

# Torah's Tree



Does the Law of Moses  
have any relevance to your life  
and faith?



**Galatians 2: 19** “For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God.



**Matthew 5: 21** “You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘You shall not murder...

**Matthew 19: 17** If you want to enter life, **keep the commandments**...21 Jesus answered, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”





**Matthew 14: 26** When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, **they were terrified.** “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear.

To understand the value of the  
Law, God must be terrifying to  
us.

True faith is accepting a  
terrifying God and still  
worshipping Him alone.

**Matthew 14: 33** Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “**Truly** you are the Son of God.”



**Exodus 19:** 16 On the morning of the third day there was thunder and lightning, with a thick cloud over the mountain, and a very loud trumpet blast. Everyone in the camp trembled. 17 Then Moses led the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. 18 Mount Sinai was covered with smoke, because the Lord descended on it in fire.

**Exodus 19:** The smoke billowed up from it like smoke from a furnace, and the whole mountain trembled violently. 19 As the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke and the voice of God answered him.

**Exodus 20:** 18 When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, **they trembled with fear.** They stayed at a distance 19 and said to Moses, “Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or **we will die.**”



**Exodus 20: 20** Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you **to keep you from sinning.**”

**Exodus 32:** 2 Aaron answered them, “Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me.” 3 So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron. 4 He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a **calf**, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, “**These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.**”





Idols are created

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when God becomes too terrifying.

**Jeremiah 10:** Hear what the Lord says to you,  
people of Israel. 2 This is what the Lord says:

“Do not learn the ways of the nations  
or be terrified by signs in the heavens,  
though the nations are terrified by them.  
3 For the practices of the peoples are worthless;  
they cut a tree out of the forest,  
and a craftsman shapes it with his chisel.

**Jeremiah 10: 4** They adorn it with silver and gold;  
they fasten it with hammer and nails  
so it will not totter.

5 Like a scarecrow in a cucumber field,  
their idols cannot speak;  
they must be carried  
because they cannot walk.

Do not **fear them**;  
they can do no harm  
**nor can they do any good.”**

**Exodus 20:** 1 And God spoke all these words:

2 “I am the Lord your God, **who brought you out of Egypt**, out of the land of slavery.





**Foundational Element of the Law:**  
God is terrifying and is worthy of  
our worship.



**Genesis 2: 16** And the Lord God **commanded** the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; **17** but **you must not** eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”

God gave the 10 Commandments

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for the same reason He gave the

Garden commandments

**Foundational Element of the Law:**

**Humanity is NOT God.**

Keeping the Law is not just about  
doing the right thing.

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It's an invitation to reside with God  
in Paradise (Eden).





**Sin is missing the target...**

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of what it means to be truly  
human.

“Sin” – missing the target

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“Torah” – to hit the target



# Foundational Element of the Law:

Keeping the Law expresses our love for God and allows us to receive love from God.

God wants more than a casual relationship. He wants an **intimate** one.

**Exodus 6: 7** I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God.

**John 14: 15** “If you love me, keep my commands.”





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