

Transcript - Accusing Spirits

Alrighty, Shabbat Shalom! And we're starting the Passover run now. We're exactly four weeks to Pesach one month, and I'm going to start in 1 Corinthians 11 ... because we have actually a command at this time of the year that we have at no other time of the year. 1 Corinthians 11 and verse 17 says:

1 Corinthians 11:17–19, *Now I give you these commands, not to praise you, but you have not made progress, but have gotten worse. First, I hear there to be divisions among you, when you come together in the Congregation. And I believe it in some part. For also heresies need to be among you, **so that the approved ones may become revealed among you.***

Comment: Sometimes people might wonder, why does YAHWEH even allow heresy in the Congregation? And it says it right here. Because as we're going to see today, we were just talking about people outside the Congregation, but we're going to see today, not even everybody who says they're a believer is a believer. But there's heresies that come in sometimes, some of them ridiculous like the lunar Sabbath, but like He says here ... **so that the approved ones may be revealed among you** ... So again, it's a way of weeding out the wheat from the chaff. And then if we drop down to verse 26, and of course we're talking about the Passover here, and in verse 26.

1 Corinthians 11:26 *For each time you may eat this bread, and drink this cup, you solemnly commemorate the death of our Master, until His coming.*

Comment: And like we said, we have 365 days in a year, at least a Roman calendar year, 365 and a quarter. And 364 days a year whenever we go out here to witness, we witness of a living Messiah. We don't go out and say, there was this guy who lived here in Galilee on the water 2,000 years ago and He died, but He was a really nice guy. That's what Jews tell me sometimes, Yahshua, He was a good man, but He's dead. And then I have to explain to them, no, He's not dead; He's alive today, He's living. And that's what we do for 364 days a year. But there's one day of the year that we're commanded to commemorate His death, that we remember ... because **we're really commemorating our own death that He paid in the place of ours** ... and of course, that's on the day of Passover.

We're also commemorating our commitment to YAHWEH, the rededication of that. It's really interesting as I was putting together the Congregational book, that this winter, one of the things as I talked about this before, we talked last year we had on birthdays; we know that birthdays were not celebrated in ancient times. The early Christian historians say that the believers abhorred birthdays and anything dealing with it; one logical thing will tell you, you have a Bible that's written over the span of 1500 years, even a little more than that, and there's many, many births. We see the birth of Adam, we see the birth of Samuel, you see the birth of John the Baptist, even the birth of Yahshua, the birth of Moses, and they never give a date. They never once give a date. And yet there's hundreds of dates in the Bible, all dates on the 10th day of this month, the first day of this month, all over the place. But yet they don't give one birth, which would tell us ... even the birth of Messiah.

And when Christmas started, as we know Yahshua was not born on December 25th, the early believers wouldn't accept it, because they were actually celebrating His baptism on January 6th. Later that changed. January 6th now is actually, they call it the Orthodox Christmas; that the Orthodox Churches, the Russian Church, and the Armenian Church, they celebrate January 6th as they call it Orthodox Christmas. But literally, the early believers kept it as the day Yahshua was baptized. So, we do commemorate that; we do memorialize because that's really the ... our birth. Our birth is from above, not from the earth. The things on the earth will die; the things that are above are forever.

So, on Pesach every year, all of us are commemorating our spiritual birth. We're commemorating when we had the baptism commitment. And of course, that's why only baptized members would partake in the Passover; because if you didn't make a commitment, there's no reason to rededicate it. It's like somebody coming up and saying, "Hey, can you come to this party next week, for me and so and so's anniversary?" And you say, "Oh great! When did you get married?" "Oh, we never got married. We're just having an anniversary." You know, so you wouldn't have an anniversary of something you never did, and it's the same thing here. So, we commemorate that, like He says.

1 Corinthians 11:26-28 *Each time you may eat this bread, and drink this cup, you **solemnly commemorate** ... not just commemorate, but solemnly commemorate ... the death of our Master, until His coming. So that whoever should eat this bread, or drink this cup of the Master, unworthily, that one will be guilty of the body and the blood of our Master Yahshua. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread, and let him drink of the cup;*

Comment: So, we see here that we have to examine ourselves. I've had people come up to me and say, "Oh, I don't want to take the Passover. I'm afraid." I say, "You have to take it." Because if you don't take it, is as we know, you're cut off. It's the only day in the Bible where there's a second one. And it's not a second one that you choose, "Do I take the first or the second?" It's a second one that if you're deathly sick, or you're stuck in an airport somewhere, or whatever, that you can't take those symbols, then you have to take the second one. Because if you don't take those symbols, your covenant's done. You're over. You're done. So, there's no if, ands, butts about it. This is the most serious day of the year as a believer. And that's why he says we have to examine ourselves, that we eat of the bread and drink of the cup worthily. Verse 29.

1 Corinthians 11:29-30 *For he eating and drinking unworthily eats and drinks to his condemnation, not discerning the body of our Master YAHWEH. For this reason, many among you are sick and weak, and many sleep.*

Comment: People were even dying over this. Because like I said, when we go to that Passover meal, it's the only ceremony we'll ever have during the year where literally it's solemn. We don't usually talk. We sit down. We're looking in our Bibles. When it starts, we say a prayer. We do the service and then we leave. That's the end of it. Because we're going to a funeral, and at a funeral it's not a happy and joyful occasion. And the funeral, like I said, you're going to is your own. We're going to our own funeral that Yahshua took on our behalf. So, it's a solemn time to think that that is **you!** That's **you!** When you read those scriptures of Him being beat, and punched, and His blood gushing out. It's **you!** It's **you** that did it, and He took your place for that. So, it's an extremely solemn time. And like we see here with the Corinthian congregation, because they were not doing this, some of them even died. He says:

1 Corinthians 11:31-32 *For if we discerned ourselves, we would not be judged. But being judged, we are corrected by the Master, that we not be condemned with the world.*

So, when we're doing this ... And I'm starting with this scripture because now we're going into the, like I say, the Passover lap. That these next few weeks, this is what it's about. That each of us together, as a Congregation and privately in your prayer closet, we need to examine ourself. It's a great time each year that we can really look at ourself and say, okay, this is where I'm overcoming, but this is where I still need to work on. And we're commanded to do it, which I find really, really great.

For people like Catholics that take communion every day or every week, or Protestants that take it four or six times a year, you can't do this like that all the time. When you think about what's involved of really taking this worthily and really, really taking the time ... And that's why I don't start doing it an hour before the service; we start doing it now, a month beforehand. Because it's such a serious thing to really think about; that Yahshua this King of the Universe that existed forever, that is the Eternal Creator of every last thing, including every leaf on every tree, every flower that's ever grown, that He actually came to earth as a human being and went through every last suffering and thing for me ... it's personal ... and for you.

And that's why, like I say, there's many, many things in Israel that I love and that touch me. But there's no place on earth or in the land of Israel that touches me more than the house of Caiaphas. To be in the very place that He spent His last few hours on earth after His apostles just fled from Him, that He was with for two and a half years and He gave everything of Himself, and in His darkest hour, they deserted Him; and what He must have felt like during that time. It really, really makes me understand His sacrifice and what He did in my life. So, this is really what it's about and that we really, it's a time where we have to look is there pride? Is there whatever? Whatever that we need to work on, this is a great time to work on that. So, we're commanded to do this every year.

And that's why I'm going to start with this message today, because I want to start with showing that we're living in very dangerous times, and there are wheat and tares. There are wheat and tares in the body. If we go to Matthew 13 ... Some wheat and tares may know who they are, and others may not know who they are. And this is the whole point, that we have to at this time of the year to be thinking, am I a wheat or am I a tare? And if I'm showing consistency of a tare, what do I need to do to change? Matthew 24 ... or Matthew 13, I'm sorry, verse 24. It says:

Matthew 13:24-30 *He put before them another parable, saying, the Kingdom of Heaven is compared to a man sowing good seed in the fields ... Here it is, we have fields right in front of us; we have seed that's out there ... But while the men were sleeping, an enemy came and sowed tares in the midst of the wheat, and they went away. And when the blades sprouted and produced fruit, then the tare also appeared. And coming near, the slaves of the house Master said to him, Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? Then where does it have the tares? And he said to them, a man, an enemy did this. And the slave said to him, do you desire, that then, going out we should gather them? ... gather the tares And he said, no, lest gathering the tares, you should uproot the wheat with them. Allow both to grow together until the harvest. And in the time of the harvest, I will say to the reapers, first gather the tares, and bind them into bundles to burn, but gather the wheat into my granary.*

Comment: So here it is, He says that, nope, we don't want to uproot the tares now, because you might get good wheat. Let them grow together until harvest, and then at harvest time, we'll separate them. Now, we can pretty much figure out what it means on its own, but we don't even have to do that because they asked Him, and He's going to tell us exactly what this means. If we go down to verse 36 ...

Matthew 13:36-41 *Then sending away the crowds, Yahshua came into the house. And His disciples came to Him saying, explain to us the parable of the tares of the field. And answering, He said to them, the one sowing the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; and the good seed, are the sons of the kingdom ... So He's saying us, the first fruits, the one's with His Spirit are the wheat, the grain ... but the tares are the sons of the evil one. And the enemy who sowed them is the Devil, and the harvest is the end of the age, and the cherubs are the reapers ... So boy, is this apropos for our time! ... Then as the tares are gathered and are consumed in the fire, so will it be in the completion of the age. The Son of Man will send forth His cherubs, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who practice lawlessness.*

So again, it's a really good parable to go to, to say, am I a wheat or am I a tare? What's happening? The scary part is, too, when you look at this, the reality of ... and we can go to other scriptures, that I won't today. I've done other messages on this, but it's very plain from Scripture that we're talking before, like I said, the world. If you're working with someone and they ask you over, you have to pray and discern whether this person is interested. To me, it's a more scary thought that within your congregation there could be wheat and tares. And it's not just wheat and tares where there's good people and bad people. This says Satan planted the tares. So that's a scary thought to me.

It's not a scary thought that there's stronger and there's weaker brethren. We come together; we bind each other. What's scary to me to think is somebody that could be sitting among us could be planted by Satan. And that's why even within the congregation itself, we have to show ourself approved. And we talked about like at the Bible school, Yahshua had the 70, the 12, and the three. And even within the Congregation, there's nothing wrong that you're closer with some people than other people, because you want to guard yourself. You want to guard your spiritual life.

Because we're not here as a social club. We didn't choose to come here because, ooh, we heard there's nice people there. We're here because it's the truth. We're here because YAHWEH called us to this. We're here because we're getting ready for His kingdom, and we want to prepare and we want to bear fruit for that kingdom. And that's all that matters. And inevitably, you're going to be drawn to people that have the same ... Like people like like things. So, people that have that same desire and those same goals, you're going to be drawn to more; and people that don't, you're going to be separated more.

But like I said, for me, and I do it for myself every year, I pray to YAHWEH. If there's things in my life that I'm faltering, if there's things I'm falling away ... When you're driving in a ship and that ship is starting to go off course, even two or three

degrees, you don't realize right away that you're going off course, but within a few hours, you really see it ... And I pray, **Father, if there's something where I'm going off course, show me because I don't want to be this way.**

Because one of the things we'll see is if you become a tare, whether you're there as a tare from the beginning ... There're people that, like I said, are just planted by Satan to destroy your Congregation; or maybe you started with the right heart, but then you didn't overcome. You didn't work on your pride. You didn't work on your things. And now you've become a tare. What happens is as time goes on and you don't work on your problems, all of a sudden that will be it. Then it's not your problem anymore. Now it's everybody else is the problem.

And that's really the subject I want to talk about today is on the one of **Accusing Spirits** because it's an important subject and especially this time of the year, when we're looking at Passover and forgiveness. Jude 14 ... only one chapter in Jude ... Jude 14. Another ... Just one chapter there, the book of Judah. Great book, most of it for the end time. A half-brother of Yahshua giving us really, really important lessons for our time. But look what he says:

Jude 1:14-16 *And the seventh from Adam, Enoch, also prophesied of these men ... talking about these evil people in the end time ... saying, Behold YAHWEH comes with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment upon all; and to convict all the wicked, because all of the deeds they have wickedly committed; and because all the harsh words, which the righteous [should be unrighteous] sinners have spoken. These are murmurers, complainers, going about according to their lusts, and their mouth speaks proud flattering words, lifting up faces for the sake of gain.*

So again, accusing spirits. And I've always said there's things in life that are good, there's things in life that are bad. We each have to bear our own torture stake. It doesn't mean in life when things are injustice that we can't stand our ground, even as far as if I'm on line, in a post office, and somebody rudely comes in, and shoves me aside, and goes in front, I won't let them do it. Not because I care if I have to wait, because it's an injustice; because that person is violating not only me, they're violating the post office. They're violating the other people in line. And it's an injustice like we just read in Leviticus 5. If I just stand there and let it happen, then I'm as evil as the person that's doing it. On the other end, if somebody came in, and they said, "Look, I'm in a rush. I have an appointment. Can I go in front of you?" I'd gladly let them go in front of me.

So, this is where we see that we don't want to get to the point where if we're standing up for our rights, or we're standing up for justice, that we're thinking of ourselves and being a complainer or an accusing spirit. But we're talking about situations where we're looking maybe in other people's lives, or other people's things, or maybe how other people are treating me. And I've always said, the easiest way in life not to have this happen to you is **expect nothing from nobody**. Because at the end of the day, whatever I have or I don't have, it comes from YAHWEH. So even if I'm judging somebody, if I'm saying so and so isn't doing enough, or so and so isn't helping me enough, you know what I'm doing? I'm judging YAHWEH because YAHWEH could have had somebody else there helping me. So, at the end of the day, I'm judging YAHWEH by doing that.

But if I expect nothing from nobody, then the littlest thing that will come up, I'll be saying, "Wow, thank you so much. I didn't expect anything, and you helped me 1%." But if I'm expecting somebody to help me 50%, and they help me 49, then I'm going to judge them. So, the key is put everything between you and YAHWEH. **Expect nothing from man's sake.**

Of course, like I said, this is different than if you have contracts and your landlord is breaking your contract or something else. That's a different story. If somebody owes you something, you're working and they owe you, a totally different story. I'm talking about in general terms. In general terms of expecting things from people, for no reason whatsoever, except that you're wanting something and then to start.

Now believe me, in 32 years in YAHWEH's Congregation, I've seen this to all different types of degree. And the thing that really angers me about this, when I see accusing spirits, is the fact that most of the people in the Congregation, they're simply too loving, and too kind, and too naive to deal with these situations. And in the end of the day, even if it's little Congregations like this or it's a big Congregation, everybody just wants everyone to get along. And I do too. There's no

doubt, more than anybody, I want everybody to get along. But at the same rate, if you see that there's people that there's a reason why we're not getting along, and the reason why is somebody is accusing somebody else.

Like I said, I'm not one of those people ... Unfortunately, I'm not naïve. I'm probably not too loving; I could have more love. I pray about that. But I am a shepherd of a flock, and I do have to guard the flock because of that. And over the years, I have to guard that because, like I said, the people of YAHWEH they're the opposite of an accusing spirit. They take this to the opposite side. They let people walk all over them. They let them take advantage of them. And like I said, I'm the Jewish mama, that I don't want that to happen. And especially people that are under my leadership, I want to guard to make sure that nobody's taken advantage of at the same rate.

So it is, in one way it's a pet peeve of me, when I see this happen. Because I don't want to see YAHWEH's people ... I don't want to see kindness being paid back with evil. It's one of, and as you're going to see in this message, this thing of an accusing spirit is one of the most vilest things in YAHWEH's eyes. It is so evil to YAHWEH because, like I said, ultimately, we're judging His people, that are good people, and we're judging Him by it. So, it's something that we have to be able to recognize and we have to be able to deal with.

And dealing with these people through the years, I say, if you look at a resume of somebody that has an accusing spirit, what you'll find out is that they never can stay in one place too long. And I've seen this mostly when I was in America, when we started breaking up from the big groups and we had home groups. You'd have somebody that would come in, and you could have this beautiful group of 20 or 30 people and this person would come in ... It could be with a doctrine, a false doctrine or whatever ... and he'd destroy the group. And once he did that, then he'd leave and go somewhere else and do the same thing again.

So, an accusing spirit, they're never at peace in their soul. And like I say, when somebody comes in, look at their spiritual resumes. One of the things of an elder, I just sent out an *Elder* ... I do this newsletter called *Elder to Elder*, where every quarter I send to the elders, and this month was on *What is the Character of an Elder? A true elder of YAHWEH*. And one of the things that's a requirement of an elder, they need to be above reproach. They have to have a good reputation inside and outside.

And that's the thing, if somebody is coming in and, wow, you look at their spiritual resume and their whole life is just jumping from place-to-place destroying everything, is that really somebody that you want on your spiritual team if that's the situation? Proverbs 6 ... Proverbs 6. Because like I said, it really is a serious offense in YAHWEH's eyes. Proverbs 6 and verse 16. He says:

Proverbs 6:16-19 *These six things Yahweh hates; yea, seven are hateful to His soul ... Like I said, if you do a word search in your Bible, you don't find the word YAHWEH with the word hate too often. It only happens a couple of times that things that YAHWEH hates, and look what He hates ... High eyes ... He hates pride. We can understand that. Why? Because pride is nothing but a false worth. And as we'll see in the end, where this comes from, and how to change, we'll see a lot of times it is underlining pride that causes this ... A lying tongue ... which we'll also see is connected with this ... hands that shed innocent blood ... So innocent people getting falsely accused ... A heart that plots evil plans, feet hurrying to run to mischief, a [should say false] witness who breathes lies, and he sending out strife among the brethren.*

So almost, at least five of six of these are dealing with an **accusing spirit**. And it says that **Yahweh hates it**. If we go to Revelation 12, verse 9 and 10, it says:

Revelation 12:9-10 *And the Great Dragon was cast out, the old serpent being called the devil, and, Satan; he deceiving the whole inhabitable world was cast out onto the earth, and his cherubs were cast out with him. And I heard a great voice in heaven, which said: Now is come salvation, and the power and the kingdom of our Elohim, and the dominion of His Messiah: because the Accuser of our brethren is cast out, the one who accuses them day and night before Elohim.*

Can you imagine? Now here it is, we're all humans. We all make mistakes, and we know it. Can you imagine that each time you do something, each time, whether you do it willingly or unwillingly, that there's Satan because his spirits are

everywhere. And he's watching to run to YAHWEH and accuse YAHWEH, just like in the book of Job exactly like that, with each of us. That he stands there day and night; that's his job. And he actually has his demons that are all over working for him, watching us so that they can see everything we're doing and twist it, and turn it back to Yahweh. So, the point is, **if you're an accusing spirit, you're working for the devil. You're literally on his payroll.** And you know what? You're pretty high up there. And he'll bless you for it, because this is his world. If you look, it talks about in **Corinthians**, *not many wise men are called or men of noble birth*; and face it, we don't have it.

I go to places, even some of the poorest places on earth like Uganda, and our brethren are dirt poor; they have nothing. And yet I see other Ugandans that are living high off the hog. One of the guys that let me stay in his house who was the minister of health, this guy had a mansion. I had my own driver; I had a cook that was cooking for me. But he wasn't a brother yet. He was coming to the truth, but he wasn't there yet. The brethren, they didn't have two nickels to rub together. That's just the way life is. And if you work for Satan ... And this guy's wife had a business, and it was on the Sabbath that they had to work. It was a clothes store, and I told him, "You have to give it up ... have to give it up." And even though they closed on Saturday and opened on Sunday and got three times the amount of business, in the end of the day, he went back to working on Saturday.

So that's the key to it. That yeah, YAHWEH's people, we don't have all of the things in the world that Satan has. But at the same rate, who needs it? Who needs it? But one thing, like I say here, Satan is the one standing there day and night accusing before YAHWEH. And if we're doing the same thing, like I said, we are on his payroll. We're worshipping him. I tell people that. If you're accusing somebody without proof, you might as well get on your hands and knees and start bowing and praising Satan. That's what you're doing ... that's what you're doing!

And that's why it doesn't mean that, like we just talked about in Leviticus 5, when there's an injustice, we have the responsibility to bring up the injustice. But there's a protocol to it, the Matthew 18. You go to your brother, you trying to solve it; if you can't solve it with your brother, you bring your witnesses; and then if the witnesses they won't listen to, you bring it before the Congregation. But everything is based on, when you see YAHWEH's judicial order, it's all based on justice and on truth, and on a real process. But to go outside that process, and just be accusing people that are maybe even doing something good, like we said, it's a real, real bad thing in YAHWEH's eyes. In Titus the first chapter and verse 15 ... Titus 1 and verse 15 says:

Titus 1:15-16 *Truly, all things are pure to the pure, but nothing is pure to those being defiled and faithless, but even their mind and conscience has been defiled. They profess to know Elohim, but by their works they deny Him, and they are abominable and disobedient, condemning every kind of good work.*

And I've seen this. I've had people do it to me. You could be doing a good work, and people can twist it and turn it and say you're doing something evil. And that's why the point of the matter is, even sometimes when people is bringing something up to me, sometimes I'll say to the person, "Well, you know what? Before you tell me, you really need to talk to that person. This is something that you need to talk to them." Sometimes it is better to talk to me first, depending on what the situation is. But if it's something that's personal or private, there was something I'd say, maybe you talk to them first. If you can't work it out, if you want me to mediate, then let me be there.

But for somebody to take something that somebody's doing that's good, and then to twist it, like it says here, and make condemning every kind of good work, you're really ... you have to start wondering, what on earth am I doing? Because you can know the Torah inside and out; you could have it memorized up and down; you could be able to quote Scripture right and left. But at the end of the day, what is the greatest thing that all men will know you're My disciples by is our love one for another.

So, if there's no love there ... and love doesn't do that. You look at **Corinthians 13**, not only is love kind, is love forgiving, **love covers over faults**. I have done that. I'm telling you, in 20 years of ministry, whether it's with elders or with brethren, that people have come to me with some of the most private things in their life. I didn't go and blast it in front of other people. I tried to help them to overcome it. And when they overcome it, I forget it as if, like YAHWEH does, from

the east to the west. I don't want to keep bringing things up. That's the end of it. You overcame it. That's great! Let's move on. That's what we should be doing.

But like I said, when we go into the business, it's a family business that Satan has of accusing, then who are we working for? Because as we saw already, YAHWEH, He hates this. He absolutely hates it. And as we're going to see where it comes from, a lot of times it simply comes from too much self-focus and too much self-pride. **Romans 6:16** says, *you are the servant of what you obey*, either the Spirit of Yahweh, the righteousness, or the spirit of Satan, which is the condemnation.

So that's the point that you have to ... We've told people this sometimes with witnessing to people, brethren, Me and Petra, when we've talked to people before and they've had a problem with something, and we said, don't be afraid. If something comes up that is trying to inspire you to do something wrong, to rebuke it in the name of Yahshua! Openly do it! Don't be afraid to say, get thee behind me Satan! Someone may think you're nuts, if they're around, but don't be afraid to take authority in your life.

And if there's a voice or something that's inspiring you to do something evil, then rebuke it. You have to rebuke it. Because the more you give into it, what are you doing? You're allowing your spirit; you're giving authority to that spirit. And you do it over, and over, and over again, and what happens? It's the same with anger. There's a couple of situations, that in the last few years we dealt with, with the spirit of anger. And what you see is, if you don't deal with it, what will happen is it gets to the point that you can't control yourself anymore, and then you are demon possessed. Because the whole point of the Spirit of YAHWEH is being in self-control.

Every one of us is human, so we all have things in our mind. Maybe I'm walking down the block, and I see a pair of shoes, and I want those shoes. But I have the Spirit of self-control to say, no, I don't need the shoes. So, now I rebuke it. So, the thought is not sin. Because even Yahshua, Satan gave Yahshua thoughts. What is sin is when you allow that thought, to be murmured over, and then it becomes action. So, all of us are going to get thoughts from Satan. That's his job. His job is to give us thoughts, and to tempt us. But our job through the Holy Spirit is to rebuke it. And that's the key. But if you allow it, over, and over, and over, and you don't rebuke it, it becomes part of you. It will become part of you, and then that's what you've become. And I don't think anybody wants to become that. Like I said, it's just really **whatever you focus on becomes most real to you**.

There was a woman several years back, that was with the feast with us, that probably had the worst accusing spirit I've ever seen in my life. And, this lady always complained, and we tried to help. And there was one time, it was during the feast, somebody came to me and said, "So and so is complaining. She wants to talk to you." So, I came there, and she said, "Look, there's no hot water in our place here." She says, "And with the cooking that we have to do, I don't have enough time for the services, and I have to wash the dishes. I don't have time." So, I said, "Okay, this is what we're going to do. I talked to the manager. We'll have your hot water within the next two hours." I said, "Here's money, a hundred shekels. You don't have to cook. Treat your whole family, on me. And I'll have someone do the dishes for you. You don't have to worry about it." Her answer was, "Well, if that's your answer, I'm going home." See, she wasn't expecting me to solve the problem, so she already had her answer. She wanted to feel sorry for herself.

And like I said, at the end of the day, believe me, I've been up, and I've been down, but feeling sorry for yourself gets you nowhere! It gets you absolutely nowhere. Because all you do is now your self-focus is on you. And in the end of the day, if your focus is on you, you're going to run into problems. It's that simple. **You have to get your focus off of you!** So, believe me, there's been times in my life where there's things I wanted; you're a new believer, you want this, you want that. But all I knew is I'll pray to YAHWEH, when the time is right. But during the day, I have to produce, and I can't have my focus on me; it has to be on other people.

And you know, when you're doing this, you're also breaking the ninth commandment of lying. Because people with an accusing spirit, ultimately, they will always twist the story. And that's why I've had people come up to me, with the most heinous things, but before I make a judgement, I say, "Okay, let me talk to the other person." And like they always say, there's three sides to a story. Mine, yours, and the truth. So, when that person comes up and says, "Oh, so and so kicked

me out of their house, and I was here with my three kids, and we have nowhere to go, and they're so evil." And I'm thinking, "No, that doesn't sound like so and so." Then you go and talk to them. "They asked to stay one night; they stayed three weeks. Their kids broke all of our stuff. They used the refrigerator. They broke our washing machine." Now, you see the other side of the story.

But that's what happens when you are an accusing spirit, just like Satan. Because as Satan is accusing YAHWEH, or accusing us before YAHWEH, day and night, he's not telling YAHWEH the truth. He's twisting and slanting it. And when you twist and slant, you're lying; you're bearing false witness against your brother. And like I was just reading in Titus, that when this happens ...

Titus 1:16 *"They profess to know Elohim, but by their works they deny Him, and are abominable and disobedient, condemning every kind of good work."*

Because I think in the end of the day, we have to at least give each other the consideration that our motives are all pure until you see differently. And I don't judge somebody's motives, because the Bible tells us not to. I judge the **action**. That's at the end of the day. It's not for us to judge **why** somebody did something; it's simply to judge **what** they did. And if they're doing something against Scripture, they need to repent. They need to change. And if there has to be restitution, maybe they have to make restitution. It's that simple.

But once we start getting into somebody's mind, "Why did he do that? And I'll bet you he did it for this reason, or I bet you he did it for that reason," then we're going to become just as bad as they are. We simply have to deal with it. And that's why the other thing is, I learned through the years, and believe me, it's as uncomfortable for me as anybody, having to go to somebody. I don't like it. I much rather like when just everybody's getting along and everything's great.

But I realize in situations, the quicker you do it, and as long as you're honest and as long as you love the person, then whatever the outcome is going to be, the outcome is going to be. But that's what we have to do. We have to be honest. You have to hit it head on. And if there's something ... It could be the simplest thing like somebody drank my milk in the refrigerator. I'd like to know who it is; for what reason. Maybe there's a good reason. Maybe there's not. Maybe someone thought it was theirs. But if I let this fester in my mind, and then I'm starting to think all these things, it's going to turn into worse situations from this. So, like we said, with an accusing spirit, they wind up twisting the truth, and it becomes a worse situation. So where does it come from? Romans 3 ... Romans 3 and verse 13 says:

Romans 3:13-18 *"Their throat is a tomb being opened;" "they used deceit with their tongues; the poison of asps is under their lips; whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness. Their feet are swift to shed blood; ruin and misery are in their way; and they do not know a way of peace; there is no fear of Elohim before their eyes."*

The first thing is, there can't be a fear of YAHWEH before their eyes. Because I'll tell you something. When I was ordained, one of the things that scared me to death was ... as a believer, I knew my responsibility before YAHWEH. But now if I fail, I'm only going to hurt myself ... when I was ordained, I realized, wow, now I'm being responsible for not just people, but these are the children of YAHWEH. And by far I don't want to hurt any child of YAHWEH. These are the King's kids. I don't want to be aggressive; I don't want to give the wrong impression; and I certainly don't want to be responsible for causing one of YAHWEH's children to fall away.

But when people are accusing spirits, they lose the fear of YAHWEH. Because like I said, something that YAHWEH hates, something He abhors, it gets to the point that they never think about that anymore. Because they stop thinking what's their actions are doing, and only what they're not getting. They become self-filled, like Satan the Devil, when he went up to the throne of YAHWEH, in **Isaiah 14**, and everything he doesn't have! And I will go up there, and I will do this, and I will do that. And the key is here, like it says, it comes by a root of bitterness.

And I tell people this, that have problems in their life. Believe me, I've talked to people before that have given me a situation about a minister, "And he treated me bad; they did this." And I'm telling you, as they're talking, you could see

the anger. And you would think that this happened maybe one or two weeks ago. I'll say, "So when did that happen?" They'll say, "Oh, 1986." In 1986, and you're holding this bitterness all these years!

Because think about it, it doesn't just say bitterness; it says **a root of bitterness**. And as we know, it takes time for roots to grow. And once roots grow, sometimes with trees, you can't even see it. Those roots could be going, who knows how far? But when that root grows and it becomes strong, it's like, it's what's pumping your life out. And if bitterness is pumping your life, believe me, the end result is going to be miserable, any way you look at it. You're going to feel sorry for yourself. You're going to be prideful. Because all pride is, is giving you more of a self-worth than what's really there. We're all equal to YAHWEH.

So, you know what? You might have one bad thing, I had another bad thing, somebody else has another bad thing. But in the end of the day, there's somebody that has it worse than any of us. So instead of focusing on myself and what I don't have, I want to focus on helping the other poor guy, that maybe can help in the situation that he has. But really, the fear of YAHWEH, is really what can, by having the fear of YAHWEH, solve this problem, at least to a degree. But it's the root of bitterness that brings it. Hebrews 12 ... Hebrews the 12th chapter and verse 12 ... Hebrews 12:12 says:

Hebrews 12:12-17 *Because of this, "straighten the hands" hanging alongside, "and the enfeebled knees;" "and make straight tracks for your feet," that the member which is lame may not suffer, but rather be healed. Eagerly pursue peace and holiness with all, without no one will see YAHWEH. Watching diligently that not any lack from the grace of YAHWEH, that "no root of bitterness growing up" may crowd "in on you," and through this many are defiled; that not any fornicator, or profane one, as Esau, who for one meal gave up his birthright; for you know also that afterwards desiring to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place of repentance, although seeking it with tears.*

Why did YAHWEH not accept his repentance? Because it wasn't real repentance. He wasn't sorrowful because of what he did, that he took something so precious, he took the birthright that YAHWEH gave him, and he counted it for nothing. What he was sorrowful for was he was envious; he looked at his brother, who loved that birthright, and he was envious that the brother had something he didn't have.

And again, it was a root of bitterness, and that's what he says, **be careful of it ... be careful of it!** He called him a fornicator, a profane one, for one meal. How much could that birthright have meant to him to give it up for one meal? The same with us. How much can our grace to Messiah mean? How much can it mean to us that He died for our sins if we're willing to throw it all away because we're going to be bitter of something we didn't have? How much can it mean to us? Not so much. So, **a root of bitterness, will give false pride, false self-worth, and will make someone belittle their great calling.**

Like I said, for each one of us, there's 5 million people out there. And that's with me, I have such pity every time I go out. Whether it's going to a store in town, or you meet somebody, I have so much pity for people that don't have YAHWEH in their life. Because I know how joyful it is to have YAHWEH in our life, and the power that He gives us, and that we're the only people on earth that can go to His throne in prayer, and He hears us, and He loves us. And you look at this world, and what they're going through, and I'm not angry at them, I pity them. I wish they had what I had; I wish every person on this earth had what I had. And yet a root of bitterness belittles that. It belittles the great calling that YAHWEH's calling us to; that He is in every one of our lives, and He loves us, and His grace just wants to shower it if we let it.

But like I said, like with that other example, with this other woman, she didn't want the grace in her life; she wanted the root of bitterness. She wanted a reason to complain, because that's what she became ... that's what she became! And that's the scary part. If you allow this root of bitterness to go to a point, that's what you are. The same way that if you get angry, then you're an angry person. If you go in the store and lust for everything, then you're a lustful person. Whatever your action is, is what you become. And you don't want to become a root of bitterness to Yahweh that He's going to cut out. You don't want to become that.

So again, like I always say, **whatever you focus on becomes most real to you!** And a accusing spirit makes a wrong of the past blamed on a parent, an employer, a sibling, a church, a minister, a boss, even YAHWEH. And then they stay self-

consumed, and this assume wrong day and night until it's their only reality. **Whatever we focus on becomes most real to you.** So, do we want our reality the grace He gives us in our life? Do we want, like He said, *not many wise men now are called?* Why did He call me? I have no idea, but thank you, YAHWEH! That's why I say every day of my life. There's no reason for Him to call me, but I want to forget my past, and I want to move on to make Him proud of me; that's what I want. But I am so thankful, every day of my life, that He did call me.

But if I'm sitting here with a root of bitterness, and I'm blaming somebody else, then I'm not relishing in what He did in my life and how beautiful it is. **Whatever you focus on becomes most real to you.** So, is your reality His grace, or is reality the accusing spirit? A bitter accusing spirit is never satisfied or happy, always feeling they're getting the short end of the stick, and they're only happy when they can accuse with somebody else. I've seen this with people that have this spirit. And the only time they'll be happy is if they meet somebody else that has the same spirit. And then, they can accuse somebody together. "Oh, so ... gossip, gossip, gossip, gossip, gossip. It's not good. It's not good, and it's something that YAHWEH hates.

And unfortunately, as time goes on, they don't repent because they see nothing wrong with what they're doing. It's always somebody else. So, how do we change? How do you change from this? Ephesians 4. Because there's always an answer ... there's always an answer. They're not always easy. It does take effort. It does take focus. But with the Spirit of YAHWEH in us, anybody can change if they really want to. Ephesians 4 and verse 20. I'll start in verse 19.

Ephesians 4:19-24 *who, casting off all feelings, surrendered themselves up to lust, and to the practice of all uncleanness with the desire for more and more. But that is not what you have been taught in Messiah, if indeed you heard Him and were taught in Him, as the truth is in Yahshua. Lay aside all your former practices and put off the old man, having been degenerated with deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new man, who is created by YAHWEH in righteousness and true holiness.*

Comment: See, when we look in our life, YAHWEH says when we repent, He puts our sins as far as from the east from the west. So why do I want to remind Him of things that He forgave me for? We had that situation not that long ago. There were some brethren that were together, and they're talking about, "And I did this, and I did this." And it's like, oh, close my ears. I don't want to hear what you did in your past, and you shouldn't want to hear it. You're forgiven from it. Why do I want to bring these acts to YAHWEH's remembrance that He forgot?

So, one thing is, with the Spirit of YAHWEH, you can become anybody you want to be. I tell this to people sometimes that are brand new, and they're moving. Like I say, we all come from past. Some past of people that when they come to the truth were really, really bad; some not as bad. But one thing is certain, when you go to a new place ... Just like some of you here, I never met you; most of we never met before coming here. So, it didn't matter what problems you may have had in the past. It didn't matter what happened. You can come here and be something totally different.

So, if it was me, what I would do is I'd make a list of all the things I want to be, and maybe where my shortcomings are, that I want to make sure I don't fall into that trap. But I want to say, wow! I don't want these people seeing my weaknesses, or I don't even want those weaknesses. They're brand-new people; they know nothing. Let me be as loving, and as kind, and as supportive I can be. And then, not only will I make the other people stronger, but I'm going to make myself stronger. But like I say, an **accusing spirit, it's a resume.** They follow it wherever they go. But you can change it. Like it says here, through the Holy Spirit, you have to **put on the new man. Put on the new man in righteousness.** Drop down to verse 29.

Ephesians 4:29-32 *Let not any evil word go out from your mouth, but words that are good and useful for edification, that it may impart a blessing to those who hear them. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of YAHWEH, by whom you were sealed to the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and anger, and wrath, and tumult, and all evil speaking be put away from you, along with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as YAHWEH has forgiven us through Yahshua Messiah.*

When we go over spiritual gifts sometimes, I've had a couple of people say to me, "The only gift I know I have is the gift of encouragement." I say, "The only gift? What a gift that is!" What a gift that is! Because I know one thing, all of us have ups and downs. And wow! When you're having a down point, I'm certain that you wouldn't care about the guy that has the gift of prophecy. You know, him giving you a prophecy isn't going to help you when you're feeling down. Or somebody that may have the gift of languages, he's going to sit there speaking Spanish; that's not going to help. But somebody with the gift of encouragement, that can help in any situation.

Because you know something? It talks about when we pray, there's times that we don't know what to pray and the Holy Spirit intercedes and prays for us. And I can attest to that many times. But how wonderful that is, because there's times when somebody will counsel, and believe me, my heart is going out. And I say, wow! I feel for them. But what can I say to this person when they've been through such a trial? And all I do is start praying, "Father, please, if there's anything that You can give me; if Your Spirit can give me a word." And sometimes those words just come out, not mine, but through the Holy Spirit. And to be able to **encourage**, there's no greater blessing in this life.

And like I said, the **accusing spirit is the opposite**. Not only aren't you encouraging, you're tearing down good things. You're making things ... Perception and procedure. So many times, **you're making things in your mind that simply don't exist, creating problems out of nowhere**. And it's the opposite of the Spirit of YAHWEH. The Spirit of YAHWEH always gives the benefit of the doubt. **The Spirit of YAHWEH lets all bitterness, and anger, and tumult, let it all go. But is kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving, even as Yahweh has forgiven us through Yahshua Messiah.**

That's why I say, **that's why Passover is so great**. Because at this time of the year, we can really focus on this. We can **focus on new starts, new beginnings, becoming that new person in Messiah**. But like we said, **you have to get your focus off yourself. That's the key to it**. In the end of the day, **it's not about me**. It's about Yahweh's people. It's about where you can serve. And believe me, the more you're serving others, the better you're going to feel about yourself. There is nothing worse in the world than sitting in a little corner in your room and sulking and feeling sorry for yourself. And it gets you nowhere. It just feeds on itself. It doesn't solve anything. But when you're out there and **you're serving and you're doing and your focus is on others, it's just a blessing**. Jacob the first chapter, verse two ... Jacob 1 and verse 2 says:

Jacob 1:2-5 *My brothers count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the proving of your faith works patience. But let patience have its perfective work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask Elohim, who gives to all freely and with grace, and it will be given to you.*

So here it is again. Wow! Kind of hard to think about going through trials and count it all joy. Trials usually aren't too joyful. But if the trial is going to help us to be a better person of Yahweh, if it's going to help us to be an overcomer, and it's going to make us build our faith through patience ... *let patience have its perfective work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. That's the reason for trials.*

So, it's something where sometimes, like I said, when an accusing spirit, even something that isn't a trial, they can't see it. That's why I say, for an accusing spirit, how can they see a trial as a blessing, when they don't see a blessing as a blessing? I always said that, like I said, if you can't ... Petra used to say, "If you don't see the blessing in the little ones, you don't see the blessings in the big ones." And every day of our life, like at the school, we wrote down, went over our blessings. And if you can see the blessing of the sunshine, and the blessing of the rain, and the blessing of the nice flower, the more you're seeing blessing, you're certainly not going to see something else. But like I said, if you can't even see the blessing as a blessing, how on earth will you ever see your trial as a blessing? And that's the point.

Many times, Yahweh is blessing somebody; and because they're not recognizing it, they're blaspheming. And then, not only that, now they're not even recognizing their blessing. Now when Yahweh is giving a trial for them to overcome, now they're just sulking in their trial and making it double worse. So, the key to it, is we have to see it. We have to see everything in our life as a blessing, whether it's a trial, that He's blessing us through the trial, or it's a blessing that He's sharing with us. But we have to do it. **We have to have the spirit of appreciation.**

Every day of our life, we should wake up looking at what YAHWEH is blessing us with, looking at the beautiful things. And like I said, especially for us here, we've all been blessed in ways that we can't imagine, and it will help to get our mind off the other things. Must get whole focus on appreciating everything. Thank YAHWEH every day, focus on every little blessing, your eyes that you have, your hands, your feet, water and food to eat. Many in the world, two thirds of the world go hungry every day. Thank Him for our calling every single day. That, like I said, it could have been somebody else. And like I said, it's blasphemy for a believer who's called out of the world to complain daily. It's blasphemy, so we need to get away from it. Psalm 148 ... Psalm 148.

Psalms 148:1-6 *HalleluYah! Praise YAHWEH from the heavens; Praise Him in the heights. Praise Him, His angels; Praise Him, all you hosts. Praise Him, sun and moon; Praise Him, all the stars of light. Praise Him, all heavens of heavens; and waters that are above the heavens. Let them praise the name of YAHWEH for He commanded, and they were created. And He established them forever and ever; He gave a decree that they not pass away.*

Psalm 148:7-14 *Let the sea-monsters and all deep praise YAHWEH from the earth, fire and hail, snow and smoke, stormy and fulfilling His word, mountains and all hills, fruitful trees and cedars, beasts and all livestock, creeping things and birds of the wing, kings of the earth and all the people, princes and judges of the earth, young men and virgins too, old men and youths: Let them praise the name of YAHWEH; for His name alone is exalted; His glory is above the earth and heavens. He also lifts up the horn of His people, the praise of all His saints, of the sons of Israel, a people near to Him, HalleluYah.*

Wow, what an awesome Psalm! There's many of them like that. That's one of the things, if you're ever feeling down, just start reading these psalms. There's no way that you could be praising YAHWEH and not be happy, it's impossible! And when you think of what YAHWEH has in this world, what He has for us, like I said, our focus every day is just the awesomeness of YAHWEH, and that solves a lot of problems. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 says:

1 Thessalonians 5:18-19 *In everything give thanks, for this is the will of Elohim in Messiah Yahshua toward you ... And the next, it says, ... Do not quench the Spirit.*

And one way of quenching the Spirit is not giving praise to YAHWEH. *In everything give thanks, for this is the will of Elohim in Messiah Yahshua toward you. In everything give praise and give thanks! Like I said, every day of my life, I think about the greatness of YAHWEH. So few people that He's calling in this world, that He's allowed me to be one that He is calling, and giving Him glory for what He's doing. Whether you look at how evil and wicked mankind is, and how it gets worse every day, that YAHWEH doesn't just say like He did with Moses, *Forget everything. I'm going to wipe everyone out and start over again.* But no, because of His chosen, His first fruits, that He continues to put up with all this suffering, because He loves us and He's going to bring us to fruition to what He's working with us. The last scripture I'm going to go over here is Romans 8 ... Romans the 8th chapter, starting in verse 14.*

Romans 8:14-18 *For as many as are led by the Spirit of Elohim, these are the sons ... or children ... of Elohim. You did not receive a Spirit of slavery again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship by which we cry, Abba! Father! The Spirit itself witnesses with our spirit that we are children of YAHWEH. And if children, also heirs; truly heirs of Elohim, and joint heirs of Messiah, if indeed we suffer together, that we may be glorified together. For I calculate that the sufferings of the present time are not worthy to compare to the coming glory to be revealed in us.*

Romans 8:19-23 *For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly awaits the revelation of the sons of Elohim. For the creation was not willingly subjected to vanity, but through Him subjecting it, on hope; that also the creation will be freed from the slavery of corruption to the freedom of the glory of the children of Elohim. For we know that all creation groans together in labors and pain until now. And not only so, but also, we ourselves having the first-fruit of the Spirit, also we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly expecting that sonship, to deliverance from our body;*

Comment: Now it is interesting that over the last few months, maybe even the last year, there's all these reports of groans that people are hearing, like coming out of the earth, just groans from everywhere. And here it says the creation is groaning for our manifestation. So, it's waiting. Like everything is there; there is not a whole lot more that has to

happen. We are almost at the end of the 6,000 years. The wickedness is about as bad as it is going to get, but it will get worse. Everything is coming together, and here the creation is groaning, just waiting for us to complete our manifestation as the sons of Elohim.

And like He says here, amazingly enough, if His plan had that He created us simply to be slaves and He is a good guy, and for eternity I am going to go out there and cut wood for Him every day and cut His grass, I'd be happy! What can I complain about? He is not beating me; He is going to give me food. But, no, He says **children, literal children; that He is making us literal children, partners with Him. That we are co-heirs with Yahshua of creation.** It is like, you are falling off your chair, you can't believe that how good YAHWEH is, and how loving, and what He has done for us! And like I said, it is just unbelievable the gift that He has given us. If we drop down to verse 31, he says:

Romans 8:31-34 *What then shall we say to these things? If YAHWEH be for us, who can be against us? Truly He did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up on behalf of us all, how will He not freely give all things to us with Him? Who will bring any charge against the elect of YAHWEH? YAHWEH is the One justifying! ... It says in the book of Jacob, when you judge your brother, you are judging the Torah. So, He says ... who will bring any charge against the elect of Elohim? YAHWEH is the one justifying! Who is he condemning? It is Messiah who has died, but rather also is raised, who also is at the right hand of YAHWEH, who also makes intercession on our behalf.*

Romans 8:35-39 *Who shall separate us from the love of Messiah? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? Even as it is written, "For Your sake, we are killed all the day; we are counted as lambs to the slaughter." But in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him loving us. For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor cherubs, nor rulers, nor armies, nor things present, nor things to come, nor heights, nor depth, nor any other thing created will be able to separate us from the love of YAHWEH in Messiah, Yahshua our Master.*

So, wow! What a great, great calling we have! What a great future we have! And like I said, there is just no reason for an accusing spirit. This must be our focus. Shame on us for complaining. **Whatever you focus on is most real to you.** And like I said in the beginning, it's very simple. All you have to do is understand, nobody owes me nothing ... nobody owes me nothing. When I look at what I did in my life, and then I look at what YAHWEH is giving me, it doesn't equal. What I did was nothing, and what He is offering me is that. So why do I need anything from human beings? The only thing I ask is, like YAHWEH says, to love one another; that we can't sin against each other.

And if somebody stole something from me, I hold you accountable because I love you. It wouldn't just be to get my thing back; it would be because I love you, and I want you to be accountable for your action if you are doing something that is sin. But an accusing spirit isn't love. That's not loving somebody. That is having focus on oneself. It is having a root of bitterness. It is all the things that are bringing it about. So, *if Yahweh be for us, who can be against us?* Our focus has to be on Him, on what He is doing, on our calling that He has called us to represent Him as the true Elohim of the universe, and how much we have to be thankful for. When we look around the world at all the suffering in Asia, and Africa, South America, all over the place, and everything that YAHWEH is blessing with us, we really don't have any reason to not be thankful for that.

You don't want to give in to an accusing spirit. You don't want to pacify them, or you are condemning their evil. Sometimes people that are always negative, always complaining, and people feel like, oh they want to just keep playing into it, "We feel so sorry for you." You are not helping somebody like that. Lift them up, but you are not helping if you are pacifying somebody that is doing that. You want to rebuke it. You want to pray against it. It is not having an accusing spirit, though, to go to a brother according to Matthew 18, like I said in the beginning. There are times where things come up, that you have to go to somebody. That is not an accusing spirit. And that is why we have the Matthew 18 process. You go to each other, you work out problems, and you restore a person for what they are doing.

So, I think it is a good way to start on the Passover lap, getting started this way. Because like I said, the very first scripture I read, there's wheats and there's tares. And each of us really have to look at our hearts in this Passover season, and see, am I a wheat or a tare? Where am I falling short, and where can I be a better servant of Yahweh? Yahweh bless. Shabbat Shalom!