost, yet the church seems void of the true power of Pentecost that produced great faithfulness and commitment in those first century followers of Messiah Jesus.

Studying our Hebraic Heritage will produce righteousness, Godly character, faithfulness and commitment in the lives of Christians. In turn this will produce a deeper, richer, more intimate relationship with Yahweh the all powerful, creative covenant keeping God and His Son our Messiah Yeshua, which is eternal life according to Jesus in John 17:3. Recapturing the Jewishness of our Christian faith reveals a practical side to the scriptures which simplifies our walk with Him. In truth understanding the Hebraic culture, language and times in which the Bible was written produces a more disciplined, faithful and committed disciple for the kingdom of God. Jewish Roots can produce Godly character, which produces stronger relationships, which produces stronger healthier marriages, which produces stronger churches and a more Godly society.

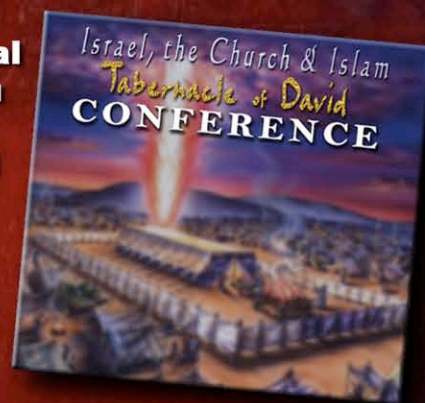
What God is wanting to restore to the church by the teaching of Jewish Roots is authentic faith or faithfulness. Jude 3 urges us to earnestly contend or fight for the faith that was once delivered to the saints. This is the faithfulness of Abraham perfected and made available to all mankind both Jew and Gentile, male and female, by the birth, death and resurrection of our Messiah Jesus!

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In a parallel way, the Church has a call upon it as well: to witness to the nations that there is one Lord and Messiah, Jesus of Nazareth, whom God raised from the dead. “You shall be my witnesses!” was Jesus’ final injunction to his faithful disciples (Acts 1:8). So both Jews and Christians carry a mandate to bear witness. The challenge for Christians has always been how that witness is rendered and to whom.

This is a particularly sensitive issue in Israel. Evangelical Christians for decades have demonstrated unwavering support of the Jewish state—based on biblical principles alone, not on any hidden agenda to convert Jews—and yet they are always under suspicion as covert “missionaries” by the religious community.

THIS SURELY IS a volatile matter, with complex historical antecedents, that defies simplistic solutions. But may I suggest a few thoughts on Christian witness that are not always understood by evangelicals.

[1] When it comes to the Jewish people, Christians are in the unique position of being both witnesses and debtors. To the other nations our responsibility as witnesses is straightforward. But with respect to Israel, we also are scripturally exhorted to recognize that to them belong the promises, the covenants, the patriarchs, the giving of the Torah, and the worship of the true and living God (Rom 9:4-5). From the Jewish people comes the Messiah himself and salvation (John 4:22). In him we have been brought near to Israel’s God, whereas apart from him we would have no share in the spiritual heritage of Abraham’s offspring. We would be “strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world” (Eph 2:11-12).

[2] So when we have the opportunity to interact with Jewish people, let us never be arrogant or exhibit the religious triumphalism that has characterized Christianity for twenty centuries. Rather let us be humble, respectful and deeply appreciative. Jesus came to the Jewish people as a servant on behalf of the truthfulness of God’s promises (Romans 15:6). Our attitude should match his; our love, like his, should be unconditional and never self-serving. *[3]* Whether to bear witness to Jews or not is a “forced option” (in William James’ terminology). It is unavoidable. Christians are bearing witness whether they consciously choose to or not. The real issue is: is it a good and faithful witness or the opposite. All too often in Church history it has been the latter. In its missionary zeal the Church has dishonored our Lord, the Jew, Jesus of Nazareth, and demeaned and even demonized his brothers and sisters after the flesh, the Jewish people – all in the name of Jesus’ love! *[4]* Authentic love is relational and respectful. It is never “I-It” but always “I-You” in its approach to the other. All deceptive, manipulative or coercive tactics must be rejected. To target Jews for proselytizing and treat them as any other nation is enormously disrespectful and ill-informed. The other nations do not worship the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. They are not the recipients of the oracles of God, nor the preservers of Holy Scripture. They are not in continuing covenantal relationship with the LORD God. Israel is. As a nation (independent of the spiritual status of any particular individual) Israel’s election is irrevocable. There yet remain promises to the Jewish people that God will keep. *[5]* As appealing emotionally as “Dual-Covenant” theology may appear, it does not accord with New Testament scriptures. On the other hand, evangelicals are not called to judge who is saved and who is not. God will be the Judge. We are called simply to be His witnesses and the most transparent and enduring witness we can render is to lead a life that speaks of a holy difference, and when asked, to be prepared to give an account of the hope within us—thanks to God’s redemptive act through Jesus our Lord.

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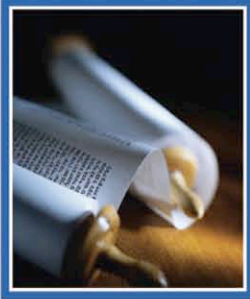
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Recently I heard a Protestant minister say that the law no longer applied to the Christian because you can't keep it anyway. He continued by saying the law has been done away with and we are now under the dispensation of

grace. Unfortunately many Christian ministers as well as lay people share his views on the law of God. This line of thought is not something new. It began in the second century with a wealthy shipowner named Marcion. Marcion argued that there were two gods. One, the creator and judge, who was a harsh Old Testament God ruling through fear and demanding obedience. The other, a God of spirit, light and love, revealed by his son, Jesus, two entirely different God's. Marcion considered the Jewish Scriptures, which at that time was the only Scriptures, as proceeding from the inferior Creator God. He therefore denounced and rejected them and established for his followers a new Scripture consisting of one gospel, the gospel of Marcion. Marcion's heresy continued in his teaching on Christ. He believed that all flesh was intrinsically evil and unworthy of redemption; therefore, Jesus had no true human nature. For Marcion, Jesus was entirely spirit and only appeared to be flesh.. Even though Marcion was later labeled a heretic, his antagonism against the law and the Jewish people has overwhelmingly dominated Christian thought, even today.

Another reason modern-day Christians place no value on the law of God is a misunderstanding of the Hebrew word "Torah". *Torah* means *teaching, instruction*, like a father would teach his son. *Torah* comes from the root word "Yarah", which means to *shoot straight or to hit the mark*. It is the same root word *arah* that the word "moreh" or *teacher* comes from. In the Septuagint, *Torah* was translated into the Greek word "nomos or law" in English. The word *law*

carries a very *strict rigid and negative idea* especially in the minds of most Americans. But for the Jewish people including Jesus and Paul *Torah was a gift of God's grace*. Because of his love, grace, and mercy, God gave the children of Israel at Sinai his *Torah or his instruction, his teaching for life*.

Another reason we dismiss the *Torah* is a misinterpretation of Matthew 5:17. Many Christians believe that Jesus put an end to the *Torah*. Jesus said "Do not think that I came to abolish the law or the prophets, I did not come to abolish but to *fulfill*". By using the word *fulfill* it indicates *a beginning not an ending or an abolishing*. Jesus fulfilled the righteous requirements of the law by living according to the *Torah*. In other words, he was obedient to the teaching and instruction of God.

Many Christians and theologians today consider the *Torah* or the law of God a curse. If *Torah* is a curse, then why do both Isaiah and Micah tell us in the last days *Torah* or the law will be taught upon Jesus' return, "The law will go out from Zion the word of the Lord from Jerusalem". If the law is a curse, then this would mean according to these two prophets, when Jesus returns we will all be living under a curse. The *Torah* or law as it is called in English, is not a curse. It is *teaching, instruction* from a loving heavenly father to help us to be holy, unique, other than this world, because our God is holy and unique and other than this world. We are to walk and be holy with a holy God.

It's exciting to see and to be a part of this Jewish Roots movement, something I believe God is orchestrating (Christians studying Jesus teaching from his first century Jewish culture and the *Torah* in order to grow in our knowledge and understanding of him). And according to the prophet Micah this could be a sign of Messiah's soon return. Amen! In our next magazine we will address the phrase "**under the law**".

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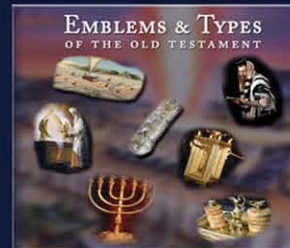
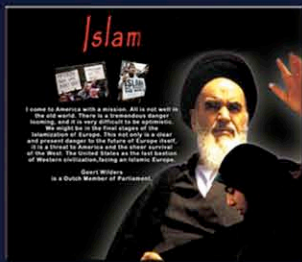
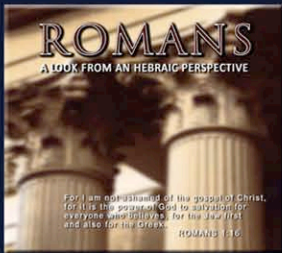
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Why Hebrew Helps us Know God Better

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As one who grew up in Israel with Hebrew my native tongue, it is my passion to affirm that Hebrew is the most spiritual of all languages. Allow me to demonstrate this with a Hebrew biblical expression, the term, “knowledge of God.” In

Hebrew it is made up of the two words, *da’at Elohim*. During biblical days, the “Knowledge of God” was recognized as the only true knowledge. For this reason, “knowledge,” by itself, was often used as short for the full expression.

First let us reflect on the Hebrew meaning of this expression. It means, “knowledge *from* God,” as well as “knowledge *of* God.” This dual meaning reveals a fundamental truth: The knowledge of God came to man *from* God.

With this truth in mind, we consult the book of Proverbs, where “Knowledge” is a frequently occurring topic among the “wisdom chapters.” These chapters also contain many occurrences of “wisdom” or “prudence” and “understanding.” Hebraically, “wisdom” represents the practical, walking out of true knowledge. “Understanding” stands for heart-knowledge--that deeper, experiential knowing of God’s character that, of course, came from Him as well. Let us follow the Proverbs path to this deeper knowledge by observing it in two passages:

Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God.

(Proverbs 2:5 emphasis mine)

Note, through my emphasis, that in order to *find*, we must first *seek*. Proverbs urges us to seek wisdom, knowledge, and understanding with all our heart: Verses 2, 3 and 4, place “inclining our ear to wisdom,” “applying our

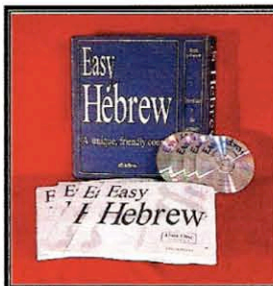
heart to understanding” “crying out after knowledge” on this seeking path. They are the means to the “knowledge of God,” or knowing God better. That is, as we seek after God, we seek Him with all our heart, in order to know Him better.

Yet there is one more factor involved. It is the “fear of the LORD,” as given also in the familiar, *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge* (Proverbs 1:7a)

Without Divine wisdom and understanding, we know not how to nurture the fear of the LORD, the direct correlation to the “Knowledge of God.” Why and how does the fear of the Lord lead to deeper, more experiential knowledge of God? The “fear of the LORD” is generally understood to mean “respect” or “reverence.” These postures of heart certainly are implicated, but this particular word translated “fear” has a significantly different spiritual meaning.

It actually is from the same root as the word, see. Even in English we use “see” figuratively to mean *understand*. Is *understanding* not part of the path to the knowledge of God in our passages? But there is more. This root “see” also connotes, to *perceive* (God correctly). Further yet, it means to be in *awe* (of Him).

In conclusion, let us understand all this Hebraic interconnection of truth, the path to the deeper knowledge of God. When we seek wisdom or understanding, it is not for their own sake, but for the purpose of knowing God better! We can only know God deeply if we yearn for Him with all our heart, having cried out (to Him) for the wisdom and understanding to deepen our relationship with Him. That’s when the true fear of the LORD (correct perception) grips our heart with reverence. In perceiving God correctly we know Who it is that we are yearning for to know better. All we can do then is keep standing in awe. Note now that this is where the proverbs passages lead, but only the Hebrew can unlock the full, intended message.



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