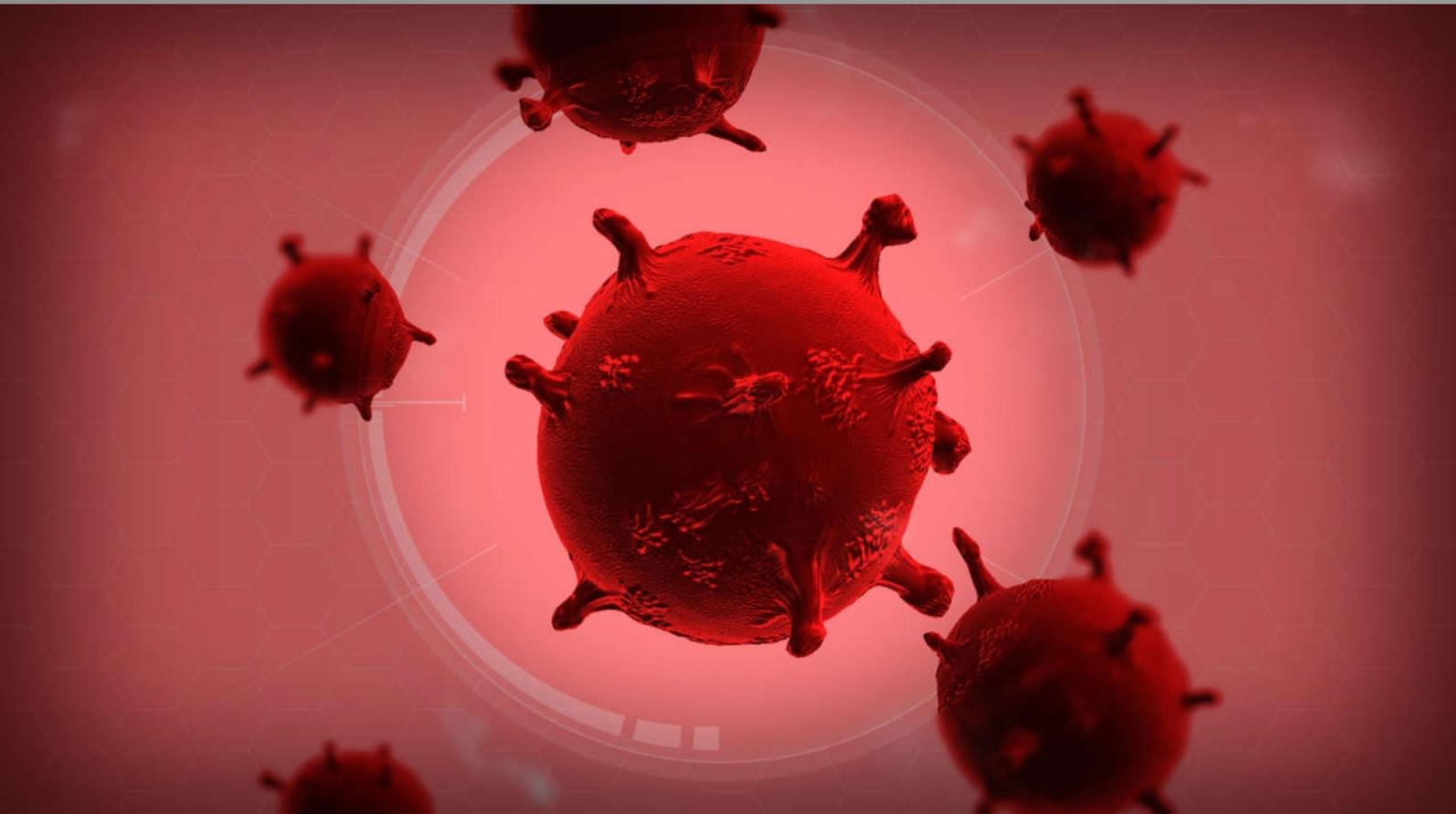


Remnants Walk

The one claiming to rest in Him, ought to walk, himself, even as He walked. 1 John 2:6



**... and there will be famines and
plagues and earthquakes against
many places ...**

Matthew 24:7

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May this free gift bring you closer to our Father Yahweh through His son, our savior and soon returning King, Yahshua the Messiah. In His wonderful name. Shalom...

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Personal

by Don Esposito

Greetings Brethren,

And shalom in the wonderful name of Yahshua Messiah. The world has completely changed from my last personal to you six months ago. With what seems like an eternity, the last six months have seen the world go completely upside down with sickness, death, lock downs, riots, and financial ruin due to the outbreak of the coronavirus, called COVID-19.

For many believers who have been living a sanctified life since baptism and setting their life apart to Yahweh, this upheaval has not affected their daily life as much as others. But to the average person living in the pleasure-seeking world of commercial Babylon, this has caused much stress and anxiety.

The average person in Western society isn't used to being locked down in his home for months at a time, with limited movement and strict adherence to what he can and cannot do. Now, after several months of living this way, many are starting to cause civil disobedience and rebel against the governmental powers that be.

In all likelihood, this will pass sooner or later, some way or another, but life on planet earth doesn't seem to be going back to the old normal any time soon. And the system of commercial Babylon that was created by America/Babylon is changing over as the end time Beast power materializes in the end-times we are living in.

Many people simply can't believe that America/Babylon could ever be replaced, but every empire that has ever existed has fallen, and only the Kingdom of Yahweh will last forever. President Trump has mentioned hundreds of times how he built America into the greatest economy the world has ever known, and how he has built up the military, and brought security to the USA like no one ever has before him. And he even mentioned in a speech he gave in Indiana in 2018 that he would "*bring peace and security*" not only to Babylon, but to the whole world.

1 But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I write to you.

*2 For you yourselves know accurately that the day of YAHWEH **comes as a thief in the night.***

*3 For when they say, **Peace and safety! Then suddenly destruction comes upon them, like the travail to the woman with child, and not at all shall they escape.** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-3*

And now, in just a few short months, not only America/Babylon, but the whole world is in chaos and insecurity from the COVID-19 virus, and its fallout. And now, the global powers that be are planning to use this crisis not only to control the world in a police state, but to also bring the solution, in the form of a vaccine to bring back the feeling of security in the world today.

Bill Gates' company has patented WO-2020-**060606** for a nano-microchip tattoo that would vaccinate the person and also put an implantable chip in him for electronic exchange of money into a new cashless society. I don't know when COVID-19 will be eradicated, as it may even come back worse in the fall, but I can tell you that this will not be the last pandemic that we will see in our lifetimes. Welcome to the new normal of Satan's end time global government.

May the people of Yahweh prepare for the days ahead with spiritual strength and sanctification from this wicked world of the enemy.

B'Shem Yahshua,

Elder Don



How Will The People of Yahweh Survive the Mark of The Beast?

Don Esposito

There are many scary scenarios in Scripture. We see the flood of Noah destroy all human and animal life on the earth, except for Noah and those with him on the Ark. We see Israel in slavery for several centuries, dealing with hard bondage and great suffering and misery. The Bible is filled with droughts and plagues and famines that often times we even battle to comprehend how bad they must have been at the time.

2 Ki 6:25 And there was a great famine in Samaria. And behold! They were laying siege to it until the head of a donkey was at eighty silver pieces, and a fourth of a cab of dove's dung at five silver pieces.

2 Ki 6:26 And it happened, the king of Israel was passing by on the wall. And a woman cried to him, saying, Save, my master, O king.

2 Ki 6:27 And he said, If YAHWEH does not save you, from where shall I save you? Out of the threshing floor, or out of the winevat?

*2 Ki 6:28 And the king said to her, What ails you? And she said, **This woman said to me, Give your son and we will eat him today; and tomorrow we will eat my son.***

2 Ki 6:29 And we boiled my son and ate him, and I said to her on the next day, Give your son, that we may eat him. But she hid her son

2 Ki 6:30 And it happened when the king heard the words of the woman, he tore his garments. And he was passing by on the wall, and the people looked. And, behold, the sackcloth was inside on his flesh.

We also see great martyrism of the early believers as chronicled in the book of Acts.

Act 8:1 And Saul consented and participated in his murder. And in that day a great persecution took place on the assembly which was in Jerusalem; and all were scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.

Act 8:2 And devout brethren buried Stephen and all made a great mourning over him.

*Act 8:3 Now Saul **persecuted the congregation of YAHWEH while he entered homes and dragged away men and women. And he delivered them to prison.***

And throughout the last 2,000 years many brethren have had to live underground, and in mountains and caves to get away from the great persecution that their respective governments brought on them.

However, there is a situation that is prophesied for the end-times that is different to any other situation that true believers had ever had to go through. The book of Revelation prophesies about an end-time global beast power government that will have rule over all the world.

However, most people living in the world at this time will worship this beast leader, and the system that he institutes all over the globe. Satan will try to make this system look righteous and good, but deep down it will be demonic and deadly.

However, there is one thing about this beast system that has startled brethren for almost 2,000 years.

Rev 13:15 And was given to it to put life into the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast might even speak, and might cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

Rev 13:16 And the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the freemen and the slaves, it causes that they give to them all a mark on their right hand, or on their foreheads, Rev 13:17 even that not any could buy or sell, except the one having the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of its name.

*Rev 13:18 Here is wisdom: Let him who has understanding compute the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man and **its number is six hundred and sixty six.***

Brethren in the past, in their simplicity, have come up with all kinds of guesses to what this mark actually is, such as Sunday worship or even a social security card. However, this mark is an end-time mark, and the technology for this would not be made known until the time of its admittance.

However, now as we are marching on toward this very time of the Beast government implementing the mark, we see that Bill Gates from Microsoft has patented a system that uses human biometrics such as body heat and brain-wave activity to mine cryptocurrency. The patent filed under international patent number WO-2020-060606 and titled 'Cryptocurrency System Using Body Data Activity', leverages human body activity as proof-of-work.

As to how body activity and biometrics will be communicated to servers and cryptocurrency hardware, the patent explains that "a sensor communicatively coupled to or comprised in the device of the user may sense body activity of the user." The patent then gives examples of sensors that can be used to this end – such as "fMRI scanners, electroencephalography (EEG) sensors, near-infrared spectroscopy (NIRS) sensors, heart rate monitors, thermal sensors, optical sensors, Radio Frequency sensors, ultrasonic sensors, cameras, or any other sensor or scanner."

In other words, a chip will be inserted into the body that monitors a person's daily physical activity in return for cryptocurrency.

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has donated more than \$21 million towards developing a vaccine technology that uses a tattoo-like mechanism which injects invisible quantum dot nanoparticles under the skin that is now being tested in a vaccine against the virus that causes COVID-19

The human implantable mark when injected emits a glowing, red X pattern as it delivers the vaccine, and what is left behind is capable of data storage and retrieval for years afterwards. Not only that, it is the oft-stated aim and goal of Bill Gates and his wife Melinda to give a quantum dot vaccination mark to every human being on the face of the earth to help distinguish those with COVID-19 from those without.

Also, at the same time Elon Musk and his company called Neuralink wants to insert Bluetooth-enabled implants into your brain, claiming the devices could enable telepathy, and repair motor function in people with injuries. His devices will consist of a tiny chip connected to 1,000 wires measuring one-tenth the width of a human hair and be able to implant information and thoughts into the human brain.

Before this modern, computer, technological age, no one could have imagined how government, as powerful as they may be, could have the ability to stop people from buying and selling. How could they be able to track all humans, and stop them from trading their silver or gold, or even paper currency for food and living supplies?

Now with these new technological advances in science, this soon coming world government can not only track every human on the planet, but also control what someone buys or sells by a trading system that will only be able to be done electronically with an embedded chip to be placed under the skin of all humans on the planet.

Some countries, such as China and India are already in the process of transferring over to an electronic, cashless society. So, if a full electronic, cashless society arrives in the form of the mark of the beast, how on earth could the people of Yahweh survive in such a controlled, manipulated system without taking the mark? This is a question that brethren, and even myself have asked for centuries. It seems that under such a controlling system that no one could survive outside of it.

However, Yahweh has always had other plans. Yahweh is the great Creator and sustainer, and all the earth, including human life, belong to Him (Ps 24:1). He has created human beings in His image, and it is only by His very word in the book of Revelation that Satan is even allowed to set up such a diabolical, evil world system to control every person on this planet.

But Yahweh uses everything to the good, to those who love Him, and are called according to His purpose (Ro 8:28). He will never allow anything to try us above what we are able to, and in the case of the mark of the beast, He is the one using this wicked beast system as a way to test His people in the end times, and to separate the wheat from the chaff.

The Kingdom of Yahweh is about unity, and selflessness, and serving and loving our neighbor as our self. So whatever plan He would have, to overcome the beast and its mark, it would have to involve love, and unity, and a team effort of His people working together in these last days, in preparation for rulership in His soon coming Kingdom.

His plan would never be just about people being loners and preppers, locked up in some fortification by themselves with all kinds of weapons and 20 years of military MRE vacuumed sealed meals to last and survive by themselves. What would be the purpose for someone to simply survive?

What would be the purpose for a person to survive by themselves while all the brethren are suffering and starving to death. This would not be a kingdom principle or having a Kingdom mindset; the very reason that Yahweh is allowing this in the first place.

So, in Yahweh's infinite wisdom He has set up for His people to live in community, together in the last days, so that they can be mini cities of refuge, and mini kingdoms of Yahweh all over the earth. Yahweh has inspired this idea with His chosen remnant back in 2014, well before there was any fear of a worldwide pandemic, or of the mark of the beast being implicated any time soon.

So, the idea of community living and brethren dwelling together in safety and unity, did not come out of panic for self-survival, but it came out of heart-felt desire to live together in harmony, and to be able to love each other on a daily basis, and to build a Kingdom mindset each and every day of our lives.

But it will also be a way that Yahweh can use these communities to sanctify His people in these end-times, and to be able to be self-sufficient with food, and shelter, and the daily needs of the brethren. They are also places where brethren can worship Yahweh in Spirit and truth away from the sinister world system of Satan the Devil.

And the brethren who have left society over the last 6 years to join one of Yahweh's communities did not do so to save their flesh, but to learn how to die to the flesh, and to save their souls. They are spirit-filled believers who understand that in order to be an overcomer, you need to be part of the body of Messiah, as we are all just one small part of that body and none of us can survive as a part of the body if we are alone. How can you, as a small finger, survive without the rest of the hand, and arm, and leg, and head of the body?

1Co 12:12 Even as the body is one, and has many members, but all the members of the one body, being many, are one body, so also is Messiah.

1Co 12:13 For also we all were baptized by one Spirit into one body, whether Jews or Arameans, whether slaves or free, even all were given to drink into one Spirit.

1Co 12:14 For also the body is not one member, but many.

1Co 12:15 If the foot says, Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body, on account of this, is it not of the body?

1Co 12:16 And if the ear says, Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body, on account of this, is it not of the body?

1Co 12:17 If all the body were an eye, where would be the hearing? If all hearing, where would the smelling be?

1Co 12:18 But now YAHWEH set the members, each one of them, in the body, even as it has pleased Him.

1Co 12:19 But if all was one member, where would the body be?

1Co 12:20 But now, indeed, many are the members, but one body.

The Body of Messiah is indeed one body, fully dependent on Yahweh and Yahshua, and co-dependent on each other for its very survival. It is the Laodicean mindset that wants to be separate, doing their own thing, making their own decisions, according to their own lusts and desires, just as Adam and Eve made the decision to reject Yahweh, and partake of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

It is this same demonic mindset today that makes Satan's global government want to control every human being on this planet.

As the set apart remnant of Yahshua, we must humble ourselves before Yahweh and put on the true Kingdom of Yahweh mentality by not hoarding mammon, but giving to my brother who has less than I do. It is only by this selfless, Kingdom mindset that the people of Yahweh will learn to deny the wants of the flesh, and to grow into the grace and knowledge of our Master Yahshua, and to put on and embrace the mind of Messiah. Taking every thing into captivity into His very obedience and will, and denying ourselves daily to be pleasing to Him in all things.

The Kingdom of Yahweh is a reality, but it is also a mentality that we must live in everyday of our lives. By living in community with like-minded believers, and leaving the wicked, self-centered system of commercial Babylon that Satan has set up in these end-times, we are conditioning ourselves daily for our position in the Kingdom of Yahweh.

We are creatures of habit, and unless we leave this prideful, egotistic system that Satan has created, we will be putting ourselves under his rule, as he is the god of this world's system that he has created. Yahweh wants us to come out of that system and be set apart in the camps that He Himself is providing and protecting.

The time is short, and it takes time once you move to a community to allow your human nature to die, and to grow into the character of Yahshua; that is why Yahweh has set up these communities now, and didn't wait for the last minute to do so. It is truly a mindset, and life and death, as whomever takes the mark will die.

Rev 14:9 And a third cherub followed them, saying in a great voice, If anyone worships the beast and its image, and receives a mark on his forehead, or in his hand,

Rev 14:10 he also shall drink of the wine of the anger of YAHWEH having been mixed undiluted in the cup of His wrath. And he will be tormented by fire and brimstone before the holy cherubs and before the Lamb.

Rev 14:11 And the smoke of their torment will rise forever and ever. And those worshiping the beast and its image have no rest night and day, even if anyone receives the mark of its name.

Being a true believer is not simply about believing a certain doctrine, but it's about living by a set of core values, and it is truly a way of life in which our actions are automatic by our character that we grow into day by day. Yahweh truly is wonderful and surely has, long ago, thought of protecting His people from Satan's mark.

What a caring, merciful Elohim we serve!



Your Faith Must Have a

Foundation

Reprint Article by Raymond F. McNair

The faith you are clinging to may do you absolutely no good against Satan's fiery darts — unless it meets several specific conditions. Your faith must rest on the solid foundation described here.

A man checked into a room on the 30th floor of a big hotel on a warm, foggy night. The room was too hot, so he forced open a window and stepped through it into the thick darkness, thinking he was stepping onto a balcony. But, to his horror, he quickly realized (too late) that nothing was under his feet! The terrified guest fell headlong to his death on the sidewalk below.

Did the man's *belief* that he was stepping onto a balcony save him?

If a person unwittingly drinks some deadly poison, not realizing it is poison, will his ignorance (his misplaced *belief* or faith), prevent his untimely death?

If people sincerely *believe* a lie, will it profit them? Millions of Germans really believed in the promises of Adolf Hitler and his Nazi party before and during World War II. They trusted that the fuhrer would bring them peace, prosperity and happiness. But by mid-1945, they were disillusioned. The deluded masses of Germany came to see that they had placed their faith in a man and a party that could not deliver what they had promised. The result? A ravaged, divided Germany.

Faith is simply confidence and assurance in YAHWEH—the absolute certainty that something will happen according to our unshakable belief based on YAHWEH's *promise* or knowledge of His will. It is trust in YAHWEH, not in man—not in one's own unfounded supposition. Faith is *assurance* that what YAHWEH has promised He will perform (Rom. 4:21). It is “the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen” (Heb. 11:1).

But how can we make sure that our faith is not “dead” or “in vain”? (Jacob 2:17, 1 Cor. 15:14,17). How can we make sure that our faith does more for us than it did for the man who only *believed* there was a balcony outside his hotel window?

A solid foundation

Faith, or belief, in order to be effectual, must be solidly based. It must have a sure foundation if it is to stand. Sincerity alone is not enough. It is possible to be ever so sincere—like those people who believed in Adolf Hitler—and yet be sincerely *wrong*—to have a misplaced trust.

If we are to have real, living, effective faith, we must learn to put our faith in YAHWEH, not in men! “So says YAHWEH, Cursed is the man who trusts in man, and who makes flesh his arm, and who turns aside his heart from YAHWEH” (Jer. 17:5). And we are also told, “Put not your trust in nobles, in a son of man, for there is no salvation in him” (Ps.146:3). Yahshua Messiah said to them “Let the faith of YAHWEH be in you” (Mark 11:22).

But why put our faith in YAHWEH rather than in someone or something else? Because YAHWEH is the only sure foundation for belief! Even when men are well intentioned, you never really know whether they will be able to keep their promises. And many people are not well intentioned.

But YAHWEH will never break His Word. He is totally reliable. When He makes a promise, you can depend on it. Men are limited in knowledge and understanding, and also in their ability to keep their word. But YAHWEH is always 100 percent faithful (1 Cor. 1:9, 10:13, 1 Pet. 4:19).

It is utterly impossible for YAHWEH to lie (Heb. 6:18). He who has promised is faithful. (Heb. 10:23). Whatever YAHWEH promises—whatever His will is—He will bring it to pass.

Knowing YAHWEH's will

The patriarch Abraham was *“never weakened in faith...he did not hesitate at the promise of Elohim, as one lacking faith; but he was strong in faith, and gave glory to Elohim; and felt assured that what YAHWEH had promised to him, he was able to fulfill”* (Rom. 4:19-21). YAHWEH made an oral promise to Abraham, and faithful Abraham simply believed his Creator. He knew YAHWEH would not lie—that His Word was good.

Can we follow Abraham's example? Some of us may be prone to say: “Well, I could believe YAHWEH, too, if He would speak directly to me as He spoke to Abraham. Abraham had perfect faith in YAHWEH because He had revealed His will to him. He told Abraham what He was going to do and what He wanted Abraham to do. But YAHWEH hasn't spoken to me. He hasn't made His will known to me.”

Hasn't He? YAHWEH has made it possible for us to know exactly what His will today is—He has spoken to us in as direct a manner and with the same authority as when He spoke personally to Abraham. How?

Through His written Word, the Bible—the Holy Scriptures. The Bible reveals the will of YAHWEH. What we call the Old Testament and the New Testament (the word testament means covenant or contractual agreement involving promises on YAHWEH'S part and trusting obedience on man's part) contains the complete revelation of YAHWEH to mankind—His revealed will to man.

Real, living faith must be based on YAHWEH'S will as revealed in the Bible.

If professing Christians would obey YAHSHUA's command to “Search the scriptures” (John 5:39) – if they would, like the noble Bereans, study the Bible daily (Acts 17:11)—they would know what YAHWEH has—and has not—promised.

For instance, most people who claim to follow YAHSHUA sincerely believe that they will go to heaven when they die. But does the Word of YAHWEH promise any such thing? No!

YAHSHUA said that no man has ascended into heaven, and that those who develop proper discipleship character will inherit the earth (Ps. 115:16, Isa. 60:21).

But is this what most of “Christianity” has been taught? No. True disciples must rightly divide “the word of truth” to know exactly what YAHWEH's will really is and thus be able to have faith in that solid foundation (2 Tim. 2:15, Eph. 5:17). Belief in whatever is stated in the Bible is a properly based belief. Faith cannot be based on faulty human reason, but must be placed in YAHWEH's Word.

Then, we can pray properly and expect to receive answers from YAHWEH: “And this is the confidence we have toward Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him” (1 John 5:14-15).

When we fail to petition YAHWEH according to His will, we can expect no answer to our prayers—we do not have the proper faith YAHWEH requires for answered prayer (Jacob 4:3, 1:6-7).

This proper faith, of course, must also include keeping YAHWEH's commandments, which are also revealed in the Bible (1 John 3:22).

The Promise of Healing

Many people who think they have perfect faith are forced to realize that their faith is worthless because they do not receive what they pray for—because they misunderstand what YAHWEH has actually promised. A good illustration of this problem is to be found in the subject of healing.

Many Christian-professing churches believe in divine healing. That is fine, because the Bible teaches that YAHWEH can and does heal. But many churches misunderstand YAHWEH's promises to heal and misapply them to their own distress and discouragement.

The Apostle Jacob instructs disciples as follows: “Is any among you sick? Let him call the elders of the Congregation, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of our Master. And the prayer of faith will heal those being sick, and our Master will raise him up. And if he may have committed sins, it will be forgiven him” (Jacob 5:14-15).

Those who truly believe the Word of YAHWEH know that YAHWEH has made certain promises concerning healing. But it is vital that we do not *misunderstand* what YAHWEH promises.

Does YAHWEH anywhere in the Bible promise to heal every one of every sickness and every disease in this life? Does YAHWEH’s Word say when YAHWEH will heal? Or, after praying for healing, do we not have to wait patiently for YAHWEH to heal us in His own good time and way?

Jacob said the prayer of faith would save the sick and that YAHWEH would raise them up, but he did not say when YAHWEH would do so.

On numerous occasions in the Bible, YAHSUA, the apostles and the prophets healed people instantly. But there are other examples when YAHWEH took a longer period of time before He raised up the ill and healed them (2 Kings 20:1-7, John 4:52). In some instances, YAHWEH did not heal the people at all. But is His Word still good? Is it ever too late for YAHWEH to “raise him up” and make a sick person completely whole?

When does YAHWEH heal?

King David of Israel was a great man in YAHWEH’s sight, yet YAHWEH allowed him to contract some kind of “loathsome disease” (Ps. 38:7, 41:8).

Near the end of David’s life, he was so infirm that his body temperature wouldn’t stay high enough, so his servants “sought for a fair damsel” to keep the king warm (1 Kings 1:1-4).

Nothing indicates that YAHWEH healed David of his sickness. But he died *in faith* and the time is coming when YAHWEH will *raise him up*, “But they [Israel] shall serve YAHWEH their Elohim, and David their king, whom I will raise up to them” (Jer. 30:9).

The prophet Elisha also died in faith—unhealed, “And Elisha had become sick with his illness in which he died” (2 Kings 13:14). Both David and Elisha were men of YAHWEH. Why, then, did YAHWEH—who had worked mighty acts and miracles through these men—not heal them? Only YAHWEH can answer that. But YAHWEH will heal them both—will raise them up in the soon-coming resurrection. YAHSUA said that at that time, men shall “see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of YAHWEH...” (Luke 13:28).

The Apostle Paul was another man whom YAHWEH used mightily. Through Paul, YAHWEH healed many people: “And Elohim did great works of power through the hands of Paul, so as even handkerchiefs or rags from his body to be brought onto those sick, and the diseases to be released from them, and the evil spirits to go out from them” (Acts 19:11-12). Yet, when Paul himself was sick, YAHWEH didn’t heal him. Why? Paul himself gives us the answer:

“And by the super abundance of the revelations, that I not be made arrogant, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan, that he might buffet me, that I not be made haughty. Beyond this I entreated our Master three times, that it depart from me. And He said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness. Therefore, I will rather gladly boast in my weaknesses, that the power of Messiah may rest upon me” (2 Cor. 12:7-9).

Paul had asked YAHWEH on three occasions to heal him, but YAHWEH had refused, knowing that his infirmities would keep him humble. Paul therefore said, *“I am pleased in weaknesses...for when I am physically weak, then I am spiritually strong”* (verse 10).

Sometimes YAHWEH heals people instantly. Sometimes He delays their healing until the resurrection. In some instances, He heals a person in this life after a certain delay. When Miriam, the sister of Moses, rebelled and was smitten with leprosy, Moses prayed to YAHWEH, “And Moses cried to YAHWEH, saying, O Elohim, I beg you, please heal her” (Num. 12:13).

But YAHWEH didn’t grant Moses his request. *“And YAHWEH said to Moses, If her father had but spit in her face, should she not be ashamed seven days? She shall be shut out seven days at the outside of the camp, and afterward she shall be brought in. And Miriam was shut out at the outside of the camp seven days,”* (verses 14-16). One week later, Miriam was healed by Yahweh and brought back into the camp.

Three Important Ingredients

There are three vital ingredients necessary in healing: 1) faith, 2) obedience and 3) patience. When a person prays for healing, he must believe, obey YAHWEH and then, because YAHWEH has not promised when He will heal, he must patiently wait for YAHWEH's intervention.

It is only "through faith and long-suffering (that we shall) inherit the promises" (Heb. 6:12). And we must sometimes exercise a lot of patience waiting for YAHWEH to act when He knows the time is best.

After all, the people in Hebrews' long list of biblical heroes patiently trusted in YAHWEH and "...died by way of faith, not having received the [fulfillment of the] promises" (Heb. 11:13). We must have faith like these people.

Faith is of prime importance to anyone who would truly worship YAHWEH. "Without faith it is impossible to please YAHWEH" (Heb. 11:6). How, then, does one get more of the kind of faith everyone needs?

How to Obtain Saving Faith

The apostles knew they needed more of the understanding and peace that true faith in YAHWEH could give them, and realizing this, they implored YAHSHUA, "Give us more faith" (Luke 17:5). We, too, need to ask for the power to overcome our doubts and faithlessness, as one man did, "And at once the father of the boy cried out while mourning and said, I believe my Master. Help the lack of my faith" (Mark 9:24).

No one of himself has the kind of faith necessary to be saved. This saving power can come only from YAHWEH and YAHSHUA Messiah, "looking to the Author and perfecter of our faith" (Heb. 12:2).

YAHSHUA Messiah is the source of living faith, "Knowing that a man is not justified by works of (Levitical) Law, but that it is *through faith in YAHSHUA Messiah*, we also believed into Messiah YAHSHUA, that we may be justified by faith in Messiah and not by works of (Levitical) law" (Gal. 2:16).

Paul goes on to say, "And the life I now live in the flesh, I live by *faith toward the Son of YAHWEH*, the One loving me and giving His life on my behalf" (verse 20).

Notice the source of the faith necessary for justification, character development, and salvation: "*For by grace you are saved, through faith, and this is not of yourselves; it is the gift of YAHWEH*" (Eph. 2:8).

Faith is one of the fruits of YAHWEH's Holy Spirit and is imparted to us by the indwelling of that Spirit (Gal. 5:22, 1Cor. 12:9). We need to ask YAHWEH for more of His Holy Spirit, which He is more than willing to give us (Luke 11:13). YAHSHUA Messiah through the inexhaustible "supply of the Spirit" (Phil.1:19), can give us the faith we need to trust and obey Him at all times.

Also, we need to remember that "faith comes by hearing, and hearing through the Word of Elohim" (Rom. 10:17). Hearing and studying YAHWEH's Word will increase our faith.

Our Spiritual Radar

Faith is an important component of the armor of Elohim. "Be alert, putting on "the breastplate of faith and love" (1 Thess. 5:8). "Above all, taking up the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming darts of the evil one" (Eph. 6:16).

If we, as disciple soldiers, ever lay aside our breastplate and shield of faith, then we will be unable to ward off all the frantic thrusts of Satan in his efforts to destroy us.

Faith is like a compass. It is like the radar used on ships or planes. Paul commanded the young disciple warrior Timothy that "you might war the good warfare by them, having faith and a good conscience, those who have rejected this charge have lost their faith" (1Tim.1:18-19).

Without this spiritual power to direct us, we will all suffer "shipwreck" sooner or later. According to the Word of YAHWEH, our faith can be overthrown if we are not alert and vigilant (2 Tim. 2:18).

A disciple must believe in YAHWEH and believe what His Word says. He needs to realize that his own faith is not sufficient to save him—he needs to have the very faith of the Son of YAHWEH added to his limited human strength. Faith—a gift of YAHWEH—comes as a result of YAHWEH's grace, prayer and Bible study. A disciple must be sure to base his faith on the foundation of YAHWEH and His Word. If he does this, his faith will forever remain unshakable!

ASK THE AMISH



New Settlements

We asked our readers to write what they consider the most common pitfalls a family can expect to meet when they become part of a new settlement venture. [People mentioned climate and weather, financial difficulties, and power struggles] Here are some answers.

“One of the biggest problems is the power struggle that often results when people from different locations move together. So, when moving to a new settlement, be prepared to give in on little issues that don’t mean much anyway. The main trouble is too many chiefs and not enough Indians.”

[Comment by the editors] Sometimes people pretend to be moving for spiritual betterment, but all they really want is more liberty to do as they please. This is a motive upon which no blessing can follow, and a foundation upon which no congregation can prosper.

“To avoid another pitfall, get the electricity and telephone out of the property as soon as possible, or better yet before you even move there. Experience has taught us, the longer you use it, the harder it is to put it away.”

“Some people use the new settlement like a reformatory. They leave their children in a bad influence for sixteen years, then when things get out of control, they take them and dump them into a new settlement, expecting the new settlement to immediately undo the harm of the old. But it never has worked to throw a bad apple into a bushel with good ones and expect the good will change the bad. Usually it works the other way.

If the parents wait too long, they have a problem getting their children out of the old settlement, and even more, a problem to get the old settlement out of their children!”

I have noticed that if there are mostly young people in a new settlement, some things might gradually become accepted that the older people might see a danger in, and give a warning.

[Other pitfalls include gossip, different backgrounds and lack of leadership]

“Why have new settlements so often failed? Is it not usually for lack of planning, a lack of support, or a lack of true leadership? A sprinkling of families come haphazardly from the four winds and decide to give a new settlement a try. If it doesn’t work, it is easy to pull up stakes and move again.

It seems to me, it is time our older, established congregations took the lead in starting daughter settlements under their supervision and with their support. Perhaps the old and the new settlements could prosper spiritually with Yah’s full blessing.

Writer unknown (4-77)

The Heritage of Our Church Decisions

Our Amish churches everywhere use rules of conduct or Ordnung to maintain uniformity in the congregation, and to keep unwanted practices out of the community. There are people who label all-such as man-made rules, and say they are wrong and detrimental to the church. But we believe one of the points that had enabled the Amish to hold to non-conformity is discipline. To have discipline, we must have standards. If we rebel against the standards decided by the church, it is evident that something is wrong in our heart.

Each restriction we have is the result of some problem or misuse the church faced at one time. When we face new problems, we must make decisions, whether we want to act on them or not. When I was a boy, there was no rule against watching or owning a television set, for the simple reason that there was no television. A hundred years ago the church needed no Ordnung against short dresses, because at that time it was the practice among all women to wear them floor length.

For myself, I prefer to go by collective decisions that have been made and handed down to us over many generations. Is there not a real danger that if we throw out what we have inherited from our forebearers, we may be missing something we will not be able to replace.

(D. Wagler, 4-91)

Marriage, A Most Sacred Institution

There are three reasons why a wedding is one of the most unique of the services held by our churches today. For one thing, it is the most joyous. The second reason is that a wedding is such a serious event, where a lifetime commitment is being made. The third reason is that it is such a sacred event because it is an Abbildung, a representation of the spiritual union between Messiah and his bride, the congregation.

In Lancaster county (PA), it is customary for the Amish wedding season to begin after the fall communion and continue until Christmas. The young married couple then spend the rest of the winter in visiting. Uncles and aunts receive an overnight visit. It is the couple’s way of starting out on the journey of life together.

I am thankful that in our churches, marriage vows are taken very seriously and are considered a lifetime commitment. If we listen carefully to the words of the marriage ceremony and to the vows exchanged, we find it inconceivable that any provision can be made for divorce and remarriage. **I do not believe our churches could have survived and maintained their separation from the world over the centuries if we had not taken the marriage vows so seriously and literally.**

We believe reconciliation is the key word to solving marital problems. As long as remarriage is an option, reconciliation does not get a fair trial. Reconciliation works satisfactorily only when the scriptural requirement is enforced as the only option the church has to offer: possible separation but no remarriage.

(“Now That I Think of It” D.Wagler, 1-91)

Is our Light Consistent

Three oft-quoted passages of Scripture follow each other naturally: First Peter 2:9: “But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation and a peculiar people.”

First Corinthians 2:14: “But the natural man receives not the spirit of Yahweh, for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.”

Mat 5:16 So let your light shine before men, so that they may see your good works, and may glorify your Father in Heaven.

We believe the first passage applies to us. If we didn’t there would be something wrong, and it would be time to look at ourselves for improvement.

We consider the second passage as directed to us. To a certain extent, we apply this principle, and there is evidence in our works. Our plain clothes draw attention. If we are honest, generous, and helpful; if we are pious and Elohim-fearing, if we are quiet, peaceful and law-abiding- people will see our good works.

We like to believe that the last passage (1 Cor. 2:14) is the reason why more people do not follow our way. Our customs seem like foolishness to many.

It is easy to look down on others and feel they are too proud to humble themselves the way they do like we do. They couldn’t do without their luxuries! It is easy to assume our way of living is foolishness to them because they receive not the things of the Spirit.

Perhaps on the other hand, could it be that our light is so smokey, smudged, and sooty that they cannot see our good works.

(Isaac Horst, Mt Forest, Ont, 5-71)

What it means to be Amish

We dress differently and our lifestyle is different, but is that the only difference between the Amish and all these other churches? Well, let me tell you a story. Some years ago, a group of fifty-two people chartered a bus, and came to Holmes County to see the Amish. They had arranged to have an Amishman meet them and answer some of their questions.

For their first question, they began, “We all go to church”, and they named some churches. “So, we know about Jesus. But what does it mean to be Amish?”

The Amishman thought a bit, and then asked a question of his own, “how many of you have TV in your homes?” Fifty-two hands went up. “Now, how many of you feel that, perhaps you would be better off without TV in your homes?” Again, fifty-two hands went up. “All right. Now, how many of you are going to go home today and get rid of your TV?” **Not one hand went up!**

Now that is what it means to be Amish. As a congregation, if we see or experience something that is not good for us spiritually, we will discipline ourselves to do without.

The world in general does not know what it is to do without!

(Monroe L. Beachy, Sugarcreek, Ohio, 8/9-92)

You are your own worst enemy

Reprint article by David Jon Hill

YOU are at war! Whether or not you know it, your life has been plunged into a “state of emergency” by the Almighty Creator who made you. The promise of eternal life is made **ONLY to one who has gained the victory—to the overcomer**—“*Him that overcomes*” will I make a pillar in the Sanctuary of my Elohim...” (Rev. 3:12).

To Overcome means to Conquer!

It is not a passive fight that YAHWEH has called us to, but a direct frontal onslaught, a crushing conquest! It is an all-out war! **TOTAL WAR!**

Many wars have been fought in the history of mankind on this earth, but not one good thing has been produced by any of them! Men and women have been asked to give their lives that *others* might live. People have been called upon to die for every reason man could devise—for the emperor, for the country, for the congregation. The greatest motivation man can offer in war is either to protect country, home and family in a defensive struggle or to offer plunder and power if one helps wrest it from the hands of another! Or a hero’s *death!*

But YAHWEH offers us the *whole world*. “Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the EARTH” (Matt. 5:5). He also offers us **POWER**: And the one overcoming, and the one keeping my works until the end, “I will give to him **AUTHORITY OVER THE NATIONS**: And he will *shepherd them with an iron staff...*” (Rev. 2:26-27).

YAHWEH does not call us to go to battle *for nothing!* He offers us the greatest rewards that any conquering king of this earth *ever* offered to his soldiers. But Yahweh offers *one thing more* that **NO MAN can offer!**

ETERNAL LIFE!

“For what will a man be benefited, if he should gain the **WHOLE WORLD**, but *forfeits his soul* (life)? Or what will a man give as an exchange for his soul?” (Matt. 16:26). The most you could hope to gain from any other king in any other war would be a limited amount of power over a limited area for a **LIMITED AMOUNT OF TIME!** Nebuchadnezzar, Cyrus, Alexander, the Caesars ruled the world all in their turn—**BUT THEY ARE DEAD!**

Our Elohim offers us all that for which they fought and died, in addition to **LIFE EVERLASTING!** “...I came that they may have **LIFE** and may **HAVE IT ABUNDANTLY**” (John 10:10).

This goal YAHWEH offers is *worth* the greatest conflict you could possibly be put through! To have the riches of all the earth, to have the power beyond the realm of man’s understanding, to have practicing knowledge of the laws that make life happy and pleasant, peaceful and productive, and to have **LIFE INHERENT WITHIN YOURSELF** to enjoy and use these other blessings forever—**THIS IS A GOAL WORTH FIGHTING FOR!**

Rules of Warfare

The precept followed by every great military leader is, “Know your enemy—never underestimate him!”

The United States and Great Britain—the Israel of today—are going into captivity soon—conquered by an enemy they do not even recognize! Even in the struggle against the recognized enemy of communism, the West is losing ground and having a difficult time because it *does not recognize the kind of warfare* being waged by the enemy!

Both communism and fascism are fighting a total war—a type of war the United States and Great Britain have never had to fight before! A *trade* war, a *propaganda* war, a war using singers and dancers, artists and writers, a war of *ideas*, a war of *diplomatic negotiation* over conference tables—and at times a war of terrorism, of guerrillas attacking innocent women and children, and finally an open warfare of one army facing another in desperate all-out battle!

YOU face a war *even more* TOTAL in its concept! The enemy you fight has no honor, no ethics, and no mercy!

YOU are forced to fight *three fronts* in your war. Unless you recognize, put up a defense and mount an attack against these three fronts, *you may lose!* These three battle fronts are:

(1) Yourself; (2) The World; and (3) Satan and his demons!

Of these three enemies the self is the *first* and the WORST!

In order to fight this enemy, you must know his *purpose*, his *tactics*, his *strengths*, and his *weaknesses!* In this article we will examine this enemy thoroughly and also examine the battle orders that the Captain of our salvation has given to us to overcome this enemy!

All-Out War!

Let’s realize first of all that no “Laodicean attitude” will ever conquer in this warfare! Every good soldier must have good morale! He must have a *desire to fight, to conquer*, and to WIN! Military leaders give men slogans to fight by; let us see the slogans YAHWEH has given to us. “FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH, *lay hold on eternal life...*” (1 Tim. 6:12). “*Labor to enter in through the narrow gate...*” (Luke 13:24).

“...*mortify (KILL) the deeds of the body...*” (Rom. 8:13).

“... *so run, not as uncertainly; so fight, not as one beating air; but I conquer and subdue my body, so that, by no chance, when I have preached to others, I, myself, will be disapproved*” (1 Cor. 9:26-27).

The discipleship life of overcoming is not a quiet, passive, contemplative sort; but an active, moving, *pressing, striving* RACE, won only by those who press forward constantly!

Too many of you brethren feel since you have been baptized and received Yahweh’s Holy Spirit that you do *not live with a carnal mind any longer!* You tend to consider the way you do or look at things as ‘*the way*’. If you discover a fault in yourself or if one is brought to your attention, you tend to generalize or excuse your own faults by saying, “Nobody is perfect!” Or you say, “I know I have got to overcome, and I am trying but I just can’t do everything at once.”

These answers come from **YOUR CARNAL MIND!**

What YOU Are Like

Before we go any further let's understand two basic facts about the *human* mind that YAHWEH has created in you. "The heart [the way you naturally tend to think, feel, and believe] is DECEITFUL ABOVE ALL THINGS, and DESPERATELY WICKED: who can know it?" (Jer. 17:9). This situation does *not change completely* when you are baptized and receive YAHWEH'S Holy Spirit. It only *begins* to change. At baptism you have *added* to your carnal mind a portion of the Mind of Messiah. YAHWEH'S Mind, His Holy Spirit, begins to reveal to you what *you* are really like, and gives you the power and strength to *overcome* that enemy, *to cease to be like you were!*

Too many times we like to use scriptures in the Bible against the people of this world from a self-superior sense on our part. "Because *the mind of the flesh* is enmity (hatred) towards Elohim; for it is not subject to the Torah of Elohim, for it is not possible to be so" (Rom. 8:7). How many times have you used this scripture referring to the world—and it *does* refer to the world—not realizing the context in which Paul wrote this scripture. The book of Romans is written to the *saints* at Rome. It is written to *begotten sons of Elohim, members of the body of YAHSHUA Messiah*, members of the Congregation of YAHWEH!

Paul demonstrated that neither the Greek mind, which tends to be academic and philosophical, nor the Jewish mind, which tends to be proud and self-righteous, was the right kind of mind. He showed that ALL had sinned and come short of the glory of Elohim. Only through YAHWEH is there any power which would keep a human being from sinning and coming under the penalty of death. Paul showed all through Romans 7 that when the Spirit of Elohim is added to your mind there is an immediate warfare that ensues because of the basic human nature that you inherently are.

"But I see another law in my members having WARRED against the law of my mind, and taking me captive by the law of sin being in my members" (Rom. 7:23).

As in any war, sometimes the enemy presses very hard, and you find yourself in retreat, not any longer in *control* of the situation and conquering. This is the time Paul is warning about in Romans 8:7, urging you never to give in to your carnal mind and live according to its dictates. In this battle the warfare is *constantly going on*, the enemy is *ever present*—you are either winning or losing at *any given minute of any given day*.

"For though we do live an earthly life, yet we do not serve worldly things; for the weapons of our warfare are not fleshly, but of the power of Elohim to the demolition of strongholds, casting down imaginations (reasonings) and every false thing lifting up itself against the knowledge of Elohim, and bringing into captivity every thought into the obedience of Messiah" (2 Cor. 10:3-5).

Our warfare takes place within our minds! This is the battlefield! Little skirmishes and big battles are fought here every single day at the *speed of thought!*

Having Elohim's mind present with you, especially when you are in contact with Him through never-ceasing prayer, enables you to see what you should do and how you should act. But your carnal mind, also present with you as long as you are a human being, begins immediately to put up a defense against the attack of YAHWEH's Spirit. It begins to think of ways *around* doing what YAHWEH wants you to do. It begins to barricade and entrench itself with *justifications* and *reasons* why you have not or cannot do what YAHWEH wants you to do. It all seems *perfectly reasonable*; it is *very understandable*—but it is "AGAINST THE KNOWLEDGE OF YAHWEH"!

Unless you *immediately* recognize this and ask YAHWEH for reinforcements to pull down the strongholds your carnal mind has built up, you will find yourself beaten back, having *less character* each time you submit to your carnal mind rather than conquering it with YAHWEH's Holy Spirit!

Self Preservation

The basic law of all life is Self-Preservation! You are no different from any other form of life. *Humanly*, you want to stay the way you ARE! *Humanly you resist any change*. Your human mind is thinking at nearly the speed of light to come up with some reason why it does *not* have to submit to the mind of YAHWEH.

Notice very closely what YAHWEH said you must bring into captivity, what you must control: “every THOUGHT”—this is where sin begins!

Let’s notice the process of how this develops. “But each one is tempted by his OWN LUST, he covets and is seduced by them. Then having conceived lust brings forth sin, and sin being fully formed brings for death” (Jacob. 1:14-15). First of all, your carnal mind makes you think you would *like to do* what is *contrary* to YAHWEH’s Torah (law). You *play* with the thought; roll it over in your mind, *entertain* it and plan—until finally you have GONE TOO FAR! You have not resisted from the *beginning* and the power of sin has snowballed until it is too great to resist. Next you actually DO what you had been *thinking* about doing—this is sin—and death is the penalty!

This can be repented of. But the only one who knows how many times you can retreat before sin, and ask YAHWEH later to forgive that retreat, is the one who has repented *too many times!* YAHWEH says very plainly, “I am *weary* with repenting” (Jer. 15:6).

Don’t try to find out how many times YAHWEH will forgive. Certainly, He is forgiving, loving, merciful, and kind. Yet He warns us very sternly that if we do not *bear fruit consistently* that He will break us off as a dead branch and cast us into the lake of fire!

Don’t assume YOU are all right!

“Examine yourselves, whether *you* are in *the faith*; test YOUR OWN SELVES...” (2 Cor. 13:5).

Just the Way I Am

How many times have you heard people say, “I’m just hardheaded, that’s all!” or “I have a very quick temper and I tend to jump to conclusions”? This is the excuse *your carnal mind* puts up—the *reason* your human mind displays against the knowledge of YAHWEH! This is *your excuse* for not overcoming because you are the way that you ARE!

Some even try to blame it on their *parents* and complain, “Dad was always nervous and grouchy and so am I!” This explanation satisfies the self. It explains readily that if you just *are* that way, then that’s just the way you *are* and there isn’t any way of helping *the way you ARE!* You just *are* easily offended. You just happen to *have* a despondent, pessimistic attitude. You “just can’t seem to remember.” Or you are just *weak!*

This, to the carnal mind seems to be the *perfect reason* why you do *not have to overcome!* It is PERVERTED REASONING!

YOU HAVE BEEN CALLED TO OVERCOME *WHAT YOU ARE!*

YAHWEH never inspired the hymn titled, “*Just As I Am!*” We can’t come the way we are to Elohim. **WE MUST CHANGE!**

The human mind is very fertile and clever in coming up with all kinds of arguments *against* YAHWEH’S truth. When His truth, revealed by His Spirit in your mind, begins to *accuse you* of not overcoming, as you should, *you begin immediately* to find an *excuse!* This is another tactic of your carnal mind!

The Excuse Tactic

Like the first Adam, you cast secretively about to find a scapegoat for your sin! You say that you *inherited* your bad habits or your faulty disposition from your parents. Perhaps you claim that it was your family background, that you grew up in a house where mother always dominated and so you *just naturally* tend to dominate even though you are a woman. Or you men *just naturally* tend to listen to your wife more than you should because mother always told you what to do! You let this NATURAL CARNAL *reasoning satisfy you into thinking you don't have to overcome this problem!* It is not your fault; it's the fault of *someone else!*

Some like to blame their *education* and claim that if they had received more or better education, things would be different! After all, you can't be expected to study the Scriptures if you only had a sixth-grade education as much as you would be expected to study the Scriptures if you had a college education!

Perhaps your excuse is your *geography!* If you had just lived in Oregon instead of Arkansas *things would be different.* If you lived in the country instead of the city; or if you lived in the city instead of the country *things would be different!*

Perhaps your *job* is your problem. *If you didn't have to work such long and hard hours you would be able to study and pray more.* If you had a job you could do with your hands, your mind would be free to think about the things of YAHWEH. If you had a job where you had to use your mind, you would be able to develop and use all of the attributes that YAHWEH would have you develop.

“Pass-the-Buck” Classic

This is an excuse that mankind has been using ever since the time of Adam! This is how the real *you* thinks, and acts and works. YAHWEH faced Adam, with the question, “Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” Gen. 3:11. Adam was quick to answer, but the answer was an *excuse:* “The *woman* whom You gave to be with me, *she* has given to me of the tree, and I ate” (12).

Adam had to find a *reason why* he had sinned - just admitting it to YAHWEH didn't seem to be enough. But when he offered the reason, when he explained that it was his *wife's fault*, not his, *his carnal mind* was satisfied. If you will read on briefly there in Genesis 3, you will discover the woman was no different from her husband. When YAHWEH asked her why she had done this thing, she replied that it was the *serpent's* fault, that *he* had been the one to beguile her - it was Satan's fault!

MOST PEOPLE ARE ONLY BLIND TO THEIR OWN SINS! “All the ways of a man are *pure in his own eyes*, but YAHWEH weighs the spirits” (Prov. 16:2). We can't have the understanding to know how our own carnal minds work unless we ask YAHWEH in heaven to guide us in recognizing this worst enemy, we have. “The steps of a man are from YAHWEH, and what can man discern of his way?” (Prov.20:24).

Turn now to Jeremiah 10:23— “O YAHWEH, I know that his way does not belong to man; it is *not in man who walks to direct his steps.* O YAHWEH, CORRECT ME, *only with judgment*, not in Your anger, that You do not bring me to nothing” (Jer. 10:23-24). Make this YOUR prayer: “...Acquit ME from SECRET FAULTS. Also withhold Your servant from *arrogant sins; do not let them RULE over me...*” (Ps. 19:12-13).

Don't ask YAHWEH to show your *husband or wife* where he or she is wrong—ask YAHWEH first to show YOU where **YOU are wrong!** If your sins are not obvious to you—if you cannot pick out at least three *specific* things you need to overcome, then you desperately need to ask YAHWEH to *search and cleanse* YOU—to show you the sins that are *secret* to YOU!

“You have set our iniquities before YOU, our secret sins *in the light* of YOUR *face*. For all our days pass away in Your wrath; we finish our years like a sigh.

The days of our years are seventy; and if any by strength live eighty years, yet their pride is labor and vanity; for it soon *passes*, and we fly away. Who knows the power of Your anger? And as Your fear is, so is Your fury. So teach us to *number our days*, so that we may *bring a heart of wisdom*” (Ps. 90:8-12).

The marginal rendering reads better here “*that we may get us a heart of wisdom.*” This is the way to get wisdom—to fight your chief enemy, **YOURSELF!** Our days are numbered and slipping away too fast—we don’t *have* the threescore and ten years left to us anymore, and using every precious second is absolutely necessary.

Concentrate all your force and energy on your worst enemy—bringing every weapon to bear to *exterminate* this enemy. “SEARCH ME, O El, and know MY heart; try ME, and know MY thoughts; and see if *any wicked way is in ME*; and lead ME in the way everlasting” (Ps. 139:23-24).

What You Can Do!

In order to come to grips with your worst enemy, to come *concretely* to the attack—so you will know *exactly* what to do, I urge you to write a short essay about yourself. After praying, on your knees to Almighty YAHWEH, in the attitude expressed by the above scriptures, take out a piece of paper and title it: “WHAT I AM”.

Be candid, truthful before YAHWEH—ask YAHWEH to help *you see YOU, AS HE SEES YOU!* Then describe what He opens your mind to see. After you have this written, you will know what you need to change. Ask YAHWEH directly in prayer to help you overcome one of the points that you have written down about yourself.

In a succeeding article we will examine several other phases of human nature concretely and specifically to help you find out even more how *your* human nature works and how *you* – the begotten son of Elohim—may *overcome this nature and stand before YAHWEH MORE THAN A CONQUEROR!*

DON'T DECEIVE YOURSELF

Here is the continuation from the above Article on overcoming. Read it - and ACT.
Reprint Article, By David Jon Hill

“But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only deceiving your own selves.” (Jac. 1:22). There are many times that all of us in Yahweh’s Congregation have used this scripture in referring to the people in the world to prove that they should obey Yah’s law. Now let us apply it to ourselves, individually, as members of the Body of Messiah -- since it is direct instruction from Almighty Yahweh, through His Apostle Jacob to us.

If you read last month’s article, “You Are Your Own Worst Enemy”, and have done nothing about it until now, you stand on this dangerous ground described in Jacob—that of self-deception. If you have done nothing about this article which requested direct action on your part, then chances are that you have done nothing about many of the articles which have appeared in both The Good News and The Plain Truth!

Self-Deception

Let’s understand! Actions *do* speak louder than words. It doesn’t matter how much knowledge you have concerning Yahweh’s plan of salvation if you don’t live according to that knowledge. Knowing the world is going to end in catastrophe as described by the startling prophecies revealed in your Bible, and yet not *doing* anything about it to ensure your safety from that end-time destruction is *desperately dangerous*. Yahweh has revealed the truth to us concerning this end-time turmoil and His coming Kingdom as a WARNING!

Yet many times we kid ourselves. We accept the outstanding changes that Yahweh requires of us, such as the Sabbath-keeping and abstaining from unclean meats, but do not go beyond that surface change to completely renew ourselves to scour our minds and renew the way we think. Self-deception is a very subtle and bitter enemy. We *think* we are doing all right because of the knowledge we have. This is a dangerous prelude to Laodicean thought and non-action.

Knowing the schedule of prophetic events, we sometimes enjoy smugly talking to our friends and warning them of what is going to take place in Europe—of how the United States is on its way down and out. We are like a man standing in the middle of the railroad tracks proclaiming the imminent arrival of the express train. He loudly proclaims to everyone that the train is about to come and warns them to clear the tracks! Few pay attention to him, but he quietly assures himself, saying, “Just wait, you’ll see who was right when the train *does* come through!” Then the train comes through with sudden fury, 90 miles an hour, bearing down with incredible awe-inspiring speed that freezes him in his tracks despite the fact that *he knew the train was coming!* He tries vainly to leap out of the way—now he’s spurred to *desperate action!* But his action is too late and too little. He dies under relentless onslaught of the train, though he *knew the schedule!*

He had the *knowledge* that the train was coming. He *believed* in this knowledge. He was *convinced of it*. He tried to tell others, to *warn them* to get out of the way-- but he himself refused to budge.

A Present Problem

From the reports of those working with the local and scattered churches, ministering to you brethren, come these suggestions for sermon topics: “Self-righteousness and How to Detect it—Self-righteousness and the Book of Job—Self-righteousness Conquered—Self-righteousness!” An excerpt from one report reads: “Family dissensions continue to bring problems, but the SCOURGE OF SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS *is probably the most prevalent!*”

Another comment starkly outlines the desperate need of personal, individual, deep, heartrending, soul-wrenching, inner-being CHANGE! This minister states:

“Some members are beginning to exhibit a comfortable ‘we’ve-found-our-niche’ attitude. Good habits of prayer, Bible study, and church attendance, coupled together with faithful tithing have been established. Yet, the *expected change* in their lives is not evident. They appear to feel that once they have fulfilled the ‘*letter*’ requirements, then they can proceed to worldly pursuits, such as: acquisitions of material goods, obtaining social status, and catering physical senses. They need to be *jolted into realizing* the ‘*letter*’ requirements are only to sanctify the believer to have the *basis* for desirable growth in the **FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT!**”

The whole world is deceived! Satan has deceived it! The many millions following the different ideologies in the world today consider themselves to be the ones living correctly. Those of us who have been called out of this world by Yah’s Holy Spirit have had that deception *stripped from our eyes!* We are no longer deceived into thinking that anyway but Yahweh’s way is the right way. But that is just the FIRST STEP! If we now allow the pull of human nature to *deceive even us--*if we just *hear* the good news, of Yahweh’s Kingdom, even if we *understand and believe* that we must live according to Yahweh’s government and His ways--*and yet do not COMPLETELY CHANGE our mindset clear to the core by active overcoming of self,* we will end up in the SAME DESTRUCTION prophesied for this deceived world!

Yahweh’s warning to us is: “**Wherefore let him that *thinks* he stands *take heed* lest he FALL.**” The one who is going to gain access to Yahweh’s Kingdom is the one who implores Yahweh for the power to do so *constantly!* The one who is so shocked by his own weaknesses and infirmities that he is driven to ask Yahweh’s *constant* strength and help to battle *daily* HIS OWN carnality, the world around him, and Satan the Devil! Don’t let yourself think for once that you’ve got it made!

Andrew Jukes in his book, *The Law of the Offerings*, carnal minded as he may be, could see this problem as he studied the meaning of the offerings made in the Old Testament: “...how much less perception is there of *sin* than *trespass*: he [the individual] has done *this* evil, or *that* evil, or the other; he has scarcely learnt as yet that in himself *he is evil!*” Since we just *are* that way, of ourselves, we desperately need Yahweh’s Holy Spirit actively working in us continually every minute of every day—and we will never be able to say “it is done” until we stand born as Yahweh’s own children, divine spirit beings!

Self- Righteousness

This lethargy is a current problem with the baptizing teams who are visiting people around the nation and around the world. The people whom they are visiting have listened to *the sermons*, and read *the* magazine, and studied the Correspondence Course for perhaps years. They have requested Yahweh’s representatives to come to them and baptize them and *bury* them in the death of Yahshua Messiah!

Yet the very essence of the carnal mind and the influence of this world around us which makes us callous to wrong and evil brings this representative report of the tours: “We are still running into a *great deal of self-righteousness*. People just do not seem to see *their* sins are very great.

When we ask them how they feel about their lives in the past, as far as Yahweh is concerned, we have to sit through a long explanation of how they have *never* done anything ‘*really bad*’ that they must repent of now. This experience has helped us to understand why Yahweh *hates* our self-righteousness so much!

Our human minds tend to lull us into the false security that we are all right, that we are not *too* bad! It puts us into an attitude of lackadaisical obedience that grieves Yahweh and His Holy Spirit! Every time we justify ourselves before Yahweh, we diminish the great sacrifice that Yahshua did to conquer our sins, and human nature, and self-righteousness.

Realize the Enormity of Sin

If you had lived in the time when Yahshua Messiah walked this earth as a man, could you picture *yourself* as the one who—while Messiah hung on that stake in agony after long hours of physical torture and mental anguish—callously seized a Roman spear, and violently thrust it into the heart of our Savior?

“Oh, no!” You recoil! You could not have done a thing like that! Or how about you who are a woman—can you picture *yourself* as a harlot, a prostitute, selling your body to make a living? “I’ve done lots of things that were wrong, but I would never do anything *that* bad!” is an approximate answer that many would give.

Brethren, let us understand the enormity, the horror of our *personal responsibility* in the death of our Savior, Yahshua Messiah; and also the extent of the filth and the mire in which we ALL sunk before Yahweh redeemed us from it, washed away our sins and accepted us before His throne as His children through the blood of Yahshua Messiah! Let’s read what the apostle Peter said on the Day of Pentecost in 30 A.D. “Then assuredly, let all the house of Israel acknowledge that YAHWEH made known *this same Yahshua WHO YOU CRUCIFIED*, He is both YAHWEH and Messiah.” (Acts 2:36).

Peter was talking to more than 3000 men, many of them devoutly religious, coming to Jerusalem from all over the world to observe Yahweh’s Holy Days! There were undoubtedly some, if not many, in the crowd that he was speaking to who had *personally* said just a few weeks prior to this sermon, “Crucify Him! Crucify Him!” in reference to the very Yahshua that Peter was preaching.

Yet, surely not all of these men were personally responsible of the crucifixion of Messiah! None of them had *personally* seized the spear that ended his life. None of them had *helped nail Him to the stake!* Yet Peter said to them “... whom **YOU** have crucified!” (Acts 2:36).

The same message is for us today! It’s been nearly 2000 years since Yahshua Messiah shed His blood here on earth! But this does not excuse us from *our responsibility* for His death! We have been just as much a part of His crucifixion as Pilate, the Sanhedrin, or the Jewish mob that cried for Him to be crucified, or the Roman soldier who thrust him through with a spear! BY THE ACTION OF PLACING OUR SINS ON MESSIAH—OF ACCEPTING HIM AS OUR PERSONAL SACRIFICE—WE CRUCIFIED HIM!

If no other individual has lived but you, the sacrifice of Yahshua Messiah, His death, and His bearing of your sins on the stake in His body, the pouring out of His lifeblood, *would have been necessary for YOU* alone to enter into eternal life!

The penalty for sin is *death!* Sin is the transgression of the Law! The same law that says “Thou shalt do no murder”, says “Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it Holy!” The same Law that says “Thou shalt not commit adultery” says, “Honor thy father and thy mother!” ONE SIN REQUIRES THE SAME PENALTY AS ANOTHER!

Yet, because we are human, we tend to look upon Sabbath-breaking as *far less* an accusation against our character before Yahweh than murder! We tend to soften the attitude of disobedience we had toward our parents and *not think* to compare it to the act of adultery! In weighing our sins in this *human* balance, we misunderstand the ENORMITY of *our own* PERSONAL *transgressions of the laws of* our Divine Judge!

The Physical Type of Messiah’s Sacrifice

Let us understand the way in which the sin offering in the Old Covenant pictured the sacrifice of Yahshua Messiah for us. All the way through Leviticus 4 you will notice whether it was the priest (verse 3), the elders (verse 15), the rulers (verse 22), or even one of the common people (verse 27) who had committed a sin against Yahweh, it was necessary for *that individual to slay the sacrifice!*

“And if any person of the people of the land sins through ignorance by doing that which is not to be done, against one of the commands of YAHWEH, and is guilty; or his sin which he has sinned shall be made known to him, then he shall bring his offering, an ewe of the goats, without blemish, a female, for his sin which he has sinned; then he shall lay his hand on the head of the sin offering and shall slaughter the sin offering in the place of the burnt offering (Lev. 4:27-29).

Now let's notice a New Testament statement regarding the ultimate fulfillment of this type of sacrifice in the body of Yahshua Messiah. *“For He who did not know sin, for your sakes made Himself sin, that we might through Him become the righteousness of YAHWEH.”* (II Cor. 5:21).

When we repent, we recognize our sins and accept the sacrifice of Yahshua Messiah to pay for them. This is as much a recognition on our part that the sacrifice of Messiah is *necessary* for the payment of OUR sins. OUR sins, then, *directly caused the death blows to fall on our Savior!*

Let's notice Yahshua's own explanation of the meaning of the *depth* of the forgiveness offered to us through His sacrifice.

In Luke 7, beginning in verse 36, there is an account telling of a time that Yahshua went to have dinner with a certain Pharisee. The Pharisee's name was Simon, and he was a jar maker. There was also a woman present at this dinner who was an obvious sinner--perhaps a street woman, a harlot!

“And [she] stood behind Him and was crying at His feet. And she began washing His feet with her tears and then wiping with the hair of her head. And she was kissing His feet and anointing them with ointment” (verse 38). Now this Pharisee, obviously a *religious* man, shrank at the thought of Yahshua allowing this obvious sinner even to touch him! Reasoning in his own mind, he said, *“...if this man was a prophet, He would realize who she is and what her reputation is. That woman, she is a sinner that who touched Him”* (verse 39).

An Important Parable

Messiah perceived this attitude of Simon's, and He gave him advice through the following parable,

“And answering, Yahshua said to the man, Simon, I have a thing to say to you. And he said, speak, Rabbi.

There were two debtors to a certain creditor: the one owed five hundred denarii and the other fifty. But because they did not have a thing to pay, he freely forgave them both. Then which of them do you say will love him most?

And answering, Simon said, I suppose the one to whom he freely forgave the most. And He said to him, you have judged rightly.

And turning to the woman, He said to Simon, do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give water for My feet, but she washed My feet with tears and wiped off with the hairs of her head. You gave Me no kiss, but she from when I entered did not stop fervently kissing My feet.

You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with oil of incense. For I say this to you. Because her sins that are forgiven her are many, she has loved much. But he that is forgiven little loves Him little.”

This incident is not recorded in your Bible in vain. Let's understand its present day meaning for *you*. Was Yahshua trying to tell Simon that he had but 50 sins to be forgiven, but this woman had obviously 500 sins? No!

There is a much deeper meaning: Simon was a sinner; therefore, he had committed physical sins which brought this upon him. Simon was a Pharisee, one of the 'snakes' and 'generation of vipers' whom Yahshua had so plainly labeled as *sons of the Devil!* (John 8:44). He was obviously a man well-off, perhaps rich, as he was able to entertain Messiah and as well because of the type of parable Messiah used. Because of this he was undoubtedly involved in *many* sins. Yet, he could not see *these*. He was *self-satisfied*, he was *self-deceived*, *self-righteous!* He was like his brother Pharisee who prayed, *“Elohim, I thank You that I am not as the rest of men, extortioners, covetous, adulterers, or even as this tax collector”* (Luke 18:11). He was able to see the sins of others but *was blind to his own!*

He could see no imperfection in himself, but was highly indignant at others. He would not condescend to classify *himself* as a *“real sinner”!* He could not realize the immensity of HIS *sin* nor the immensity of the *sacrifice* that would be needed to *pay for that sin* on the part of his Savior!

The woman on the other hand, because her sins were *obvious*, and recognized to be sins by both men and Yahweh, could *readily see* and *eagerly repent* of them. She *knew* SHE was a sinner, and she knew an AWFUL PRICE would have to be exacted to pay for those sins, and she was deeply grateful and expressed it in her outgoing love to her Savior.

The meaning for us today is for each of us to weigh and measure the *immensity of OUR sins* by Yahweh's SCALE *and not by our own!* We should realize how they look *in the sight of* Yahweh, and how overwhelming a sacrifice it was that Messiah made for us *individually*.

Once we have achieved this new view point, we should not only be *deeply thankful* for the sacrifice of Messiah, but recognize the *weighty responsibility* that the application of that sacrifice places on us once it has been applied! Now we can see how terrible ANY sin is. This makes us abhor and shrink back in terror from committing again the things which displease our Creator and grieve His Holy Spirit.

A Carnal Pitfall

Once you understand the meaning of the above parable you will be able to avoid the favorite *carnal* pastime that *your* mind is eager to engage in. "*For we dare not rank or compare ourselves with some of those who are proud of themselves; for it is because they measure themselves by themselves, that they do not understand.*"

Pointing out someone else's sins often makes you feel more self-righteous! When you are able to stand back from somebody else's life objectively and pick out his faults and mistakes, and describe these to yourself and others around you, the fact that you do not practice these same sins makes you feel superior!

Here's how it works: (1) in your conversation you explain what is the *right* way to do a certain thing; (2) you also add incidentally that *you always practice that right way*; (3) you show how someone else has done it a *different* way, proving him wrong—and at the same time proving yourself right and 'more righteous' than the other fellow. The fourth step in the clincher: (4) you say with shocked – open-faced innocence that *you don't understand how this other fellow could have done the thing the way he did it!*

The sad thing about this human trait of comparing yourself with others is that they need to agree with you, to sympathize with you—A STOOGE! Therefore, your physical friends are dangerous—if the reason for your association is mainly physical. In order to overcome this, you need to be close to Yahweh in prayer, consciously asking His help so that you will not make these careless statements about other people.

And by all means *do not descend to be somebody else's 'stooge'!* If this type of downgrading another person is being practiced in your ear, have the spiritual fortitude to suggest *another type of conversation*.

Spiritual Pride

Yahweh says "Do not be too much righteous, nor make yourself overly wise; why destroy yourself?" (Eccl. 7:16). The Pharisees of Yahshua's day had added sixty-five do's and don'ts to the keeping of the Sabbath. They had reduced the *spirit* of keeping the Sabbath *holy* into carnally defined *laws of their own*. This is why there was such a stir when Yahshua was in a wheat field one day and plucked a few ears of grain to eat. The reason the Pharisees were so disturbed was because one of their rules was that on the Sabbath it was permissible to pluck one ear of grain, but to pluck one or two more, it would be considered reaping, and therefore work, which was banned on the Sabbath day. They even went to the extreme of declaring that it was unlawful to catch a flea on the Sabbath day, with the added condition that if the flea *bit you*, then you were free to catch him and exterminate him!

Because of this *show* of righteousness *of their own*, they wondered when they saw Yahshua eating and talking to "Publicans". They couldn't understand how a holy man would think of associating himself with a sinner. Yahshua's plain answer to them was that answer which we can apply to our lives, "I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance" (Luke 5:32). That is, those who *recognize* that they are indeed sinners!

The natural minds that we are born with cause us to have self-righteous tendencies today in Yahweh's Congregation. We tend to equate the righteousness which comes by Yahweh's Holy Spirit to righteousness that we can understand *physically*. We begin to reason with our carnal minds and leave Yahweh out of the picture.

Once we learn about the benefits of certain 'health foods' we are highly indignant of those who still remain in ignorance. We are *shocked* when we hear that a member has *used* 'white sugar' and are driven to our knees about the brother who has not yet learned the evils of hydrogenated oil. Our carnal minds dwell on such things as *fasting and diet* rather than allowing Yahweh's Spirit to keep our thoughts on *healing and forgiveness*. Not that we shouldn't care for our diet, but we should be more concerned with the weightier matters of the Torah.

Our carnal mind leads us to think about the *minister and his speech* rather than the *ministry and its message!* We dwell on the *physical circumstances* rather than the *spiritual hope!*

Religious Reasoning

Perhaps we even go as far as to give spiritual-sounding reasons for doing and justifying wrong acts that we commit. An example might be: "I think we all ought to have more love, yield more to Yah's Spirit". Now since this is a truism—that is, of course we all ought to have more love, and we all ought to yield more to Yah's Spirit—this then allows the individual who has made this statement to go ahead and criticize, condemn and gossip about other brethren, and perhaps even the ministry.

Here is an example from real life: "We should give everything we can to the work of Yahweh". This statement is true. It is irreproachable. No one would dare deny the fact. But the reasoning that was used to exemplify this spiritual-sounding phrase was incorrect totally!

The reasoning was this: "It is wrong for brother so-and-so to give more support to his divorced wife than to the work of Yahweh." This whole situation gives a spiritual-sounding reason for the individual to be more righteous than Yahweh Himself! Yahweh has demanded 10% of the increase that He blesses us with for His work. He has asked us in addition to this to give generous offerings.

But a wife, in Yahweh's eyes, divorced or not, and especially if demanded by the laws of the state, is to be supported -- which would probably amount to more than ten percent. Only discontent and hard feelings can come from reasonings such as this, which stem from spiritual pride. One of the easiest ways for the carnal mind to justify itself, is to believe that it is "misunderstood". How many times the ministers of Yahweh have heard this statement come from the lips of those they have counseled!

On one occasion, a minister was speaking with an individual for nearly an hour, trying to explain to him in English that he should not work on Yahweh's Sabbath after sundown on Friday. The individual spoke Spanish, but understood English enough to get the point.

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However, to justify his own carnal feelings about this subject, he said that he desperately wished he could speak in Spanish, because he knew that if he could but express himself in his native tongue, then he would be 'understood'. The minister then *answered him in Spanish* and said that he would be *glad* to discuss the matter. Another 45 minutes ensued in the Spanish language, going over the same points, until the carnal mind was again trapped. But then the excuse was that the minister was too young and could not understand how difficult it was for an older man to get a job!

Let us UNDERSTAND one thing: YAHWEH *will never be satisfied with the excuse: "You just don't understand!"*

Pure Religion

"And if anyone thinks that he ministers to Elohim, and does not restrain his tongue, he deceives his own heart, and his service is in vain. Pure and holy service before YAHWEH the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their afflictions, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world" (Jac 1:26-27). You will notice as you turn to this scripture, that we will have quoted the 22nd verse of this chapter of Jacob before. Here in the last portion of Jacob 1, is an overall summary of both the *problems* that face us and the *solution* that comes by APPLYING this scripture *directly to ourselves as individuals*.

You will notice that neither *hearing* the truth, nor *talking about* the truth, as verses 22 and 26 explain, is what Yahweh considers pure religion. Only the *actual fruit* of selflessness, of giving of yourself to others in *outgoing* LOVE, a witness of your *actions*, not of your lips, a changing of the complete man from the very inner-being—*this is what Yahweh considers to be pure religion!*

There are many other pitfalls that we fall into as human beings, because of the downward pull of our human nature. Perhaps going into a few in this article will give you a more specific idea of what to look for, to fight against *your own* carnal nature. Don't stop here, but go on with the help of Yah's Spirit to discover the other tactics that *your* carnal mind uses against YOU to bring YOU into subjection, to deceive YOU, and to ultimately bring YOU to death!

Really dedicate yourself wholeheartedly to overcoming your '*self*'! The power of Yahweh's Holy Spirit is the only power that can overcome your problems. So don't forget to be instant in prayer, to constantly think first of Yahweh and ask silently or out loud as the occasion permits for *personal, direct* contact with the POWER and the MIND of almighty Yahweh, who chose you out of this world to become a new creation!

Notice that pure religion as defined by Yahweh through His Apostle Jacob also includes that the individual must "...and to keep oneself unspotted from the world" (Jac 1:27).

The *second great enemy* that we have in fighting our self in this battle of overcoming, in the 'total war' of becoming perfect. Is that of overcoming *this world*, its society, and its ways of thinking, and the pull it has on us to detract us from our goal, to fight us in every way to keep us from becoming born sons of Yahweh. You need to *recognize this enemy* in order to be able to fight it with Yahweh's power in a way that will make you MORE THAN A CONQUERER!

Letters From Our Readers...

Dear Congregation of Yahweh Jerusalem,

Grace and peace in the name of the Father to you. I pray that all is well and that His blessing be upon you. I was referred to you about receiving the truth, as it is well known that your congregation has the pure Word of Yahweh. In my search for a true translation with the proper names, yours was the one that was highly suggested to receive. I study two hours a day non-stop as I am overexcited with the word of our Heavenly Father and cannot get enough of it.

No protestant preacher has ever shown me the truths that Yahweh has shown Elder Don, and your congregation. You should be so thankful to have such a blessing of truth from the Almighty. I am a deacon and do bible studies with people several times a month, and after reading the Hebraic Roots Bible, my first bible study was on the name of the Creator, Yahweh. If you have any other bible studies, can you let me know? Thank you for your time, and May you be blessed. CA, USA

(Note) We have Bible Course lessons online as well as other study materials at www.coyhwh.com

Dear Elder Don,

Thank you for your letter and all the ministry updates that you send. They are a blessing, and also an oasis in the spiritually dead desert of Babylon. I am praying to Yahweh to provide you with health, wisdom, and protection as you travel to His people worldwide and to bring the spiritual meat that so many of us truly need.

The work you are doing in Africa is phenomenal as so many come to faith. The brethren there seem so zealous and alive and filled with the Holy Spirit. Boy, that's something that churches in Babylon can really learn from. The USA/Babylon is really in trouble and not just with the virus or economy. The saddest part is the people are so blind to their pride and their sins and they don't even realize that the ship is on fire and has already sunk. Please keep it in prayer. NV, USA

Dear Elder Don,

Greetings in the matchless name of our Abba, Yahweh our Elohim, and in the hope of His first brought forth Son, Yahshua, HaMashiach, the Lamb of Yah, the true Lamb of Israel, after the order of Melchizedek. Shalom Aleichem my beloved brother.

My name is Jacob, and I am currently incarcerated in federal prison, but by the Grace of Yah, my stay in prison isn't a long one. I read some of your writings brother and am greatly moved how Yahweh our Great Elohim has bestowed upon you so much of a vast knowledge and wisdom of His Word, the Torah! HalleluYah! I'm in great agreement in what you teach and expound on, and I must say I would like to be a part of this ministry you have.

I'm also writing to you because I would like to receive some of your books, which you mentioned in your writings. If you could send some, I would greatly appreciate it as I am extremely hungry for the Word of Yahweh. I understand you spend a lot of time in Israel.

May Yahweh Bless you in Yahshua's Great name, our High Cohen Gadol! Prisoner, USA

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Q): If David's sins were forgiven and forgotten why must David deal with Uriah after the resurrection in the kingdom. What purpose is there for Uriah to find out what David did at this point.

A): Scripture states: **1 Ti 5:24** There are men, whose sins are well known, and go before them to the place of judgment; and there are some, whose sins follow after them.

Luk 8:17 For nothing is hidden which will not be revealed, nor secret which will not be known and come to be revealed.

But if you think about your question, why do we then know about David's sin if he was already forgiven? The clear answer is because it is part of the eternal scripture, which will also be in the Kingdom.

Also, the son of King David and Bathsheba is in the direct line of Yahshua. This is a fact that cannot be hidden. I am sure that it will relieve King David much to receive forgiveness from Uriah.

Q): If Baal means lord and master why only leave out the word lord and use the word master? What's the difference?

A): The word baal, which can mean lord or master, and even at times husband, is also a personal name for a false deity.

The word LORD, is used in many Bibles as the personal name of Yahweh and replaces Yahweh's name almost 7,000 times in most Bibles. Also, the name Lord may have a connection to the personal name of the Hindu god, Lordo.

The word master simply means boss or overseer, one in authority over, and is not a personal name of a deity.

Q): I want to start off saying Satan is a great deceiver and why is amen in our Bibles? Isn't that the name of a false god?

A): Amen is the Hebrew word that faith comes from and is not pagan.

H539 Strong's concordance..

אָמֵן
'âman, aw-man'

A primitive root; to be faithful, to trust or believe, properly to build up or support; to foster as a parent or nurse; to render (or be) firm.

Amen is in the original Bible and is not pagan. Don't believe everything you read on the Internet.

Q): Please, I read your teaching on the mortality of the soul. But in your Bible ~ Matthew 10:28 says not to be afraid of those killing the body, but cannot kill the soul. So please how do you explain this verse?

A): Please continue to read the rest of the verse, **“But rather fear Him being able to destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.”**

Eze 18:4 Behold, they are all My souls. As the soul of the father, also the soul of the son, they are Mine. **The soul that sins, it shall die.**

The soul is not immortal and can be destroyed, but only by Yahweh, who gives the soul and breath of life, not man.

Q): Why do you use W instead of V in YHVH, YAHVAH?

A): In the ancient Hebrew alphabet, the sixth letter is a "waw", with a w sound, only in modern Hebrew do they use a "v", and actually in all Semitic languages, including Aramaic, and Phoenician, there was never a letter with a "v" sound. The Creator's name should be pronounced as "Yahweh".

Q): When did the Star of David come into being?

A): The 6-pointed hexagram star was always associated with occultist practices, and has nothing to do with King David. Please see origins from Judaism below:

"('Shield of David'). The name given in Judaism to the symbol consisting of two superimposed triangles forming a star (it is also known as the Star of David). Although it was used in the synagogue at Capernaum as early as the 3rd century, it was not commonly adopted as a Jewish symbol until much later. From the 13th century the name figures in practical kabbalah (witchcraft), and the symbol (believed to have magical properties) is found in association with the pentagram (or Star of Solomon). The Magen David occurs in a Jewish context in Prague in the 17th century. In the 19th century it was adopted by the First Zionist Congress as its symbol, and it appears on the flags of the Zionist Organization and the State of Israel. The Nazis employed a yellow six-pointed star as a Jewish badge" (Dan Cohn-Sherbok, p. 336).

Q): Please explain the timing of Mathew 26:17. Could the first part of this verse be incorrect?

A): Mat 26:17 And on the first day of the Feast of Unleavened, the disciples came to Yahshua, saying to Him, where do you desire we should prepare for You to eat the Passover?

This is not a mistranslation. In the time of Yahshua, during the Herodian time period, Jews culturally both called all 8 days of the feast, Passover, and also, they called all 8 days, the days of unleavened. In reality, we know that Passover is only one day (the 14th of the first month), and the days of unleavened from the 15th to the 21st, although unleavened bread had to be eaten on the Passover also.

We know that the night Yahshua kept the Passover with His disciples was the beginning of the 14th of Aviv, because the next day, as He was being crucified, they needed to take Him down from the tree and bury Him before sunset, which would have started the holy day of the 15th of Aviv.

Joh 19:31 Then, since it was Preparation, that the bodies not remain on the tree on the Sabbath, for that Sabbath was a holy day, the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and they be taken away.

We must also remember that the Tanach was written by Yahweh in the first person, and transcribed by Moses and the prophets, but the New Testament was written by the apostles by their perspectives; although also inspired by the Holy Spirit, it was not firsthand dictated by Yahweh as the Tanach was. So culture and language will come into play from time to time.

Q): How does Father Yah forsake Yahushua, when the very purpose of the sacrifice was about Him? Is He blaming the Father~ Yah? Is He regretting that He is a sacrifice?

A): This term has puzzled theologians for centuries, as why would Yahshua claim that Yahweh was forsaking Him? In the Hebraic Roots Bible, it is translated as follows:

Mat 27:46 And about the ninth hour, Yahshua cried out with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani; that is, My El, My El, **why did You honor Me to be here?**

The Hebraic Roots Bible New Testament is not based on the Greek translation, but on the original Aramaic that it was written in. In the Aramaic, the term can mean to forsake in a bad way, or to leave in a good way, as when a general is leaving his army with his commander, whom he trusts and depends on. This is why it was translated in this way, as the Father never forsook the Son, but honored Him to allow Him to be the savior of all mankind.

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