

SERMON: Justified Yet Obedient: Why Keep the Law After Justification?

Objective:

To teach that justification by faith does not nullify the Law of Moses but instead sets the foundation for a life of obedience, respect, and love toward Elohim's commandments. The aim is to show that keeping the law after justification strengthens one's relationship with Elohim, helps cultivate holiness, and upholds Elohim's standards of righteousness.

Scripture Texts:

- **Romans 3:31** – *“Do we then make void the law through faith? Elohim forbid: yea, we establish the law.”*

- **Psalms 19:7** – *“The law of YAH is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of YAH is sure, making wise the simple.”*

- **Deuteronomy 11:1** – *“Therefore thou shalt love YAH thy Elohim, and keep his charge, and his statutes, and his judgments, and his commandments, always.”*

- **Leviticus 20:7-8** – *“Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I am YAH your Elohim. And ye shall keep my statutes, and do them: I am YAH which sanctify you.”*

Introduction:

Many people wonder why we would still uphold the Law after being justified. Some say, “If we’re already justified, then why bother with the Law?”

Main Thought: Today, we will explore why obedience to the Law of Moses continues to be valuable and even essential for those justified by faith. Justification aligns us with Elohim, but obedience allows us to honor, respect, and show love toward Elohim as His covenant people.

Outline: We will discuss **(1)** The Purpose of the Law, **(2)** Obedience as Love, **(3)** Holiness and Sanctification, **(4)** Identity as Elohim's People, and **(5)** The Practical Role of the Law in Our Lives.

Main Points:

1. The Purpose of the Law

Scripture Reference: **Psalms 19:7** – *“The law of YAH is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of YAH is sure, making wise the simple.”*

Explanation: The Law reveals Elohim’s perfect standard. Justification doesn’t change Elohim’s standard; it brings us into a state where we can grow toward that standard.

Illustration: The Law is like a map. Justification may bring us to the beginning of the journey, but the Law guides us to live in a way that pleases Elohim.

Takeaway: The Law has an ongoing purpose for believers by teaching us the nature of righteousness and providing a standard for our daily life.

2. Obedience as Love

Scripture Reference: **Deuteronomy 11:1** – *“Therefore thou shalt love YAH thy Elohim, and keep his charge, and his statutes, and his judgments, and his commandments, always.”*

Explanation: Obedience is an act of love. When we obey Elohim’s laws, we show Him respect, loyalty, and love. Justification is not an invitation to ignore His instructions; rather, it’s a chance to live in deeper love with Him.

Illustration: Imagine a marriage where love grows over time. After the commitment, actions that please and honor the spouse (Elohim) strengthen the relationship.

Takeaway: Keeping Elohim’s commandments is a response of love. Our obedience reflects our relationship with Him.

3. Holiness and Sanctification

Scripture Reference: Leviticus 20:7-8 – *“Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I am YAH your Elohim. And ye shall keep my statutes, and do them: I am YAH which sanctify you.”*

Explanation: Justification may cleanse us, but sanctification is the process of becoming more like Elohim. Elohim’s Law helps to set us apart in holiness as we practice His commands.

Illustration: Imagine refining gold. Just as the refiner works to purify it, the Law helps refine our actions, thoughts, and character to reflect Elohim’s holiness.

Takeaway: Sanctification through obedience to Elohim’s commandments allows us to grow in holiness and reflect His character.

4. Identity as Elohim’s People

Scripture Reference: Deuteronomy 7:6 – *“For thou art an holy people unto YAH thy Elohim: YAH thy Elohim hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.”*

Explanation: The Law distinguishes Elohim’s people, setting them apart from the world. Our identity as believers calls us to live in a way that visibly represents His kingdom.

Illustration: Just as a family has certain traditions that define them, the commandments form our “traditions” as Elohim’s people, shaping our identity and practices.

Takeaway: Obeying the Law is part of what it means to be set apart, visibly showing our identity as people dedicated to Elohim.

5. Practical Role of the Law in Our Lives

Scripture Reference: Psalm 119:11 – *“Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.”*

Explanation: The Law serves as a constant guide, protecting us from sin and keeping us focused on righteousness. It creates boundaries and brings blessings.

Illustration: Like traffic laws that keep us safe on the road, Elohim's laws guide us through life's challenges and direct us toward safety and blessing.

Takeaway: Obedience to the Law serves a practical purpose in helping us avoid sin and stay aligned with Elohim's will.

Conclusion

Summary of Points: Justification is the beginning of a relationship where we can fully embrace Elohim's Law. We keep the Law not to be saved, but because we are saved and desire to walk in the ways Elohim has set for His people.

2. Call to Reflection: As we go through our lives, let's reflect on how each commandment offers a way to honor Elohim, protect our relationship with Him, and grow in holiness.

3. Prayer: Elohim to give us the strength, humility, and commitment to honor You through our obedience and to keep Your commandments with joy and love.