



KINGDOM EMBASSY MINISTRIES

Remembering our Roots. Restoring Authority. Maturing Disciples. Advancing the Kingdom.

Portion:

SCRIPTURES

- Romans 7:1-12
- John 8:2-12
- Jeremiah 17:5-13
- Deut. 17:2-6; 19:15-20

Title:

THE OPERATING SYSTEM OF CREATION

- Until Death Do Us Part
- The iOS and its APPS
- Case Law: The Law in Action

SEED:

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FRUIT:

"...**I would not have known sin except through the law...**" Romans 7:7 NKJV

"...For **apart from the law sin was dead**." Romans 7:8 NKJV

"For **sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me**, and by it **killed me**." Romans 7:11 NKJV

INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S MESSAGE:

It's all a matter of perspective. As the years of life pass, certain things come into focus much more so than when you are younger. It's a strange phenomenon, but as your natural eyes fail and the world around you begins to blur, your spiritual eyes sharpen, simultaneously coming into focus. To take advantage of this phenomenon you have to let go! Might this be an uplifting word, a Holy Spirit boost to your spiritual engine. Let go! Yes, it's often easier to let go as you age both naturally and spiritually because humility settles in. But consider this, no matter what age you are right now, and no matter how advanced in the faith, this one thing is true. At this very moment, you are the youngest you will ever be for the rest of your life; yes, at this very moment, and at this moment, and again at this moment.

And may this unrelenting truth inspire a shift in perspective. Everything the Father does, everything He orders, is for our good as His children. It's easy to inherit the beliefs of those who went before us, but that can be both a blessing and a trap. Each generation must be willing to evaluate what came before them and decide if what they inherited is good seed or has it been genetically altered.

For instance, Y'shua was the great Rabbi who specialized in shifting perspectives. "You've heard is said, but I tell you..." was paramount as He became the inflection point in human history. His audience had inherited certain lies and He was there to help them pivot. "I did not come to abolish the law, but to

elaborate on it, so all could see the fullness of it.” God’s law is the operating system of creation, the fabric of the universe. You can see it as oppressive and death defining, or you can take on a whole new perspective; the law is spiritual; the law is holy; the law is just; and the law is good. “You’ve heard is said, ‘What is good has become death to me.’ But I say, ‘When the infection of sin in your blood is exposed by God’s operating system, a simple shift in perspective will show you that this is God’s way of saving your life, not His oppressive design to kill you!’” It’s all a matter of perspective.

UNTIL DEATH DO US PART

1. The Law! What Law?

A. Why does this application of the law logically follow the teachings of chapter six?

(1) Hint from Chapter 6: *“For he who **has died** has been **freed from sin**.”* (Romans 6:7) Death of the old man, of sin, and of our marriage to Satan.

(a) Don’t you know!

1. *“Or do you not know, brethren (for I speak to those who know the law), that **the law has dominion** over a man **as long as he lives?**”* Romans 7:1 NKJV
2. *“Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless; and consider that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation—as **also our beloved brother Paul**, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you, as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, **in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction**, as they do also the rest of the **Scriptures**.”* II Peter 3:14-16 NKJV

B. Bound by THE Law “until death do us part!”

(1) What Law?

(a) Who dies?

1. *“For the woman **who has a husband** is **bound by the law** to her husband as long as **he lives**. But **if the husband dies**, she is **released from the law** of her husband.”* Romans 7:2 NKJV

(b) Let NOT MAN separate!

1. *“The Pharisees came and asked Him, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” testing Him. And He answered and said to them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce [Deut. 24:1], and to dismiss her.” And Jesus answered and said to them, “Because of the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept. **But from the beginning of the creation, God ‘made them male and female.’ ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.**”* In the house His

disciples also asked Him again about the same matter. So He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." Mark 10:2-12 NKJV

(c) Look also at what Paul says elsewhere when he is giving specific advice about marriage.

1. "A wife **is bound by law as long as her husband lives**; but **if her husband dies**, she is **at liberty to be married** to whom she wishes, **only in the Lord**." (I Corinthians 7:39)

(2) THAT law!

(a) Adulteress or Not an Adulteress?

1. "So then **if, while her husband lives, she marries another** man, she will be **called an adulteress**; but **if her husband dies**, she is **free from that law**, so that she is **no adulteress**, though she **has married another man**." Romans 7:3 NKJV

C. The Legal Release

(1) Dead to the Law

(a) A specific clause in a specific law has been activated!

1. "Therefore, my brethren, **you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ**, that you may **be married to another**—to Him who was raised from the dead, **that we should bear fruit to God**." Romans 7:4 NKJV
2. *"In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and WITHOUT THE SHEDDING OF BLOOD THERE IS NO FORGIVENESS." (Hebrews 9:22 NIV) "For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; IT IS THE BLOOD THAT MAKES ATONEMENT FOR ONE'S LIFE." (Leviticus 17:11 NIV)*

(2) You were never single!

(a) You were held by or married to sin and Satan.

1. "For when we were **in the flesh**, the **sinful passions** which were **aroused by the law** were at work in our members to **bear fruit to death**. But now we have been **delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by**, so that we should **serve in the newness of the Spirit** and **not in the oldness of the letter**." Romans 7:5-6 NKJV
2. *"But God be thanked that though **you were slaves of [married to] sin**, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. And having been **set free from sin [freed from marriage to sin]**, you became slaves of righteousness. For when you were **slaves of [married to] sin**, you were free in regard to righteousness. But now having been **set free from sin [freed from marriage to sin]**, and having become **slaves of [married to] God**, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.*
" Romans 6:17-18, 20, 22 NKJV

3. *"Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be **dead indeed to sin**, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord."* Romans 6:11 NKJV

THE tOS AND ITS APPS

2. tOS: Torah Operating System and Applications

A. You cannot delete (format) the OS. The APPS simply won't function. Apps can't run on their own.

(1) Paul was not referring to the whole law in verses 1-6—just one specific law as an object lesson!

(a) As he so often does, Paul takes pause to insure his readers DO NOT misconstrue what he just said.

1. "What shall we say then? **Is the law sin?** Certainly not! On the contrary, **I would not have known sin except through the law.** For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, "You shall not covet."" Romans 7:7 NKJV

2. *"Then He said to them, "Therefore **every scribe instructed concerning the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure things new and old.**"*

" Matthew 13:52 NKJV

B. Paul used clarifying questions each time he predicted his readers might misconstrue what he was saying!

(1) Ten times in Romans a leading question is asked for a dramatic effect to make a point

(a) Then Paul answers them for us with an emphatic, **"Certainly not!"**

1. "For what if some did not believe? **Will their unbelief make the faithfulness of God without effect? Certainly not!** Indeed, let God be true but every man a liar. As it is written: "That You may be justified in Your words, And may overcome when You are judged."" Romans 3:3-4 NKJV

2. **"Is God unjust** who inflicts wrath? (I speak as a man.) **Certainly not!**" Romans 3:5 NKJV

3. **"Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not!** On the contrary, we establish the law." Romans 3:31 NKJV

4. **"Shall we continue in sin** that grace may abound? **Certainly not!**" Romans 6:1 NKJV

5. **"Shall we sin** because we are not under law but under grace? **Certainly not!**" Romans 6:15 NKJV

6. **"What shall we say then?** Is the law sin? **Certainly not!**" Romans 7:7 NKJV

7. **"Has then what is good** become death to me? **Certainly not!**" Romans 7:13 NKJV

8. **"What shall we say then?** Is there unrighteousness with God? **Certainly not!**" Romans 9:14 NKJV

9. "I say then, **has God cast away His people? Certainly not!**" Romans 11:1 NKJV

10. "I say then, **have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not!**" Romans 11:11 NKJV

C. Is the law obsolete?

(1) Misinterpretation

(a) You'd be dreadfully wrong.

1. *"For as many as have **sinned without law will also perish without law**, and as many as have **sinned in the law will be judged by the law**."* Romans 2:12 NKJV
2. *"Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for **by the law is the knowledge of sin**."* Romans 3:20 NKJV
3. *"Sin is Lawlessness."* I John 3:4 NKJV
4. *"**Your word** I have hidden in my heart, **that I might not sin** against You."* Psalms 119:11 NKJV
5. *"The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork."
" Psalms 19:1 NKJV (see all Psalms 19)*
6. *"Uphold me according to Your word, **that I may live**; And do not let me be ashamed of my hope."* Psalms 119:116 NKJV
7. *"**The entirety of Your word is truth**, And every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever."* Psalms 119:160 NKJV

CASE LAW: THE LAW IN ACTION

3. Object Lesson

A. The Perfect Case

(1) In one such "legal case" in which a woman is being accused of adultery (John 8:1-12), Y'shua applies the Law (the legal operating system) to release her.

(a) Just imagine the scene!

1. *"Now early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people came to Him; and He sat down and taught them. Then the scribes and Pharisees **brought to Him a woman caught in adultery**. And when they had set her in the midst, they said to Him, "Teacher, **this woman was caught in adultery**, in the very act. Now Moses, in **the law, commanded us that such should be stoned**. But what do You say?" This they said, testing Him, that they might have something of which to accuse Him. **But Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with His finger**, as though He did not hear. So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up and said to them, "**He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first**." And **again He stooped down and wrote on the ground**. Then those who heard it, being **convicted by their conscience, went out one by one**, beginning with the oldest even to the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, "**Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one***

condemned you?" She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more." Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "**I am the light of the world.** He who follows Me **shall not walk in darkness**, but have the light of life.'" John 8:2-12 NKJV

2. "**Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets.** I did not come to destroy but to fulfill." Matthew 5:17 NKJV

(b) What did Y'shua write on the ground?

1. "O Lord, the hope of Israel, All who forsake You shall be ashamed. "**Those who depart from Me Shall be written in the earth**, Because they have forsaken the Lord, The fountain of living waters.'" Jeremiah 17:13 NKJV
2. "Thus says the Lord: "**Cursed is the man who trusts in man And makes flesh his strength, Whose heart departs from the Lord.** For he shall be like a shrub in the desert, And shall not see when good comes, But shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, In a salt land which is not inhabited. "Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, And whose hope is the Lord. For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, Which spreads out its roots by the river, And will not fear when heat comes; But its leaf will be green, And will not be anxious in the year of drought, Nor will cease from yielding fruit. "**The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it? I, the Lord, search the heart, I test the mind, Even to give every man according to his ways, According to the fruit of his doings.**" Jeremiah 17:5-10 NKJV

(c) "Where are your accusers?" The law requires at least two witnesses.

1. "Whoever is deserving of death shall be put to death on the testimony of **two or three witnesses**; he shall not be put to death on the testimony of one witness." Deuteronomy 17:6 NKJV
2. "If there is found among you, within any of your gates which the Lord your God gives you, **a man or a woman who has been wicked in the sight of the Lord** your God, **in transgressing His covenant**, who has gone and served other gods and worshiped them, either the sun or moon or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded, and it is told you, and you hear of it, then you shall inquire diligently. And if it is indeed true and certain that such an abomination has been committed in Israel, **then you shall bring out to your gates that man or woman who has committed that wicked thing, and shall stone to death that man or woman with stones.**" Deuteronomy 17:2-5 NKJV

(d) Note: this is NOT just an Old Testament Mandate

1. "This will be the third time I am coming to you. "**By the mouth of two or three witnesses every word shall be established.**" II Corinthians 13:1 NKJV

2. "“Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that **‘by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.’**“ Matthew 18:15-16 NKJV
 3. "Do not receive an accusation against an elder **except from two or three witnesses.**“ I Timothy 5:19 NKJV
 4. "For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. **Anyone who has rejected Moses’ law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. Of how much worse punishment**, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has **trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?**“ Hebrews 10:26-29 NKJV
- (e) *“Where is the man?”* The law requires both parties to be present?
1. "“The man who commits adultery with another man’s wife, he who commits adultery with his neighbor’s wife, **the adulterer and the adulteress, shall surely be put to death.**“ Leviticus 20:10 NKJV
- (f) Penalty for false witnesses
1. "“One witness shall not rise against a man concerning any iniquity or any sin that he commits; **by the mouth of two or three witnesses the matter shall be established.** If a **false witness** rises against any man to testify against him of wrongdoing, then both men in the controversy shall stand before the Lord, before the priests and the judges who serve in those days. And the judges shall make careful inquiry, and indeed, **if the witness is a false witness, who has testified falsely against his brother, then you shall do to him as he thought to have done to his brother;** so you shall put away the evil from among you. And **those who remain shall hear and fear, and hereafter they shall not again commit such evil** among you.” Deuteronomy 19:15-20 NKJV
- (g) Y’shua did not nullify or change the Law, He applied it!
1. *“Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. **I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.** For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, **one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.**”* Matthew 5:17-18 NKJV
 2. And that is precisely why Paul begins Romans 7 with this mandate: *“Or do you not know, brethren (for **I speak to those who know the law**), that the law has dominion over a man as long as he lives?”* (Romans 7:1)
- (h) You are charged with doing the same!

1. *"Do we then **make void the law through faith?** Certainly not! On the contrary, **we establish the law.**"* Romans 3:31 NKJV

B. Proper Perspectives (back to Romans 7)

- (1) Paul shifts back to teaching how the entirety of the law is the Operating System of Creation
 - (a) The law was meant to produce a clearly defined result!
 1. *"But sin, **taking opportunity** by the commandment, **produced in me** all manner of **evil desire**. For **apart from the law sin was dead**. I was alive once without the law, but when the commandment came, **sin revived and I died**. And the commandment, which was to bring life, **I found to bring death**. For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, **deceived me**, and by it **killed me**."* Romans 7:8-11 NKJV
 2. *"If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And **its desire is for you, but you should rule over it**."* Genesis 4:7 NKJV
 - (2) The law without faith is death. Yet, faith without the law is unnecessary.
 - (a) If you have no law, you have no sin; if you have no sin, you have no death; if you have no death, you need no Savior. And...
 1. *"Therefore the **law is holy**, and the commandment **holy** and **just** and **good**."* Romans 7:12 NKJV

C. What makes the law, the operating system of creation, holy and just and good?

- (1) Again, think about it...
 - (a) Sin is defined by the law; if there is no law, there is no sin, and if there is no sin, there is no need for a Savior.
 1. *"Has then what is good become **death to me?** Certainly not! **But sin, that it might appear sin**, was **producing death** in me through what is good, **so that sin through the commandment** might **become exceedingly sinful**. For we know that **the law is spiritual**, but **I am carnal, sold under sin**."* Romans 7:13-14 NKJV
 2. *"For the woman who has a husband is **bound by the law** to her husband as long as he lives. But if the husband dies, she is **released from the law** of her husband."* Romans 7:2 NKJV