



Torah Stories – watching...

Social roles and **Moral rules** – fleshed out in real lives
Context for understanding **Torah Rules**

Approaching from a regressive-devolution world view
vs. progressive-evolution

God's laws = Intrinsic reality – Not imposed restrictions
Describe how life works – sustainably
Summed up as LOVE = Fulfilling / Obedience = LIFE
Living out LOVE is full obedience – not motivation to...
“Thou shalt not...” = That's not LOVING

Bottom Line = Do we trust God with LIFE – here & now?
Do we accept God's definition of LOVE?
Or Will we find the fullest life and love living out His ways?
Will we find more life and love living out our own feelings?

Reviewing our Journey into Torah

May 19, 2013 – Study of Isaiah – 1:1-9:7 – *27 sermons*

Isaiah 8:16,20 – Bind up testimony – Seal Torah

Feb 15, 2014 – Torah & Origins – *16 sermons*

Creation: Cosmology – Biology – Geology

July 19, 2014 – Torah & Morality – *24 sermons*

Image of God – Gender – Marriage – One Flesh
Roles vs. Rules

May 15, 2015 – Torah Stories: Moral issues – *29 sermons*

Marriage – Incest – Nakedness – Polygamy – Divorce
Slavery – Sodom – Rape – “Brother-in-law” marriage
Woman’s right to husband, children & family

Torah Law Passages

Exodus 20-23, 31, 35

Leviticus 5-7, 11, 17-25, 27

Numbers 5, 15, 30, 36

Deuteronomy 5-6, 11-15, 18-30

Torah Laws

Family – Parents, Marriage, Intermarriage, Divorce, Remarriage

Sexual – Fornication, Adultery, Incest, Polygamy, Prostitution
Homosexuality, Bestiality

Spiritual – Idolatry, Occult, Blasphemy, Sabbath, Sacrifice
Holy things, Uncleanliness, Cutting, Tattoos

Health – Food, Blood, Fat, Leprosy, Mold, Latrines, Hygiene

Civil – Theft, Extortion, Lying, Kidnaping, Fighting, Murder
Wages, Weights & Measures, Justice & Equity
Treatment of aliens, poor, blind, deaf, elderly

Property – Boundaries, Inheritance, Debt, Lending
Servitude, Slavery, Animal control & breeding
Personal injury and responsibility

War – Treatment of prisoners – Division of spoils

“Judgment” words

tam-me' – Unclean, defiled, pollute, dishonor – **Wide usage**

hal-lel – Profane, pollute, defile, desecrate – **Wide usage**

to-e-bah – Abomination, detestable, offensive – **Sexual, idolatry**

nid-dah – Impure, unclean, filth – **Menstruation**

zim-mah – Wicked, shameful, lewd, immoral – **Sexual**

she-qets – Detestable, abhorrent – **Unclean animals/food**

pig-gul – Foul, unclean, fetid – **Food**

hes-sed – Reproach, shame, disgrace - **Sexual**

te-bel – Perversion, contamination - **Sexual**

a-sham – Guilt

a-won – Iniquity

het' – Sin, offense

Penalties

muth – Die – Put to death

ha-rag – Kill, slay

ra-gam – Stone – with stones (***eben***)

sa-raph – Burn – with fire (***esh***)

ha-ram – Devoted – to destruction – “Under the ban”

ka-rath – Cut off – from the people

o-nesh – Fine

ko-pher – Ransom price

sha-lam – Restitution

shub – Restore

na-qam – Avenge – Punish

“Set My face again”

“Eye for eye, tooth for tooth...”

Death Penalty for...

Premeditated Murder – Exodus 21:12-14

Kidnaping – Exodus 21:16

Striking Parent – Exodus 21:15

Curing Parent – Exodus 21:17; Leviticus 20:9

Sorcery – Exodus 22:18

Work on or profane Sabbath – Exodus 31:14-15; 35:2

Child sacrifice – Leviticus 20:2-5 – (Stoned)

Sex with another man's wife – Leviticus 20:10

Sex with step-mother – Leviticus 20:11

Sex with daughter-in-law – Leviticus 20:12

Sex with another male – Leviticus 20:13

Marrying a woman and her mother – Leviticus 20:14 – (Burned)

Sex with an animal – Exodus 22:19; Leviticus 20:15

Priest's daughter playing the harlot – Leviticus 21:9 – (Burned)

Blaspheming "the Name" – Leviticus 24:10-16 – (Stoned)

