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Fast Food Believers

We live in a time where almost everything that someone wants or needs is truly at their fingertips. Some call it the fast food generation. Order now, get it now. And depending on where you live, having to wait very long for something, indeed, seems almost non-existent. Many have allowed themselves to be conditioned in this mindset and let it flow over into their attaining knowledge and wisdom from the Scriptures. And just as those who left Egypt had to get their manna every morning, we need to do the same with our spiritual food. We can't expect yesterday's food to last into today or even tomorrow. So, we need to be diligent in spending adequate time in the Word EVERY DAY.

It seems that everyone wants a quick lesson or Scripture to answer a topic. Though there may be times that a quick answer might work, the reality is, that more often than not, we need to dig into the Scriptures and take our time to examine the Word like the Bereans did with Paul.

Compare:

Acts 17:11

[Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.](#)

It says that they examined the Scriptures every day. That takes diligence. That takes effort. That takes time. Time. Time is the one commodity that everyone is given the same amount of. What do you do with this commodity? What do you invest it into? What do you squander it off with? Do you invest it into digging into the Scriptures?

When we settle for a quick answer to our questions, it's very possible that we could be accepting things that are not in alignment with the Scriptures. It may sound good and seem to fit, however, not everything is as it appears.

Taking things at face value can work sometimes, however, letting that be your general rule of thumb can be very dangerous. There are some things that just need more explanation than others. The question is, are you willing to dig for those explanations? Is it easier to do all that digging? Of course not. But is it worth it? Yes.

Ask yourself, “Do I have a fast food mentality toward the Word of God?” The first, expected response that almost everyone has is “Of course not!” But ask most anyone today if they lead a busy life and they’ll tell you, “Yes.” But it’s hard for many to confess that they allow that busyness to flood over into their walk with the Lord. Yet, when it does, it’s very easy to fall prey to accepting that fast food, spirituality. It’s so much easier to take what someone else has prepared instead of doing the preparation for yourself, right? As long as it tastes good, that’s all that matters. Or, does it?

Most everyone believes that God’s Word does not contradict itself, and rightfully so. So, one way to find out if we have accepted a fast food mentality towards God’s Word is to see if we have a belief that opposes any Scripture. Since His Word has no contradictions, we need to be honest with ourselves and see if what we believe stands with His Word... all of it. I say, “All of it” because it’s pretty easy to have a belief that founded on one verse or have a set of understanding on a particular topic of verses.

But what if that belief or understanding opposes other verses? What then? We know that God is not the author of confusion as mentioned in 1 Corinthians 14:33.

1 Corinthians 14:33

For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

So, if there is any contradiction, it has to be with our personal understanding of what the Word says and not within the Word itself. For example, there are many today that say the law of God has been done away with because of what Yeshua did on the cross. But then, we have Isaiah telling us that God’s Word stands forever.

Isaiah 40:8

The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the Word of our God stands forever.

This is the very verse that Peter quotes from. Consider:

1 Peter 1:24-25

For, All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the Word of the Lord stands forever.” And this is the Word that was preached to you.

So, the question is this, does God’s Word really stand forever? If you believe this to be true, then any interpretation of any verse that supposedly claims that God’s law is done away with must be misinterpreted. For example, do you believe Matthew 4:4 is still applicable today as it was when Yeshua said it? Compare:

Matthew 4:4

Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

We believe the words that Yeshua said are still true today as they were when He said them. Do you? If so, then you can’t believe the law was done away with, simply because He said, “every word that comes from the mouth of God.” Not some. Not most. Not the ones that were separate from the law. Every word. Every word, just as it says in 2 Timothy chapter 3, as well.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

All Scripture. Not some of it. Not most of it. Not the parts that were separate from the law. All Scripture. Do you believe that? Look again at what it says all Scripture is for, “teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.” All Scripture. That includes the law.

There are many who believe there is a distinction in what was required under the law versus what was given in the New Testament. Particularly in regards to things noted in Scripture by Yeshua, Paul and the Jerusalem council. We understand where they are coming from. We, ourselves, were there not too long ago. There is much to be considered in all of this, though. Thus, you can’t just accept a quick answer in these things.

All of God’s Word is eternal. Thus, we are to follow all that we can when we can. If we say, “this part no longer applies,” then God’s Word does not stand forever. Yet we know that Peter quoted Isaiah in saying that it does indeed stand forever. We don’t wish to argue with anyone. We simply ask everyone to look deeper into what they believe.

Many refer to the words of Yeshua in the sermon on the mount, which go like, “You have heard it said... but I say unto you...” They then proceed to say that Jesus superseded and replaced such commands with these statements. At first glance it can, indeed, seem this way. But a little more digging and we see something totally different.

We must remember that Yeshua did not say, “It is written... But I say unto you...” He clearly said, “You have heard that it was said... but I say unto you...” What does this mean to us? It tells us that Yeshua is not opposing the written Word. It shows that He was opposing what was taught or preached. This is a big difference. It actually parallels how Yeshua opposed what the Pharisees taught. We must remember that the Pharisees were all about “doing.” Especially their own traditions as mentioned in Mark 7:8-13. They were focused on the external, but forgot the internal. What is the greatest command as given by Yeshua? Of course:

Matthew 22:35-40

One of them, an expert in the law, tested Him with this question: “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: “Love your neighbor as yourself, All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

My point is this, you may show you love someone to their face, but what if you hate them in your heart? Then you don’t really love them, right? It’s the heart that matters. The same applies to the greatest commandment as well. Remember, the greatest commandment says we are to love God with our heart, soul, and mind. We may not commit adultery in the physical, but what about what we dwell on? Are we obeying in our heart and mind? Thus, the greatest command is to love in all these ways.

Yeshua came and was setting the record straight in how we are to truly obey, not just in the physical, but in our heart and mind as well. Whenever Yeshua says, “You’ve heard that it was said...” or something like that, He is referring to what was preached, even if it was preached from the Word. But He was addressing what was said about the Word and not the Word itself. He was not addressing what was

written. That which was written is from Yahweh and it is eternal.

In most all of the sermon on the mount, we see Yeshua discoursing on what was preached and not on the Word itself. This is why He says towards the beginning of the sermon on the mount...

Matthew 5:18

I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.

How can He say this but then turn right around and change in the same discourse? How can that make any sense?

We believe that all Scripture is eternal and cannot contradict, otherwise, it does not stand forever. This shows our need for digging and not just accepting something because it may sound good at first. It may be easier and more convenient, but we must be cautious. We must be diligent in digging into the Word of God and not let a fast food mentality creep into our spiritual walk. Don't allow the fast-paced world that we live in get you to accept spiritual fast food.

2 Timothy 2:15

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the Word of truth.

We hope you have enjoyed this message. Remember, continue to test everything.

Shalom.

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