THE WORD OF GOD IS THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND FOREVER

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Did God’s Law change after Messiah died on the cross? Many would say yes, because of writings like this one below.
Hebrews 7:11-17
Therefore, if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need was there that another priest should rise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be called according to the order of Aaron? 12 For the priesthood being changed, of necessity there is also a change of the law. 13 For He of whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no man has officiated at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood. 15 And it is yet far more evident if, in the likeness of Melchizedek, there arises another priest 16 who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an endless life. 17 For He testifies: “You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek.”

In our modern-day mindset, when we think of something changing we think of removing or abolishing the one and replacing it with another. Now, we know that Messiah said that He did not come to abolish the Law in Matthew 5:17, so maybe there’s more to this passage in Hebrews than meets the eye.

If we take a closer look at the Greek word used for "changed" above, we'll see the word "metatithemi." This word means to transfer or transpose two things. It is made of two words, "meta" and "tithemi." Meta is a preposition meaning with, after, or behind. Strong's concordance states that "meta" is often used in composition, in substantially the same relations of participation or proximity, and transfer or sequence. "Tithemi" means to fix, establish, place, or appoint. Strong's concordance states that this word is properly used in a passive or horizontal posture, as opposed to the Greek word "Histemi" which denotes an upright and active position.

In other words, this "change" of law, is in actuality a transfer of law as in a change of hands, or what was once at point A, has now moved to point B, if you will. Literally, a transferal from that which is flesh to that which is spirit, this “change” spoken of is a transferal from the earthly Levitical priesthood to the heavenly Melchizedek priesthood. In fact, the heavenly priesthood according to the order of Melchizedek was established well before the Levitical priesthood was established, so this is actually more of a restoration than a change.

Genesis 14:18-20
Then Melchizedek king of Salem (Jerusalem) brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High. 19 And he blessed him and said: “Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; 20 And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand.” And he gave him a tithe of all.

This restoration of the priesthood to Yehoshua Messiah is part of the restoration of all things, as prophesied. This Melchizedek was both King and Priest of God well before the Law was given on Mount Sinai. Notice that the author of Hebrews stated that our Lord is of the tribe of Judah, which is the kingly line of David. Notice that Melchizedek brings out bread and wine, just as our Messiah did as he spoke of how He would renew our covenant with God by His blood right before His death. Our Messiah is both King of the line of Judah, and Priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The law given at Mount Sinai was not weak, it was our flesh nature that made it weak which sentenced us to death. This “change” the author of Hebrews is speaking about is a change in how we now are able to receive the Law, and the transference or rather restoration, of the priesthood to Yehoshua Messiah our High Priest. This is evident in verse 11 when he stated: “if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law) what further need was there that another priest should rise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be called according to the order of Aaron?” Under the Levitical priesthood our flesh received the Law (His Torah) written on stone tablets. Now, by the Spirit of our heavenly High Priest, Yehoshua Messiah, God’s Law may be written and received into our inner-man, into our hearts and minds. This is because our Heavenly High Priest, according to the order of Melchizedek, made intercession on our behalf once and for all. The “change of law” spoken of in Hebrews 7, is not a change of the law itself, but the way by which we are now able to receive the Law that has changed.

Romans 8:1-12

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Messiah Yehoshua (Christ Jesus,) who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He
condemned sin in the flesh, 4 that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. 8 So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Messiah, he is not His. 10 And if Messiah is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Yehoshua from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Messiah from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

We see this same Messianic pattern foreshadowed even as the Law was given on Mount Sinai.

Exodus 32:15-19
And Moses turned and went down from the mountain, and the two tablets of the Testimony were in his hand. The tablets were written on both sides; on the one side and on the other they were written. 16 Now the tablets were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God engraved on the tablets. 17 And when Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said to Moses, “There is a noise of war in the camp.”
18 But he said: “It is not the noise of the shout of victory, Nor the noise of the cry of defeat, But the sound of singing I hear.”
19 So it was, as soon as he came near the camp, that he saw the calf and the dancing. So Moses’ anger became hot, and he cast the tablets out of his hands and broke them at the foot of the mountain.

The Word of God was sent by Yehovah to His people, but was broken at the foot of that mountain because of the sins of the people. In the same way, Yehoshua Messiah, who was the Word made flesh, was sent by Yehovah to His people, and was broken for the sins of all mankind.

John 1:1, 14
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Isaiah 53:4-8
Surely He has borne our griefs
And carried our sorrows;
Yet we esteemed Him stricken,
Smitten by God, and afflicted.
5 But He was wounded for our transgressions,
He was bruised for our iniquities;
The chastisement for our peace was upon Him,
And by His stripes we are healed.
6 All we like sheep have gone astray;
We have turned, every one, to his own way;
And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.
7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted,
Yet He opened not His mouth;
He was led as a lamb to the slaughter,
And as a sheep before its shearsers is silent,
So He opened not His mouth.
8 He was taken from prison and from judgment,
And who will declare His generation?
For He was cut off from the land of the living;
For the transgressions of My people He was stricken.

John 19:30
So when Yehoshua (Jesus) had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished!” And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

After the sin of the golden calf, the covenant at Sinai was renewed by God's grace and mercy, but His Words never changed. Just as Yehovah renewed the covenant with Israel in the wilderness, He renewed the covenant with us through the blood of Yehoshua Messiah.

Exodus 34:1
And the Lord said to Moses, “Cut two tablets of stone like the first ones, and I will write on these tablets the words that were on the first tablets which you broke.”
Matthew 26:26-28
And as they were eating, Yehoshua took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.” Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. 28 For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.”

Yehoshua Messiah came to once again deliver the words of God to us personally, as the Word made Flesh.

John 14:23-24
Yehoshua answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. 24 He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father’s who sent Me.”

Yehovah did not write new words on the renewed tablets because the children of Israel couldn't keep the old words, but wrote the same words that He wrote before. Neither did He write new words for those of us who have entered into the renewed covenant, through the blood of Yehoshua Messiah, because we couldn't keep the old ones. Yehovah doesn't change. The Word of God does not change. Yehoshua Messiah, the Word made flesh, does not change.

John 1:1, 14a
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us

Hebrews 13:8
Yehoshua Messiah is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Malachi 3:6
“For I am Yehovah, I do not change; Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob."

God's Word doesn't change. The only things that must be changed is you and I.
Jeremiah 31:31-34
“Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah— 32 not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the Lord. 33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. 34 No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”

By the Spirit of Yehoshua Messiah, our High Priest, who speaks to our inner-man, we may now receive the Law of God written in our hearts and minds. Just as Messiah was sent as the Word of God made flesh, a walking Torah scroll for all men to read, so Yehoshua Messiah sends us into the world.

John 17:17-19
Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. 18 As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. 19 And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.

2 Corinthians 3:1-18
Do we begin again to commend ourselves? Or do we need, as some others, epistles of commendation to you or letters of commendation from you? 2 You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men; 3 clearly you are an epistle of Messiah, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart. 4 And we have such trust through Messiah toward God. 5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God, 6 who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. 7 But if the ministry of death, written and engraved on stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of the glory of his countenance, which glory was passing away, 8 how will the ministry of the Spirit not be more glorious? 9 For if the ministry of condemnation had glory, the ministry of righteousness exceeds much more in glory. 10 For even what was made glorious had no glory in this respect, because of the glory that
excels. 11 For if what is passing away was glorious, what remains is much more glorious. 12 Therefore, since we have such hope, we use great boldness of speech— 13 unlike Moses, who put a veil over his face so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the end of what was passing away. 14 But their minds were blinded. For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament, because the veil is taken away in Messiah. 15 But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart. 16 Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. 17 **Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.** 18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 5:15-21
and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again. 16 **Therefore, from now on,** we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Messiah according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. 17 **Therefore,** if anyone is in Messiah, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. 18 Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Yehoshua Messiah, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, 19 that is, that God was in Messiah reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. 20 Now then, we are ambassadors for Messiah, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Messiah's behalf, be reconciled to God. 21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Yehovah sent His Word, His Son, to be broken and to die for our sin, and He restored His Word, His Son, by His Spirit. He sent that same Spirit, in the name of His Son, to restore you and I. This time, He sent His Spirit to write His Law (His Torah) upon our hearts as it is written.

God's Word, His Law, is the truth by which our Messiah said we are to be sanctified. God’s Word, His Law, stands forever.

Isaiah 40:8
"The grass withers, the flower fades,
But the word of our God stands forever.”
And by the indwelling of His Spirit alone we are able to obey His Word of Truth.

1 Peter 1:22-25
Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, 23 having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever, 24 because "All flesh is as grass, And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, And its flower falls away, 25 But the word of the Lord endures forever."

Psalm 119:142
Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, And Your law is truth.

John 17:17-19
Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. 18 As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. 19 And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.

Yes, God's Law endures forever, and so does His mercy.

Psalm 136:1
Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

Do not trample upon this merciful gift of grace by willfully continuing to transgress God's Law. Do not believe the man-made lies that tell you that Messiah somehow changed the Law so you don’t have to keep it. Rather, boldly proclaim that “I can do all things through Him who strengthens me!” For it is through His strength in us that we may now keep this Law, from our hearts.

Hebrews 10:26-31
For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, 27 but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery
indignation which will devour the adversaries. 28 Anyone who has rejected Moses’ law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. 29 Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? 30 For we know Him who said, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord. And again, “The Lord will judge His people.” 31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

Search the Scriptures and study His Word from the beginning. Ask for His Spirit to reveal His Truth to you. Ask the Father to write His Word upon your heart, so that you may hear, keep, and do His will on earth as it is done in Heaven. God’s Word does not change just because we don’t understand it, rather, we must receive understanding of His Word through our High Priest, Yehoshua Messiah, and be changed.

“Therefore, if anyone is in Messiah, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”