



TORAH...TORAH...

WHAT IS TORAH?

Part 7

- Paul & Torah -

God Never Said It Would Be Easy

Torah



Barchu et Adonai ham'vorach!

Baruch Adonai ham'vorach l'olam va'ed!

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech

ha'olam, asher bachar banu mikol

ha'amim, v'natan lanu et Torato.

Baruch atah, Adonai, notein haTorah.

בְּרַכּוּ אֶת יי הַמְּבָרָךְ!
בְּרוּךְ יי הַמְּבָרָךְ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד!

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ
הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר בָּחַר בָּנוּ מִכָּל
הָעַמִּים, וְנָתַן לָנוּ אֶת תּוֹרָתוֹ.
בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי, נוֹתֵן הַתּוֹרָה.

Bless Adonai who is blessed!

Blessed is Adonai who is blessed forever and ever!

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe, who has
chosen us from all the peoples and given us Your Torah.

Blessed are You, Adonai, who gives the Torah.



What we BELIEVE shapes what we
DO.

What we DO defines who we ARE.

If we BELIEVE the WRONG things, we
will DO the WRONG things.

Life is hard

Life can be complicated

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What is the answer to the difficulties and complexities of life?

Torah

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What is Torah?

First, what it's not...

It's not the means to eternal salvation, never was...

That is God's gift to us...

Torah is not merely a set of dos and don'ts...

It's not a "get out of jail free" card...

It's not a shield against the difficulties of life...

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What is Torah?

It's hard...
To understand...
To obey...
To apply in our daily lives...

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What is Torah?

Why is it hard?

BECAUSE WE CHOOSE TO MAKE IT HARD!

We don't study it to DO it...

We don't meditate on it day and night to DO it...

We don't yearn for the Spirit to teach us how to obey it...

We don't yearn for the Spirit to show us how to apply it...

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What is Torah?

Why is it hard?

Because our lives are geared toward what's easy...

Because our lives are geared toward what's expedient...

Because our lives are geared toward making excuses...

Because obedience is not a word we like...

BUT FAITH IS ANOTHER WORD FOR OBEDIENCE!!

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Romans 7

14 For we know that the Torah is of the Spirit; but as for me, I am bound to the old nature, sold to sin as a slave. 15 I don't understand my own behavior — I don't do what I want to do; instead, I do the very thing I hate! 16 Now if I am doing what I don't want to do, I am agreeing that the Torah is good. 17 But now it is no longer “the real me” doing it, but the sin housed inside me. 18 For I know that there is nothing good housed inside me — that is, inside my old nature. I can want what is good, but I can't do it! 19 For I don't do the good I want; instead, the evil that I don't want is what I do!

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Romans 7

22 For in my inner self I completely agree with God's Torah;
23 but in my various parts, I see a different "torah," one that battles with the Torah in my mind and makes me a prisoner of sin's "torah," which is operating in my various parts. 24 What a miserable creature I am! Who will rescue me from this body bound for death?

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Deuteronomy 30

10 “However, all this will happen only if you **PAY** **ATTENTION** to what Adonai your God says, so that you obey his mitzvot and regulations which are written in this book of the Torah, if you turn to Adonai your God with all your heart and all your being. 11 For this mitzvah which I am giving you today is **NOT TOO HARD FOR YOU, IT IS NOT BEYOND YOUR REACH.**

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שָׁמַעַ

shaw-mah'

to hear intelligently,

to listen carefully,

to heed something

spoken

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Deuteronomy 30

פלא – pâlâ'

to be beyond one's power, to be extraordinarily difficult

רחוק – râchôq

remote of place or time, far away, long ago

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Deuteronomy 30

12 It isn't in the sky, so that you need to ask, 'Who will go up into the sky for us, bring it to us and make us hear it, so that we can obey it?' 13 Likewise, it isn't beyond the sea, so that you need to ask, 'Who will cross the sea for us, bring it to us and make us hear it, so that we can obey it?' 14

ON THE CONTRARY, THE WORD IS VERY CLOSE TO YOU — IN YOUR MOUTH, EVEN IN YOUR HEART; THEREFORE, YOU CAN DO IT!

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Like everything else in life, even the most difficult and complex things... to do **THE RIGHT THING** comes down to choice!

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2 Timothy

8 Remember Yeshua the Messiah, who was raised from the dead, who was a descendant of David. This is the Good News I proclaim, 9 and for which I am suffering to the point of being bound in chains — **but the Word of God is not bound in chains!** 10 Why do I persevere through it all? For the sake of those who have been chosen, so that they too may obtain the deliverance that comes through the Messiah Yeshua, with eternal glory. 11 Here is a statement you can trust: If we have died with him, we will also live with him.

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2 Timothy 2

12 **IF WE PERSEVERE, WE WILL ALSO RULE WITH**

HIM; if we disown him, he will also disown us. 13 If we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself.

14 Keep reminding people of this and charge them solemnly before the Lord not to engage in word-battles. They accomplish nothing useful and are a catastrophe for the hearers!

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2 Timothy 2

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ὀρθοτομέω
orthotomeō

to dissect correctly
IN ORDER TO LIVE
IT CORRECTLY

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Deuteronomy 30

15 “Look! I am presenting you today with, on the one hand, life and good; and on the other, death and evil — 16 in that I am ordering you today to love Adonai your God, to follow his ways, and to obey his mitzvot, regulations and rulings; for if you do, you will live and increase your numbers; and Adonai your God will bless you in the land you are entering in order to take possession of it. 17 But if your heart turns away, if you refuse to listen, if you are drawn away to prostrate yourselves before other gods and serve them;

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Deuteronomy 30

18 I am announcing to you today that you will certainly perish; you will not live long in the land you are crossing the Yarden to enter and possess. 19 “I call on heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have presented you with life and death, the blessing and the curse. Therefore,

CHOOSE life, so that you will live, you and your descendants, 20 **loving Adonai your God, paying attention to what he says and clinging to him — for THAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR LIFE!**