

INTRODUCTION TO PRECEPTS

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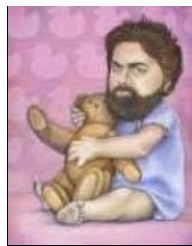
This is part two in a series of articles called "False Images." [Here is part 1.](#) These writing are an attempt to build a firm foundation, in YHVH's people by providing the tools (or precepts) that are required to understand YHVH's word for themselves. However, it is only by the application of YHVH's word in our lives that His image and kingdom will be manifested in the earth and the light of His glory can be seen by all people. In order to identify and dismantle the false images which have had set up in our minds, we must select the correct tools fitted for the task, for not just any old tools will serve our purpose.

Through Your precepts I get understanding, therefore I hate every false way. Psalms 119:104

Many of us today are deceived as to our true condition before God. We congratulate ourselves for the wrong acts which we do not commit, and refuse to do the good and righteous deeds which God requires of us. Precepts are the tools which give us the understanding to distinguish the false ways from the good and righteous deeds which YHVH requires of us. Precepts are the first things that a new believer should be taught in order to someday understand the message and to be able to discern between a teacher who is teaching the correct way to go and the one who is not. With YHVH's precepts a new believer has **unlimited ability to grow** in grace and in knowledge; but, without them he will be led away by every new teacher and doctrine of man. Any thought or imagination that violates one of these precepts must be toppled in order to progress in our understanding.

Whom shall he teach knowledge? And whom shall he make to understand the message? Those just weaned from the milk? Those just drawn from the breasts? For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little. Isa_28:9-10

Can a baby or even a toddler understand YHVH's word, the message to His creation? NO! It takes deliberate effort over many years of searching and study to understand this message, the good news of His kingdom and His ways.



"I [Yeshua] still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. John 16:12

And with many such parables He spoke the word to them as they were able to hear it. Mark 4:33

And I [Paul], brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able. 1Co 3:1-2

Yeshua could not teach the people all that he wanted because they were not ready to receive all of the wonderful truths He had; they had not learned the precepts, the foundational truths which they would need to understand further truth. Their minds were so full of the doctrines and traditions of men that they could not receive the truth. The precepts are the building blocks, or to use our file cabinet analogy (from part 1), the files that all our future understanding goes into. They are the solid rock that we are to build our house on; and if the precepts are rooted and grounded in truth our foundation is secure. It is these foundational truths which are the "*sincere milk of the word*" that Peter talks about and the "*pure milk of the Word*" that Paul refers to.

As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word that ye may grow thereby. 1Pe_2:2

For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. Heb 5:12-13

These "*first principles of the Oracles of God*" which the writer of Hebrews speaks, are the same "*sincere*" and "*pure milk*" of the word. **But what are the Oracles of God (YHVH) and what word are we to get these first principles from?** We are told that precept must be upon precept and precept upon precept, line upon line and

word that precept must be upon precept and precept upon precept, line upon line and line upon line. We are to search His word as one searches for silver.

My son, if you receive my words, And treasure my commands within you, so that you incline your ear to wisdom, and apply your heart to understanding; yes, if you cry out for discernment, and lift up your voice for understanding, if you seek her as silver, and search for her as for hidden treasures; then you will understand the fear of the LORD, And find the knowledge of God. Pro 2:1-5

Peter said,

If any man speak, let him speak as [according to] the oracles of God.
1Pe 4:11

The word translated as oracle here is the Greek word *logion*; Strong's defines this word as an "utterance." So what are the oracles or utterances of God and where can they be found? To answer this question we must remember that precepts are gathered '*line up line*', "here a little and there a little". **The oracles of YHVH must always be interpreted in light of themselves.** If lines (or verses) do not agree with one another we do not have a valid precept or a correct understanding of the oracle of God (what our Father is actually saying to His people). In Acts we read:

This is that Moses who said to the children of Israel, 'THE LORD YOUR GOD WILL RAISE UP FOR YOU A PROPHET LIKE ME FROM YOUR BRETHREN. HIM YOU SHALL HEAR.' "This is he [Moses] who was in the congregation in the wilderness with the Angel who spoke to him [Moses] on Mount Sinai, and with our fathers, the one [Moses] who received the living oracles to give to us whom our fathers would not obey, but rejected. And in their hearts they turned back to Egypt.
Act_7:37-39.

The Oracles of God therefore, are the words that Moses received directly from God at Mount Sinai. They are the first five books of our Bible; known as the Pentateuch by some, the Torah by others and the Law by still others. Moses' writings are the instructions the LORD (YHVH) God has given to all the people of the earth explaining the way He expects them to live; they are for all kindreds, tongues and nations past, in the present and in the future. Please become a "subscriber" to this blog to receive all future posts and especially those related to YHVH's precepts for understanding His word.

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