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A New Command?

John 13:34-35

“A new command I give you. Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

Many say that Yeshua was actually giving His disciples a new command here. Was that the case? Or was He simply expounding on a command that already existed but it was simply the first time was He is expounding on it to His disciples? Again...

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This is where Yeshua expounds on His example of what He called the second greatest command in Matthew 22:37-39.

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Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

So where do we find this command in the Scriptures?

Leviticus 19:18

“Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against one of your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am (YHWH)the LORD”

So was Yeshua giving a new command? Of course not. It’s right here in Leviticus.

If we say that Yeshua was giving a new command then we are making Him to be a sinner because that means He was adding to the word of God. For the word says,

Deuteronomy 4:2

“Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of (YHWH)the LORD your God that I give you.”

Saying that Yeshua was giving a new command is declaring Him a sinner. For he would have been adding something new. However, the command already existed in Leviticus. He was simply expounding on something for the first time to the Disciples.

A quick example would be this... Let's say you're a first grade teacher. Half way into the school year you say "Ok class. Today I'm teaching you a new element to math. It's called multiplication." Now, is multiplication new? Of course not. However, it's new to the class.

Likewise, Yeshua wasn't giving something new to His disciples. He was simply giving them an old lesson for the first time. And showing them the example in how He lived it out to them.

So then, is your Messiah a sinner? Or a great teacher of the eternal Word?

Just a thought.

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