



# SERMON NOTES

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## **“Torah Based Evangelism”**

**Torah Based Evangelism** shows us what is most important... Acts 1 – restoration of the Kingdom!

This message could change your

- Faith
- Family
- Life
- Ministry
- World

Maaseh Shlichim / Acts 1

“When they therefore had come together, they asked Him, saying, Master, will You at this time restore again the malchut to Yisrael? And He said to them, It is not for you to know the times, or the moadim (feasts), which Abba has put under His own authority. But you shall receive power, after the Ruach Hakodesh (Holy Spirit) has come upon you: and you shall be witnesses to Me both in Yahrushalayim, and in all Yahudah, and in Shomron, and to the four corners of the olam (world),” verses 6-8

Y’shua came for the lost...

- Luke / Luka 19:10, “For the Ben Ahdahm has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”
- But He answered and said, “They did not send Me but to the lost sheep of Beit Yisrael (House of Israel) who went astray,” Matthew 15:24
- “But go rather to the lost sheep that have strayed from Beit Yisrael,” Matthew 10:6

The nation of Israel has been scattered across the world.

The nation is restored as the lost sheep find their Shepherd and join the flock.

Who do you know that isn't saved?

- Which family members would perish if they died today?
- Who do you work with that doesn't have a personal relationship with the Savior?
- Who have you led to salvation in the past 30 days, 6 months, or 2 years?

What is and What is NOT Torah Based Evangelism?

Torah

- Hebrew word for "teaching and instruction"
- Literally means "law, direction, instruction, a body of prophetic teaching, instruction in Messianic age, custom, or manner"
- The Torah is the YHWH's blueprint for living.

Evangelism

- Nothing new – sharing the LOVE of YHWH
- "And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today?" Deuteronomy 4:8
- Sharing the good news of eternal life
- Approaching people with the message of the Bible
- Psalm 96:1-3, "Declare His wonders among all people."

We have been told that this is the gospel...

"Jesus Christ will give you love, joy, peace, fulfillment and lasting happiness."

"Jesus Christ died on the cross for your sins" is the **WRONG MESSAGE!**

It is foolishness and offensive...

"The preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness." 1 Corinthians 1:18

Torah Based Evangelism

- Promotes the true "Gospel of the Kingdom"
- "Y'shua began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near," Mattitياهو 4:17.
- Continues the message of the Tanakh
- **THIS IS A MESSAGE OF OBEDIANCE**
- 1 John 2:4, "He who says, 'I know god' but does not keep the commandments is a liar and the truth is not in him."
- Isaiah 52:7, "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publishes peace; that brings good tidings of good, that publishes salvation; that says unto Zion, Thy Elohim reigns!"

In Hebrew the word of good "good tidings" or "good news" is "besar."

In Hebrew "besar" has two meanings.

It can mean "good news."

"Besar" can also mean "flesh" as seen over 256 times in the KJV as in Genesis 2:21.

The "besarot" is simply that YHWH came in His flesh to take our place and die for our sins.

The Gospel is NOT

- About converting people to Christianity
- About getting people to join a church or give money
- About having many conversions without accountability

Today Chasidic Judaism is heavily involved in a type of “evangelism” that encourages Jewish people to be more obedient to the commandments in hope that the movement will bring about the perfection of the world.

Torah based evangelism Trusts YHWH to bring the harvest.

Shares the main precepts of our faith including:

- Importance of Torah obedience
- Salvation in the name of YHWH
- Sacred name of YHWH Y’shua
- Islamic Beast of the End Times

Torah Based Evangelism is the ministry of each and every believer in YHWH. We have all been called to “go ye into all the world and preach the beserot / good news to all creatures,” Mark 16:15.

Suppose some neighborhood children playing in the road near your house.

Suddenly a huge SUV comes peeling down the road at a fast speed. The children are about to be oil spots in the street. Wouldn’t you run to rescue the helpless kids? In a similar way, we each have a moral responsibility to share Y’shua with others.

“All power is given to Me in the shamayim (heavens) and in the earth. Go therefore, and make talmidim (disciples) of all nations, doing mikvah (water immersion) upon them in My Name: Teaching them to shomer (guard) all things, which I have commanded you: and, see, I am with you always, even to the end of the olam hazeh (this world),” Matthew 28:18-20

Sadly, The Great Commission is The Great Omission for most believers

Just learning Torah and living a set apart life is NOT enough. We have each been called to be fishers of men. How many fish have you caught recently?

“Now as He walked by the Sea of Galil, He saw Shimon and Andri his brother casting a net into the sea: for they were fishermen. And Y’shua said to them, Follow Me, and I will make you to become fishers of men. And immediately they forsook their nets, and followed Him,” Mark / Yochanan Moshe 1:16-18

NOTICE that they immediately followed Y’shua and became fishers of men. They didn’t wait until they completely understood the exact precepts of the Torah. They shared what they knew, which was “The kingdom of Heaven is here!”

When was the last time you “went fishing?” Most people have never been exposed to the TRUE beserot of YHWH and therefore will be open. The modern message that “god has a plan for your life” is NOT the Gospel and therefore leads to false conversions.

Torah Based Evangelism brings repentance and leads to a faith of obedience to the Torah.

Torah Based Evangelism uses the original purpose of the Torah:

- Brings knowledge of sin and therefore point to a Savior
- Gives Instruction for living on the straight and narrow path

The Torah, specifically the 10 Commandments, is YHWH’s standard for righteousness.

“Sin is transgression of the law / Torah,” 1 John 3:4

The Torah shows us our sin and our need for a Savior.

“Wherefore the Torah was our schoolmaster to bring us to Y’shua that we might be justified by faith,” Galatians 3:24 KJV.

“I had not known sin but by the law.” Romans 7:7

“By the commandment sin became exceedingly sinful.” Romans 7:13

If we break one Torah command then we have violated them all.

James 2:10-12 “For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. 11 For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law.”

The Torah stops sinners from rationalizing their goodness. There is none righteous no not one! Romans 3:19, “Now we know that whatsoever things the Torah says, it says to them who are under the Torah that every mouth may be stopped and all the world may become guilty before YHWH.”

“Now we know that whatsoever things the law says, it says to them who are under the law that every mouth may be stopped and all the world may become guilty before YHWH.” Romans 3:19

“Therefore by the deeds of the Torah there shall no flesh be justified in his sight (because we are all guilty!) for by the Torah is the knowledge of sin.” Romans 3:20

“What shall we say then? Is the law sin? YHWH forbid! No, I had not known sin but by the law.” Romans 7:7

The wages of sin is death. “Appointed unto man once to die, but after this the judgment.” Hebrews 9:27

YHWH “commands all men everywhere to repent,” Acts 17:30

Why? “Because he has appointed a day, in which He will judge the world in righteousness.” Acts 17:31

Y’shua’s death paid the price for our sin. We receive eternal life through faith / emunah in Y’shua. Obedience to the Torah does not save our souls.

What good is the Torah AFTER salvation? “The Torah of YHWH is perfect, converting the soul” Psalm 19:7

The Torah converts us FIRST at salvation. THEN as we walk with YHWH! The Torah transform us! As we follow Torah we move from an existence based on momentary happiness to a life of meaning and purpose. It corrects our soul and converts our fleshly natures to holy desires.

Psalm 19:7, “The Torah of YHWH is perfect, converting the soul.” In this verse the word for “converting” is the Hebrew phrase “shuv” which means to “turn, return, refresh, restore, and reverse.”

Remember that the Torah is the divine will of YHWH. So, when we obey Torah our soul is RETURNED to it’s original state of perfect harmony with YHWH.

Torah plays a part before and after we are saved. First we see that we are sinners in need of a Savior by an examination of YHWH's Torah. We all miss the mark and need a redeemer. So, we accept Y'shua and are born again. THEN, we obey the precepts of the Torah to stay on the straight and narrow path of righteousness.

This is Torah Based Evangelism! NOW WHAT?

With this knowledge of our call to reach others with the TRUE gospel, we should step out and follow our Master's example as seen in John / Yochannan chapter 4.

We MUST begin sharing Torah Based Evangelism with friends, family, and those that we meet. As we talk with others we should look for the opportunity and opening to share YHWH.

BUT, what should our conversation include? Should we just beat people with a Torah scroll?

We need to:

- Use Torah to show the effect of sin
- Help the person realize that their goodness is as filthy rags compared to the standard
- Explain that Y'shua paid the price for sin
- Remind the person that time is short and now is the time to repent
- Help the person accept Y'shua as their Master
- Point the new believer to a Torah based faith

The precedent is found in John 4. In this passage with the woman at the well, Y'shua started in the natural realm and then swung to the spiritual. He brought conviction using the 7th Commandment and then revealed Himself. This is the patten we are to use when we share the Gospel of the Kingdom with others.

If you can remember the word "Torah" then you can do Torah Based Evangelism! The word "torah" will remind you and teach you how to effectively share your faith.

**T stands for:**

Talk about current events. Time is short.

The signs are obvious – famine, wars, natural disasters. Turn the conversation to spiritual matters.

**O stands for:**

On a scale of 1 – 10 do you consider yourself to be a good person?

(most people will say 7 or 8 and admit they are pretty good!)

**R stands for:**

Remember the 10 Commandments? This is the Almighty's standard for goodness.

Have you kept them all perfectly? Probably not. This means you are guilty of sin before the Almighty

At this point in the conversation you can begin using the Torah to show a person their sinfulness.

Most people are familiar with a few of the 10 Commandments. By bringing these commandments to "light" the person's sinfulness is exposed and their conscience is pricked.

"The commandment is a lamp and the law is light," Proverbs 6:23

The Torah burns in their soul as man's inadequacy is magnified.

The standard of Torah acts as a mirror for people to compare themselves to.

SAY -

Have you ever told a lie? What does that make you? A LIAR

SAY -

Have you ever stolen something, even something small? What does that make you? A THIEF

The standard of Torah acts as a mirror for people to compare themselves to.

The bible says that having hatred in your heart is equal to committing murder.

“Whoever is angry with his Neighbor without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment,” Matthew 5:22

“No thief will inherit the kingdom of Heaven,” 1 Corinthians 6:10.

Revelation 21:8 states, “All liars will have their place in the lake of fire.”

“Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all the things written in the Torah to do them,” Galatians 3:10.

The Savior said that whoever looks upon a woman with lust in His heart has already committed adultery.

Have you ever done this?? What does that make you? An adulterer.

### **A stands for:**

Are you going to Heaven when you die? Or will you perish? Are you concerned about this?

Use the standard of Torah acts as a mirror for people to compare themselves to.

Say - By your own admission you are a lying, stealing, adulterer at heart and will face the Almighty on judgment day. As you face judgment day, will you be guilty or innocent?

The Torah will provoke the conscience of the person “which show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness” Romans 2:15.

Are you keeping the commandments of Torah? Does your faith involve obedience to the Torah?

### **H stands for:**

Have you heard of the name of YHWH Y'SHUA?

“Anyone who calls upon the name of YHWH shall be saved,” Acts 2:21

“For YHWH so loved the world, that He gave His only brought forth Son, that whoever believes on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life” John 3:16

YHWH Y'SHUA is the name of salvation!

- At the burning bush, the Almighty said, “I AM that which I AM YHWH, YHWH is my name forever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.”
- YHWH is found hidden behind the capitalized terms “LORD” or “GOD” in most English Bibles. However, YHWH's name was not intended to be hidden by translators. YHWH Himself gave us His name a sign of His existence and as a means of personal relationship.

By repenting of your sins and calling upon the name of YHWH Y'SHUA, you can

Receive the gift of eternal life. “YHWH showed His great love for us in this manner – while we were still sinners Y'shua died for us,” Romiyah / Romans 5:8.

“Sorrow works repentance” says 2 Corinthians 7:10. Allow the person to accept Y'shua on their own!

The “Sinner's Prayer” is NOT found in the Bible! Then encourage the person to “go and sin no more.”

So will we answer the call to share Y'shua with others and become a fisher of men? Or will we be like Yonah / Jonah, the reluctant prophet, and end up in the belly of a great big fish?

Catching fish doesn't happen by accident!

- Fish don't usually leap out of the water and into the frying pan.
- To catch a fish you have to decide to go fishing.
- You must then set your mind on fishing and put yourself in a good position to reel in the fish.

What is holding you back? Fear? Deception? Not knowing how to share the truth with others? No vision for the harvest? Lack of love for the lost? Forgetting what it is like to be without YHWH?

Would you speak up more, if you were paid \$1,000 each time you shared your faith?

“Let him know, that he who turns the sinner from the error of his derech (way), shall save a being from death, and shall even wipe out a multitude of sins,” James / Ya'acov 5:20.

We are Israel and it is our responsibility to share the Gospel of the Kingdom with the world. We have been commissioned to clarify what this true message contains. We have called to reach the lost sheep. Now the only question remains which is “will we go forward as true witnesses for YHWH?”