

# Torah Focus

יום המישי, י"ג בשבט, תש"ע

THE TROUBLE WITH MITZVOT

Mesorah of Mark

## STUDY GUIDE #12

### PURPOSE OF THE 613

1. Combating the Yetzer hara
2. Ordering the Yetzer hara
3. Development of the Yetzer hatov
4. Connection with HaShem

### THE ORAL TORAH

#### YESHUA AND THE ORAL TORAH

Mark 6:41 / D'varim 8:10

Avot 1:1

D'varim 17:8-13

#### LEGAL ASPECTS OF THE MESORAH

The Mishnah sets the order (sets in order) the details of life as it is lived in the everyday.

The Mishnah teaches us how to connect with G-d on a daily basis. It teaches us the intention of the text.

Likewise, the Mishnah lays out how the spirit of G-d animates the mitzvot.<sup>1</sup>

#### THE PROBLEM WITH MITZVOT

Looking at some texts.

B'midbar 15:37 -Tzitzit

What is a tzitzit?

D'varim 6:4-9

What are Tefillim?

What is a Mezuzah?

#### KARITES AND THE TORAH

Bereshit 26:5

Shemot 18:16, 18

Vayikra 26:46

#### KARITES AND THE ORAL TORAH

Shemot 35:3

Causing to burn (i.e. kindling - lighting) fire.

#### SHABBAT

Shemot 20:8-11

What is *melakah*?

Work, business, craftsmanship, goods, property. Like the English "work," *melakah* could refer either to the activity of working, the requisite skills of work, or to

the results of work. In contrast to terms like *amal* and *yaga* which emphasized the toil-some, laborious side of work, this term emphasized work as involving skill and benefits.<sup>2</sup>

#### VIOLATION OF SHABBAT

Shemot 31:14-15; 35:2

B'midbar 15: 32-36

לג. וַיִּקְרִיבוּ אֹתוֹ הַמִּצְוֹת אֲתוֹ מִקְנֵשׁ עֵצִים אֶל מֹשֶׁה וְאֶל אֶהֱרֹן וְאֶל כָּל הָעֵדָה:

#### EATING MEAT

D'varim 12:20-21

1. ¶ The beginning {The choicest or chief part} of the Masorah (Tradition/Oral Law) is Yeshuah the Messiah, the Son of G-d (i.e. Ben Elohim = the Judge);<sup>2</sup> As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before your face, which will prepare your way (Hebrew: *Derekh/Halakha*) before you

<sup>1</sup> Making G-d's work, Jacob Neusner, Continuum International Publishing Group, pg 11  
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