

THE LAW AND THE TESTIMONY

LAW—”All divine commandments collectively.” Webster’s Dictionary. **TESTIMONY**—(1) “The precepts of God. (2) The tables of the law.” Webster’s Dictionary. A **WITNESS**—”A declaration or statement given to establish a fact.” Webster’s Dictionary. “To the **law** and to the **testimony**: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is **no light** in them.” Isaiah 8:20.

My aim is to show that the Father (**YHWH**) has “a law and a testimony,” and that Jesus (Yahshua) has “a law and a testimony,” which are both recorded in the Scriptures; and that by them **all doctrines** are to be proven. John 14:15 tells us this: “**If ye love Me keep My commandments.**” Thus Christ was telling His disciples that He had commandments. Also John 15:10 reveals that both of them have a **law**: “If ye **keep My commandments**, ye shall abide in My love; **even** as I have **kept My Father’s commandments**, and abide in His love.” In Revelation 19: 10 we see that Jesus has a testimony which is, “And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thou fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the **testimony of Jesus**: worship God: for the **testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.**” Also in Deuteronomy 4:13 you have the Father’s law which is the Ten Commandments: “And He declared unto you **His covenant**, which He **commanded** you to perform, **even ten commandments**; and He wrote them upon two tables of stone.” And in Exodus 25: 16, 21, 22 we see what the testimony of God is and where it is kept. “And thou shalt put **the ark of the testimony** which I shall give thee. . . . And thou shalt put the **mercy seat** above upon the ark; and **in the ark** thou shalt put the **testimony** that I shall give thee. And there will I meet with thee, and I will **commune** with thee from **above the mercy seat**, from between the **two cherubims** which are upon the **ark of the testimony**, of all things which I will give thee in **commandment** unto the children of Israel.”

“And the Lord **commanded** me at that time to teach you statutes and judgments, that ye might **do them** in the land whither ye go over to possess it.” Deuteronomy 4:14. These statutes are recorded in the book of Leviticus chapter 23, and also in Deuteronomy 31: 19-30 they are recorded as the “book of the law” and/or “the song of Moses”. And in Revelation 15:3 we see that the Song of Moses is the Song of the Lamb, therefore, the “Law of Moses” is the “**Law of Jesus**”, or the statutes of Leviticus 23. “For had ye **believed Moses**, ye would have **believed Me**: for he wrote of Me. But if ye **believe not his writings**, how shall ye **believe My words.**” John 5:46, 47. “And He said unto him, If **they hear not Moses and the prophets**, neither will they be persuaded, though **one rose from the dead.**” Luke 16:31. “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, . . . Teaching them to **observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you** Matt. 28:19, 20. “Take **this book of the law**, and put it in the **side** of the **ark of the covenant** of the Lord your God, that it may be there for **a witness** against thee.” Deut. 31:26. Thus from the Scriptures we see that the **Law of God—the Ten Commandments**—was kept **in-side** the Ark of the Covenant, but the **Law of Christ—the statutes of Leviticus 23—the Song of Moses**—was kept in the **side pocket** of the Ark. Therefore, since God has a “law and a testimony” and Christ has a “law and testimony,” which are both recorded in Holy Writ, this makes the Scriptures an instrument of unquestioning authority in the determination of **true doctrine and true worship**. Thus from these **two witnesses** I am bringing forth this important material, so please give it your utmost consideration. Isaiah 8:20 tells us that any doctrine which is not according “to the law and to the testimony” is a false doctrine. And I Thessalonians 5:21 says to “**Prove all things**; hold fast that which is good.” Therefore, let us follow this admonition for it is our only safety. It is God’s way to lead His people into all truth, “But in vain they **do worship Me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.**” Matt. 15:9. Hence, by following the doctrines established by the law and the testimony, we escape vain worship, or man’s way. This is the way walk ye in it.