

Are God's Commandments Good?

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People need truth and connection with God. We learn truth through God's word, the Bible. Psalms 119:159-160 NKJV says, "Consider how I love Your precepts; revive me, O LORD, according to Your lovingkindness. The entirety of **Your word is truth**, and every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever." We need to accept God and we also need to accept His words in the Bible. The Bible says God's commandments are "right and good;" Deuteronomy 6:17-18. People say they believe in God and then say His commandments are done away with. If God's commandments are done away with, then God's love has been done away with because His commandments are right and good.

God gave Noah grace because Noah did what was right (righteousness means he did what was right). God gave us grace by giving us His good commandments, and in the Messianic age, God gives us more grace through the Holy Spirit. Both are intended to help us with life.

Yeshua said He would give us another helper. The first were God's commandments. John 14:15-16 NKJV says, "If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever." God didn't give us a license to sin but wanted to help us by giving us His commandments and the Holy Spirit. Also, instead of following extra man-made commandments, God wants us to instead follow His commandments with the help of the Holy Spirit.

People can be so flippant about grace; what if they are missing an important point? Didn't Yeshua say if your hand causes you to sin cut it off (Matthew 5:30)? While we understand that He used this to make a point, it tells us that no flippant attitude will be accepted by God. I don't want anyone to end up in the lake of fire (Revelation 21:8). We can be sincere about what we believe, but is what we believe truth? People will miss out on eternal life because of false teaching, especially those liars who are teaching falsely about grace and its meaning. They are keeping people away from God.

Yeshua said in Matthew 7:21-23 NKJV, "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'" So those who are saying don't keep the law will not make it into the future kingdom of God.

The Bible says these "liars" will end up in the lake of fire (Revelation 21:8). Kefa says in 2 Peter 2:14, 17 NKJV, "They have a heart trained in covetous practices, and are accursed children ... for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever." Don't misunderstand God. His commandments are given in love and are God's grace. God gives mercy if we are truly sorry and repentant. Aren't we supposed to fear God? Proverbs 1:7 NKJV says, "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction. What ever happened to an awesome respect of God? The Bible puts it bluntly. Fools don't take their spiritual lives seriously and don't seek the truth of God's word in order to live right (to be righteous).

People will say things like: His commandments are superseded by something better. What could be better than "right and good," and the Bible says God blesses those who keep His commandments! Deuteronomy 28:1-14 says about those who keep God's commandments: "God will bless you wherever you are, God will bless you with children and food, protect you against your enemies, and provide for your needs (open up the heavens). Who cares what these unrighteous people who deny God's love and His commandments say.

Some say God's commandments are old fashioned and done away with. "For I am the LORD, I do not change;" Malachi 3:6 NKJV. Fortunately, for those who actually believe in God and trust in Him, He will bring blessings on those who trust that His commandments are right and good. Some will sidestep the issue of keeping God's commandments with, 'God is loving or merciful' or some theological man-made argument. The Bible gives us a plain and simple message. Do we believe in Him or are we going to believe in ourselves instead of following God and His commands?

So, instead of believing that God's commandments are good and show God's love, these so called know-it-alls make up their own ideas about who God is and their own idea of what is good and loving. They make up their own god and worship their false god; they make themselves into God.

I want to be pleasing to the one true holy God and not please myself or any false theology I was taught. I want to sincerely follow God with my whole heart and please Him. Do we please man or God? God provided a way for us to repent, that is not the issue. The issue is will we respect God or not for who He is; a loving and good God who has our best interests at heart.

I say these things to try to help you see the outright lies that are being taught. God says His commandments are right and good. Why would that change? They are still right and good and those who are saying that the good and loving commandments that God gave us are not for us are lying. They please themselves. Who's telling the truth; does God give us truth or does man-made theology or people who are too proud to accept the truth of the Bible give us truth?

This is not difficult; what does the Bible say? I am just telling you what God's word says. People need to search for truth and connection with God. We are connected to God through His word. If you don't accept His word, then you are not accepting God.