

TWO MAJOR DIVISIONS OF JEWS

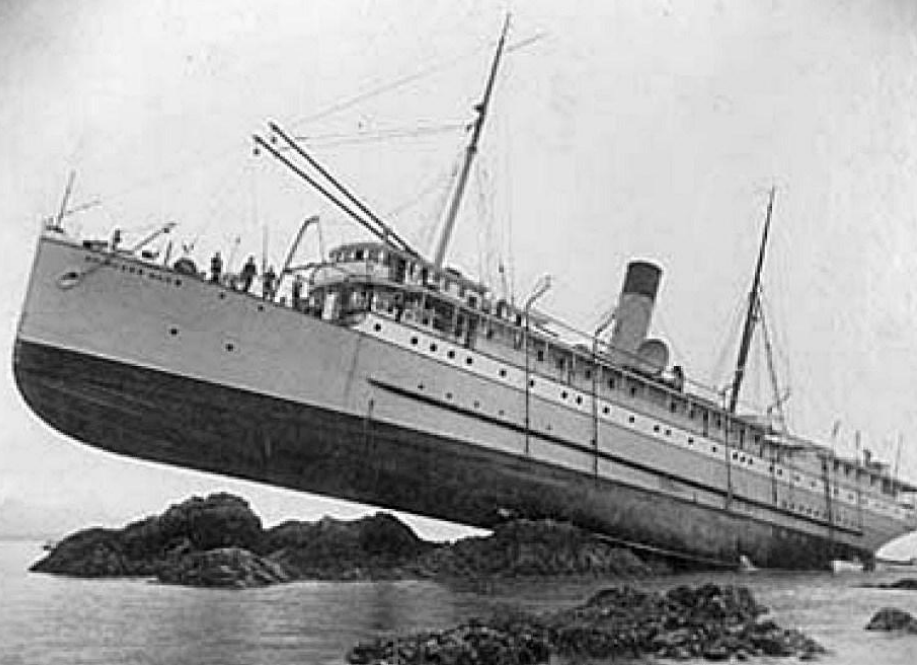
- Jews of Christ's day didn't practice a Torah-driven faith
- They followed Traditions
- Paul and Yeshua were not in conflict
- Yeshua speaking mostly to Holy Land Jews
- He is trying to correct wrong teaching



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CHURCH *of*
COWARDS

*A Wake-Up Call to
Complacent Christians*



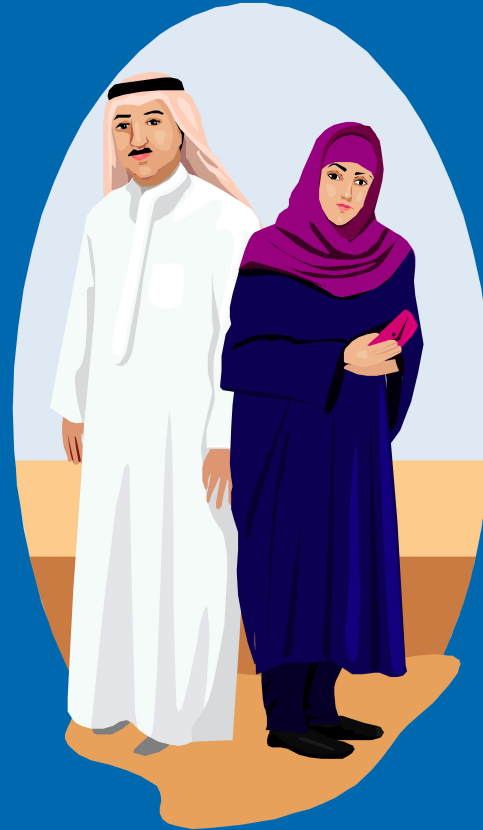
THE SHIP WITH NO RUDDER

- Cheap hope ignores the joyful eternal future for Believers
- Sermons focus too much on cultural and social justice issues
- Traditions and doctrines are the same things
- Manmade doctrines have become the Church's rudder
- This is what Yeshua was dealing with on His Sermon on the Mount

- Christ speaks of 4 issues:
- 1) insulted
- 2) being sued
- 3) involuntary service
- 4) giving to others
- NONE of these involve criminality
- NOT “our fathers”; rather it comes from an ambiguous source
- This was a common saying among the Jews
- *Poneros* = troublesome
- Turn the other cheek

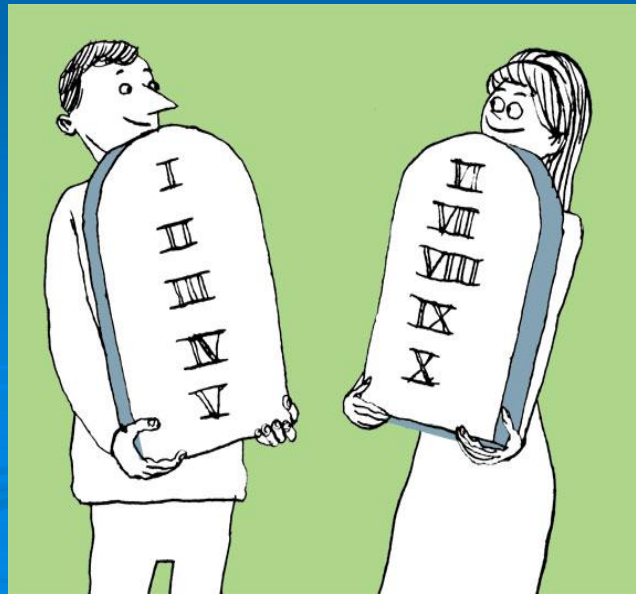


SHAME-HONOR SOCIETIES



SHAME-
HONOR

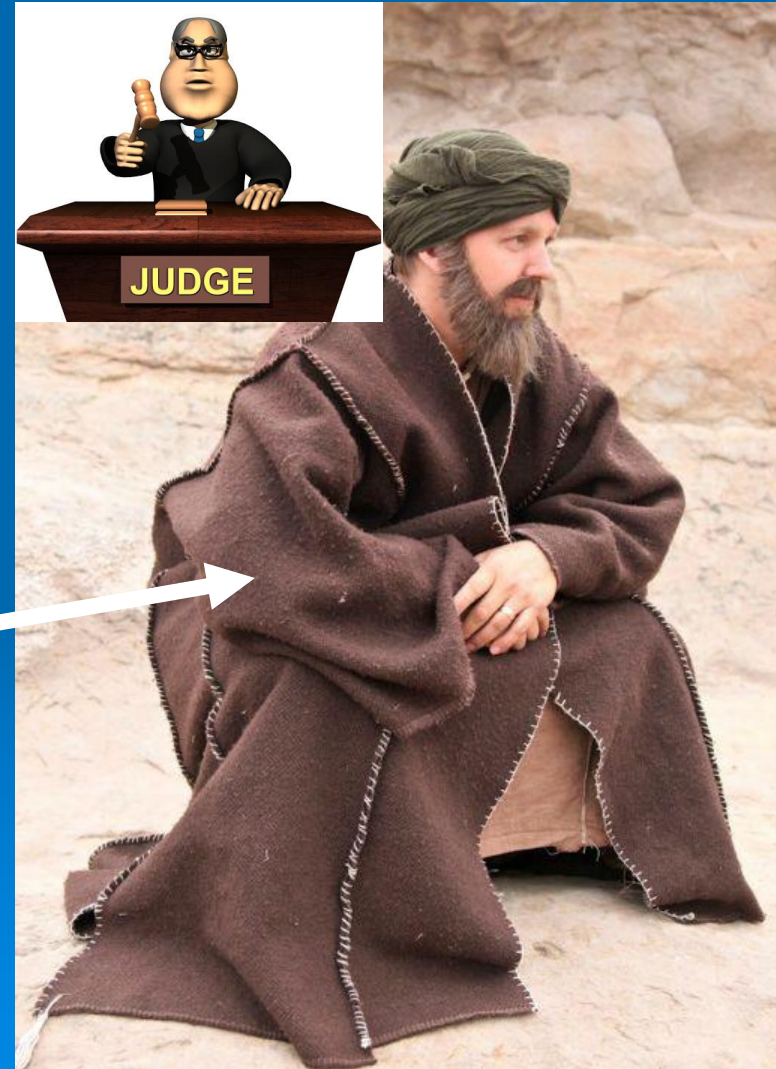
- Context is personal vengeance
- A man being slapped on the face was to shame him
- Consumed with concern for social status
- Issue is NOT right and wrong, but rather to act honorably or shamefully
- Law of Moses was designed to build a guilt-innocence society
- No personal retribution permitted because of shame and honor



GUILT-
INNOCENCE

NO REVENGE

- Proverbs 24:29
- Deuteronomy 32:35
- No revenge is a basic Torah concept
- The common Jews didn't have a large reservoir of Torah knowledge
- Vs. 40 is about being sued in court for your garments
- Jewish males wore 2 garments: an inner and an outer
- *Simlah* = the outer garment that was both coat and blanket
- Exodus 22:25 – 26
- Bottom line is that Yeshua's followers are to behave as The Father.... with compassion



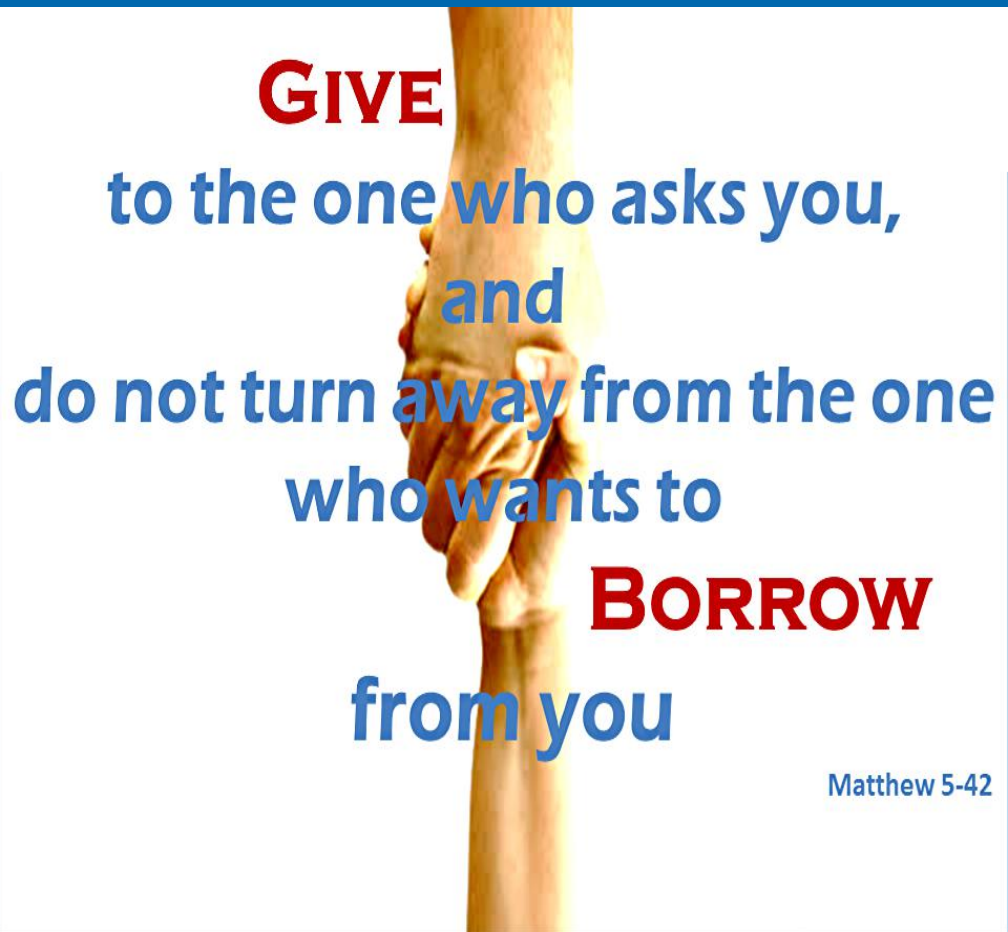


WHOEVER COMPELS YOU
TO GO ONE MILE,
GO WITH HIM TWO.

Matthew 5:41

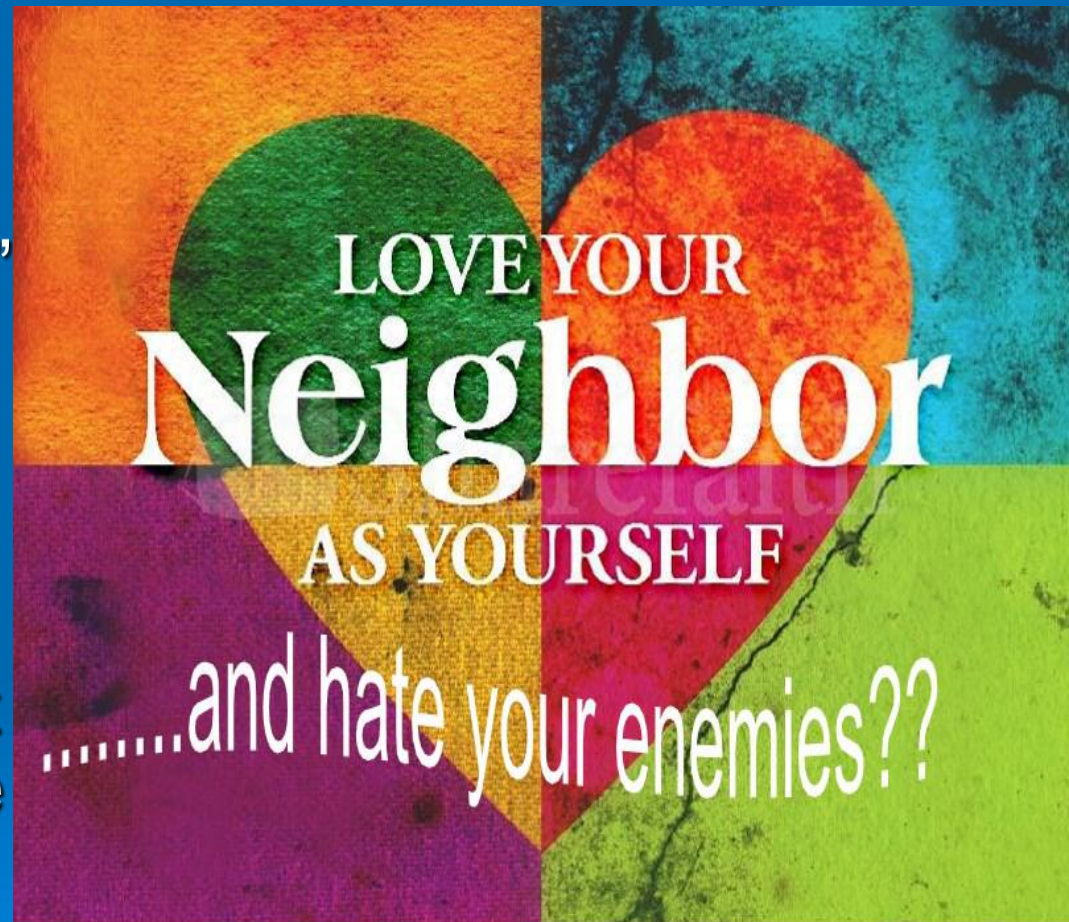


- This is about what a follower of Christ should behave like
- Doesn't say "soldier", but likely that is what Yeshua has in view
- *Hostis* = whoever
- Matthew 27:30 – 32
- The principle is about any kind of authority over you
- The choice is to comply with grace or to rebel



- Yeshua must have addressed this because Jewish society was not behaving as it should have
- Deuteronomy 15:7 – 8
- Generosity was to be the norm in Hebrew society
- Most people were poor for various reasons, so the needy were to be provided for

- “You have heard that our fathers were told...”
- “Our fathers” is not there in the Greek
- Correct: “You have heard that it was said..”
- No where does the *Tanakh* say to hate your enemies
- Therefore Christ was quoting a common, but erroneous, belief of the people
- Matthew 15:9
- Isaiah 29:12 - 14





“... He sends rain to the righteous and the unrighteous alike.....”

- “...but I tell you...” is not Christ establishing new doctrine but rather re-establishing the old
- Ezekiel 18:32 “...I take no pleasure in the death of anyone....”
- Matthew 5:45
- To return evil for good is the Devil’s way
- To return good for good is man’s way
- To return good for evil is God’s way

"Be perfect....."



OUR GOAL IS MORAL PERFECTION

- "Be perfect" is not a new commandment of Jesus
- Leviticus 20:26
- Most Jews and Christians believe that they are attempting to practice moral perfection
- Moral perfection is found in God's Word..... not in traditions, customs, and doctrines

