

PAUL'S EPISTLE TO THE

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REVIEW: Galatians to this point

- Galatian congregations were a mixture of Jewish and non-Jewish believers
- Paul's letter was written primarily to the non-Jews, but Paul knew that the Jews would be reading it as well
- Letter motivated by the fact that some of the non-Jews were being swayed by "another gospel".
- The crux of the "other gospel" was that the non-Jews had to convert to Judaism, which implied observance to the "oral law"
- Paul makes it clear that if their standing before God was based on their works (converting to Judaism), then they would have to keep all the oral law to maintain that standing before God.

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“opportunity” – “*aphorme*” (Strong’s 874)

“*apo*” (separation) + “*hormao*” (stir up, incite, to rush)

“*aphorme*” = “a place from which an attack is made”

NKJ **Romans 7:8** But sin, taking opportunity *having a place from which to attack* by the commandment, produced in me all ~~manner of evil~~ desire. For apart from the law sin was dead.

NKJ **Romans 7:11** For sin, taking occasion *having a place from which to attack* by the commandment, deceived me, and by it killed *me*.

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“flesh” = the oral traditions

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NKJ **1 Corinthians 10:23** All things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful; all things are lawful for me, but not all things edify.

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“spiritual walk” vs. “fleshly walk”

NKJ **John 3:5-6** "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶
"That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.



NKJ **John 3:14-15** "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ "that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.





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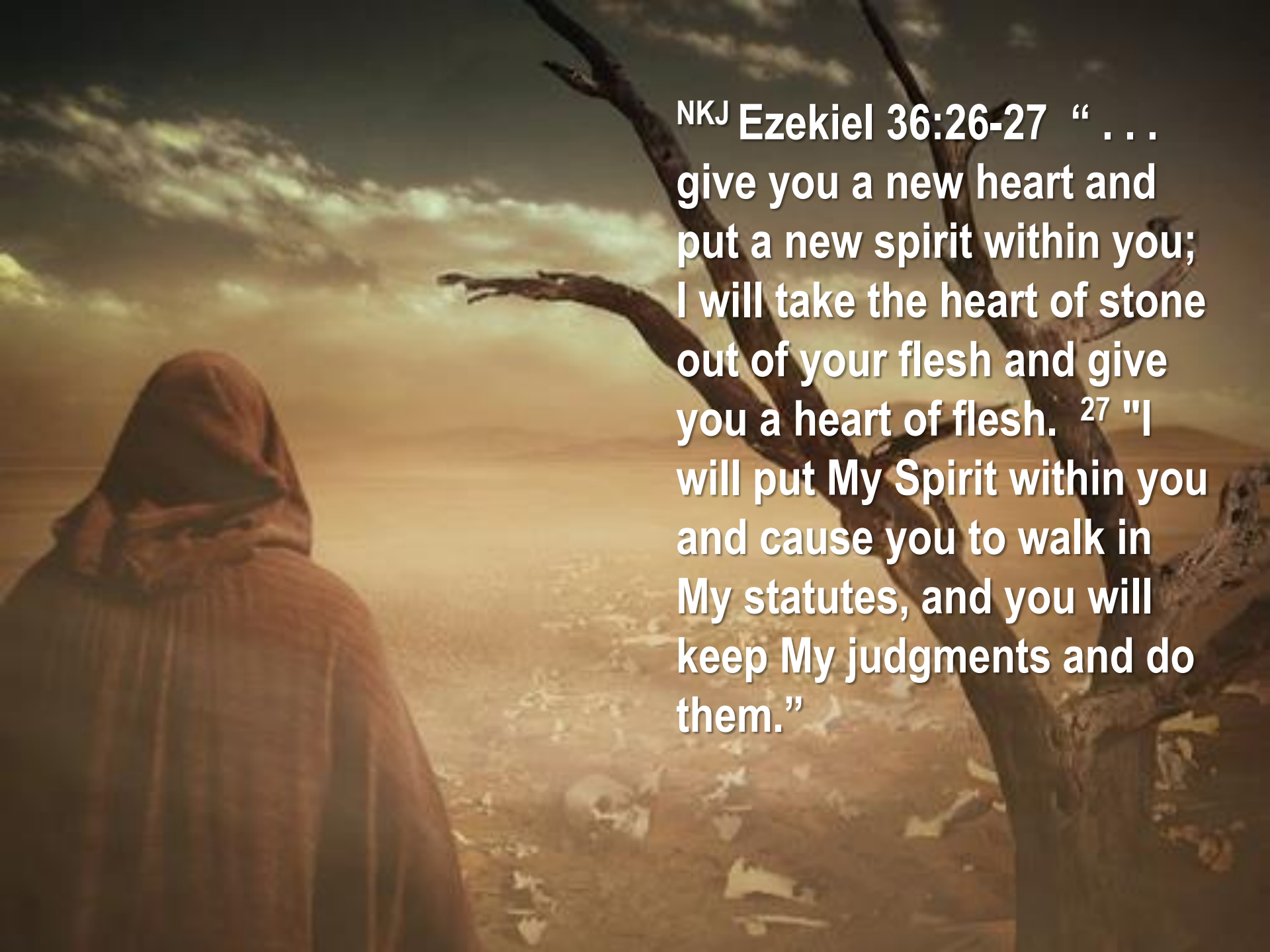
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“walk” – “*halacha*”


“halach” - הלך - Strong's 1980

NKJ **Exodus 18:20** "And you shall teach them the statutes and the laws, and show them the way in which they must walk (*yalach*) and the work they must do.



A person wearing a brown hooded cloak stands in the foreground, looking out over a desolate, hazy landscape. In the background, a dead, gnarled tree stands against a cloudy sky. The overall scene is somber and evocative.

**NKJ Ezekiel 36:26-27 “ . . .
give you a new heart and
put a new spirit within you;
I will take the heart of stone
out of your flesh and give
you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ "I
will put My Spirit within you
and cause you to walk in
My statutes, and you will
keep My judgments and do
them.”**

A photograph of a long, straight path lined with large, leafy trees, leading towards a bright horizon. The path is a reddish-brown color and is flanked by a lush green lawn. The trees are large and have thick, gnarled trunks, with their branches arching over the path. The path leads straight into the distance, where it meets a bright, hazy horizon. The overall scene is peaceful and serene.

NKJ **Luke 3:4-5** . . . 'Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight. ⁵ Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill brought low; the crooked places shall be made straight and the rough ways smooth;

NKJ **Mark 7:5-8** Then the Pharisees and scribes asked Him, "Why do Your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashed hands?" ⁶And He answered and said to them " ⁷ . . . in vain they worship Me, Teaching *as* doctrines the commandments of men. ⁸ For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men . . . "

NKJ **Deuteronomy 30:1-3** "Now it shall come to pass, when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse which I have set before you, and you call *them* to mind among all the nations where the LORD your God drives you, ² "and you return to the LORD your God and obey His voice, according to all that I command you today, you and your children, with all your heart and with all your soul, ³ "that the LORD your God will bring you back from captivity, and have compassion on you, and gather you again from all the nations where the LORD your God has scattered you.

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NKJ **Matthew 6:1** "Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven. . . . ⁵ " And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites . . . Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward . . . ¹⁶ " Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance . . . Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward."

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NKJ **Galatians 2:20** "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

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NKJ **Isaiah 11:13** Also the envy of Ephraim shall depart, And the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off; Ephraim shall not **envy** Judah, And Judah shall not **harass** Ephraim.

REVIEW: Galatians 5:13-26

- Though Paul is confident that most of the Galatians will abandon the “other gospel” of the perpetrators, he fears that the problem may eventually divide the congregation, therefore . . .
- He instructs them to walk foremost within the instructions of the written Torah, which if they do so they will . . .
- Will accentuate joy and godly love within the fellowship

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Shalom Alechim

Peace be Unto You