# **FOREVER IS FOREVER**

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### **MUSIC SHEET**

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\* Exodus 3:14, The LORD God tells us His Name is **YHWH**, often spelled out as Yahweh, and usually pronounced "YAW-WAY". It is Hebrew for "I AM".... "I AM, Exist, Who I AM".

### **READING 1** in front of Verse 1

< in math: **Pi**, whose accurate number never ends, has **NO** PREDICTABLE repeating <u>Pattern</u> (*like God*)... is ALWAYS rounded to an <u>ESTIMATE</u> of its value... as we must do in our understanding of God.... **3.14**15926535897932384626433832795028841971693993751058209749...>

### **READING 2** in front of Verse 2

People often quote the FIRST part of <u>Hosea 4:6</u> >> "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." BUT they don't quote the REST of God's Word: "Because you have <u>rejected</u> knowledge, I also will <u>reject</u> you from being priest for Me; <u>Because you have forgotten the Law of your God</u>...." .........

<u>Matthew 5:19</u>: JESUS was speaking: "Whoever therefore breaks one of the <u>least</u> of these COMMANDMENTS, & TEACHES men so, shall be called LEAST in the kingdom of heaven..."
<u>John 15</u>: JESUS defines how to be a FRIEND is to OBEY Him. Obey WHAT? Obey His Commandments!

<u>First John 2: 3 - 4.</u> Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His **COMMAND**-ments. He who says, "I know Him," <u>and does not keep His</u> **COMMAND**-ments is a liar, & The Truth is not in him." ....... Psalm 119: 89. "FOREVER, o LORD, Your Word is settled in Heaven." .........

### **READING 3** in front of Verse 3

God's Covenant NEVER ends. Repeatedly God writes these words in His scriptures: "A statute FOREVER." Neither do His conditions end. In Genesis 15, we hear of how He created His Covenant with us. HISTORY: Once a king – in MANY countries – made a decree, no one INCLUDING the king himself could break it..... THAT's the back story of both Daniel in the Lion's den, AND, the 3 men thrown into the fiery furnace ... The king carelessly made a command that he be worshiped & couldn't cancel his own Law even though he want to! BUT a king COULD create a COUNTER-Law... as Esther's King Husband did after making the law that it was ok to kill the Jews... He made a NEW Law that the Jews could arm themselves < for self-defense against attackers>.

God made Laws of the DEATH PENALTY for sins.... FOREVER.... but also His COUNTER-Law ..... that His Perfect Son could pay the price of that Death Penalty by His Sacrifice--- which we call Grace---- for EVERY person who grieves for sins & accepts Jesus's gift. See Romans 10, Colossians 2, and on and on: God's Loving Gift of Love FOREVER.... and

Forever \*\*IS\*\* FOREVER!

**READING 4** at end of song Malachi 3: 6-7: "For I am YHWH, the LORD, and I do not change; ... Yet from the days of your fathers, you have gone away from My ordinances And have not kept them. Return to Me, and I will return to you," says the LORD of hosts.

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# Song Story.

As I wrote, & sang it, & finalized this music sheet with scripture reading info for this song, I find myself in tears FOR GOD... and for people:

OVER & OVER we find scriptures that say YES GRACE IS GOD'S GIFT... and Salvation thru His Son based NOT on our works or based on obeying the Law.

Verse 1 and 2 lyrics were written in the parking lot of Sunrise Church in Mosheim Tennessee: A few years earlier, GOD provided this safe place to sleep in my van during a long trip a few years earlier... From the interstate, I'd seen the church all lit up though 11 PM, so I'd pulled off to ask permission to sleep there-- but found no one at the church. Then I realized that the lights in the parking light had reflected against the windows to make the church look welcoming to passing strangers.... I stayed and slept soundly for almost 5 hours before driving on.... a wonderful gift guidance from the LORD! ......

<u>Verse 3 lyrics and all MUSIC</u> were written a few hours later when I was "stuck" in a motel room (with my guitar that I travel with :)...

Rains were pounding so hard that I could not "camp out" in my van: Only 2 rooms were left in the THIRD motel I tried (& one cost almost \$200; I got the last cheap one!).....

Another of God's protections, for heavy fog was rolling into this mountain area as I pulled into the parking lot....

In thanks, I asked the LORD for a song that would bring HIM pleasure, encouraging people who *Believe* in Him to also *Believe* in God's **FOREVER** Words.....

### **OVER & OVER**

- (1) God says What He Wants through scriptures, and
- (2) God Never Changes.... so
- (3) Logic says (3) God \*\*\*\*\*STILL\*\*\*\*\*\* wants what His Law says.

(Remember that Jesus said "My Burden is Light"?.... "Burden" is His word for "Law"... The "State Code" of just one American state's laws fills SHELVES... God's Torah ("Old Testament") has under 700 and most of them apply only to priests, only to building codes, only to soldiers, only to men.... And James 1:5, God WILL give us wisdom to Know what to Obey if we REALLY want to know & ask Him....

### FOREVER... We know what the word means.

<u>Cannot you 'hear' God's sorrow</u> as WE people decide what Laws we should do.... and listen to people who tell us we can CHANGE some to so-call-Honor-God?.... Like "eat no meat but only fish on Friday to honor Jesus the Fisherman"..... Like, "set aside Day 1 as your sabbath to honor Jesus who Arose on Day 1"..... Despite all God's clear instructions....

### When you truly love someone, you do what that person likes.

And God repeatedly says through His scriptures What He Likes: called "His Law", "statutes", "commandments".

https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/search.cfm?Criteria=statutes+commandments&t=NKJV#s=s\_primary\_0\_1

**Supporting Scriptures** ..... Don't believe song lyrics (of ANY song).... or sermons.... without being like the BEREANS who God thru His scriptures praises – they even doubted Paul rightly and to worked hard to check Paul's teachings against God's scripture Word... His Torah, what we call the "Old Testament". What JESUS called the writings of Moses and the prophets. (Luke 24:44, John 5:46) See Acts 17:11.

- **Rev 22:14**. "Blessed are those who **do His commandments**, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city." God's GRACE will FORGIVE us when we **REPENT**... Repent of WHAT? First John 1, we ask forgiveness when we SIN... And what is SIN? Not obeying God. Not obeying WHAT? Not obeying what God said He Likes, what He WANTS us to do. This is END of God's Bible.
- **Rev 12:17** "And the dragon <Satan> was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the Commandments of God..." Rev 14:12 "Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the Command-ments of God and the faith of Jesus...."
- **1st John 5: 2-3** "By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome."
- **Deut** 4:40 "You shall therefore keep His statutes and His commandments which I command you today, that it may go well with you and with your children after you, and that you may prolong your days in the land which the LORD your God is giving you for all time." **Deut** 6:17 "You shall diligently keep the commandments of the LORD your God, His testimonies, and His statutes which He has commanded you."
- <u>1 Kings 8:61</u> "Let your heart therefore be **LOYAL** to the LORD our God, to walk in <u>His</u> statutes and keep His commandments, as at this day." <u>2 Kings 17:19</u> "Also Judah did <u>not</u> keep the commandments of the LORD their God, but walked in the <u>statutes of Israel</u> which <u>they</u> made." <what Jesus called <u>traditions</u> of men>
- **Neh 1:7** "We have <u>acted very corruptly against You</u>, and have not kept the <u>Commandments</u>, the <u>statutes</u>, nor the <u>ordinances</u> which You commanded..... <u>Neh 9:13</u> "You came down also on Mount Sinai, And spoke with them from heaven, and gave them JUST <u>ordinances</u> & TRUE <u>laws</u>, GOOD <u>statutes</u> & <u>commandments</u>."

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<They would not listen: So God STOPPED SPEAKING for 400 years, 'til sending John The Baptist.>

... Where has God EVER said His "FOREVER" commandments changed, including to stop "honoring the Sabbath" Day in HIS way (Not just defined in Exodus 20) .... incl not making people & animals work on that day, no shopping, no unnecessary work on Day 7. **"FOREVER."** !! (We CAN worship on Day 1!)

People use Matthew 5:17 to say Jesus "ended the Law" >> BUT that Truth continues to vs 19: "Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these COMMANDMENTS, and TEACHES men so, shall be called LEAST in the kingdom of heaven..." [Vs 18: Earth is still here. And "Least" means more than just "The 2"... Yes- Jesus clearly said "Love God, Love people"; BUT He ALSO clearly said "all the Law" hangs on these 2, so these aren't only 2 laws. PROOF: Jesus said to TITHE also - Matthew 23:23 & Luke 11:42 "MINT" verses; these were among God's FOREVER statutes, & NOT in the "10 commandments" - Numbers 18:26, as God's way that provides for His ministry.

Jesus said in <u>Matthew 24</u> to "pray that" the time for running to the mountains NOT be "on the Sabbath". <u>LACK OF LOGIC</u> pleases Satan: WHY WOULD Jesus says this <u>if</u> He were ENDING God's commandment about resting on / honoring GOD'S definition of HIS LAW that He repeats over and over, of Sabbath?? Answer: Because God repeatedly said His Sabbath = **Forever**.