

The Rituals Point to a Way of Life

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- Today – Opportunity to give a Bible study
 - Last Saturday – I gave a Bible study titled “A Season of Exciting Rituals”
 - Comment – I would like to talk a little bit more about rituals
 - Title – “The Rituals Point to a Way of Life”
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- The word “ritual” is not found in the King James translation.
- 3 words – statutes, judgments & laws
- 2 words – rites & ceremonies

Lev. 26:46	these are the statutes, judgments and laws
	· statutes – “hoq” – Strong’s #2706
	· judgments – “mishpat” – Strong’s #4941 found 420 times in OT
	· laws – “torah” – Strong’s #8451
Num. 9:3	Passover – according to its rites and ceremonies, you shall keep it
	· “rites” – 1 time – (“huqqa” – Strong’s #2708)
	· “ceremonies” – 1 time – (“mishpat” – Strong’s #4941)

Following are excerpts from an article by Mendy Hecht titled “The 613 Commandments (Mitzvot)” that is posted at chabad.org.

“The Talmud tells us (Tractate Makkot 23b) that there are 613 commandments (mitzvot) in the Torah; 248 Positive Commandments (do’s) and 365 Negative Commandments (do not’s). However, the Talmud does not provide us with a list of these commandments. Several great Jewish scholars have compiled a complete listing of these mitzvahs. Although they all agree on the vast majority of the commandments, they do disagree concerning a number of them . . . It must be noted that many of these commandments (such as all the commandments associated with sacrifices) are not practicable as long as there is no Temple in Jerusalem.”

- Let’s look at a 3 examples about rituals in the New Testament

Acts 10:44-48	the Holy Spirit – given before the ritual of water baptism
Matt. 12:1	grainfields on the Sabbath – His disciples were hungry and began to pluck heads of grain and to eat
2	the Pharisees saw it – and accused
3-5	Christ’s response – referred to David eating the showbread

