

## **May Your Name Be Sanctified!**

The first line of the *Disciple's Prayer* is linked to Genesis 1:1-2:4a -- **The Story of the Creation of the Heavens and the Earth.**

*"Our Father, the Creator, Who is above the heavens,  
May Your Name be sanctified . . . ."*

The second line is linked to "**The Holiness Code**" (Leviticus 19:1-18). The words "May Your Name be sanctified" mean – "**May our actions sanctify (make holy) Your Name.**"

### **The Holiness Code**

<sup>19:1-2</sup> Yahweh said to Moses,  
"Say to all the congregation of the people of Israel, you shall be holy;  
for I Yahweh your Elohim (Creator) am holy.

<sup>19:3</sup> Every one of you shall revere his mother and his father,  
and you shall keep My Shabbats:  
I am Yahweh your Elohim.

<sup>19:4</sup> Do not turn to idols or make for yourselves molten elohim:  
I am Yahweh you Elohim.

(Leviticus 19:5-8 is not applicable because it is about offerings at the Temple.)

<sup>19:9-10</sup> When you reap the harvest of your land,  
you shall not reap your field to its very border,  
neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest.  
And you shall not strip your vineyard bare,  
neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard;  
you shall leave them for the poor and for the stranger:  
I am Yahweh your Elohim.

<sup>19:11-12</sup> You shall not steal, nor deal falsely, nor lie to one another.  
And you shall not swear by my name falsely,  
and so profane the name of your Elohim:  
I am Yahweh.

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19:13-14 You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him.  
The wages of a hired servant shall not remain with you all night until the morning.  
You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind,  
but you shall fear your Elohim:  
I am Yahweh.

19:15-16 You shall do no evil in judgment;  
you shall not respect the face of the poor  
nor favor the face of the mighty,  
but in righteousness<sup>1</sup> shall you judge your neighbor.  
You shall not go as slanderers among your people,  
and you shall not stand forth against the blood of your neighbor:  
I am Yahweh.

19:17-18 You shall not hate your brother in your heart,  
but you shall reason with your neighbor,  
lest you bear sin because of him.  
You shall not avenge nor keep anger against the sons of your own people,  
but **you shall love your neighbor as yourself**:  
I am Yahweh.

## **Jesus Did Not Fulfill and Do Away with the Holiness Code**

A popular Christian doctrine states: *“God set and established the laws, but since the laws cannot save a man, He had to destroy them to bring salvation to humanity.”*<sup>2</sup> Doctrines like that are based on English translations of Matthew 5:17-18 made by translators who lacked an accurate understanding of the Jewish culture and Hebrew language of Jesus. Below is a cultural and linguistically accurate translation.

Do not even begin to think that I came to destroy **the Torah** or **the Prophets**. I did not come to cancel them, but I came to interpret them properly. Amen! I tell you, **until heaven and earth pass away**, not even the smallest letter or dot from a letter shall pass away from the Torah until all is properly interpreted.

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<sup>1</sup> TZEDEQ

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.christiantruthcenter.com/the-purpose-of-jesus-death/>

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Be sure to note that “**Torah**” was what Jesus said, not “**law**.” Every Jewish person listening to Jesus – *as well as most Jews today* – knew exactly what he meant when he said, “The *Torah* and the *Prophets*.” They are **two sections of the Jewish Scriptures**.

- **Torah** – *Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy.*
- **Nevi'im (Prophets)** – *Joshua, Judges, 1 & 2 Samuel, 1 & 2 Kings, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi.*

Once again, be sure to note that Leviticus is part of the Torah. Take a quick look outside and see if the heavens (skies) and the earth are still there! Now remember what Jesus said, above.

*“I tell you, **until heaven and earth pass away**,  
not even the smallest letter or dot from a letter  
shall pass away from the Torah.”*

Jesus was a scholar, teacher, and interpreter of the Jewish Scriptures. *The Holiness Code* did not pass away. Jesus will refer to it many times in Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Every Christian I know believes that Jesus wants “**people to love their neighbor as themselves**” – it is in Leviticus 19:18 and part of the Torah! Jesus also wants all Christians “**to do the Holiness Code and Sanctify the Name of Yahweh!**”

Please find a fellow explorer and review the information above. It is impossible to explore without another person. These Explorations are on the BHC Website (see address below).

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Shalom,  
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