

**Study of Galatians 4**  
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**Galatians 4:1-31**

Before we start studying any chapters of the Book of Galatians, we have to ensure that we Zakar, that we always **remember**, that we are to **SPEAK AND ACT ON BEHALF OF THE FACT**, that Paul believed, lived by, and taught the Torah of Mosheh, so let's take the time to read what Paul himself claimed, he believed, in *Acts 24:14*

*But this I Paul, confess unto you, that after **THE WAY** which they, **THE JEWISH RELIGIOUS LEADERS**, call heresy, so I Paul worship the Elohim of my fathers, **BELIEVING ALL THINGS WHICH ARE WRITTEN IN THE TORAH (LAW) AND IN THE PROPHETS**: And have hope toward Elohim, which they themselves also allow, that **THERE SHALL BE A RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD, BOTH OF THE JUST AND UNJUST.***

Now armed with the knowledge that Paul **DID INDEED LIVE BY, FOLLOW AND TEACH** the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father that was given to Mosheh, at Mount Sinay by Yahweh, to all of his own disciples, and to everyone else that he spoke with, let us therefore see what Paul has to say in *Galatians 4*.

*1 Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differs nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all;*

Here Paul is saying that the heir, meaning new believers, are actually the same as a servant even though the believer will one day, inherit the kingdom of his heavenly Father, **BUT** while he is young, and lacks the necessary knowledge, the heir, the new believer, will be under tutors and governors, that will direct and control his life Path, in order to make sure, that he does not deviate off of YHVH's path of Righteousness, defined in Scripture, as the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life, **BUT**, that this new believer is taught and guided to stay on YHVH's Path of Righteous, which is what will keep him alive.

*2 But the Heir is under **TUTORS** and **GOVERNORS** until the time appointed of the father.*

Until the Father can see that this heir, has matured enough to believe, follow and obey the Words of His Torah of life, which cause all who do so, to actually want to stay in the family of YHVH, of their own accord, **AND**, of their own free will, choose to stay on the righteous path that our heavenly Father has set for them through His tutors and governors, which is a metaphor for the Words of the Written Torah of Mosheh.

As I explained above, the heir mentioned in *verse 1* is a **new believer**, and this new believer is a person who has willingly and lovingly chosen to surrender their heart, mind, soul and strength, to our heavenly Father, in total loving surrendered obedience to all the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life. Now, when the **new believer**

does that, when he or she submits to YHVH, then, that person is immediately put under the supervision of a tutor, (the Holy Spirit, *Ezekiel 36:26-27*) who directs and causes any and all new believers that will allow Him, to walk in total loving surrendered obedience to **ALL** the Words of the Father's directives for everlasting Life, the Words of His written Torah, the very same Torah that He gave to Mosheh at Mount Sinai, **AND**, this new believer, is supervised by the tutors and governors, which, as I said above, is a metaphor for the Holy Spirit, and the Elders, who are walking in total loving surrendered obedience to all the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, as they are commanded to do, by YHVH.

Next, we see that Paul speaks to those heirs, those new believers, of what their situation was like **before** they surrendered their hearts, minds, souls and strength to our heavenly Father; and Paul says: that when they were in their previous state, before they willingly chose to surrender their wills to our heavenly Father, and became heirs, **they were in bondage to the man made elements, the rules, the regulations, the traditions of their fathers, the laws of the world (NOT the Father's Torah of Life).**

*Verse 3 Even so, we, when we were children, (before we chose to surrender our hearts, minds, souls and strength to our heavenly Father, and became, His heirs) we were in bondage under the elements, (the rules and regulation or the man made laws) of the world: 4 But when the fullness of the time was come, Elohim sent forth His Son (the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, Messiah), made of a woman, **MADE UNDER THE LAW, 5 TO REDEEM THEM THAT WERE UNDER THE LAW, that we might receive the adoption of sons.***

Now the question has to be asked, because, the majority of the people that profess to believe, follow and obey the Elohim of Abraham, Yitzchaq and Ya'aqov, do **NOT KNOW, WHO IS UNDER THE LAW.**

First of all, we have to define who the word **THEM** is referring to, here in this verse, to fully understand Paul's comment. *Matthew 15:24 But Messiah answered and said, I am NOT sent BUT unto **THE LOST SHEEP OF THE HOUSE OF YISRAEL.*** Furthermore, Messiah tells us in Matthew, that those who were **UNDER THE LAW**, the Torah, **ARE** the children of the house of Yisrael, for they and they alone, **ARE** the ones that were privileged to receive the Torah from YHVH at Mount Sinai; **IT WAS NOT GIVEN** to religious leaders of Christianity, Catholicism nor Judaism, **IT WAS GIVEN TO THE PEOPLE OF YISRAEL.** Furthermore, Paul tells us in *Romans 7:1 Do you NOT KNOW, brethren, (for I speak to **THEM THAT KNOW THE TORAH, that KNOW the TRUTH, Psalm 119:142, I speak to the Heirs, to Yisrael) how that the Torah HAS DOMINION OVER A MAN AS LONG AS HE LIVES.***

Now stop and think about this for a moment, and process these words that Paul has spoken here in *Romans 7:1*. Paul says, that he is speaking to the people who **KNOW the Torah!** Who would that be? It is obvious to me, that it is **NOT** the leaders of the Christian nor Catholic churches, for they, for the most part believe that the Torah has somehow been done away with in whole or in part. It certainly is not the leaders of the man made religion of Judaism, for Messiah, who **IS**, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, calls them **hypocrites** and **Liars**. So **WHO** are the people that **KNOW** the Torah? It is the people that have willingly chosen to surrender their hearts, minds, souls and strength to our heavenly Father, and whom the Father has filled with His Holy Spirit, who, in turn, **IS** tasked with causing every surrendered contrite obedient heart, **that will allow Him**, to believe, follow and obey all the Words of the Father's Torah of Life.

Paul says: **IF** we are **ALIVE** and **BREATHING**, **THEN WE ARE under the Dominion of the Torah (Law)**. The word Dominion, is defined in the Webster dictionary as: to dominate, to rule over, to have power to rule, sovereign authority, sovereignty, a governed territory, like the kingdom of Elohim, a name formerly used for certain self-governing nations of the commonwealth, in man's law, it means ownership.

That tells me, that the Creator's Law, which He emphatically stated **IS FOREVER**, still has, and will always have, **DOMINION** over **ALL living things, including mankind**.

*Verse 6 And because you ARE sons, Elohim has sent forth THE SPIRIT of his Son, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.*

Here we have to stop and consider what Paul is telling us, because, **IT IS** extremely important that we meditate on, and comprehend, what Paul said here, **IF** we are going to truly understand what he is communicating to us in *Galatians 4*. Paul is saying, **YOU ARE NOW** Sons, Heirs, part of the commonwealth of Yisrael (*Ephesians 2:12*) because, you have willingly and lovingly chosen to surrender your hearts, minds, souls and strength, to our heavenly Father, in total loving surrendered obedience to **ALL** the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life made flesh, our Messiah, **AND, BECAUSE** you have done so, our heavenly Father has sent **THE SPIRIT** of His Son, the Spirit of the Living Torah, who of course **IS** the Holy Spirit of our heavenly Father, **SINCE** the Father and the Son are **ONE**, He has sent His Holy Spirit into the heirs' hearts, and their surrendered hearts **NOW CRY OUT** Abba, Father, and they do so **BECAUSE they NOW KNOW**, through the prompting of the Holy Spirit that **THEY ARE INDEED SONS and DAUGHTERS** of the Living Elohim.

Paul describes what these people once were before they chose to surrender their hearts, minds, souls and strength to our heavenly Father, and that is found in *Ephesians 2:12* *That at that time YOU were without Messiah* (the words of the Living Torah made flesh), *being aliens from the commonwealth of Yisrael, and STRANGERS from the Covenants of Promise, having NO HOPE, and without Elohim in the world: 13 But NOW, in Messiah Yeshua, in the the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, YOU, who sometimes WERE FAR OFF, ARE MADE NIGH BY THE BLOOD OF MESSIAH* (the blood of Messiah is emblematic of the Torah obedient Life that Messiah lived, while He was here on earth with us, for Scripture makes it very clear, *that the life of all flesh is in the blood*), therefore the blood, that Messiah spilled on our behalf, represents His totally surrendered Torah obedient Life.

*Verse 7 Wherefore, you are NO more a servant, BUT A SON; and IF A SON, THEN AN HEIR of Elohim through Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh.*

Again, Paul tells us, that when the Spirit of Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father, made flesh, which is sent forth by our heavenly Father, **is lodged in our hearts**, we become full fledged **SONS and DAUGHTERS**, we become heirs of Elohim, **THROUGH Messiah**, who, as I said, **IS** the Words of the Living Torah made flesh.

**IT IS OF EXTREME IMPORTANCE** that we **ALL** understand that we **CAN ONLY BECOME HEIRS** of our heavenly Father **THROUGH MESSIAH**, who of course **IS THE WORDS OF LIVING TORAH OF OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, MADE FLESH**.

This means, that **WHEN** the Torah of Mosheh, **IS**, willingly and lovingly **obeyed and followed** in the exact same manner that it was given to Mosheh at Mount Sinai, without adding anything to it, **NOR** taking anything away from it, when it is followed with a loving surrendered obedient heart, **THEN** it means that those who do so, become **SONS and DAUGHTERS** of Elohim, for both the Father and the Son have emphatically stated, **IF YOU LOVE ME KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS**, and their Commandments are identical, since Scripture tells us that the Father and the Son are **ONE**.

*Verse 8 Howbeit then, when you **DID NOT KNOW ELOHIM**, you did service unto them which by nature are **NO elohim** (gods) (you did service to pagan deities, man made imaginary gods, conjured up in the minds of those who have the hearts of pagans, and who are under the influence of satan himself).*

Here Paul reminds these new heirs, that **prior** to them surrendering their hearts, minds, souls and strength to our heavenly Father, in total loving surrendered obedience to **ALL** the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of life, they **served** the gods of others, they served, elohim achrim, which Paul emphatically states, **ARE NOT gods**. That means, that prior to surrendering their hearts to YHVH, they were serving and obeying the **man made LAWS** of the world, the man made Doctrines of their church fathers, or secular leaders, they were actually bowing down to, and worshipping, men, or idols made of wood, stone, gold, silver and or iron.

*Verse 9 But **NOW**, after that you have **KNOWN** Elohim, or rather, are known of Elohim, **HOW** turn you **AGAIN TO THE WEAK AND BEGGARLY ELEMENTS, WHEREUNTO YOU DESIRE AGAIN TO BE IN BONDAGE?** (What are the weak and beggarly elements that Paul is talking about, that these Galatians have returned to?)*

The word **Known**, is translated from the Greek Greek word Ginōskō, Strong's number G1097 γινώσκω and this same word, Ginōskō, **KNOWN**, is translated in Hebrew, as the word Yadah, which means **TO HAVE AN INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP WITH**, therefore, Paul **IS** saying to these Galatians, that **NOW** that you have had the privilege of **BEING IN** a very personal and intimate relationship with our heavenly Father and His Son, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, **WHY IS IT, THAT YOU ARE NOW TURNING BACK to your MAN MADE WEAK AND BEGGARLY WAYS** that you used to walk in, before you willingly surrendered your hearts, minds, souls and strength to our heavenly Father? In these weak and beggarly ways, you used to have special days, months and times where you willingly celebrated pagan feasts, and pagan man made gods, you worshipped idols of wood, iron and stone.

*Verse 10 You observe (man made special) days, and months, and times, and years.*

Now that Paul has brought this **FACT** to the forefront, that many of these Galatians had now **RETURNED** to their past pagan ways, which means, that they once again chose, to celebrate some of their past pagan feasts, and Paul says: he is afraid of, and, for them. **Why is Paul afraid of, and for them?** He is afraid of and for them because, **IF** they continue on this misguided path of following man made doctrines, and man made imaginary gods, instead of following the inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions of YHVH, the Words of His Torah of Life made flesh, that Paul has spent most of his adult life teaching them, they will indeed perish and be lost forever, and more than likely, cause other people to believe and follow their false ways, and therefore Paul is concerned

for their welfare, and the welfare of whoever they come in contact with, because, **IF** they return to and stay on this path, their old path that they used to walk on, their old, man made pagan path, rather than staying on the Torah obedient path, that Paul taught them, to walk on, **they will perish and be lost forever.**

*Verse 11 I am afraid of you, **LEST I HAVE BESTOWED UPON YOU LABOUR IN VAIN.***

The Labour that Paul has bestowed upon them, **IS** the time and effort that he has expended in teaching them the inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions of our heavenly Father, the Words of His Torah of Life.

*Verse 12 Brethren, I beseech you, be as I am; what do you think Paul meant when he said, **BE AS I AM?***

To answer that question we have to go to Scriptures. OK, let's reread what I started this teaching with, *Acts 24:14 But this I Paul, confess unto you, that after **THE WAY** which they, **THE JEWISH RELIGIOUS LEADERS**, call heresy, so I Paul worship the Elohim of my fathers, **BELIEVING ALL THINGS WHICH ARE WRITTEN IN THE TORAH (LAW) AND IN THE PROPHETS:** And have hope toward Elohim, which they themselves also allow, that **THERE SHALL BE A RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD, BOTH OF THE JUST AND UNJUST.***

*Romans 7:18-25 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwells no good thing: for to will is present with me; **BUT** how to perform that which is good, I do not find. 19 For the good that I want to do, I do **NOT DO: BUT** the evil which I do **NOT** want to fo, that I do. 20 Now, **IF** I do what I do **NOT want to do**, it is no longer, I that do it, **BUT** Sin that dwells in me. 21 I find then, a **Law**, that, when I want to do do good (Tov, which means, when I want to function in the manner that YHVH created me to function, which is in total loving surrendered obedience to all the Words of His Torah of Life), evil is present with me. 22 For I Paul, **delight** in the Torah (Law) of Elohim after the inward man (in my soul): 23 But, I see **another Law** in my members (my flesh), warring against the Torah (Law) of my mind (my soul), and bringing me into captivity to the **LAW OF SIN** which is in my members (**my flesh**). 24 O wretched man that I am! **WHO** shall deliver me from the body of this death? 25 I thank Elohim through Messiah Yeshua our Master, So then with the mind (my soul) **I MYSELF SERVE THE LAW OF ELOHIM;** but with the flesh I serve the **LAW of Sin.***

As you can quite clearly see, by the text, Paul lived by, believed, followed and tried to the best of his ability to obey the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father on a daily basis, and, that he also taught the Words of the Torah to anyone and everyone that he met, therefore, when he says, **BE AS I AM, IT IS, OR SHOULD BE QUITE OBVIOUS** that Paul meant **BELIEVE AND DO ALL THINGS THAT ARE WRITTEN IN THE TORAH OF MOSHEH, AND THE PROPHETS, AS I DO.**

Paul continues, and he says, in the other half of *verse 12: for I am as you are: you have **NOT INJURED ME AT ALL.***

Paul is letting them know, that he is no different than they are, he too has to willingly choose to believe, follow and obey **WHAT** the Torah commands him to do, from a loving, surrendered contrite

and obedient heart, and that he **DOES NOT** get any special treatment from YHVH, for YHVH **IS NOT** a respecter of persons, for we are all equal in His eyes. Paul goes on to say, to these Galatians, you have **NOT** harmed nor injured me, at all, by your sinful, Torahless behaviour, but you **ARE** indeed harming yourselves, for Scripture emphatically states that believing, following and obeying the Words of the Torah of YHVH **IS LIFE TO US, and it is what sets us FREE, from our sinful ways.**

*Verse 13 You know how through infirmity of the flesh, I Paul, preached the Gospel (YHVH's TRUTH, Ephesians 1:13) unto you at the first. 14 And my temptation (the condition) which was in my flesh you DID NOT DESPISE, NOR REJECT; BUT you received me as an angel of Elohim, even as Messiah Yeshua.*

Paul is telling us, that even though he had a physical ailment, which we are led to believe later on, in these verses, was his poor eyesight, **IT DID NOT CAUSE** these Galatians to doubt him or any of his teachings of the Torah of Mosheh, **BUT** that instead, they chose to treat him as a messenger who had come directly from Elohim, and in some cases, they even treated him as they treated Messiah, with awe, respect and reverence.

*Verse 15 Where is then the blessedness you spoke of? For I bear you record, that, IF IT HAD BEEN POSSIBLE, YOU would have plucked out your own eyes, and have given them to me.*

Here Paul chastises these Galatians for the fact that they have turned away from the Words of inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions of YHVH, the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, and he says, that at one point, these Galatians, were so enthralled with the teaching of the Torah that Paul was teaching them, that they thought of him as Messiah, and therefore, they would have done just about anything to help Paul continue to preach and teach the Word of YHVH. Paul says that **IF IT WERE POSSIBLE, YOU**, meaning the Galatians, would have gladly given me, your own eyes, to replace my **POOR EYESIGHT**, so that I Paul, could continue to teach the inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions of YHVH, the Words of His Torah of Life to you.

*Verse 16 Am I therefore, BECOME your enemy, because I tell you the TRUTH?*

Paul has now confronted these Galatians with the fact that they have **NOW** walked away from following and obeying the Words of the Torah of Mosheh, that he taught them, and have returned to their **weak and beggarly past pagan ways**, their past pagan doctrines, and Paul asks them, **AM I NOW your ENEMY, because I tell you the TRUTH, AM I NOW YOUR ENEMY BECAUSE I AM TELLING YOU THAT YOU HAVE CHOSEN THE WRONG PATH BY RETURNING TO YOUR PAST MAN MADE PAGAN WEAK and BEGGARLY WAYS, RATHER THAN STAYING ON THE PATH THAT I HAVE TAUGHT YOU, YHVH's PATH OF RIGHTEOUSNESS**, which is, obeying the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life?

We too have to realize, that just like in the times of Abraham, Yitzchaq, Ya'aqov, Mosheh, David's, and yes, even in Paul's time, the Torah of Mosheh **WAS, AND STILL IS IN FULL FORCE TODAY**, and we are Commanded by an eternal and everlasting Commandment from our heavenly Father, **TO BELIEVE, FOLLOW, AND OBEY ALL THE WORDS OF THE TORAH OF**

**MOSHEH**, exactly as it was given to Mosheh on Mount Sinai, **WITHOUT ADDING ANYTHING TO IT, NOR TAKING ANYTHING AWAY FROM IT.**

Verse 17 **THEY** zealously affect you, **BUT NOT WELL**; yea, **THEY** would **exclude** you, that you might affect them.

The **THEY**, that Paul is talking about here, **ARE** the Judaizers that believed and taught that a person **HAS TO KEEP** the Torah to be saved. And when they, the Judaizers saw, that you Galatians, chose to walk in obedience to the Words of the Torah of Mosheh, that I have taught you, then, they purposely excluded you from their ranks, because, **they are afraid, that YOU will somehow affect them**, which means, that these Judaizers **ARE afraid of the Truth**, that I Paul have taught you. But their **rejection of you**, because you chose to walk in obedience to the Words and the Ways of the Torah of Mosheh that I taught you, **should NOT** cause you Galatians to feel that you should **RETURN** to your past, weak and beggarly pagan ways.

Paul then says in verse 18:

But **IT IS** good to be zealously affected always **IN A GOOD THING**, and not only when I am present with you. 19 My little children, of whom I again travail until Messiah, the Living Torah **BE FORMED IN YOU.**

Here we see that Paul tells these Galatians that **IT IS GOOD** to be zealous **IN A GOOD THING**. In Hebrew the word **GOOD**, as I mentioned above, is the word **TOV**, טוב, which does indeed mean good, but it has a much more profound meaning, it means, functioning in the manner that YHVH created it or us to function, and the word **THING** is the word Davar, דָּבָר, which means, **WORD, MATTER, THING**, and since Paul **IS** a Torah scholar, we can rest assured that when he spoke these words, when he said **IT IS GOOD**, he meant that it was good that they are functioning in the manner that YHVH wanted them and us to function, when anyone zealously chooses **to believe, follow, obey and DO** His Word, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life.

Paul goes on to say, that he is in travail for these believers in Galatia, until Messiah **IS FORMED IN THEM**. To comprehend the full extent of what Paul is teaching us here, we have to understand that Messiah, who **IS** the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, **HAD NOT YET BEEN FULLY FORMED IN THEM**, which in turn means, that they had **NOT YET LEARNED, TO FULLY TRUST IN YHVH, NOR** had they **FULLY** surrendered their hearts, minds, souls and strength in loving surrendered obedience to the Words of the Living Torah, made flesh, YHVH's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, our Messiah, which is what it means **TO HAVE MESSIAH, THE WORDS OF THE LIVING TORAH FORMED IN YOU.**

Verse 20 I desire to be present with you now, and to change my voice;

In his letter to the Galatians, Paul has harsh comments for what many of these Galatians have been doing, by returning to the **weak and beggarly elements of their past pagan belief system**, and he says, that he would rather be present with them, so that he could see them face to face, and convince them once again, that the only Path that they **SHOULD BE** choosing to follow and walk on, **IS** the Path of total loving surrendered obedience to the Father's Righteousness, the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life.

Then Paul expresses his concerns about these Galatians, *verse 20 continued*, **FOR I STAND IN DOUBT OF YOU. 21 Tell me, you that desire to be UNDER THE LAW, do you NOT HEAR** (do you **NOT** shemah, hear, listen, understand, believe, follow, Obey and **DO**) *the Law, the Torah?*

Part of the problem in Galatia, is that the Judaizers who believed and preached the **FALSE** teaching that a person absolutely had to keep, follow and obey the Torah **to be saved**, had somehow deceived these Galatians into believing, that what Paul was teaching them, was **FALSE**, and that is why, Paul is concerned, and even furious with these Galatians, for being so easily deceived by the Judaizers' **FALSE** man made **DOCTRINE**.

Paul says, **YOU**, that believe you actually need to **KEEP** the Law to be saved, do you **NOT HEAR**, do you Shema the Torah. As I have said many times before, we have to understand that Paul **IS** a Torah Scholar, and as a Torah Scholar, he **IS** a master communicator, and when he asks these Galatians the question, do you **NOT HEAR** the Torah, he has a very specific meaning in mind that he wants to convey to these Galatians, and to us. Therefore, to understand what Paul is teaching them and us, we have to go to the Hebrew language, where, what Paul says, will indeed shed light on what he is instructing these Galatians and us to do, by the words that he is speaking here.

When Paul uses the words **DO YOU NOT HEAR THE TORAH, THE LAW**, he is giving these Galatians and us a very specific message. The word **HEAR** is the Hebrew word Shema, שמע, which means, to hear, listen, pay very close attention to, understand, believe, follow, Obey and **DO** what the Torah of Mosheh tells you to do?

What does the Torah of Mosheh tell us to do? Well, one of the many places in the Torah that gives us an answer to that question **IS** in the *verses* that are called the Shemah, which is found in

*Deuteronomy 6:4-25 where it says:*

*Hear, O Yisrael: YHVH our Elohim, YHVH is **ONE**: And you shall **LOVE** YHVH your Elohim with **ALL** your heart, and with **ALL** your soul, and with **ALL** your might. And these **WORDS**, which I Mosheh command you this day, the Words of this Torah, shall be in your heart: And **you shall teach them** diligently unto your **children**, and **shall talk of them WHEN** you sit in your house, and **WHEN** you walk by the way, and **WHEN** you lie down, and **WHEN** you rise up. And you **SHALL BIND THEM** as a **SIGN** upon your hand, and they **SHALL** be as frontlets between your eyes. And you shall write them (the Words of YHVH Torah instructions) upon the posts of your house, and on your gates. And **IT SHALL BE**, when YHVH your Elohim **SHALL** have brought you into the land which He swore unto your fathers, to Abraham, to Yitzchaq and to Ya'aqov, to give you great and goodly cities, which you **DID NOT** build, And houses full of all good things, which you **DID NOT** fill, and wells, which you did **NOT** dig, vineyards and olive trees, which you did **NOT** plant; when you shall have eaten and be full; Then beware lest you **FORGET** YHVH, which brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. You **SHALL** fear YHVH your Elohim, and serve Him, and you **SHALL** swear by His Name. You shall **NOT** go after the gods of others, of the man made imaginary gods of the people which are round about you; (For YHVH your Elohim **IS** a jealous Elohim among you) lest the anger of YHVH your Elohim be kindled against you, and destroy you from off the face of the earth. You shall **NOT** tempt YHVH your Elohim, as you tempted Him in Massah. You **SHALL** diligently **KEEP** the Commandments (the Torah) of YHVH your Elohim, and His Testimonies, and His Statutes, which He has Commanded you. And you **SHALL** do that which*

**IS RIGHT AND GOOD IN THE SIGHT OF YHVH:** that **IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU**, and that you may go in and **POSSESS** the good land which YHVH swore unto your fathers, To **CAST OUT ALL YOUR ENEMIES FROM BEFORE YOU**, as YHVH has spoken. And when your son asks you in time to come, saying, What do these Testimonies, and the Statutes, and the Judgments, mean, which YHVH our Elohim has Commanded you? Then you shall **SAY** unto your son, We were Pharaoh's bondmen in Egypt; and YHVH brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand: And YHVH showed signs and wonders, great and sore, upon Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon **ALL** his household, before our eyes: And He brought us out from there, **THAT HE MIGHT BRING US IN**, to give us the land which He swore unto our fathers. And YHVH **COMMANDED US TO DO ALL THESE STATUTES, TO FEAR YHVH OUR ELOHIM, FOR OUR GOOD ALWAYS** (so that we would function in the manner that He created us to function, in total loving surrendered obedience to the Words of His Torah of Life), that He might preserve us alive, **AS IT IS AT THIS DAY**. And **IT SHALL BE OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS, IF WE OBSERVE TO DO ALL THESE COMMANDMENTS, ALL OF HIS TORAH, BEFORE YHVH OUR ELOHIM, AS HE HAS COMMANDED US**.

Therefore, according to Scripture, we are to understand that when Paul says **DO YOU NOT HEAR THE TORAH, THE LAW**, that he is telling these Galatians and us, that we are to hear, listen, pay very close attention to, understand, believe follow and obey, what YHVH instructs us to do through the Words of His Torah of Life, where we are instructed that we are to first surrender our hearts, minds, souls and strength to YHVH in total loving surrendered obedience, and then, willingly and lovingly choose **to commit to believe, follow, keep and Obey**, the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of life, in the context of a surrendered loving obedient relationship to our heavenly Father.

In other words, **UNLESS are whole being is FULLY surrendered to YHVH**, and, unless we are in in a loving intimate relationship with Him, then we cannot **KEEP** the Torah of Mosheh in the manner that YHVH wants us to keep it, which is in loving surrendered obedience, **AND IF WE DO** choose to **TRY** and keep the Torah by and or through our own strength, the Torah itself tells us that we will fail.

*Deuteronomy 5:29-33 O that there were such a heart in My people Yisrael, that they would fear me, and **KEEP ALL** My Commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever! Now Mosheh, Go say to them, Get you into your tents again. But as for you Mosheh, stand you here by Me, and I will speak unto you **ALL** the Commandments, and the Statutes, and the Judgments, which you Mosheh **SHALL teach Yisrael, THAT THEY MAY DO THEM** in the land which I give them to possess it. You shall therefore **observe and DO exactly as YHVH your Elohim has Commanded you: you SHALL NOT** turn aside to the right hand or to the left. You **SHALL walk in ALL the WAYS, the Torah, which YHVH your Elohim has Commanded you, THAT YOU MAY LIVE**, and that it may be well with you, and that you **MAY** prolong your days in the land which you shall possess.*

*Deuteronomy 10:12-13 And now, Yisrael, what does YHVH your Elohim require of you, **BUT** to fear YHVH your Elohim, (the fear of YHVH **IS** the Beginning of Wisdom) to **WALK IN ALL HIS WAYS, His Torah of Life, and to LOVE HIM, and to SERVE YHVH your Elohim with ALL YOUR LOVING HEART and with ALL YOUR SOUL, TO KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS OF YHVH, and His Statutes, which I Command you this day for your GOOD?***

As I mentioned many times before, the word **GOOD** is the Hebrew word **TOV**, therefore YHVH is telling us that we are to keep the Commandments of YHVH for our **TOV**, our own good. This Hebrew word **Tov**, as I mentioned many times before, means to **function** in the manner that YHVH created us to **function**, therefore YHVH has Commanded us to **KEEP** His Torah, by and with a surrendered love for Him, and when we do that, it will cause us to **FUNCTION** in the manner that He has created all of us to function, which is, in a surrendered loving obedient manner to all the Words of His Torah of Life, because He knows that when we choose to **FUNCTION** in that manner, **IT WILL BE LIFE TO US, EVERLASTING LIFE.**

*Verse 22 For **IT IS WRITTEN**, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a free woman. 23 But he (Ishmael) who was of the bondwoman **was born after the flesh** (because Abraham and Sarah plotted to help Elohim, since they did **NOT** believe nor trust that YHVH would fulfill His promise of giving them a son); but he, of the free woman (Yitzchaq) **WAS BY PROMISE** (YHVH did fulfill His promise in His timing).*

Here we see that Paul uses the story of Abraham, Sarah and Hagar as an allegory, a fable, a parable to explain what he is trying to teach these Galatians.

*Verse 24 Which things are an allegory: For these, Sarah and Hagar represent the **TWO COVENANTS**;*

*One is from Mount Sinai, which genders to **bondage**, which is Hagar. 25 For this Hagar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answers to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children.*

What are the two Covenants that Paul is talking about? One of course **IS** the Covenant of Promise to Abraham, that YHVH made with Abram, a Covenant that states that he would provide a son for Abraham, that would be born from his own loins. **BUT WHAT IS** the second Covenant? In *Genesis 21:17-18 And Elohim heard the voice of the lad; and the messenger of Elohim called to Hagar out of heaven, and said unto her, What ails you, Hagar? Fear not; for Elohim **HAS HEARD THE VOICE OF THE LAD** where he is. Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him in your hand; for **I WILL MAKE HIM A GREAT NATION.*** The second Covenant **IS** the Covenant that YHVH made with Hagar and her son, where YHVH says that he will make her Son, Ishmael, a great nation.

Abraham and Sarah were given a promise by YHVH that Abraham would have a son that comes from his own loins, but, both Sarah and Abraham had been waiting a long time, at least twenty plus years, for this promise to be fulfilled, and **WHEN IT DID NOT HAPPEN IN THE TIME FRAME THAT THEY THOUGHT IT SHOULD HAPPEN**, they decided of their own accord, by their own strength and by the desire of their own flesh, to help Elohim, fulfill His promise. Therefore, Sarah offered Abraham her servant, Hagar, as a concubine or wife, so that she, Hagar, could conceive a child, that Sarah would then adopt as their own, and this son, that they schemed together to get, would, in their minds and heart, replace the son, the heir, that YHVH had promised them they would have. **IT IS** very obvious that both Sarah and Abraham **DID NOT TRUST** YHVH to fulfill His promise to them, and, that instead, they chose to rely on their own understanding, therefore they acted in and by their fleshly desire, to circumvent YHVH's promise, and a son was indeed born to Abraham, through Hagar, and that son through no fault of his own, is referred to, as the son of the flesh. Thirteen years or so later, in YHVH's timing, YHVH did indeed fulfill His promise to

Abraham and Sarah, and she did conceive and gave birth to Yitzchaq, who of course **IS THE SON THAT WAS PROMISED TO ABRAHAM AND SARAH BY YHVH**.

Now in this parable or allegory, the son of the bondmaid, which is Hagar, is portrayed as the son of bondage, which means that he is born out of Abraham and Sarah relying on their fleshly desires, and in doing so, they circumvented YHVH's promise. This means that they **DID NOT TRUST IN** YHVH's **PROMISE**, therefore they are compared to people that try to **KEEP** the Torah by their own strength, by their own fleshly desires, without being in a close, personal and intimate relationship with YHVH, **NOR** relying on any of His promises.

Furthermore it says in *verse 25 For this Hagar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answers to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children.*

Here Paul is saying that the bondwoman (the one that **IS IN BONDAGE**) is compared to Mount Sinai in Arabia, and answers to, or is the same as Jerusalem, **WHICH NOW IS**, and **IS** in **BONDAGE** with her children. Here we have to understand that it is Paul who is writing this letter to the Galatians, and at that time, Jerusalem and all the people of Yisrael were indeed, **in BONDAGE to, and controlled by the Romans**.

However, Sarah, the free woman is compared to the Jerusalem which **IS ABOVE AND FREE, NOT UNDER ANY KIND OF BONDAGE**.

*Verse 26 But Jerusalem which is above IS FREE, which is the mother of us all.*

What is the Jerusalem that is above?

*Revelation 20:10-12 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me that great city, **the Holy Jerusalem**, descending out of heaven from Elohim, Having the glory of Elohim: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal; And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Yisrael:*

*Revelation 21:23-27 And the city the **New Jerusalem**, had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of Elohim did lighten it, and **THE LAMB IS THE LIGHT THEREOF**. And the nations of them which are **SAVED** shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. And the gates of it **SHALL NOT BE SHUT** at all by day: for **there shall be NO night there**. And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it. And there shall **NOT**, in any way, enter into it, any thing that **Defiles**, neither whatsoever **Works Abomination, or makes a Lie: BUT THEY WHICH ARE WRITTEN IN THE LAMB'S BOOK OF LIFE**.*

What does Paul mean when he says: the Jerusalem that **IS ABOVE IS FREE**? Well, as always, it is better to seek the answer to any question that we have about Scripture, in the Word of Elohim, in Scripture itself, for therein, are found all the answers. Let us read what it says in *John 8:32 And you shall know, Yadah the TRUTH, the Torah (Psalm 119:142), and the TRUTH, the Torah, SHALL MAKE YOU FREE*.

This *verse* alone **IS NOT ENOUGH** to tell us what it means to be **FREE**, for we have to **KNOW** what the word **TRUTH** means since **IT IS BY KNOWING THE TRUTH** that we will **EXPERIENCE FREEDOM**.

Again let us go to Scripture,

*Psalm 119:142 Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and Your Torah, (Law) IS THE TRUTH.*

*John 17:17 Sanctify them through Your TRUTH: Your Word IS TRUTH.*

*Ephesians 1:13 In whom you also trusted, after that you heard THE WORD OF TRUTH, THE GOSPEL OF YOUR SALVATION: in whom also after that you believed, you were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise.*

As you can see, the word **TRUTH**, quite clearly means, The Torah of YHVH, His inerrant and everlasting Word, which was preached in the form of the Gospel of Messiah.

Therefore, the Jerusalem that is above and that **IS FREE, IS** the Jerusalem that **BELIEVES, FOLLOWS, AND OBEYS ALL** the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life that He gave to Mosheh at Mount Sinai.

*Verse 27 For IT IS written, Rejoice, you barren that does NOT BEAR; break forth and cry, you that does NOT travail:*

**WHY?**

*For the desolate has many more children than she which has a husband.*

Here Paul is quoting what is said in *Isaiah 54:1-8 Sing, O barren, you that didst NOT BEAR; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, you that did NOT travail with child: for, more are the children of the DESOLATE than the children of the married wife, says YHVH. Enlarge the place of your tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of your habitations: spare not, lengthen your cords, and strengthen your stakes; For YOU (the Married Wife) SHALL BREAK FORTH on the right hand and on the left; and YOUR SEED (Your children) SHALL INHERIT THE GENTILES, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited. Fear not; for you SHALL NOT BE ASHAMED: neither be you confounded; for YOU SHALL NOT BE PUT TO SHAME: for YOU SHALL forget the shame of your youth, and SHALL NOT REMEMBER (Zakar, speak and act on behalf of) the reproach of your widowhood any more. For your Maker IS your husband; YHVH of hosts IS HIS NAME; and your Redeemer, the Holy One of Yisrael; The Elohim of the whole earth, shall He be called. For YHVH has called YOU as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, and a wife of youth, when you were refused, says your Elohim. For a small moment have I forsaken you (because of your transgressions, your Torahlessness); BUT, with great mercies WILL I GATHER YOU. In a little wrath I hid My face from you FOR A MOMENT; BUT with everlasting kindness I WILL HAVE MERCY ON YOU, says YHVH your Redeemer.*

Compare what is said here to what Messiah says in *Matthew 7:13:*

*Enter you in at the strait gate:*

**WHY?**

*For wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leads to DESTRUCTION, and many there are, who will go in thereat: 14 Because Strait is the Gate, and NARROW is the Way, WHICH LEADS*

**UNTO LIFE, and there are FEW that find it. 15 Beware of false prophets, (men preaching and or teaching any man made religious or secular doctrines) which come to you in sheep's clothing, BUT inwardly, they are ravening wolves.**

This tells me that the large number of children of the desolate woman that was **NOT** married to Yeshua, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, **ARE** the ones that will enter at the wide gate, and the broad way, that leads to destruction, the Way that leads to being sent onto the second death on Judgement Day.

In Scripture, we are told that there are two seeds, the seed of the woman, which represents Yisrael, who **ARE**, the choosing people of Elohim, and the seed of the serpent, which is the rest of the people of the world, who choose to live by their own understanding, their own man made religious or secular doctrines, their own strength, which **ARE** totally void of any type of relationship with our heavenly Father or His Son, who Scripture describes **AS**, the Words of our heavenly Father made flesh.

Therefore, YHVH says, that the barren woman **IS TO REJOICE, BECAUSE** she has a husband, and that husband **IS Messiah**, and the seed that will come forth from their union, from **YOU**, His bride, **will inherit the Gentiles**, which means, that the gentiles will serve **You**, because you **ARE** the Bride of Messiah, and that **IS WHY SHE IS TO REJOICE, BUT** the other woman, the desolate one, cannot rejoice even though she has many children, because she **IS NOT** married, she is only a mistress under bondage to her master, the prince of the power of the air, satan, and her children will perish with her.

*Verse 28 Now we, brethren, ARE as Yitzchaq was, WE ARE THE CHILDREN OF PROMISE. 29 But as then (so it is today) he that was born after the flesh PERSECUTED him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now.*

In Scripture we are told that after Yitzchaq was born, Ishmael bullied and mistreated his little brother Yitzchaq, and Sarah, Yitzchaq's mother, insisted that Abraham **CAST OUT** Hagar and Ishmael from their camp, because, Sarah, who represents the seed of the woman, **SAID** that Ishmael, who represents the seed of the serpent, and is a metaphor for everyone that **DOES NOT** have a personal and intimate relationship with the Creator of the universe, **SHALL NOT BE AN HEIR WITH THE SON OF PROMISE, HE SHALL NOT BE AN HEIR** with those that have willingly and lovingly **CHOSEN** to be in a close, intimate and personal loving relationship with the Creator of the universe.

Furthermore it says, that he, that was born **after the flesh** (Ishmael) **persecuted** him that was born after the Spirit, and Paul says, that it was the same for him and his followers in his days, which means, that Paul and his followers were also **persecuted** by the descendants of Ishmael, which simply describes, people that have the same rebellious spirit that Ismael had. Furthermore, I can personally attest to the fact, that the very same thing is happening to us today, we, who have chosen to walk in loving surrendered obedience to the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, are also shunned, by many, many people, **AND**, in many places in the world, the people that profess to believe in and follow the Elohim of Abraham, Yitzchaq and Ya'aqov, that would be Christianity and Judaism **ARE INDEED** persecuted, and I am sad to say, that this persecution, will continue, until the return of Messiah, who **WILL** set all things straight

*Verse 30 Nevertheless what says the Scripture? **CAST OUT THE BONDWOMAN AND HER SON: for the son of the bondwoman SHALL NOT BE HEIR WITH THE SON OF THE FREE WOMAN. 31 So then, brethren, WE ARE NOT CHILDREN OF THE BONDWOMAN, BUT OF THE FREE.***

Rejoice therefore my friends, **YOU**, who have willingly chosen to lovingly surrender your hearts, minds, souls and strength to our heavenly Father, in total loving surrendered obedience to **ALL** the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life made flesh, our Messiah, **FOR WE ARE NOT CHILDREN OF THE BONDWOMAN, BUT WE ARE CHILDREN OF THE FREE WOMAN, WE ARE CHILDREN of the LIVING ELOHIM, AND the Bride of Messiah.** Amein

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*Have a great Elohim blessed week and may YHVH bless your every thought,  
and your every deed. Shalom Alechem. Amein*