

God of Love...God of Rules

Shalom Family, let's dive into this topic together and see what the Word of Yah reveals.

Many people today say, "God is love," but they stop there, as if His love means He has no standards, no expectations, and no laws. Others look at His commandments and think He is strict, harsh, or legalistic. But the truth is this: the God of the Bible is both a God of love and a God of rules, and these two truths are not in conflict. His rules are the very proof of His love.

Love Defines His Nature

Scripture tells us plainly: "Elohim is love" (1 John 4:8). Love is not just something He does, it is who He is. Everything He creates, commands, and allows flows out of His nature as a loving Father. A loving parent does not let their children run into danger, and neither does Yah. His love always moves Him to protect, guide, and correct His people.

Rules Protect and Preserve

The Bible tells us His Torah (law, instruction) is holy, just, and good (Romans 7:12). Far from being a burden, His rules are like guardrails on a dangerous road, they keep us from destruction.

- Deuteronomy 10:13 – "To keep the commandments of Yahuah, and His statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good."

His rules are not meant to crush us but to bless us. They are for our good.

Love and Rules Go Hand in Hand

Messiah Yahshua explained this balance clearly:

- John 14:15 – "If ye love Me, keep My commandments."

Here we see that love is not just a feeling, it is shown through obedience. To love Yah is to obey Him. To reject His rules is to reject His love.

Part of The Great Deception: Love Without Obedience

One of the greatest deceptions today is the teaching that Yah's love cancels His rules. Many believe grace means the law is no longer necessary, but Scripture says otherwise:

- Romans 6:15 – “Shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.”

Grace gives us a chance to repent and live. Love gives us the motivation to obey. Rules give us the path to walk. Together, they lead us to life.

Practical Examples of Love Through Rules

1. The Sabbath (Shabbat):

- Exodus 20:8–10 – “Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy...”
- By resting, we honor Yah, refresh our bodies, and strengthen families. This rule protects us from endless toil.

2. Dietary Laws (Clean vs. Unclean foods):

- Leviticus 11 – Yah distinguishes between foods that are clean and unclean.
- These rules protect our health and keep us mindful that we are a set-apart people.

3. Honesty and Integrity:

- Exodus 20:16 – “Thou shalt not bear false witness...”
- Yah's rule against lying preserves trust, relationships, and justice.

4. Sexual Purity:

- Leviticus 18:30 – “Therefore shall ye keep mine ordinance, that ye commit not any one of these abominable customs...”
- His rules about purity protect families, guard against disease, and honor His design for marriage.

5. Caring for the Poor and Stranger:

- Leviticus 19:10 – “Thou shalt leave them for the poor and stranger: I am Yahuah your Elohim.”
- Yah's rules foster compassion, fairness, and justice for the vulnerable.

Each of these rules shows His love, protecting our bodies, hearts, communities, and relationship with Him.

Yah as a Loving Father

Think about a parent who tells a child, “Don't touch the fire.” That rule comes from love. The child may see it as restrictive, but the parent knows it prevents harm. Yah's commandments are the same. They are not chains but shields. They guide us into righteousness, peace, and blessing.

- Psalm 19:7 – “The law of Yahuah is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of Yahuah is sure, making wise the simple.”

Yah is indeed the God of Love, but His love is not soft, empty, or lawless. His love is expressed through His rules, His commandments that protect us, guide us, and draw us closer to Him. To separate His love from His rules is to misunderstand both.

The real truth is this: Yah’s rules show His love, and our obedience shows our love back to Him. The God of love is also the God of rules, *because rules are the language of love.*

Until we meet again, may we continue to walk in the undeniable truth of Yah’s Word.

Shalom,

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