



Firm Foundation?

Truth about the Torah

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In 1173 construction began on a building that would later receive worldwide attention. A foundation was laid and workers started to labor with the best marble. As the eight-story structure was being completed several architects began to notice a slight problem. Somehow, this beautiful bell tower in Italy seemed to lean just a few inches. Precautions would have to be taken to stop this monument from falling. Today the "Leaning Tower of Pisa" tower stands tall and slanted as a sign to the world about the importance of a well-built and secure foundation.

The Messiah spoke of this concept through a parable about a wise man that built his house upon a rock in Matthew 7:24-27. The rains came down, the floods went up, and only the house on the rock stood firm. If a bad foundation can cause a building of solid stone to crumble, then surely having a bad spiritual foundation can cause a believer to fall.

The scriptures are clear that a person's spiritual walk should be based upon the first five books of the Bible. These are the teachings of Moses upon which the whole of the Bible is built. They were not replaced with the Gospels and the Messiah did not do away with these teachings. 2 Timothy 2:19a, "A solid foundation stands firm."

Many Christians start their faith by turning directly to the middle of the Bible for instruction and inspiration. New believers begin reading the Gospels without any prior knowledge of what is required of man or how the Most High relates to humanity. Without Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy it is impossible to correctly understand the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

Suppose a person walks into an Algebra class with no prior knowledge of math. The teacher starts the class by instructing everyone to turn to the middle of the book. The new student would be lost. Well, that is exactly what happens when people lay a foundation of the New Testament without

knowledge and understanding of the Old Testament teachings and way of life.

In Hebrew, the first five books of the Bible are called the "Torah." Torah is often translated as "law" in most English Bibles but the word actually means "teaching and instruction." Torah is more like an instruction manual than a rulebook. Found within the Torah is a blueprint for living, with information on pretty much every part of life, from what to eat, to how to dress, and when to worship. The Torah is the revelation of the Creator's eternal will for mankind. It is the Bible the Savior read and used.

The Messiah based His complete life and ministry on the Torah. He did not violate, negate, nor abolish it. "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. 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," Matthew 5:17 & 18. The issue seems pretty plain doesn't it? Heaven and earth are still here, so the Law/Torah must be too! What was wrong to do during the times of Moses is still wrong. What was commanded during the time Moses is still commanded today. The Torah is the true foundation for the Biblical faith. To learn more about the Torah visit www.emetministries.com.