

I do not want, then I acknowledge the goodness of the Torah. 7:17) Finally, then it is no longer I that acts out wrong, but the sinfulness of self which lives within me. 7:18) For I recognize that nothing good lives within me, that is, in the sinfulness of self controlling me. At times I may even want to do what is right, but I cannot do it. 7:19) So then the good that I want to act upon I do not do, but the wrong I do not want to act out is what I do. 7:20) Now when I act out what I do not want, really it is no longer I that does it but rather [the controlling force of] sin which lives within me. 7:21) So I find it to be a ruling principle that when I want to conduct myself in the right way, the force of wrong is near to overpower me. 7:22) Truly, deep in my inmost self, I delight in the revealed Torah of God. 7:23) But I see another ruling Torah principle in every part of my body at war with the guiding Torah principle of my mind and making me a slave to the wrongdoing revealed in the Torah which lives in the members [of my sinful body].

7:24) Pitiful, wicked creature that I am! Who will save me from the power of death working in my body? 7:25) Praise be to God through Yeshua, the Anointed One, our Lord. So then, on the one hand, I try by myself to serve the Torah of God with my mind, but on the other, with the sinfulness of self I am a slave to the force of sin revealed in Torah.