

# THE EXHORTER'S CALL

*“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.”*

*Hebrews 10:25*

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## TORAH: YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW!

Try this little experiment. Stop what you are doing right now, pull out a sheet of paper, and list as many of the Ten Commandments as you can.

Well? How did it go? Perhaps you encountered some difficulty in recalling them, not to mention recalling them all in order! (Hint: see *Exodus 20*).

The truth is that the American system of law was based on the fundamentals of the Ten Commandments. Yet, in America today they are banned from both classroom and courtroom. As a result, they aren't heard from much anymore. When was the last time you heard someone discuss each of these Ten Commandments?

These moral guidelines gave rise to the power and influence of Western society. Unfortunately, this power and influence is now reciprocally in decline across the world stage in relation to our decreasing adherence to God's Word. The failure in this shortcoming lies at the feet of the Christian Church more so than that of the non-believer. We have allowed complacency and politically correct "tolerance," to replace the very foundations of our Judeo-Christian heritage (Jesus Christ simply defined this as "lukewarm" in the *Revelation 3* warning to the Laodicean church).

In *Hosea 4:6-7* God clearly outlines His approach to a society that rejects His precepts: *“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children. As they were increased, so they sinned against me: therefore will I change their glory into shame.”* There is not a clearer indictment against the decay of Western power and influence than that!

I have heard many Christians argue that we are no longer under the Old Testament law but under

grace through Jesus Christ according to *Romans 6:14* *“For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.”* Let us not forget the very next verse in *Romans 6:15* *“What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.”*

What many well-meaning Christians fail to realize is that they were NEVER under the Old Testament law in the first place! Torah (Genesis thru Deuteronomy) was given to the Jews as God's Chosen representatives upon the earth. With it, according to the Prophet Isaiah, they were to be a light to the Goyim (Gentiles, nations, non-Jews, us)! The much harsher truth for the Gentile Christian is found in *Ephesians 2:12* *“That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:”*

Thank God for JESUS CHRIST!

We know that, through Him, all mankind can now live under a new covenant with even better promises (*Hebrews 8:6*)! Yes, that includes Gentiles AND Jews! In fact, God recently showed me through the structure of the Tanakh (Old Testament) the outline for how this transfer will take place for the Jewish people.

The Orthodox Jew today adheres to the Old Testament Law of Moses (which actually contains 613 commandments, not just 10. Try to remember all of those)! However, as the five Books of Moses come to a close, the Book of Joshua opens. You see, a transfer of command takes place after Moses. He was followed by a new leader in whom the nation of Israel trusted. That leader was named Joshua then...the Hebrew name for JESUS now!