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*The
Remnant's
Walk*



Eph 3:14 For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Master Yahshua Messiah,**15** of whom every family in Heaven and on earth is named,

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Personal...

Greetings Brethren,

And shalom in the wonderful names of Yahweh and Yahshua. Are you getting the most out of your life, or are you basically just living day to day and allowing the cares of life to overtake you? Do you realize how quickly this world is passing and how soon the Kingdom of Yahweh is to come?

This past Sukkot, here in Jerusalem, we had a magnificent group of about 130 people with us from around 20 different countries. We also had a special worship night where we rededicated ourselves to Yahshua the bridegroom, whom we were betrothed to when we were baptized and had the laying on of hands into His name and the family of Yahweh.

I gave a message about signs in the heavens and the bridegroom returns, showing that truly Yahshua has come out of His chamber and is getting ready to return for His bride (Eph 5:23-32). You can view this at www.coyhwh.com in the video section.

Can you imagine that after almost 6,000 years of man's self- rule on this earth that has brought untold sorrow and suffering to untold billions that the kingdom of Yahweh is about to be set up and Yahshua Messiah to rule for His 1,000 year reign and onto eternity.

Life is a test to see if Yahweh can trust us to be faithful with immortality. If we fail that test now in the 60 or 70 or 80 years that he gives us on this earth in this life to live, then we will be resurrected and thrown into the lake of fire and burned up and cease to exist (Please see lesson 7 on-line in the study section).

However, if we are bearing fruit and overcoming our wicked human nature and allowing the Ruach H' Chodesh (Holy Spirit) to work in our lives, then we will be in the first resurrection and be given immortality at Yahshua's return and reign with Him during the millennial rule (Rev 5:10).

So how are you passing the test?

What are your works and how much fruit are you bearing for when the bridegroom Yahshua returns? For when He returns He will ask what you produced by the spirit He gave you?

Luk 19:15 And it happened as he returned, having received the kingdom, he even said for those servants to be called to him, those to whom he gave the silver, that he might know what each had gained by trading.

Luk 19:16 And the first came, saying, Master, your mina has gained ten minas.

Luk 19:17 And he said to him, **Well done, good slave! Because you were faithful in a least thing, have authority over ten cities.**

Luk 19:20 And another came, saying, Master, behold your mina which I have stored up in a facecloth.

Luk 19:24 And to those standing by, he said, Take the mina from him, and give it to him who has ten minas.

Luk 19:26 For I say to you, To everyone who has, it will be given. **And from the one who does not have, even what he has will be taken from him.**

Brethren, the return of the bridegroom is getting ever so close and we cannot wait even one more day. We are commissioned to be His Ambassadors and to proclaim this message of the good news of the soon coming Kingdom to all the earth and to bear fruit for that kingdom and in our lives.

May we be accounted worthy to wear white garments and be called to the wedding supper when He returns.

B'Shem Yahshua,



WHAT YOU MAY NOT KNOW! Reprint



Truly, it's time for us to sing, and even shout, "GLORY! HALELUYAH! PRAISE OUR GREAT AND WONDERFUL ALMIGHTY EL!" For each day we are just ONE DAY CLOSER to GLORY in the Kingdom of Yahweh with peace, joy and happiness over all the earth!

The 6,000 year DAY OF MAN is just about over! In our TIME, this very living generation, KING of kings Yahshua the Messiah will rule over ALL NATIONS!

THINK OF IT! No more nerve-wracking tensions, uneasy trials to endure. No more suffering anguish and pain. No more crime, violence, war and fear of war. No more fears and worries! None of these things actually brought on, whether we realize it or not, BY A VERY REAL SATAN THE DEVIL!

But, even now, with all the troubles and evils on every side about us, remember Yahweh is on HIS THRONE IN HEAVEN and Yahshua sitting beside

HIM, interceding for us. Yahweh's POWER IS TOTAL, COMPLETE, and far greater than Satan's!

And, in the meantime (possibly there are just a very few more years, of all these troubles) His ear is OPEN to our cry, and Yahshua is interceding for us.

But now, while in these days that remain, we are going to have to live in a time of TROUBLE. But WHY? What is the cause?

Does Satan work only in children of disobedience?

We need to realize this TRUTH! Too many in Yahweh's congregations DON'T!

In Ephesians 2:2 is a very crucial statement. It is one of the most important in the Bible! It says Satan is "*ruler of the authority of the air, the spirit which is active in the sons of disobedience.*"

Many of Yahweh's people will read right over the fact that Satan is the RULER of the AUTHORITY of the air, not really UNDERSTANDING it, and since Satan is now working IN the "sons of disobedience," we suppose that EXCLUDES US, so we need have no concern about it!

Please let me MAKE THIS CLEAR!

I could never have understood that until I began broadcasting over the air. In the hotel room where I am writing right now are MANY VOICES, MANY SOUNDS, some MUSIC, that I DON'T HEAR. Therefore I am unaware of them. But bring in five or six radio sets and turn on the TV. Just tune to the right wavelengths and suddenly I and any in this room will hear these SOUNDS, voices speaking, sounds of music. I don't hear them NOW because my ears are not tuned to their particular wavelength.

SATAN BROADCASTS! He broadcasts worldwide, as far as there is air. What he is broadcasting is IN THE SAME ROOM NOW! I don't HEAR it, I don't SEE what he is pushing out OVER THE AIR, as RULER of the AUTHORITY of the air, but my spirit with my mind is TUNED to his wavelength.

But even though I AM automatically tuned in on his wavelength (as every human is), I'M NOT LISTENING! Because I'm keeping MY MIND CONCENTRATED ON WHAT I AM WRITING AND ON YAHWEH'S MESSAGE IN HIS WORD, in the Bibles that lie (two different translations) here beside me on the table.

You can tune in on either radio or TV. The SOUNDS come in. THEY WERE ALREADY IN THE ROOM, IN THE AIR, but now you're tuned in on their wavelengths with your radio or TV set; the sounds and pictures became audible and visible. But I can concentrate my mind on SOMETHING ELSE, like THE BIBLE, and focus my mind on THAT, become oblivious to what's coming in on radio and TV. So also I can ignore Satan's impulses.

Once you are converted and become a begotten CHILD OF YAHWEH, once you become a family member into Yahweh's family, THAT DOES NOT DISCONNECT YOUR BRAIN AND SPIRIT FROM SATAN'S WAVELENGTH. YOU ARE STILL TUNED IN, if you are willing to yield and LISTEN to Satan.

Let me prove that. Let me quote so many scriptures to PROVE IT you will have to BELIEVE IT!

The Power of the Air

First, however, notice that word POWER of the air. Once when we lived in a suburb west of Chicago a tornado ripped through a town about a mile west of us. I saw it! It was a fearful sight! That was too close for comfort. I went to see the havoc and wreckage in its wake after it had passed on by. It was TERRIBLE! Several had been killed. A large, heavy church or school house bell, weighing at least two or three tons, was ripped off and that heavy mass of iron carried almost three blocks by the POWER of that wind before gravity pulled it to the ground!

I'm writing in Tokyo. We landed here at dusk last night after a 13-hour flight THROUGH THE AIR. We flew at 39,000 and 41,000 feet, at a speed up to 600 miles an hour. Slicing through the AIR at that rate of speed, there is SO MUCH POWER in the air that our plane's wings have to be swept backward

instead of straight out or the force of that air POWER would pull them off. Still it's the POWER of the air that held up our plane and kept it floating along smoothly slicing through air at that same elevation above sea and ground for 13 hours.

Some people are AFRAID TO FLY. I met a man yesterday who is afraid to fly. Such people do not understand the POWER of the air and how an airplane is designed to utilize that air POWER to hold it up in the air at the prescribed elevation and speed steadily and smoothly for HOURS.

Let me tell you that the RULER of the POWER of the air is a POWERFUL BEING! He is the MOST POWERFUL type of being Yahweh has ever created, although short of Yahweh Himself. Thank Yahweh, Yahweh is even MORE POWERFUL! And HE is our protection, our refuge, our ever-present HELP.

HOW Satan works today

The spirit in man is merely spirit essence, not a spirit person or ghost, and it cannot see, hear or think. The BRAIN sees through the physical eye. The human spirit acts as a computer, retaining as MEMORY all the facts and knowledge the eyes have seen and ears heard during your lifetime, and it gives instant recall of that knowledge to the brain. With this instant recall the brain THINKS. Thus this human spirit imparts to the physical BRAIN the power of INTELLECT. Animals have no such spirit, so animals do not THINK as man does or have INTELLECT.

Yahweh made man to need ANOTHER Spirit to join with this human spirit, the HOLY SPIRIT OF YAHWEH. That Spirit imparts the power of SPIRITUAL intellect, of spiritual comprehension and understanding, which the greatest men on earth, without that Holy Spirit, cannot know!

When Yahweh wanted to cause King Cyrus of Persia to send certain Jews under Zerubbabel as governor, and Joshua the high priest, and the prophets Ezra and Nehemiah back to Jerusalem to build the second Temple, "YAHWEH stirred up the

spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, and he caused a voice to pass in all his kingdom..." (Ezra 1:1)

He got his message through to Cyrus' mind via Cyrus' human spirit. That is likewise how Satan broadcasts. YOUR human spirit is automatically IN TUNE WITH SATAN'S wavelength.

He does not broadcast in words or pictures, neither audibly or in video, but in ATTITUDES of Self-centeredness, of vanity, lust and greed, of jealousy and envy, of competition, strife and violence, of hate, resentment, bitterness, of rebellion and resentment against authority. We call it HUMAN NATURE but it is actually Satan nature.

Yahweh's WAY, His Spirit, His law, is just the opposite, the way of LOVE, of outgoing concern for the GOOD of others.

Now the converted believer with the Holy Spirit of Yahweh can constantly read Yahweh's Word, pray often, keep his mind in a prayerful attitude, learn Yahweh's way and therefore reject Satan's impulses of self-centeredness. That's WHY we need CONSTANT PRAYER and BIBLE STUDY to keep so CLOSE to Yahweh that Satan's broadcasting does not sway us, but we ignore or reject it. Satan **CANNOT FORCE US AGAINST OUR WILL** if we do not voluntarily submit.

Yahweh's teaching

Now notice some scriptures showing us HOW to prevent Satan from WORKING IN US by his broadcasting.

Speaking of those to whom the Good News was hid from their minds, Paul wrote: "*To those whose eyes have been blinded by the god of this world, because they did not believe, lest the light of the glorious good news of the Messiah, who is the image of YAHWEH, should shine on them*" (2 Cor. 4:4).

Read that again. Notice, Satan blinded them by injecting into their minds through their human spirit the very OPPOSITE attitude of self-centeredness.

We were not BORN with human nature. Such spiritual traits as SELF-CENTEREDNESS are not transmitted by heredity. But we ACQUIRE this human nature just as the children of Yahweh, when converted, ACQUIRE THE DIVINE NATURE, "partakers of the divine nature" (2 Pet. 1:4).

To the Corinthians, Paul feared lest they would be deceived by the still living Satan, just as was Eve: "lest... as the serpent deceived Eve in his craftiness, so your thoughts should be corrupted... (2 Cor. 11:3). Satan is still working IN BELIEVERS, just as in the Corinthians who were believers! Paul writes to those in Yahweh's Congregation in Ephesus: **Eph 6:10** For the rest, my brothers, be made powerful in our Master and in the might of His strength.

Eph 6:11 Put on all the armor of YAHWEH, for you to be able to stand against the strategies of the Devil,

Eph 6:12 For our conflict is not with flesh and blood, but with principalities, and with those in authority, and with the possessors of this dark world, and with the evil spirits that are beneath heaven.

And in verse 11 Paul wrote, "*Put on all the armor of YAHWEH, for you to be able to stand against the strategies of the Devil.*"

Rely on Messiah

I have sensed that some of Yahweh's ministers felt that THEY were SO STRONG that they were BEYOND BEING DECEIVED BY HIM OR THAT SATAN could actually WORK IN THEM as I have described above. I know Satan is a thousand times stronger than I. I have to rely on Messiah, who is MORE POWERFUL than Satan. Those ministers WENT OUT from us. Satan DID deceive them and WORK IN THEM!

But LISTEN CAREFULLY! A DECEIVED man does not KNOW he is deceived. He THINKS he is RIGHT. If he KNEW he was deceived, he would not be, would he? Satan is **MORE POWERFUL, and, in addition, MORE CUNNING, MORE CLEVER, MORE SUBTLE, THAN ALL OUR MINISTERS PUT TOGETHER!**

I say to you ministers! You may feel you have grown great in the ministry and so strong you can

overpower Satan. THAT'S PRECISELY WHAT SATAN WANTS YOU TO THINK! No, you ministers, directly or indirectly better teach your flocks what I am teaching them here, what MESSIAH teaches them.

For some, they have been tending to try to see HOW CLOSE they can get to Satan's way, apparently desiring HIS WAY of worldly interests, rather than Yahweh's, and STILL MAKE IT INTO THE KINGDOM! That's the best way I know to make it into the LAKE OF FIRE and take others with you! If Satan's way were better, Yahweh would tell us to live that way!

It takes constant VIGILANCE to keep our minds on MESSIAH, on HIS WORK, ON THE THINGS OF YAHWEH, to avoid LISTENING to Satan's broadcasting of attitudes of selfishness, of taking interest in material WORLDLY THINGS, of swaying us to REASON humanly that we can get a little closer to interest in worldly and material things, a little more like professing "Christian" churches of this world, and still get into Yahweh's Kingdom!

Resist Satan's broadcasts

If we allow ourselves to LET DOWN just a little, in our prayer, Bible study, we begin to let our minds become interested in the things or ways of this world, TV or movies, perhaps, as some have been seen even gambling in casinos. Then we wonder why we find ourselves irritable, mentally on the defensive, suspecting others, getting conceptions of competition or division or sides in the congregation, suspicious of the motives of others, controversial, cynical, and we do not realize WHAT IS CAUSING ALL THAT!

I'LL TELL YOU WHAT CAUSED IT, SATAN WAS BROADCASTING IT, AND BECAUSE YOU WERE NOT VIGILENT IN PRAYER AND KEEPING CLOSE TO YAHWEH AND HAVING YAHWEH FILL YOUR MIND AND HEART WITH THE WARMTH OF HIS LOVE, these negative attitudes of Satan were taking hold of you!

That's why Yahweh warns us, through Peter, "*Be sensible, watch, because the adversary the Devil*

walks about as a roaring lion seeking someone he may devour" (1 Pet. 5:8).

Just think of that sentence, LITERALLY. If you were alone and a savage, roaring lion came running at you, you'd be FRIGHTENED to death, to use a common expression. Yahweh meant for us to realize that we **SHOULD BE JUST AS FRIGHTENED AT THE** knowledge Satan is seeking to **DESTROY** the Congregation and everyone in it.

Peter continues, "*therefore resist him, being steadfast in the faith*" (verse 9).

Through Jacob, Messiah teaches us: "*Then submit to YAHWEH, Resist the Devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to Elohim, and He will draw near to you...*" (Jac. 4:7-8). He meant for us to TAKE THIS SCRIPTURE SERIOUS! You must resist the devil and submit to YHWH daily if you want to be in His Kingdom. Most have no idea how Satan has them hoodwinked into so much worldliness and apathy not even realizing that it is Satan broadcasting these thoughts and attitudes into their minds as the prince of the power of the airwaves.

Yes, it IS possible, maybe Satan is using YOU, and YOU DON'T KNOW IT! You have to be conscious every day of your life of his broadcasting of envy, gossiping, and maligning your leadership and selfish self-serving attitudes that he broadcasts to each one each and every day.

You need to be praying and studying your bible each and every day of your life and to be hearing Yahweh's broadcasting from His (Ruach) spirit and not Satan's broadcasting through his power as prince of the worldly New World Order airwaves. The more time that you are surfing the Internet, watching worldly TV and listening to worldly radio you are a sure prey from the prince of the power of the airwaves.

We need to get closer to Yahweh, back to the original TRUTHS He put in His Congregation. We need to CONFESS our sins and He will be faithful and just to FORGIVE us our sins, and to CLEANS US from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).

When You Die – Then What Happens? Reprint



My mother died, about midnight. I was holding her hand – praying for her, urging her to “hang on,” as she grew weaker. But one moment she was alive – and the next, dead. What happened at death? What happens next? Did my mother die – or only a part of her? Is she still conscious? Are the dead yet able to see the sorrows and tears of loved ones?

Death is the enemy of man – and we all hate it. We hate it most of all when death strikes very close loved ones – taking them away from us; out of our lives; away from our daily routines – just gone. And most do not understand death.

Why is it that, with all our advancements in science and industry – our accumulation of knowledge, that we still do not know the answers to the biggest and most puzzling questions of all – What are we, and Where are we going?

Millions believe in some kind of life, after death. But no one seems able to prove such an assumption. Some believe we never die – but go on living, in one place or another, or in one form or another, for all eternity. Others believe we have always lived. They think life is a strange succession of different existences – each in a

different form, in a different place. But no one seems to know for sure!

Just How Important Is It?

When public-opinion pollsters ask Mr. and Mrs. Average Citizen their opinions about life, death, and the hereafter – they find most simply unconcerned. They just don't like to think about it – especially happening to them.

But when death strikes – suddenly everything is changed! Suddenly, we must pause, in our swiftly moving lives, to face death. And we are compelled to ask, “Just what is death?” And, for that matter, What is life?

Can anything, after all, be more singularly important than the answers to these questions? You're here. You live. But why?

Unsolved Dilemma of Centuries

Man faithfully trusts the false god of science to lengthen his life span – transplant his kidneys when they fail, help him reduce or put on weight, change his very personality, and perhaps allow him to choose the sex of his progeny.

The modern world looks to its mechanical god – science – to save it from all its troubles. People look to medical science to save them from sickness – to the physical sciences to produce the continual flow of goods and services to make their life one of physical ease and pleasure. They look to the “life” sciences to explain to them what they are, and where they’re going, and the meaning of life.

But, somehow, death stops it all!

At death, science stops its mouth. A doctor, quietly sympathizing with grieved members of the family may say, in a kindly voice, “I’m sorry, there is nothing further medical science can do for him.”

Today, the world exalts knowledge. It holds aloft the great institutions of “higher” learning. The leaders of mankind are the products of these same educational institutions – the “educated” men of the world.

But can anyone claim to be truly educated who does not know what HE is? Is “educated” the correct description for one who does not know why he is alive – or where he’s going, or what is death, and what happens at death??

These men CAN know. They could have understood, long ago – had they not rejected the very foundation of all knowledge, the revealed Word of Yahweh!

But Yahweh has said of them, “And even as they did not like to retain Elohim in their knowledge (in their education – their institutions of higher learning) Yahweh gave them over to a reprobate mind...” (Romans 1:28).

Death is a fearful, unknown, blank to the great minds of this world. They simply do not know what it is!

But you can know – if you’re willing to know! Yahshua thanked His Father that He had “hidden these things from the ‘wise and prudent’ and revealed them unto babes!” (Matt. 11:25.)

What Is Your Life?

Always, Yahweh Almighty stresses the uncertainty of life. He says, “For you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” (Genesis 3:19).

You are a physical, temporal creature – entirely dependent upon a metabolic process of muscles, nerves, sinews and bone – upon blood and air – upon food and water. You are a living organism – a terribly fragile, temporary creature.

You’re made of the elements of the ground. Perhaps, in our modern societies, of food nicely served on “man-made plates of fine china – we don’t like to think of the fact our food is literally composed of so much “dirt” - and that we are, very literally, “dirt.” But we are!

Your bible reveals the life of man is a purely chemical, physical existence – that our metabolic process is the same as that of animals! (Ecc. 3:19.) Nowhere does your Bible say man has an immortal soul, or that there is a “soul” in man. Rather, the Bible shows man is a soul. That is, each soul (nephesh, in the Hebrew) is a person, and can die.

Read Ezekiel 18:4 and 18:20 where Yahweh says, “the soul that sins, IT (the soul) shall die. (If you have not yet read our free Bible Lesson 18 entitled “Do You Have an Immortal Soul?” to see this completely proved, in your own Bible, then write for it immediately.)

It is true there is a “spirit” in man (Job 32:8) but that spirit is not the man – and is not conscious apart from the man. Job, in the same book said, “But man dies and is cut off, and man expires [original – implying exhalation, or expiration of air] and where is he?” (Job 14:10.)

In this same passage, Yahweh inspired Job to say, "Who will grant that You would hide me in Sheol; You would conceal me until Your anger turns back; that You would set a limit for me and remember me? If a man dies, shall he revive? All the days of my warfare I will wait, until my change comes. You shall call, and I will answer You; You shall long to do the work of Your hands." (Job 14:13-15).

Job spoke of being kept in the grave – and waiting for a change to take place – not of being alive during death!

The Certainty of Death

You know several people who have died. Probably, some were very close to you – and you cherish the memory of them – remembering the way they were, the things they said and did – their personality and character. Yet, they're dead.

Remember again – there is no "dead" person to whom you can talk. Science can't give you the answer. Philosophers say they do not know what death is; except that it is not life. There is only ONE source to which you can go to get the true answer, and that source is the inspired Word of your Creator!

The Bible is, in a sense, the obituary of the leading men that Elohim used throughout history. The greatest men of the Bible all died!

Perhaps we haven't thought about that. But it brings out a tremendous principle – and should give all of us comfort through life!

David was a man after Yahweh's own heart. When David prayed, Yahweh heard. The Psalms are, in many cases, actual prayers David prayed. One of these Psalms bears directly on the subject of death!

David Died

David was afflicted – in what exact way we don't know. But he apparently was very near death!

He cried out in Psalm 102:1-5: "*Hear my prayer, O Yahweh, and let my cry come to You. Do not hide Your face from me in the day of my trouble; bow*

down Your ear to me in the day I call; answer me quickly. For my days are finished in smoke, and my bones are burned like a hearth. My heart is stricken and dried like grass, so that I forget to eat my bread. Because of the voice of my sighing, my bones cleave to my flesh."

Finally, he cried out in verse 24, "I said, O my Elohim, do not take me up in the half of my days..."

David cried out to Elohim to lengthen his life – to save him from death!

And Yahweh Almighty answered that prayer!

David didn't die as a young man. He ruled Israel for forty years. David lived his full "three score and ten" and died at the age of 70.

But the point is that David did die!

In 1 Chronicles 29:28, we read this of David, "And he died in a good old age, satisfied with days, riches and honor. And his son Solomon reigned in his place."

The apostle Peter was inspired to write: "Men, brothers, let me speak boldly with you to say to you as to the patriarch David, that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is among us until this day...for David did not ascend into the heavens" (Acts 2:29-34).

David lived a full life; Elohim answered his prayers; he did have the mind of Elohim (Acts 13:22). But David died – and he is still dead. David is not in heaven. That's what your Bible says.

But why?

Why did David die? Why hasn't he received his reward? Will David ever be conscious again?

The Apostle Peter Died

Peter was one of the leading apostles in the New Testament Congregation! He was one of the original twelve disciples – handpicked by Messiah.

Peter knew he was going to die! He said in 2 Peter 1:13-15: "But I deem it right, so long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by a reminder, knowing

that shortly I must depart this life, as indeed our Master Yahshua Messiah made clear to me. And I will also be diligent to cause you always to have memory of these things after my departure.”

So Peter died. Yet he wrote the book on hope. Peter hoped for the resurrection and the Kingdom of Yahweh. But he certainly didn't expect to receive it then. Peter himself said that the disciples would not find the praise and honor they sought until the appearing of Yahshua Messiah! He clearly stated in Acts, as we saw, that David was not in heaven – but dead and buried.

Yet, Elohim allowed Peter – one of the most important men in Yahweh's Congregation to die!

The Apostle Paul Died

The apostle Paul wrote 14 books of the Bible. He was the apostle to the Gentiles, held a very important spiritual office, had worked diligently and hard for many years, and appears to have been one of the most truly spiritual men who ever lived.

He was stoned, shipwrecked, put in prison. Paul was certainly tried in every conceivable way.

But he died.

He said: “For I am ready to be sacrificed, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight. I have finished the course. I have kept the faith. For the rest, the crown of righteousness is laid up for me, which our Master, the righteous Judge, will give to me in that Day” (2 Timothy 4:6-8).

The apostle Paul isn't in “heaven.” He said he won't get his reward until that day – the Day Messiah returns! Yahshua said, in Revelation 22:12, “My reward is with Me!”

But Yahshua isn't here yet. The apostle Paul is still dead and buried.

And did you notice? The apostle Peter and Paul viewed death rather objectively. Although it was a sobering experience, the apostle Paul almost welcomed it! He said in Philippians 1:21, “For Messiah is my life, and to die is gain!”

When Stephen was martyred, he simply said, “Do not cause this sin to stand against them!” (Acts 7:60.) Why?

Why in the face of death were these men calm? What is it that they knew about death that didn't frighten them?

People of Yahweh Allowed to Die

Jacob and John were murdered. Elohim allowed it! Elisha, who raised the dead to life, and was the greatest servant of Elohim in his day became sick and died!

You can read it in 2 Kings 13:14, “And Elisha had become sick with his illness in which he died.” But, “maybe Elisha lost faith” - you say? Not at all!

Elohim inspired that!

He wanted to get across a great principle! That is, Yahweh's servants – the greatest of them – do die! But Yahweh wanted to be sure no one reasoned that perhaps Elisha had lost faith. So He inspired this account to occur after Elisha's death.

Here was proof that Elisha had not lost faith; Yahweh had not forsaken him.

It merely came time for Elisha to die. He had served his purpose on this earth. Elisha became sick and Yahweh simply allowed him to die. Yahweh took him from the evil to come.

My mother was in her seventy-sixth year. She had lived a full life.

Right now, she's in a better condition than any of the living. She'll never have to shed one more tear. She won't feel cold or heat. She won't ever again go hungry.

She's safe. She can't fall away. She'll never again have to struggle to overcome this or that problem. She's safe!

Elohim says, “Precious in the eyes of Yahweh is the death of His saints.” (Psalm 116:15). My mother's death was precious in Elohim's sight. She had lived a life of great service to Yahweh's Work;

had overcome her human nature; had qualified to have a place in the Kingdom of Yahweh.

My mother is sleeping in the grave now. She is waiting for the second coming of Messiah; waiting for the resurrection from the dead, just as are Elisha, and David, and Peter, and Paul. She is not in heaven and she has no consciousness, but is simply sleeping in her grave until the resurrection. Eccl 9:5a *“For the living know that they shall die; but the dead do not know anything;”*

Any Life After Death?

Remember what Job was inspired to say? “Who will grant that You would hide me in Sheol; You would conceal me until Your anger turns back; that You would set a limit for me and remember me? If a man dies, shall he revive? All the days of my warfare I will wait, until my change comes” (Job 14:13, 14).

Job knew about the resurrection of the dead. And so does anyone who knows the promises of Yahweh! Your Bible speaks in both Old and New Testaments of a resurrection of the dead – a re-creation of life!

Daniel was inspired to write, “And many of those sleeping in the earth's dust shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to reproaches and to everlasting loathing” (Daniel 12:2). Death in Scripture is compared to sleep.

Later, Yahshua quoted these same words. Read John 5:21 through verse 29! Yahshua said: “For even as the Father raises the dead...so also the Son gives life to whomever He wills...Truly, truly, I say to you that an hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of YAHWEH, and the ones hearing will live...Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming in which all those in the tombs will hear His voice. And they will come out, the ones having done good into a resurrection of life; and the ones having practiced evil into a resurrection of judgment.

Messiah spoke of more than one resurrection!

Notice the proof. Turn to Revelation, chapter 20. Now read verses 4 and 5. “And I saw thrones, and they sat on them. And judgment was given to them, and the souls [Greek word: “Psoche” - meaning same as “Nephesh” in the Hebrew] of the ones having been beheaded because of the witness of Yahshua, and because of the Word of YAHWEH, and who had not worshiped the beast nor its image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand. And they lived and reigned with Messiah a thousand years”!

And the “souls” John saw in this vision were dead! Notice the proof. “But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished!” (Revelation 20:5.)

John saw a vision concerning the resurrection of the just! Messiah promises rulership with Him to those who overcome (Rev. 2:26; 3:21) which He will give at His return (1 Cor. 15:23; Phil. 3:20, 21).

The resurrection of the dead was the whole hope – the heart and center of the message of the early Congregation! Notice how it completely dominates the sermons of Peter and Paul in early Congregation history. Read all of the following verses in context in your own Bible! “...have crucified and slain: Whom Elohim hath raised up...” (Acts 2:23, 24). “This Yahshua, Yahweh raised up, of which we are all witnesses...For David did not ascend into Heaven, but he says, “Yahweh said to my Adonai, sit at My right hand until I place those who are enemies to You as a footstool for Your feet” (Acts 2:32-35).

Peter continually emphasized Messiah's resurrection as proof of the future resurrection of all mankind! “And the Author of Life you killed, whom Yahweh raised up from the dead...” (Acts 3:15). “Having raised up His child Yahshua, Yahweh sent Him first to you...” (Acts 3:26). “...and the Sadducees stood near them, while they were being furious at them, because they taught the people concerning the resurrection by the Messiah, that is from the dead!” (Acts 4:1-2.)

Notice! Peter preached the resurrection! He said nothing about the completely pagan doctrine of any

supposed “immortal soul” or going to “hell” or “heaven” when one dies!

Rather, he emphasized how even David, a man after Yahweh's own heart, was dead and buried (Acts 2:29) and showed the believers that David had not gone to heaven (Acts 2:34), but was waiting in his grave, just as the Bible says, until a resurrection of the just!

Meaning of Life

Paul was inspired to write one whole chapter on the subject of the resurrection! You need to study the whole 15th chapter of 1 Corinthians!

Notice how Paul was directed of Yahweh's Holy Spirit to answer the “let's suppose” and “what if?” kind of questions people would ask!

“But someone will say, How are the dead raised? And with what body do they come?” (1 Cor. 15:35.)

And true to that prediction – people ask: “Yes, but what about those 'vaporized' at Hiroshima and Nagasaki?” People want to know about men buried at sea, eaten of sharks. And what about those cremated?

All right – what about them? Is it “difficult” for Yahweh because the same body no longer remains? Ridiculous! And that's exactly what Messiah inspired Paul to write about such questions. “Foolish one! What you sow is not made alive unless it dies...So also the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption...It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body!...” (1 Cor. 15:36-44.)

Just as Job said, there is a complete change at the resurrection. A spirit being is given life – not an old, disease-ridden, maimed or mangled, shot or burnt, hideously deformed or wasted human, physical, body!

“We shall all be changed!” said Paul! (1 Cor. 15:52.)

Can you see? Your Creator says death is death – just as you know it is – and that a resurrection from

the dead is the whole hope of a Believer! That's why Paul asks, “Else what shall they do which are baptized for [Greek: “Huper” meaning for the hope of] the dead, if the dead rise not at all? Why are they then baptized for the hope of [margin] the dead? And why stand we in jeopardy every hour?” (1 Cor. 15:29-30.)

The hope of the dead is a resurrection from the dead! Baptism symbolized that resurrection!

“Therefore, we were buried (by being immersed completely in water – symbolizing burial) with Him through baptism into death that as Messiah was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, so also we should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together with Him in the likeness of His death, so also shall we be in the resurrection!” (Romans 6:4-5.)

Your Elohim shows you that those who have truly been converted, who have utterly surrendered to Him – who have given up their carnal arguments, their resentment and hostility toward Yahweh and His Word, and who have begun to really live by Yahweh's Word, will be in the resurrection of the just!

Paul said this was the driving ambition of his life! “...and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Messiah Yahshua...that I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection...if by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead!” (Phil. 3:8-11.)

But what about those who have not been converted? What if someone dies who never really knew the truth? What about the millions upon millions of Asians, Africans, and members of all races right down through history who never even heard the name of Messiah, let alone had an opportunity to hear and study His Word? What becomes of them?

The Rest of the Dead

Messiah spoke of a resurrection to life, and a resurrection to “judgment” (John 5:29). The word rendered “damnation” in the Authorized Version is more correctly translated “judgment” from the

original. Notice how the Bible interprets the Bible on this important point!

John was inspired to say “But the rest of the dead (those not included in the resurrection to eternal life at Messiah's coming!) lived not again until the thousand years were finished!” (Rev. 20:5.)

But the rest of the dead *“lived not again until the thousand years were finished!”*

Notice verses 11 through 15! “And I saw a great white throne, and Him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great stand before Elohim; and the books were opened, and another book was opened which is the book of life, and the dead were judged (not sentenced, or “condemned”, but judged) out of those things which were written in the books according to their works...”

Your Creator says that the dead will finally be judged out of things written in the “books”, and that they will be judged by their works!

And what are those books? The original Greek word is “Biblos”. And “Biblos” is translated correctly into English as “Bible”. Of course!

That is exactly how you will be judged. Yahweh says “I change not!” (Mal. 3:6.) Yahshua Messiah is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Heb. 13:8). Yahweh will judge those people in the future just as He judges today!

And how does He judge His people? “Because the time has come that judgment must begin with the house of Yahweh; and if it first begins with us, what will be the end of the ones disobeying the good news of Elohim?” (1 Peter 4:17.)

Judgment is a “discerning” Those who are members of Yahweh's true Congregation, members of the very body of Messiah (1 Cor. 12:13) are being judged now! (1 Peter 4:17.)

And how are they being judged?

Messiah said, “...Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth

of Yahweh” (Matt. 4:4). “Thy word is truth,” (John 17:17) said Yahshua Messiah. The books or “Biblos” which are the laws by which you and I are judged are the books of your own Bible! Each believer is judged, according to his works, based upon the Word of Yahweh.

Your Elohim is fair. Yahweh does not judge you by one “method”, and then judge multiple millions, or even billions of other human beings by a totally different standard. The only difference is that you don't judge a 1st grader the same way that you would judge a college student.

However, there is greater accountability to believers because they understand the Torah to a greater degree. To the unbeliever, even though he will be judged by the same Torah, Yahweh can look at his heart on the matter since he never read it or knew it and reward or punish in this judgment.

Rom 2:13 For not the hearers of the Torah are righteous with YAHWEH, but the doers of the Torah shall be justified.

Rom 2:14 For when pagans not having the Torah do by nature the things contained in the Torah, they not having the Torah are a law unto themselves,

Rom 2:15 who show the work of the Torah written in their hearts, their conscience witnessing with them, and their thoughts either accusing or even excusing one another

Rom 2:16 in a day when YAHWEH judges the hidden actions of men, as my good news teaches, through Yahshua Messiah.

Verse 16 is speaking of the white throne judgment.

Death is death – the complete absence of life and consciousness. Remember, your Bible reveals the “dead know not anything.” There is no consciousness of the passing of time. In the parable of Lazarus and the rich man, the rich man “lift up his eyes” in a resurrection – unaware that thousands of years had passed between the time when he died and his yet future resurrection.

Notice what Yahweh says about His own specially chosen people, Israel. “What then? What Israel seeks, this it did not obtain, but the election obtained it, and the rest were hardened; even as it

has been written 'Yahweh gave to them a spirit of slumber, eyes not seeing and ears not hearing' until this day" (Rom. 11:7-8).

Are Yahweh's own elect (Isaiah 44:1; 45:4) lost forever because Yahweh Himself has caused them to be blinded to His truth?

No! Notice the proof! "For I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers, so that you may not be wise within yourselves, that hardness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the nations comes in" (Rom. 11:25).

Yahweh has a time schedule He is working out. He will finally give all those ancient Israelites – whose hearts were hardened, who did not know the way to salvation – their chance!

Notice it. "And at that time, Michael shall stand up, the great ruler who stands for the sons of your people. And at that time, your people shall be delivered, everyone that shall be found written in the Book. And many of those sleeping in the earth's dust shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to reproaches and to everlasting loathing." (Dan. 12:1-2.) "And so all the tribes of Israel will be saved". (Rom. 11:26.) Not every person but representatives of all 12 tribes.

Is There a Hellfire?

Remember, there are three classes of people with whom Yahweh is dealing. Those who have repented, and, whether living or dead, will rise to meet Messiah in the air (1 Thes. 4:15-18), coming down on that day with Him to the Mount of Olives (Zech. 14:4) to rule with Him for 1,000 years (Rev. 2:26; 3:21; 5:10; 20:4). Then there are the millions of those who have never understood – the "rest" of the dead (Rev. 20:5).

And then there are those who will not choose to repent – who are finally to lose out on salvation.

Notice the Bible proof!

After the millennium of Messiah's rule on earth; even after the picture of the Great White Throne resurrection to Judgment (Rev. 20:11-12), Yahweh

says, "And death and the grave were thrown into the Lake of Fire. This is the second death." (Rev. 20:14.)

A grave is only a grave when it contains a body. This scripture speaks of a resurrection to physical life, for the incorrigible evil, and a "gehenna" fire destroying them!

Read what Yahweh inspired the prophet Malachi to write: "For, behold, the day is coming, burning like a fire pot; and all the proud and every doer of wickedness shall be chaff. And the coming day will set them ablaze...and you shall tread under the wicked, for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet..." (Mal. 4:1-3).

The Gehenna fire of your Bible is much hotter than the pagan myth of an "ever-burning" fire. This fire really burns – it destroys!

Peter said, "But the day of Yahweh will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with rushing sound, and the elements shall separate as they burn, and earth and the works in it will be burned up!" (2 Pet. 3:10.)

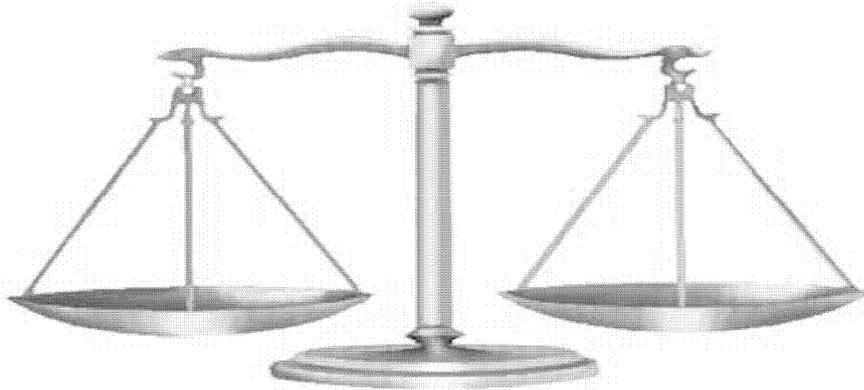
There is the real truth about death – from your own Bible! Death is death – without consciousness. A resurrection is the hope of the dead – not living for all eternity in some fanciful "limbo" or compartment of "heaven" or "hell".

The stories you've heard all your life about the boiling pots or the "pearly gates" are sheer myth! But the plain truth of your Bible is clear! What a great blessing it is to know the truth about death! And how especially comforting is this knowledge when you must literally see death come to a loved one!

Yahweh's great and merciful purpose in our lives is achieved because Messiah conquered death! He will soon release those who are "waiting" for their change to come – and that day is much nearer, now, than you may think!

Please also see lesson 6 from the bible correspondence course online at www.coyhwh.com in the study section.

What Did Yahshua Mean - "I Will Have Mercy, And Not Sacrifice"? Reprint



Do we really know that He meant? Yahshua said, "But going, LEARN what this is" (Matt. 9:13). Knowing can mean your eternal life!

What is our goal, really? Is it a hazy, not too vivid, all-encompassing kind of thing, like "to get into the kingdom," "to show love," or "to do the work of Yahweh"?

Each of us must have a much more clearly defined, moment-by-moment goal than that. A goal so vivid and so real that we can confidently know we are fulfilling Yahweh's desires; His purpose for our lives.

Everyone wants to live forever. But since we are merely physical human beings, we all face physical death.

The Starting Point

Death is a sobering reality. As David said, our life is but a "handbreadth" (Ps. 39:5). We are here today and gone tomorrow.

Death is our final appointment in this life, and then we simply no longer exist. Nothing physical survives. We are gone. But spirit does survive. So our goal has to be one of spiritual survival.

What spiritual Survival Means

Look at it this way. Let's suppose you want to hear music, so you compose a song. Then you hire an

orchestra and a director. Finally you record their rendition by means of a tape recorder.

Afterward the orchestra disbands. The sheet music is destroyed. Everything physical that went into making the beautiful sounds is gone. But a perfect record of the whole effort remains recorded on tape. It can be replayed in a tape player at any time.

In the same way, the spirit in man is the spiritual record of each one of us.

This is what survives.

Yahweh put this spirit in man for a great purpose. Combined with our physical brain it enables us to think, to plan, to design. It gives us some of the imagination and even some of the desires of Yahweh Himself. And it provides Yahweh with a record of our attitudes, personality, acquired knowledge, our very character, all that which makes us, after we die. That which is physical decays and dies, but the spirit in man remains indestructible, eternal.

But why does Yahweh want a record? The answer is that Yahweh plans to “replay,” reconstitute, rebuild, resurrect, us exactly according to the pattern of what we will have become in this life, same basic personality, same attitudes, *same character*. And so the basic element of our whole being which will survive our physical life is our CHARACTER. Only we will then be composed totally of spirit.

So what is being recorded in your case? Think before you answer. Whatever it is, it has to be recognized by Yahweh as something He wants to survive eternally, or He will not “replay” for the purpose of eternal preservation the record that has been made.

And here is where the problem lies. Some of us will fulfill the sickening prophecy of non-recognition found in Matthew 7:21-23, where Yahshua said: “It will not be that just everyone who says to Me, Master, Master, will enter into the kingdom of Heaven... Many will say to Me in that day, Master, Master... And then I will declare to them, from everlasting, I never knew you.”

Physical Works Not the Criterion

Did you notice something very frightening about those words? Messiah was speaking of those who have identified Him and call Him Master like we do. They know He is the Messiah. But Messiah does not know them. He does not recognize them. He is looking for something that He cannot find. Therefore He will not replay their “record” for eternal life.

We keep the Sabbath, we tithe, we keep the Holy Days, we may pass out songbooks or give the opening or closing prayer, or even be ordained as a deacon. We may feel that these activities prove we are on our way into the Kingdom.

We may even be ordained into the ministry of Yahshua Messiah, give sermons, anoint the sick and see them healed, and even cast out demons! Wouldn't you say that doing these things would be the obvious sign of a man of Yahweh, well on his way into Yahweh's Kingdom?

But read what Messiah said: “*Many will say to Me in that day, Master, Master, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name do many works of power?*” (verse 22.)

Do you grasp that? They have done all of those things that most of us would regard as the final stamp of approval from Yahweh. They have done great works, preached inspired sermons, anointed the sick and seen people healed, and cast out demons.

But didn't the apostles heal the sick and cast out demons, before they were ever begotten of Yahweh's Spirit? Didn't Judas also do all these things? Yes they did! And so did some of the other religious Jews of Messiah's time (Matt. 12:27).

So what chance do you have? You're a lay member of the congregation. Perhaps you took the leadership-training course but you are still not “used.” Have you failed? Maybe, but not because you were not ordained, If that were true, what about women in the congregation who don't even lead in opening and closing prayer, and whose main duties are housekeeping?

Let's understand something! *Your physical activities are not what ensures your receiving eternal life in Yahweh's Kingdom!*

Recall Matthew 5:3-7. Yahshua said: "Blessed are the poor in spirit! For theirs is the kingdom of the Heavens... Blessed are the meek... Blessed are they who hunger and thirst after righteousness... Blessed are the merciful..." etc.

Notice that all these are qualities (attitudes) of mind, of character. And it is these qualities that are required in an eternal son of Yahweh.

A commandment Keeping Failure!

One young man came to Messiah and asked, just as we all do, "What shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?" (Mark 10:17.) Notice that he went to the right person, just as we do. Messiah gave him the same answer that we are aware of: "You know the commandments..." (verse 19).

The young man told Him that he had observed and kept those laws from his youth. Then Yahshua loved this young man. He wanted to help him. But there was a problem, and Messiah knew that something was wrong. The problem was not physical; it was only expressed physically, but it was a *spiritual* problem. This man had a mind that *coveted*. So he was a command keeping failure, just as were the Israelites who tried to keep Yahweh's commandments in Moses' time.

Yahweh said of the ancient Israelites: "Would that *this heart of theirs* would be like this always, to fear Me, and to keep all My commandments..." (Deut. 5:29). In other words, there was a spiritual inability, a spiritual lack, which prevented them from completely comprehending the spiritual meaning of the great laws of Yahweh. But brethren, we should not have that lack; we should have the Spirit of Yahweh in our minds. Yahweh's laws are spiritual, and with His Spirit we can truly keep those laws in their *spiritual* intent.

The Kind of Mind to Cultivate

Notice the important question asked in Micah 6:6-7: "With what shall I come before YAHWEH, to bow

myself before the loftiness of Elohim?... Will YAHWEH be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of torrents of oil?" Is Yahweh going to be pleased with burnt offerings (physical works)? Shall we find approval from Yahweh with great tithes and offerings?

Now notice the startling answer in verse 8. "*O man, He has declared to you what is good. And what does Yahweh require of you, but to do justice, and to love grace, and to walk humbly with your Elohim?*"

Here is what Yahweh wants: He wants you to love mercy. Is there anything physical about that? Of course not. So be pursuing a merciful mind.

Are you happy when somebody who really deserves harsh punishment is forgiven and does not have to pay the penalty of his sins? Are you sure?

What happens when somebody has wronged *you*? Do you secretly hope they will be punished, that they will have to pay the just recompense for slandering or harming you? We must come to have a merciful mind that just loves to see people forgiven and allowed to escape the deserved penalty for their sins. For this is the mind of *Messiah!* This is the spiritual and mental yardstick by which we can measure and examine our own mind in every action of our lives.

The Greatness of Yahweh

"*So says YAHWEH: Heaven is My throne, and earth the footstool of My feet. Where then is the house that you build for me?...*" (Is. 66:1.)

In effect, Yahweh is saying, "The vast expanse of the universe is all mine. The earth, which is so huge to you and to which you are limited, to me is about like something you would put your feet up on in your own home. This is just a part of my greatness. So what can you possibly do for Him?"

'And My hand has made all these things...' (verse 2). Look how puny your efforts are physically in comparison to the tremendous vastness of my creation in space and its awesome immeasurable power!"

Can we do anything to compare with this? Of course not. Anything physical we would do in comparison with what Yahweh has already done is total futility.

But Yahweh will still come to know us, recognize us and ultimately use our spirit-in-man “record,” *because of one thing. He will look at* (or “look to”) us if each one of us is of a humble and of a contrite spirit, and trembles at His word. Messiah said that Yahweh seeks those who worship Him in *spirit* and in truth (John 4:24). Neither mental capacity nor a lack of it, nor race, nor sex, nor personal poverty can exclude any one of us from attaining to these things, which Yahweh is looking for. A poverty stricken paraplegic can still possess a poor and contrite spirit, for Yahweh is looking for something spiritual.

So acquiring and developing this spiritual character attribute must be our daily, hour-by-hour goal in life.

Moses Understood

Moses will be in Yahweh’s Kingdom not because of what he did physically, but because he “Moses was *very humble*, more than any man who was on the face of the earth” (Num. 12:3).

The meek are going to rule the earth (Matt. 5:5). Are you pursuing a goal of meekness? Don’t be deceived. It is not difficult to tell if you are one of the meek.

Meekness is totally different from feelings of inferiority. One who is meek is *very* teachable. He does not resent correction, regardless of the source from which it comes. You will not find harsh, unbending or critical attitude in the spiritually minded keeper of the Torah. One who is meek is easily approached by family, friends and the ministers.

Moses took instruction and correction from a man beneath him in rank. Even with his vast experience in government in Pharaoh’s court and with tremendous power that Yahweh displayed through him, when his father in law came to him and told him he was wrong, Moses *listened and learned* (Ex. 18:13-27).

He did not take the attitude some of us display when one younger than ourselves gives a sermon or sermonette, or has a suggestion. Moses was not self-opinionated, or puffed up with his great office, or with *his age* or with what he had accomplished.

Was Moses merciful? When Miriam was struck with leprosy for criticizing Moses, he cried out to Yahweh to heal her instantly (Num 12). Would this have been our attitude?

Why David Will Rule

Meekness, a broken and contrite spirit, and all of the other attributes of Matthew 5 form the yardstick by which we can measure ourselves in Yahweh’s eyes. It is not sufficient to put this on merely as a Sabbath façade, but it must be a continuous, ever present goal in every activity, whether it is in our relationship with our employers, our wives our husbands, our children or any other human being.

Only this type of mind will be capable of safely handling the great power Yahweh is going to put in our hands.

Would you want a jealous, envious, revengeful type of person to rule over you? Obviously not. Neither does Yahweh.

Do you mentally hunger and thirst after righteousness (Matt. 5:6)? With deep emotion David said, “Open my eyes and I will see wonderful things from Your Torah” (Ps. 119:18). Why? Because David realized his safety was in not wandering from the commandments of Yahweh. He knew that if his ways were directed by Yahweh’s law, he would not make mistakes and be ashamed (verses 6, 10).

But what did David do when he was cursed and had stones thrown at him? Did he take vengeance? Notice a spiritual mind in action when Abishai, David’s bodyguard, asked if he might destroy a man who deserved death. David replied: “For let him curse, even because YAHWEH has said to him, Curse David. And who shall say, Why have you done so?... Leave him alone, and let him curse, for YAHWEH has spoken to him. Perhaps YAHWEH

will look on my affliction, and YAHWEH will return good to me for his cursing this day" (2 Sam. 16:10-12).

Would you react that way in similar circumstances?

David will be in Yahweh's family not because of his military or other physical accomplishments, but because of his great spiritual strength and a mind that loved Yahweh's Torah and meditated on it, until, by means of the Holy Spirit, he came to *understand* the spirit of the law.

The Rest of the Story

What is the spirit of the Torah? The Pharisees were very strict keepers of the law. But Messiah called them hypocrites because they missed the most important part of the law. Messiah said: "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithes of mint and dill and cumin, and you have left aside the weightier matters of the Torah judgment, and mercy, and faith..." (Matt. 23:23).

Did you notice that the most important aspects of the Torah, the "weightier matter," are good judgment (what we might call *balance* today), mercy and faith? These are spiritual things. And this is why "the Torah is spiritual" (Rom. 7:14).

"The Torah has authority over a man as long as he lives" (Rom. 7:1), but as true believers we should "serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter" (verse 6).

You may not steal, but are you envious, jealous, stubborn or revengeful?

One of the biggest problems we have in the congregation today is the breaking of the *law of faith*. But Yahweh says without faith it is *impossible* to please Him (Heb. 11:6).

Can we begin to understand why David said, "Great peace is to those who love Your Torah, and there is no stumbling block to them" (Ps. 119:165)? Or why Isaiah said, "The work of righteousness shall

be peace; and the service of righteousness shall be quietness and hope forever" (Is. 32:17)?

Both David and Isaiah understood the spiritual purpose of the Torah. They had the mind of Messiah! Do we?

The greatest expression of the mind of Yahweh is mercy. It caused Messiah to be willing to die for and at the hands of those who deserved to die. In His most horrible moment, forsake, beaten beyond recognition, He said: "Father forgive them..." (Luke 23:34).

The same Yahshua was quoting from Hosea 6:6, an *Old Testament* prophet, when He said: "Going, learn what this is, *I desire mercy and not sacrifice*" why? "For I did not come to call the righteous ones but the sinners to repentance" (Matt. 9:13).

Have *you* learned what it means to have mercy?

My people will know my name (cont from pg. 21)

Hebrew names are especially expressive and all have meanings. Our Father carefully chose the Hebrew Name by which He would be eternally identified, a Name which renders a powerful expression of His nature and identity. I believe that Name is "**Yahweh**", and I feel personally privileged and even obligated to speak this Holy Name which the Creator chose and gave us in Scripture to be called by us for all generations.

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Therefore my people will know my name.” (Isaiah 52:6)

Hello

His name is

Yahweh or Jehovah

Exo 3:15 And Elohim said to Moses again, You shall say this to the sons of Israel, YAHWEH, the Elohe of your fathers, the Elohe of Abraham, the Elohe of Isaac, and the Elohe of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My name forever, and this is how I should be remembered from generation to generation.

We see clearly from this text that YHWH is Elohim’s name throughout all generations! This is the name of names! It is mentioned 6829 times in the Bible. (No other name comes even close to that number). It is THE most dominant name in the Bible. And a person’s name is not merely an appellation (title) but denotes his identity, and suggests important qualities of being and character to the world outside himself. YHWH is Elohim’s covenant Name, the name He declared was forever, from generation to generation, [Exodus 3:15].

Then in Exodus 6 Elohim twice declares his name is YHWH, and goes on to state that our fathers Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob never knew Him by the name of YHWH. But how do we pronounce this precious name? Does it matter? Is the name forbidden to pronounce, as the Rabbis assert? Since original Biblical Hebrew has no vowels, one would think that the true pronunciation of the Name could only be known by oral tradition passed down from generation to generation directly from Moses, which would mean it could be lost in history? Or..... has it been preserved somewhere in Jewish tradition? **How do we say “YHWH” without knowing the vowels between the consonants?**

In this New Covenant age, when we walk in Elohim’s presence and can hear His voice as we

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enjoy a personal relationship with Him through Yeshua, Some might not consider this of much importance, since we can always call Him, “Father”, yet how many of us would not be uncomfortable if someone addressed us by our name, but pronounced it wrong, or even worse, constantly called us by a title instead of our personal name? And since it is Elohim’s covenant Name, by which He will be known by all generations, it also seems significant that we actually pronounce it somehow.

After all, it is the scriptural identification of the Creator’s eternal Name! And even more important, the very Name of Elohim carries authority and power and blessing just to be uttered, if it’s not uttered “in vain”, but with hallowed awe and deep respect. The common practice is to use the term which was substituted for the Name, in the Authorized King James version, the term “LORD”. But this is a title, not a name! It is an alteration of the very word of Elohim. And I’m not at all sure that the Creator, who very intentionally gave us His personal Name, is happy to be constantly addressed by a title, instead of the Name He gave us.

So I submit a tentative personal conclusion based on my own study and meditation on this subject, with the suggestion that we begin at least to consider addressing our Father by His rightful Name, especially when we read the Bible, (even if we may not be 100% sure how to pronounce it). Now, “*yaweh*”, in Hebrew, is a verb which means, “to constitute, bring into being, or fulfill a promise or covenant”.

And I believe this is the strongest support we have that Elohim’s name is pronounced “**Yahweh**”. Let me explain: Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob had the promise of the land. But they never actually inherited the land, remaining sojourners in it. They knew Elohim as El Shaddai. But to Moses, in Exodus 6:4, Elohim explains that He established His *land covenant* with them, and He tells Moses that “**YHWH**” is His *Covenant Name*!

So the pronunciation of the verb “yaweh”, which means “to constitute or fulfill a promise or ‘covenant’”, could well be the very key to the pronunciation of the Name of the Covenant making Elohim! I believe this linguistic key points us in the right direction toward the correct pronunciation

of “YHWH”. But there is more...

“A name in the Past spoken”

Here are some interesting facts: history and Jewish Holy books clearly teach us that the pronunciation of “YHWH” was prohibited in the time of the high priest Simeon the Just around 200 BC. (“Whoever pronounces the name forfeits his portion in the future world” [Talmud Sanh. x1.1])

The Rabbis, who still believe and teach this to this day, went to great measures to prevent anybody from accidentally pronouncing Elohim’s name. To accomplish this they used a substitute for each of the 6829 times it was written in the Tenach

(OT), using vowels which they knew were incorrect when their scribes copied the Bible by hand, so that the pronunciation of the Name was altered by the use of vowels which were known to be inaccurate.

Their method was to remove the correct vowels from the word “YHWH” (according to the pronunciation which they believed was the true one), and then insert the vowels from the word “Lord” (“Adonai”). Thus the name “Jehovah” was formulated, successfully hiding the true pronunciation. Today, religious Jews are extremely unwilling to even give a hint of the correct pronunciation, and instead of pronouncing Elohim’s name, they say, “the name” (“Hashem”), or “Elohim”; and if they are very religious, “Elokim”. Yet we know for certain that King David, all the kings and all the prophets pronounced Elohim’s covenant name without any restrictions.

But there is a remarkable and important exception to this practice. Every year, just as Yom Kippur ends and the sun goes down, Jews are allowed to pronounce this sacred name, because at that time, having repented and

prepared an entire mouth, then fasted and thoroughly confessed all their sins, the Rabbis consider observant Jews to be holy enough to utter the Holy Name. And if you happen to be at the Western wall in Jerusalem, or within earshot of Orthodox Rabbis at this unique moment, you will hear the name.... “Yahweh” being spoken aloud into the air... but never, “Jehovah”. So, apparently they do believe they have the correct pronunciation; they have simply made it a very well-kept secret...

In 1509 a Catholic Priest by the name of Pietro Galatinus who studied oriental languages in Rome, was meditating on the name “Jehovah”; (which, remember, the Rabbis were using to disguise the real pronunciation). Galatinus came up with another interpretation which he published in 1520. His thesis was that the three letters “Ye”, “ho” “Vah”, are abbreviations of three Hebrew words, “was”, “is”, and “will come”. This was an arbitrary formulation with no direct scriptural support, though it could easily be argued from scripture that Elohim is eternal in both directions of time.

Nevertheless after 1509 this meditation on the falsified pronunciation of the covenant name of YHWH became an established “truth” concerning the interpretation of the name of our Creator. Before 1509 there was no interest or argument at all in the church concerning the correct pronunciation of the name of Elohim. Just a few years after Galatinus, in 1527, the Bible was first translated into English by William Tyndale. Tyndale was greatly influenced by Galatinus and wrote “IEHOVAH” for the name of Elohim.

90 years later, the original 1617 King James version exchanged the “u” for a “v”, and thus the name “Yehovah” was “memorialized” for posterity. And while we know that Yeshua, the only Son and image of the Father reveals Himself as one who was, is and is to come, the fact remains that the covenant name of “YHWH” is most closely derived from a Hebrew word with a meaning with which He Himself identified: i.e. “to constitute, bring into being, or fulfill a promise or covenant”. (Continued on pg. 19)

Are You STILL Counting the Cost?

Here, from one of Yahweh's ministers just returned from a nationwide baptizing tour this summer, is a pointed lesson each member of the Body of Messiah needs to learn.

(Reprint)



“As the result of your repentance of your sins, and your acceptance of Yahshua Messiah as your personal Savior from your sins, I now baptize you into the family name of Yahweh, and Yahshua Messiah for the remission of your sins. Amen.”

This summer hundreds of new brethren heard these words shortly before they were plunged into the symbolic watery grave. Seconds later they were raised from this “grave” and helped to the shore of the river, lake, or stream and they then received Yahweh's Holy Spirit by the laying on of hands by an ordained elder of Yahweh. Tears were streaming down the faces of many as we welcomed them as brethren into the Congregation of Yahweh.

Does this sound familiar, brethren? It certainly should to every baptized member of Yahweh's Congregation. No doubt you can easily recall the time and

place of your baptism, the names of those who performed your baptism, and can still hear those words.

Counting the Cost

But you will also remember, brethren, that the actual baptism is only the final outcome of long hours of counseling. All of these new brethren were first challenged to *count the cost!* They were told in plain words that this life as a disciple of Yahshua is *not easy!* They were soberly warned of the very real danger of “falling away” and the unpardonable sin. Doctrines such as tithing, the Holy Days, Yahweh's way of divine healing, the truth about divorce and remarriage and many others were thoroughly explained. On the average over *fifty percent* found they were simply not ready – or in many cases *not willing* – to be baptized. Finally, those who

were ready were taken to a suitable place where the baptism was performed. In the course of the counseling many learned for the first time what it *really* means to count the cost. They learned it the same way you learned it – the same way the followers of Yahshua Messiah learned it nearly 2,000 years ago.

Luke Fourteen

In the fourteenth chapter of the book of Luke, Messiah makes plain the cost every person must pay if he wants to be His disciple or follower. In verses 15 through 24 He shows how Yahweh looks at those who “make excuse” (verse 18). Notice that Yahweh calls them just that – *excuses*, not reasons!

How many excuses we hear on a baptizing tour! Most fall into one of the three categories listed here – property (verse 18), job (verse 19), or family (verse 20). But once in a while someone will come up with a real lame, even humorous excuse, like the man who didn't think he could quit chewing tobacco because if he did *his teeth would all fall out!* He gave this *same excuse last year!*

How does the Almighty Elohim view such carnal-minded reasoning? Notice verse 21, “So that servant came, and showed his Master these things. Then the Master of the house [Yahweh] being ANGRY....” Yahweh is not persuaded by these weak excuses, and neither are His servants! Yahweh is *angry* when a man puts *anything* – from foul tobacco in *any* form, to his own wife – higher than Yahweh and His priceless calling to eternal life! Yet how many people *do* put cigarettes or chewing tobacco ahead of Yahweh the Father and His Son Yahshua Messiah! And how many husbands put the opinion of their wives ahead of baptism, the forgiveness of sins, and Yahweh's Spirit!

How many cannot be baptized and

receive eternal life because they refuse to stop working on the Sabbath and seeking their own pleasure on Yahweh's Holy day.

Human nature was no different in Messiah's day. That is why He turned to the crowds of people that followed Him and said, “*If any man come to me, and hate not*” - that is, love not less by comparison (see Matt. 10:37) - “*his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.*”

Have YOU as a member of the Congregation of the Living Elohim *really* come to understand that verse? Of course, almost *any* professing Christian would *claim* that he or she loved Messiah more than any living human being – but would his *works* confirm this (Tit. 1:16)? How about when there is a conflict between what someone else says and what Yahweh says? Take Yahweh's Sabbath commandment, for example. Hundreds had to face this test this summer. When your boss or employer, the man who gives you your check every Friday, says you must work until five o'clock on Friday but the Sabbath begins in the winter at four forty-five – who comes first?

When your teenage son works in a gas station on the Sabbath, or your daughter is a cheerleader and goes to the basketball games Friday nights, but Yahweh says in Exodus 20:10 that your son and your daughter living in your home must also keep the Sabbath – then who comes *first*?

Or when an unconverted mate insists on your going to the show or doing the shopping on the Sabbath – again, who comes first? Yahweh? Or man?

Many – over *half* of those counseled – were unable or unwilling to meet these and similar challenges. But Yahweh's Word is plain! “We ought to obey Elohim rather than men!” (Acts

5:29). And again, “*Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils: for wherein is he to be accounted of?*” (Isa. 2:22). Can any *man* give you eternal life? No! Then why put man before Yahweh who alone can give this gift (Rom. 6:23)? This also breaks the First Commandment by setting up man as an idol before the True Elohim. This is why Messiah said we must love men less than Yahweh.

Your Own Life Also

But even when you have succeeded in putting every other person on earth below Yahweh, you are still not through by any means! Hardest of all for any man is, “*his own life also.*” The *first* thought is that Messiah meant we must be ready to die for Him. And this is true – but *how*? Are most disciples at this time called upon to face a firing squad or some other life or death situation shortly after baptism? No, in fact very few have “resisted unto blood” for their beliefs; none have been stoned, shot, or tortured to death. Then *how* do we love less our own lives?

We must do so in many LIVING ways!

Discipleship is a *way of life*, and it is very different from the way of life each of us has lived in the past. It is *far different* from the way of life – the day-in, day-out manner of living – of the average farmer, businessman, housewife, schoolteacher, truck driver, doctor, lawyer, soldier, nurse, secretary. Think of all the ways the disciple way of life conflicts! There are smoking, make-up, tithing, divine healing, clean and unclean meats, the truth about divorce and remarriage, the Sabbath and Holy Days, and a host of other differences. The average man or woman has to *choose* which way of life he or she lives most (Deut. 30:19).

So Yahweh sets before us this choice between *His* way of life governed by His divine laws and our *own lawless* way of life, and commands us to *choose His way* – LIFE! And what is the reaction of so many people? Do they greet this as a wonderful salvation and deliverance from their own miserable ways? Yes, some *few* do. But how many did we hear this summer who bemoaned their plight and cried, “Oh, it's so *hard!*” Or, as many phrased it, “That won't be *easy!*”

Granted, Yahweh's way is not an easy way! Yahshua Messiah did not promise us an easy, downhill battle all the way! Rather He promised us persecutions, trials, and tests. He said that there is a broad, easy way that many would take to destruction; but that the way to eternal life is straight and narrow – that is, rough, rugged and difficult is the road to eternal life. (Read Matt. 7:13-14 and Luke 13:24!)

And Messiah made this same point very clear here in the context of Luke 14. Notice verse 27, “And whosoever doth not bear his stake, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.” We must bear our stake just as Messiah bore His! His was not easy to bear either! Yet He *willingly* and gladly did so for us – and that, brethren, is one of the most vital keys.

Are You Willing?

One of the greatest lessons of all gained from our tour and observed in the lives of literally hundreds of people is summed up in one verse – John 7:17. Here Messiah stated plainly, “*If any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of Elohim, or whether I speak of myself.*” Or, as most modern translations render this verse, “If any man *is willing* to do His will, he will know the doctrine....”

One man we counseled, when confronted with Yahweh's Holy Days and the tithe, replied, "Oh, those were all done away!" Why? Because he had proved that point? No, never! But because he was not *willing to go* to the Feasts or save the tithe. And this was the deciding factor in so many counseling's. It wasn't just how much the person *knew* – many *know* the Truth – but how much were they willing to *do*? That was the question.

Some people we met had faithfully put into practice all they had learned as they learned it. These were ready for baptism in almost every case. Others had long since known more than they were willing to do. The amount of knowledge was usually *not* the important thing. Faithful *doers* of the Word could be trusted to put new Truth into practice. Faithless hearers of the Word could not.

It was always a joy to counsel with and baptize the active doers of the Word. But it was painful to see people compromising with Yahweh's Truth and excusing themselves in their sins. Their lives were always full of such curses – and all of their own making. They still hadn't learned the most basic lesson of the Bible – disobedience results in curses and death, but obedience yields happy, joyful blessings and life!

How About You?

Finally, in Luke 14:28-30 Messiah said, "For which of you, intending to build a tower, sits not down first, and COUNTETH THE COST, whether he have sufficient to finish it? Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is *not able to finish it*, all that behold it begin to mock him, saying, 'This man began to build, and was not able to finish'." The point is, brethren, you *have* laid the foundation which is repentance

from dead works, faith toward Elohim, baptism, and the laying on of hands (Heb. 6:1-2). You have *chosen* Yahweh's way of life, and in baptism you have already *promised* Yahweh you would faithfully perform all the things mentioned in this fourteenth chapter of Luke.

But how about it? *Are you fulfilling your covenant promise??* Do you still offer up *excuses* in place of obedience? Do you ever allow any other human being to come before Yahweh and His laws – even as close as husband, wife, or children? Are you really laying down your *own* life daily so that you can say with the Apostle Paul, "I am crucified with Messiah; nevertheless I live; yet *not I*, but *Messiah lives in me*; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of Elohim, who loved me, and gave Himself for me" (Gal. 2:20)?

Or does your *old* way of life still conflict with Yahweh's? "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Yahshua Messiah were baptized into His death? Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death [the death of the *old* man]; that like as Messiah was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in *newness* of life."

"Knowing this, that our old man [with his old way of life] is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth *we should not serve sin!*" (Rom. 6:3-4, 6.)

Finally, brethren, are you *still* an active, faithful DOER of the Word? Or just a passive, indifferent, faithless hearer? Why don't you check up and *examine yourself* (2 Cor. 13:5) by rereading your CONTRACT WITH YAHWEH in Luke 14? You need to know whether or not you are still *counting the cost!*

ARE YOU JUST “ENDURING TO THE END”?

Reprint



Some in Yahweh’s Congregation simply intend to “tough it out” until Yahshua returns. Literally, they are “ENDURING to the end” (Matt. 24:13) - but not the way Messiah intended. Are you making their mistake?

THINK BACK to the time just before your first contact with the message proclaimed by Yahweh’s Congregation. Your life had probably become somewhat frustrating and purposeless. You had problems and worries. You saw iniquities and wrongs all around you. Perhaps you wondered, “What is it all about?”

And then came the thrill and challenge of Yahweh’s truth. You saw in it the answers to many gnawing doubts, the solutions to problems, real, positive, workable principles that could make your life fuller, happier and more abundant. You seized Yahweh’s way with zest and put those principles into action, at the cost of your hobbies, perhaps your job, your friends, even your family.

But it was well worth the sacrifice because your life now had meaning and direction, and you had the

promise of eternal life! You abounded with the zeal that Yahweh calls the “first love” for His truth.

Routine Living of a Believer’s Life

As the days, weeks and months rolled by, however, you discovered that you were still you, that life still had its frustrations, disappointments and heartaches. Even as a converted and changed believer, you continue to have trials and tests, some of which were burdensome and wearing.

And so your “first love” began to fade, your original childlike excitement now tempered with the mature realization that Yahweh’s way is not magical, mystical solution to all ills, that it requires hard work on your part.

Are you now therefore one of those who are simply “*waiting it out*”, tolerating your problems and shortcomings, hoping that somehow when Messiah appears in the clouds your whole mental attitude will be instantly changed? Are you looking for Yahweh’s Kingdom to bring you “instant happiness”?

Brethren, don't be deceived. Yahweh is not going to end all our problems, trials and tests for us while we are rising to meet Yahshua in the air, we must be working on and conquering them now, by our own hard effort magnified and made effective through Yahweh's spiritual help!

Yahweh promises eternal spirit life and rulership in His Kingdom only to those who in this life develop righteous spiritual character, who practice love joy, peace, happiness, and overcome and solve their problems now!

Yahweh's People Should Be Happy

Yahshua explained to His disciples that one who is faithful in little will be faithful in much (Luke 16:10). If we learn here and now to lead full, happy, purposeful physical lives, to master and overcome our afflictions, Yahweh knows we can be happy for all eternity in His Kingdom.

In John 10:10 Messiah told the Pharisees: "I came that they may have life and may have it abundantly." Yahweh intended our physical life to be an abundant one, not necessarily full of wealth and earthly possession, but full of love, joy, peace, and happiness.

"Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, meekness, self-control..." are among the fruits of Yahweh's Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23). Notice that love, joy, and peace head the list. These are the spiritual works by which Yahweh is judging us.

Can we really evidence love, joy, and peace if we are just "waiting it out"? Obviously not. Putting up with our shortcomings and allowing circumstances subject to our control to toss us about, hoping that Messiah will return before our endurance runs out, is not the way to peace and happiness!

When Messiah returns He wants to find His servants "so doing" (Matt. 24:46) actively and aggressively making changes in themselves; actually solving problems, not simply "marking time" and putting up with their lacks, not relying on someone else to push them into overcoming. He wants to find in us ever increasing joy and the sense of purpose that comes only with spiritual growth.

Take the test.

Can you say that since you were put into Yahweh's Congregation you have been very blessed. And that you are being spiritually blessed more all the time?

If not, something is amiss. If you don't feel very blessed and happy, and increasingly so as time passes, you may be "missing the boat."

Trials, Yes! Unhappiness, No!

Certainly Yahweh did promise trials and tribulation for true believers. Anyone who will live righteously is in for some rough times.

But even in the face of trials, a believer should not become unhappy and frustrated. Jacob commanded, "My brothers count it all joy when you fall into various trials; knowing that the proving of your faith works patience" (Jac. 1:2-3).

No crisis or dilemma seems cause for us to shout for joy, at least not in the immediate physical sense. But we are commanded by our Creator to rejoice in the long range good that a trial can produce. We can have the vision and foresight to know that Yahweh is absolutely in control, allowing a problem only for our ultimate spiritual good.

Trials can be traumatic; but they need not destroy the overall contentment and joy we have in knowing we are now learning how to live so we can reign for all eternity with Messiah.

Nothing must be allowed to blur our vision of our goal. Then, nothing can destroy our happiness! Messiah exhorted His disciples: "...do not rejoice in this, that the demons submit to you. But rather rejoice that your names are written in Heaven" (Luke 10:20). That is our cause for great rejoicing, regardless of our physical circumstances.

Although the temporary physical blessings of this life can add to our happiness, we must never let the lack or desire for them destroy or ruin our rejoicing. No attempt to base our life and happiness on physical things, which can so easily be taken from us, can ever succeed.

But to be able to get our minds off the physical things of this world, we must be deeply converted; we must strive to rid ourselves of the habits,

aspirations, and vanity of our carnal lives. We must understand and despise the carnality we see in our own minds. We must be willing to accept correction and admit our weaknesses and faults.

We should pray for Yahweh to show us our errors and shortcomings, to correct us in His mercy; and we should also ask Yahweh's ministers to help us see where we need to change.

Admitting error, accepting correction, then striving to overcome, must become a daily challenge for us, knowing that we are qualifying for an eternal goal, which is the foundation of our happiness.

With this spiritual goal in mind, we can greatly appreciate any physical blessings Yahweh has granted us and use them to the fullest. Sin and unhappiness come from misuse or abuse, but happiness, peace and joy come from the proper appreciation and use of all that Yahweh has created.

Enjoy the taste of delicious food; be inspired by beautiful music; be thrilled by the fellowship of other members of Yahweh's family; appreciate the glory of Yahweh's creation. In proper balance drink in of all of Yahweh's physical creation, but always seek His Kingdom first (Matt. 6:33).

Solve Your Problems

As true believers, we must actually solve the problems of this life. Never think or say, "I can't do things any different. This is the way I am," or, "I can't help it if conditions are that way", and slip into a do nothing attitude.

Too many of us are satisfied with second place, with less than a fulfilling marriage, with less than obedient children. We bounce from job to job without direction. We allow circumstances to shape our lives. We slip by from paycheck to paycheck just keeping our financial noses above water. We allow our own physical bodies to remain too fat, or enervated, or in pain, when it lies within our power to correct the situation, if we only would exert the effort to do so.

Are you developing and using your mind, broadening your mental horizons, learning in fields you have previously ignored or had no opportunity? Then again, perhaps you are already too broad in

your interests and need to narrow them down and begin to specialize in certain fields.

Granted, there are limitations to what we can alter in this life, but are we really changing to the utmost? It's true that change is often arduous, embarrassing and traumatic, but are we really measuring it as we should in comparison to the jubilation beyond?

Are you solving and overcoming problems, putting them into the past? Or engaged in a simple endurance contest?

A basic human tendency is to see the negative side of things. It doesn't matter who you are, you can always find something to be discouraged about if you want to. There is always trouble in the world, in the nation, in every community. There are aches and pains, discouragement and disappointment in our personal lives.

But one thing is sure: worrying about these problems, brooding about them, being unhappy about them, won't make them go away. So what should we do?

We must learn to thrust our problems into the hands of Yahweh through prayer and meditate about the positive aspects of our life and His way. We of all people do know who we are, we know where we're going. We have the absolute promise that "...to the ones loving Elohim all things work together for good..." (Rom. 8:28). Before us lies the greatest goal that a human being could imagine, the promised goal of being in Yahweh's family for all eternity.

Brethren, let's accentuate the positive! Let's recapture the original zest and happiness we experienced when we first began to walk in Yahweh's way of life. Remember, this physical existence is the training and testing ground for an eternal spiritual life in Yahweh's glorious family. Eternal happiness is available only to those who learn true happiness here and now!

Prove All Things! The Name of Yahshua's Assembly

Yahshua the Messiah promised in Matt. 18:16 that He would build His Congregation and the gates of hell would not prevail against it. What was Yahshua speaking about? In English most translations render the word "ecclesia" as "church". However, the word church connotes a building or place of public worship, as where the Greek ecclesia or Hebrew "edah" means a called out group of people.

Yahshua's Congregation is not a corporate run church, set up at city hall under this world's government system of Satan, the Devil. Rather, Yahshua's Congregation is a spiritual organism that one does not join by enlisting on some church attendance roll, but rather one can only be drawn to the true Congregation of Yahweh by Yahweh Himself.

Jn 6:44 No one is able to come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him, and I will raise him up in the last day.

Of course this does not take away the believers responsibility to follow Yahweh's ordained elders, but it is repentance of sin and the belief in Yahshua for the forgiveness of those sins that enables one to come into covenant relationship with our Heavenly Father and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, not by joining some church or group. Yahweh today, as in times past, is working with different people all over the world.

Since there are thousands of denominations, all claiming to be believers, how can we know the true remnant of Yahweh's covenant people?

Rev 14:12 Here is the patience of the saints, here are the ones keeping the commandments of Yahweh, and the faith of Yahshua.

The way that we will know the true remnant of Yahweh is that they will be covenant led brethren who obey Yahweh's commandments and have the faith of Yahshua. This faith in Yahshua includes exhibiting true genuine love in our lives to others as Yahshua Himself would.

It would not be a Congregation that has changed His Sabbath to another day, or claims that His Torah is nailed to the stake, but a Congregation that through His Spirit is obedient to His Torah.

Ro 8:4 So that the righteous demand of the Torah might be fulfilled in us, those not walking according to flesh, but according to spirit.

Did Yahshua tell us what name we should pronounce in the Assemblies?

Jn 17:11b Holy Father, keep them in Your name, those whom You gave to Me, that they may be one as We are .

Eph 3:14 For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Master Yahshua Messiah.

Eph 3:15 of whom the whole family in heaven and on earth is named.

Clearly, Yahshua left us the example to keep our Congregations named after the family name of our Heavenly Father, Yahweh. Did the Apostle Paul follow His example?

1Cor 1:2 and to the Congregation of Yahweh which is in Corinth, those having been sanctified in Yahshua Messiah, called out saints,

Acts 20:28b in which the Holy Spirit placed you as Overseers, to shepherd the Congregation of Yahweh, which He purchased through His own blood.

1 Tim 3: 5 But if anyone does not know how to rule his own house, how will he care for a Congregation of Yahweh?

Gal 1:13 For you heard my way of life when I was in Judaism, that with surpassing zeal I persecuted the Congregation of Yahweh and ravaged it.

1 Cor 11: 16 But if anyone thinks to be contentious, we do not have such a custom, nor the Congregations of Yahweh.

Just as a bride takes on the family name of her husband, upon baptism we should be taking on the family name of Yahweh in our Congregations.

Twelve times in Scripture, the NT congregation has been named Assembly or Congregation of Yahweh after the name of our Heavenly Father.

Since our Heavenly Father has restored His true name to us in these end times, should we not follow Scripture and keep His congregation in His Holy name?

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Dear Congregation of YHWH,

My husband and I have been studying our Hebraic Roost Bible for about 3 yrs now and we must say that our eyes have certainly been opened. We ordered your new bible and love the translation including the good notes. We appreciate all the time that must have went into such a noble endeavor. We have also benefited greatly from the material on your website.

Sincerely, TX USA

Dear

Please send my Hebraic Roost bible, and I am anxiously awaiting receipt of my hard copy. I wish I had the money to donate so more people could have access to Elohim's word who do not have a computer with which to download it. May Yahweh bless you mightily for this wonderful work.

AL, USA

Dear Brethren,

Greetings; to one of the true church in Carteret NJ. It has been a while since we last communicated. However, we do keep up with the good news on your website. We would like to thank Yahweh in His Son's name, Yahshua, for the great work you, your family and your congregation are doing in His Holy Name. We would like to thank you gain for the gift of writing the wonderful books we have received to help us understand more of studying the scriptures. The literature that we have received in the past has been distributed to those whom are seeking the truth as we have. Glory be to Yahweh.

PA, USA

Greetings,

I am honored that Yahweh has sent me to your website. I have searched for years for the true bible translation. All I knew was that the bibles we have today are man' meddling in it. I really didn't know what was wrong; I just knew it was wrong. Satan has done a great job

confusing the saints. Months ago I was praying and the thought came to me, if the god of this world is Satan, then how do I know for sure who I am praying too, just capitalizing the same name, god to God just isn't enough.

Now, I realize that Yahweh knows who I am praying to, but that's just not good enough. I have no feeling or emotion when I say God, but when I say my Father, or Yahweh, or Yahshua, I am so happy and my heart feels joy and emotion. I will soon be 67 years old and have been way too long in finding the truth. I praise Yahweh for connecting us. Thank you brother for your kindness and love you have put into this translation. It is truly from Yahweh. You will be with Yahshua and Yahweh and the saints. Bless you and your family. With you forever in the truth of Yahweh, TX, USA

Dear Don,

Shalom to everyone at the congregation of Yahweh. I pray that all is well as I know Yahweh is truly with you. I can clearly see that this ministry is the true called out Assembly. The work that you are doing has been such a blessing to me. I have enclosed a money order for the new bible and the rest are my tithes. I pray for the peace of Jerusalem and the wellbeing of all those doing and supporting the work of Yahweh,

B.C. Canada

Dear congregation of YHWH,

I want to thank you for what you are doing from Jerusalem and bringing the good news message to all the lost tribes of Israel. I have never seen or heard of a congregation that does the work like this congregation, and praise Yahweh for that. Enclosed is my family's tithe money I hope that this helps to continue the work of spreading this great news. I only ask that some of it can go to pay for 2 bibles for someone who really needs it I pray that Yahweh continues to bless you all as I constantly pray for the leadership and may we pray that Yahshua comes quickly to set up His kingdom. TX, USA

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2 Cor 5:20- *Then on behalf of Messiah, we are ambassadors, as Yahweh is exhorting through us*

Rev 5: 10- *and made us kings and priests to our Elohim; and we shall reign on the earth.*

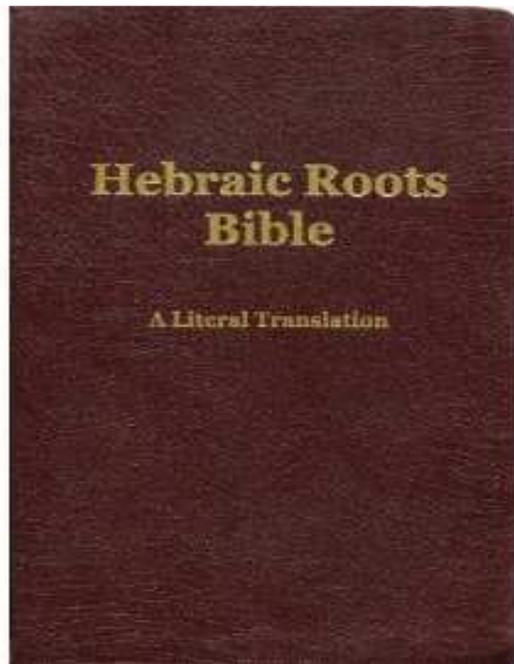
Scripture clearly tells us that to be true believers we will be Kings and Priests of the Most High Elohim in His Kingdom and that we are now Ambassadors for Yahweh's soon coming Kingdom. To this end, we will teach and train our students how to prepare for this most important job. Ambassadors are not just sent, but they must be trained for the position and country that they are going to.

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