Transcript – Seeing Yahweh's Providence Compared to Satan's Hindrance

Alrighty, Shabbat Shalom and Shabbat Shalom to all those who are watching with us today. I have a message today called, *Seeing Yahweh's Providence Compared to Satan's Hindrance*. And of course providence meaning direction. *Seeing Yahweh's Providence Compared to Satan's Hindrance*.

I want to start in Jeremiah 1:5, and Jeremiah 1:5 says:

Jeremiah 1:5 *I* knew you before *I* formed you in the belly; and before you came out of the womb, *I* sanctified you. *I* appointed you a prophet to the nations.

So here it is Yahweh's saying, "I knew you before I formed you in the belly; and before you came out of the womb." And I think sometimes in the world we live in that people **tend to lose the fact** that before we were even born, before we were even out of the birth canal, that Yahweh **predestined us** for the calling that we have today.

Psalm 22:9 and 10 says something similar:

Psalm 22:9-10 For You are cast ... For you are He who took me out of the womb; causing Me to trust on My mother's breasts. I was cast on You from the womb, from My mother's belly, You are My El.

So, when we look at that concept of even before being born, of in the womb from the time of conception, that **Yahweh literally formed us, He knew us, created us who we are,** It even makes abortion even more evil than you can think of. Because of course, when you have sixty, seventy billion people that have been born in this world and **everyone** has been born the same way, except for Adam and Eve of course, and Yahshua; that the sperm and the egg come together and fertilize and nine months later a baby is born. So, to say that life doesn't start at conception is utterly ridiculous.

But this message is focused more on us **understanding particularly how Yahweh formed us and for the purpose that He formed us for**. That's why I said seeing Yahweh's providence, Yahweh's direction, compared to Satan's hindrance. Because in our life we're going to see that both of these come into play, but we have to know how to tell the difference.

And I even remember even before Moriyah was born that Yahweh actually showed me in a dream what she would look like. So **He knew** before she was born exactly what she would look like. And I saw her as a little girl what she'd look like beforehand. And again, we didn't know if it was going to be a boy or a girl but Yahweh knew it. So we knew at that point when He showed us that.

Ephesians 1 ... Ephesians the first chapter in verse 3 through 5. Because I want to show you that Yahweh ... not only did He form us in our mother's womb, not only did He know us before we were born, not only did He **pre-destine** us from that time ... but there was more to the purpose than we even know. So Ephesians 1:3-5 says:

Ephesians 1:3-5 Blessed is the Elohim and Father of our Master Yahshua Messiah, who blessed us with every spiritual blessing in heaven through Messiah, even as He **elected us in Him** ... He chose us. Right? He elected us. He chose us in Him ... before the foundation of the world, for us to be holy (set apart) and without blemish before Him in love, And He **marked us** with His love **to be His** from the beginning and adopted us to be sons through Yahshua Messiah, according to how it pleased His will,

So wow! Now we see, even before He created the **world** that He had us pre-destined that we were going to be part of His work, that we were going to be part of His family. So I think sometimes in the world we live in that people lose that fact that they get ... sometimes you can get caught up in your situation in life, or what's happening. And we lose the fact that **from the beginning of the world Yahweh pre-destined us in our calling that we have faith.**

Drop down to verse 9 there in Ephesians 1, it says:

Ephesians 1:9-11a making known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, as a stewardship of the fullness of the times that all things might be made new, both in the heavens, and the things in the earth, through Messiah, by whom we have been **chosen as He marked us from the beginning** ...

Comment: Right? Many are called, few are chosen. And the ones that have been immersed into the name of Yahshua Yahweh, the family name, and have the Holy Spirit living in them ... they had hands laid on by an elder of Yahweh ... **you** are a child of His! You have been *chosen*, right?

Ephesians 1:11b-12 whom he has been **chosen as He marked us from the beginning** so He wanted to carry out everything according to the good judgment of His will, that we should become **the first** to trust in Messiah in His honor and glory;

So what's going to happen? We're almost at the end of 6,000 years, right? And what's going to happen after these 6,000 years are up? Yahshua's going to return. We're going to have the 1,000 year Millennial Reign and then what happens after that? We don't know. We know eternity is a **long time** and there is billions of planets out there. Is Yahweh going to do the same plan in other planets? Is He going to send us to planets to oversee those thing? Nobody knows.

But we do know one thing, that **throughout all eternity, Yahshua is going to be given glory and honor as a Son of Yahweh** and the doorway to salvation. And *we* have become the **first to trust in Him**, in His honor and glory. So that's why we are the first-fruits. Not only the first-fruits in *this particular* plan of salvation, right, in this 7,000 year plan; but **we are the first-fruits for eternity**. Whatever Yahweh is going to do from here, we will **always have** that glory of being the **first ones** who trusted in Yahshua and given Him the honor and the glory that He deserves.

So we are chosen personally by Yahweh for His work. And remember He could have chosen others. So think about it, **every single day** each of us get twenty-four hours. Like I said if your name is Donald Trump or your name is Donald Esposito, it doesn't make any difference ... maybe nine billion dollars in between. But the difference that ... where it makes no difference, is that each person has twenty-four hours. So President Trump doesn't have any more time than I do with all the billions of dollars that he has. **Money can't buy you time**, right? Money can't buy you time.

So, what are you doing with your time? Are you fulfilling this glorious calling that Yahweh is giving you? Are you living every day to that? Do you have a ministry? Do you have a plan of action to ministry? Or are you just wasting time? Because like I said many are called, few are chosen. And one thing is, even though Yahweh pre-destined us, we do know you can lose your salvation. It isn't once called ... once saved, always saved because you have to fulfill it. You have to do something now. You have to fulfill the glory He's giving you.

And I think that by seeing Yahweh's providence compared to Satan's hindrance ... I think that one of the reasons people are not fulfilling this great calling is they're not seeing the difference of those two. And that's what we're going to go over here today, right?

So, like I said He could have called other people. And we have to **meditate on this** and it **really has to be the highest priority in our life.** It's not just a saying. It's not just a slogan. It's not just a catch phrase. But if it's not the highest priority in your life, **you will be replaced**. I can guarantee that. You know why? Because the Bible tells us one hundred percent in surety, **in the Kingdom it's going to be the highest priority of everyone.** It will be the highest priority of everyone.

Somebody wrote me recently and they said, "Oh," They thought in the Kingdom that every knee was going to be **forced** to bow to Yahshua. But then they saw a Scripture recently that said that every knee **should** bow. And they were asking me the difference. And I said, "No, Yahweh gives us freewill. So Yahweh will not **force people to worship Him**. But you know what? I can guarantee you that **every knee in the Kingdom will bow** because **only people that will have that heart to bow to Him will be in the Kingdom**. And you know what? Everyone with stubborn knees that won't bend them, you know where they're going to be? They're going to be in the Lake of Fire. They won't be in the Kingdom."

So what we're going through now in this modern dispensation, right, since the Garden of Eden with Adam and Eve started and we've continued all the way through, it's going to be nothing like when the Kingdom comes. It's going to be completely different. Because in the Kingdom, where now true believers are like one thousandth of one percent of people in the world—99.9% of people aren't true believers. In the Kingdom, it's the opposite. And not just 99.9, it's a 100%. In the Kingdom a 100% of the people there will be people that love Yahweh. That don't have to be told and forced to read your Bible and pray every day. And they are people that can't wait to do that. They are people that want to do that. They're people that have **chosen by their own freewill**.

And each one of you that has been baptized and has the Ruach Ha'Chodesh of Yahweh, **you've been chosen!** You're not just called, you're chosen. But now, will you be faithful, right? Like the message I gave *Called, Chosen and Faithful*. Now it's up to you because you have freewill.

So let's continue here now. 2nd Thessalonians 2:13 says:

2nd Thessalonians 2:13 But we ought to thank YAHWEH always concerning you, brothers, beloved by YAHWEH, because **YAHWEH chose you from the beginning** to salvation in sanctification of the Spirit and through a true faith ... Right? ... **YAHWEH chose you to the beginning** to the salvation in sanctification of the Spirit and through a true faith,

So again, many are called, few are chosen. And Yahweh has chosen us. **What are you doing with this calling?** That's what ... I've been doing the ... been blessed by Yahweh to administer the Bible school for about 18 years now. And that's basically what the whole Bible school's about. It's about helping you to understand the great calling you have and helping you to understand the gifts of the Ruach Ha'Chodesh that Yahweh's given you and utilize them in your life. That's it! There's no magic pill. You got to do it but **you have to have goals. You have to write things down. You have to have that as your greatest focus that's in your life.**

So this is the whole purpose of our existence, right? And we're going to see that Satan will do other things in our life to bring other things to get our focus away from this. But **this is the whole purpose of our existence—to help Yahweh bring mankind back to Eden**, right? Because when Genesis started, right, the whole Bible ... and I've said this before in sermons ... that sometimes I'll ask people, "How many parts is the Bible broken down into?" In one way it's a little bit of a riddle. And they say, "Two!" And I say, "Yeah, you're correct! What are they?" "Well, the Old Testament and the New Testament." "No, it's Genesis 1 and 2 and then the rest of the Bible."

Because in Genesis 1 and 2, Yahweh and Adam and Eve, they're in Eden; and after Eden, everything is different. In Eden everything was perfect. Everything was in the will of Yahweh. And from **mankind choosing** the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, right? And when they ... when mankind decides what is good and what is evil, in the end it's going to be mostly evil and very little good that's left there. What happens from that point is what we have today. So **we are living in a world that is mostly evil with very little good** because that's mankind's choice. But in the Kingdom it's going to be a hundred percent the opposite way, right? So this is what our job is. **Our job is to help Yahweh call out His chosen people and bring them back into Eden.**

John 15 in verse 15. And that's where your heart should be. That's where our heart should be every single day we exist. Every single day that we're alive should be to be **thanking Yahweh**, **praying to Yahweh**, **studying His Word and thinking how we can be better servants in doing this.** Yahweh has a worldwide ministry in the end time. So it's not even just an individual thing that you have to figure out on your own how to do some kind of worldwide work. No, He already has that worldwide work. And that's what the restoration ministry is about. It's about taking what Yahweh had in the Garden of Eden in Jerusalem, going back almost 6,000 years ago and restoring it; restoring the original Congregation, restoring the original faith, restoring the original doctrine. And praise Yahweh I've been blessed to be part of this ministry. I've been a believer for close to forty years, going on thirty-seven, maybe thirty-eight. But praise Yahweh for twenty-five years I've part of the restoration ministry from Jerusalem. And that's where everything started and that's everything is going to end.

And now we're getting close to that, why? Because now Yahweh has brought His people to the wilderness; and the wilderness is the last stop before you get back to the Promised Land. So we are getting close there. So, this message is **extremely important** because if your priorities are not straight ... and we're going to see here how to tell the difference of that ... you're going to be in trouble.

So John 15 in verse 15, He says:

John 15:15a I no longer call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his Master does. But I call you friends, because all things I have heard from My Father I made known to you. You have not chosen Me, but I chose you out and planted you,

Comment: Right? So, we may have chose to accept the calling but Yahweh and Yahshua chose us! And like I said there's six billion ... eight billion people in the world out there today and He could have chosen anybody. Eight billion is a big number out there. And yet, He chose you! He chose you *particularly*, right, for whatever reason. But are you fulfilling this great calling?

John 15:15-19 You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you and **planted you**, that you should go and should bear fruit, and your fruit should remain, and whatever you should ask the Father in My name, He may give you. These things I command you, that you love one another. If the world hates you, know that it has hated Me before you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. But because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, because of this the world hates you.

And we're seeing that now. We've turned a page with Covid. And you are a fool if you think that Covid's over and everything's going back to normal. No way! **Covid was planned. It was tested.** And now who knows? Who knows when the next phase is coming? It could be a matter of months, or maybe it might even be a couple of years. Who knows? But **one thing is sure** they did not come this far to just end it. Because *in their mind* Covid was very successful.

And they started the QR Codes and all the other things. And because we weren't part of that, we're not part of this "beast system" the world hates us. They hate us because we're not part of that. But, did you reframe it? Are you part of the world system? Do you work in the world? Is all your things of pleasure in the world? Are all your friends in the world? Is everything you do worldly things and worldly desires, right?

Because at the end of the day, you know what? **Your priorities are what you get done**. And either we could say now, "What is your priority? Is Yahweh your priority? Or is the world your priority?" And every believer would say, "Oh no, no, Yahweh's my priority!" And then let's look what you're doing twenty-four hours a day, right?

Because like I said everybody has the same twenty-four hours no matter whether you're rich or poor. And **if you aren't putting any time for Yahweh**, **He's not your priority!** And you know what? If He's not your priority, you're not going to be in His Kingdom. Because **His Kingdom** *is* **the priority! His Kingdom is what's being done now. His Kingdom is what's being restored.** And **you've been chosen and blessed** to be part of that. And what are you doing with it in your life, right?

John 15:19 If you were of the world, the world would love its own. But because you're not of the world, and I chose you out of the world, because of this the world hates you.

And the more the world hates you, the more you **know** that you're serving Yahweh. The more the world loves you and the more that you don't have any problems in the world and no problems at work and everything else, what is that telling you? It's telling you that you can't be serving Yahweh too much if the world doesn't hate you.

Jacob 1 in verse 1 ... and what does that mean? It means that we're going to go through trials ... of course we are. Because **trials are for our purification**; the trials are the thing ... the baptism of fire ... that's what these trials are. And that's the thing that's **purifying our soul to get us ready** for day one to serve Yahweh when the Millennial starts.

When Yahshua returns, it's not going to be, "Okay, we're going to take the first hundred years and we're going to train all the people." No, **this is the training. This is the training now what we're doing!** And if you don't get yourself trained and you're not ready to work on day one, like I said you're not going to be there.

Jacob 1:1 Jacob, a slave of Elohim and of the Master Yahshua Messiah, to the twelve tribes in the Diaspora among the nations, greeting:

Comment: Right? So what's part of the restoration ministry? The restoration of Ephraim, the restoration of the tribes of Israel. That's a major part of it. It's a major part of this ministry. It's a major part of the book I wrote, *The Chosen People*. This is book of Jacob, chapter 1 in verse 1 ... then verse 2:

Jacob 1:2-3 My brothers count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that **the proving of your faith works** *patience* ... Right? That's what we need to get. We need to get patience.

Jacob 1:4 But let patience have its perfective work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

Comment: So these trials are purifying our soul. We're going through the baptism of fire. And it's teaching us to wait on Yahweh **patiently** and not to take things into our own hands. Like when you see in the Bible, people like King Saul, right? Where things weren't going his way, the battle was against him. He's waiting for Samuel and what does he do?

He doesn't have patience and he goes and he sacrifices an animal when he's from the tribe of Benjamin. He's not a priest. And what happens? Samuel shows up right after he does that. The way it happens many times when we don't show patience and we don't wait for Yahweh and **as soon as we do it our own way**, what happens? Then He shows His will right after that because we failed the test in that case, right?

Jacob 1:4-5 But let patience have its perfective work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask from Elohim, **who gives all freely with His grace**, and it will be given to him.

Comment: So we need to be asking Yahweh, praying to Him. Do we **ask Him** for the fruits of His Spirit? Do we **ask Him** for wisdom of discernment? Do we **ask Him** for these things? Or are we only asking for worldly things as we're going to see later.

Jacob 1:6-8 But let him ask in faith, doubting nothing. For the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, being driven by the wind and being tossed; for do not let that man suppose he will receive **anything** from the Almighty; he is a double-souled man, not dependable in all his ways.

Right? So, why is it when we're looking Yahweh's providence, Yahweh's direction, compared to Satan's hindrance ... why is Satan allowed to hinder us? For our benefit. So **that we learn the difference** between Yahweh's direction and Satan's hindrance. But why is it that sometimes people don't know the difference? Because they're too worldly. Like I said because their **desires** are not the desires of Yahweh and His Word. Their desires are the things of the world.

If you go to chapter 4 ... same book, look what it says ... verse 1:

Jacob 4:1 From where come conflict and fightings from among you? Is it not from your lusts warring in your members?

Comment: Right? I say **one of the greatest characteristics of an ambassador of Yahweh is being a peacemaker**. And why is it that there's conflicts and fightings? Because of lusts. Because of people wanting their own way. Because if people's **desires**, not being the desires of the Kingdom of Yahweh, but being their own worldly desires.

Jacob 4:2a You covet and you don't have.

Comment: Right? So, that's exactly what coveting is. It's **wanting** things that Yahweh hasn't blessed you with.

Jacob 4:2-3 But you covet and you don't have. You murder ... right? Meaningly you're angry at your brother ... and you're jealous ... right? Shocking, but I find it even in the Congregation of Yahweh Jerusalem. I see jealousy many times. Not many times, but sometimes let's say ... and you're not able to possess. You fight and you strive, and you have nothing, because you do not ask. You ask, and do not receive ... why? ... because you do not ask sincerely, you ask in order that you may satisfy your lusts.

Comment: Right? So, just think about it. What is your prayers with? Some people don't have any prayers. They're not praying for anything. It's a ten second prayer before they're falling asleep on their bed; or just a prayer before the meal, "Thank you Father for meal."

But why are people not receiving? Because they're **asking**, all the things they're asking are things for their lust ... "Father, my job! Father, my car! Father, my this! Father, my rent! Father, my that!" And how much are your prayers are toward, "Father your will be done on the earth as it is in Heaven. Father, bring your Kingdom." Right?

Like it says in the Master's prayer when they asked Yahshua, "How do we pray?" And what did He say? "You glorify the name of Yahweh, *Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your Kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.*" So are your prayers around the Kingdom of Yahweh, or are they around your own lustful desires?

Jacob 4:3b-4a You ask in order that you may satisfy your lust. Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship of the world is **enmity** ... it's hatred ... with Elohim?

Comment: Right? So this is where again, Yahweh's providence compared to Satan's hindrance. If **your desires and your** *heart* are with all the things of the world, then you will never follow Yahweh's providence. And Satan will hinder you in your life. And the sad part is you won't even know it.

Jacob 4:4b Do you not know that the friendship of the world is hatred with Elohim? Whoever, then, purposes to be a friend of the world is an enemy to Elohim.

Comment: And boy, if you can't see that now. If you can't see it now ... because the world, like I said there is the line in the sand. There is that dividing mark since Covid came. And we see it now. We see who are part of the world and who are not because they're ... they **made it** where you had to make a choice for work. And unfortunately many people **chose** to take a death shot with aborted fetal tissue, just not to lose a job. Can you imagine?

Jacob 4:4b-6 But whoever purposes to be a friend of the world is an enemy to Elohim. Or do you think that vainly the Scripture says, The pride dwelling in us lusts to envy? But He gives greater grace. Because of it, "YAHWEH sets Himself against proud one, and gives grace to humble ones."

So this is what it's about. If you're going to understand this message today, and you're going to change your life ... because this could be a life changing message to you ... then you got to humble yourself. You got to realize where the problem is. You have to repent to Yahweh. And you're going to have to come out of the world.

You're going to have to separate from the world because like I said one of the big problems ... and this is what Yahweh's Spirit I believe inspired me to put this message together is ... because **people can't see the difference between Yahweh's direction and Satan's hindrance**. They just don't see it. And as we're going to see, it's really ... we need to see it.

Trials—challenges only strengthen our faith if our priority is right. In the world is the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. So not everything in the world is evil, but a lot of it is! Like the internet right? And I talk to people all the time, sometimes people say to me, "Well, if it wasn't for the internet, we couldn't watch your sermons." And I say, "Yup, that's great. But my question is, how much of the internet is good and how much is evil?" So it's no, it's not all evil. Maybe ten percent is good, right, a tithe. And ninety percent is evil. So how much time do you want to be on something that is ninety percent evil?

So again, these are things we have to look at. And again, we have to look at our priorities. In Romans 8:28, we talk about this Scripture a lot, right?

Romans 8:28 But we know that to the ones loving YAHWEH all things work together for good, those being called *according to purpose*;

So, when you understand this; when you understand that you're not just called, but you're chosen ... when you understand that Yahweh has called you from your mother's womb; that Yahweh has called you from before you even came out of the birth canal; that He called you even before that ... He called you from eternity! That thousands of years before you were even born, that Yahweh knew when you were going to be born. He knew how you were going to look. He knew everything about you. And He knew that He was calling you to this end time work.

And like I say if you understand that, then all the trials we go through we understand it's only for our purification. It's only the baptism of fire, which we need to make it into His Kingdom. But the *key* is knowing if a challenge is put by Elohim for our growth, or Satan for our hindrance. And I say that again, because it's an important point. The key is *knowing* if a challenge in your life, challenge or a trial, is put by Elohim for our growth, or Satan for our hindrance.

So this is where it's going now ... the rubber hits the road. And you got to listen very carefully because this is the difference between maybe getting eternal life, or maybe being deceived outside the Kingdom. Because remember, Yahshua said ... the very first thing He said when He talked in the Olivet Prophecy in **Matthew 24**, **Mark 13**, and **Luke 21** ... the very first thing He warned about was deception.

And there has never, ever been more deception in the world than we have today ... wow. President Trump coined the term "fake news" when he was running for presidency. And we haven't seen nothing, never mind fake news. Of course, news is fake—most of it ... the regular media, about ninety-nine percent of it. But there is so much deception **everywhere you look. And deception doesn't always come the way you think.**

Remember, Satan comes as an angel of light. So it's not always in a trial. It's not always in something **bad happening**. As we're going to see, it can be in many things. But let me just show you in Scripture that this happens. We see that Yahweh can hinder us in Scripture and we see that Satan can hinder us. And we have to be able to know the difference.

Acts 16 in verse 6 and 7 ... and this is when Paul is going on his missionary journey, right? And what happens? He's going to an area that Yahweh doesn't want him to go ... and let's listen.

Acts 16:6-7a And passing through the Phrygian and the Galatian country, being **forbidden** by the Ruach Ha'Chodesh to speak the Word in Asia, coming against Mysia, they attempted to go along Bithynia ...

Comment: Right? Bithynia is one of the places that Jacob is writing to, to the twelve tribes of Israel. And that wasn't Paul's ministry. Paul's ministry ... yes, when he went to Great Britain later, he was also going to go the tribes ... but primarily he was going to be the apostle to the nations, right? So this was the area where the other apostles that were with Yahshua were going to. So ...

Acts 16:7 coming against Mysia, and attempting to go to Bithynia and the Spirit of Yahshua did not allow them ... the Spirit of Yahshua did not allow them.

So Elohim blocked Paul from going to a place that was set apart by the other apostles. And sometimes people want to know, "Well, how do you know? How do you know if something is Yahweh's will?" And I say, "Very simple, what you do is number one, you pray." And a lot of times Yahweh can show in His Word or He can show you in your spirit. But the other thing is **you have to exhaust every avenue.**

I know when I feel convicted of something that it's the will of Yahweh, and I do it and I ... and there's a stumbling block there, what I do is to make sure ... because I don't want any doubt in my life. Doubt is the killer. Doubt is the cancer. You can't have any doubt in your life, especially now. Because **Satan will use doubt to destroy your faith.** Because it's the opposite of faith; it's the cancer to faith.

So what I do is, I extend every avenue. And **if every door is closed, then I know it's Yahweh's will that it's not to be done.** But you have to do that. **You can't after the first obstacle just stop** because it could be like Jacob. Yahweh can be putting an obstacle before you to try your faith! To see how important it is for you, right? And you have to then **exhaust every avenue.** And after you exhaust every avenue, then you say, "Okay Yahweh, I know it. I know this is not your will. I got to go in a different avenue." So this is where we have to see the difference of Yahweh's direction, Yahweh's providence compared to Satan's hindrance.

1st Thessalonians 2 in verse 14 ... now we'll see a situation where it wasn't Yahweh that was hindering, but it was Satan. 1st Thessalonians 2 in verse 14 ... and this is again the Apostle Paul, he says:

1 Thessalonians 2:14-16 For, brothers, you became imitators of the Congregations of YAHWEH being in Judea in Messiah Yahshua, because you also suffered these things by your own fellow countrymen, as they did also by the Jews, who both killed the Master Yahshua and their own prophets, also having driven us out, and not pleasing Elohim, and being contrary to all men ... So, they're going through these different trials, right? ... forbidding us from speaking to the nations in order that they may be saved, adding this to their sins always. But the wrath of Elohim is come on them to the fullest.

1 Thessalonians 2:17-18 *But, brethren, we have been deprived of your affection for a little while, yet only in presence, and not in heart, we were much more eager with much love to see your faces. Because of this, we desired to come to you, truly I, Paul, both once and twice; but Satan hindered us.*

Satan hindered us. So, what happens here? Did Paul eventually get to them? Yes, he did, right? Because that's why I said **sometimes when you're being hindered, you don't know if it's Yahweh stopping you, or if it's Satan hindering you**. And you have to keep trying. You don't stop after one thing. You don't exhaust one door and then say, "Oh, no, no, I tried. It's not Yahweh's will!"

No! You have to try **every avenue** before you can literally say that something is not the will of Yahweh and this is here. They were stopped twice. They were hindered by Satan and then after that the door was open. So it's timing also. There's reasons why sometimes Yahweh doesn't open a door to certain timing. His timing is perfect.

But **if we're following His providence, if we're following His direction then it's never going to be a question.** Because you just follow that road wherever it goes and no matter how winding it gets ... and there's never a question to it because it's the **faith in Him**. It's the trusting the **Romans 8:28**, that in the end it's all going to work out for the good, that you never have doubt. There's never a doubt there. The only time doubt is going to come is when you're following your own heart because *the heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked*. And who can know it, right?

So let's look at Daniel 10. Daniel 10 in verse 8 ... because we see over here also where, even Yahshua, who is the being that's over here with Michael, the archangel, who is also ... had problems with Satan at this point. Daniel 10 in verse 8, it says:

Daniel 10:8-9 Then I was left alone ... Daniel's talking ... and I saw the great vision, and there remained no strength in me. For the glory was turned within me into corruption, and I kept no strength. Yet I heard the sound of His words. And when I heard the sound of His words, then I was on my face, stunned, and my face was toward the ground.

Comment: Why? Because he was seeing Yahshua.

Daniel 10:10-11 And, behold, a hand touched me and set me shaking on my knees and the palms of my hands. And He said to me, O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words I speak to you and stand up. For I am now sent to you. And when He had spoken this to me, (Aleph/Tav) The Word ... so who's speaking to him? The Aleph/Tav, Yahshua, the Word. The Word of Yahweh ... I stood trembling.

Daniel 10:12-13 And He said to me, Do not fear, Daniel. For from the first day that you set your heart to understand and to humble yourself before your Elohim, your words were heard. And I have come because of your words. But the **king** of the kingdom of Persia withstood Me ... Who is that? This is either Satan or a demonic being, right? ... the king of the kingdom of Persia withstood Me twenty one days ... three sevens ... But, lo, Michael, one of the chief, the first rulers, came to help Me. And I stayed there with the kings of Persia.

So even Satan was able, at this point, to hinder Yahshua temporarily. So we *see* that it's a reality of life. There's **no doubt** that Satan can hinder us. But we have to make sure we understand the difference. Is it Yahweh's providence, Yahweh's direction? Or is it Satan's hindrance?

Ephesians 6:12 says:

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

So this is another thing that's important to understand. Because **sometimes**, I think in the flesh, we tend to think that our problems are with human beings, right? Our problems are with the bad landlord. Our problems are with a boss who's ... who hates us because we're a believer. Our problems are with our neighbor who doesn't like us for whatever reason. Or it could be any reason. Our problem is with the government that's against us because we're believers. Or our problems are with the world leaders like Klaus Schwab and these people who are running the World Economic Forum.

But in reality, that's not what our problem is with. Our problem is with, and our conflict is with ... not with flesh and blood ... but with principalities, those in authority and with the possessors of this dark world, and the evil spirits that are beneath heaven.

So **everything is spiritual and we have to understand that.** And **this is why** you have to put on the armor of Yahweh. This is why you can't try to fight this battle yourself. You can't put it in a fleshly way. And you can't get upset. You got to learn patience from it. And you have to **follow Yahweh's providence.** Because like I said His direction, His timing is bringing us toward that road to the Kingdom. And each of us has a different road that we're walking on. But in the end, we're all going to get there, right?

So **we have to realize our fight is a spiritual one.** And Satan will use weak-minded people in this world to help him hinder the work of Yahweh. It's just that simple. Why sometimes where people treat you good ... and we've had it for this twenty-five years of our ministry from Israel ... that just people that have blessed us over and over because Yahweh put that in to bless. But we also people that hated us because of the ministry that we're doing.

So we have to understand this, that **Satan will use weak-minded people to help him to hinder the work of Yahweh**. We can't get caught up in being angry with people, as Satan is the culprit, right? So we to pray and we have to put on the armor of Yahweh. We have to ask for His cherubs to be around us. And ask for His spiritual help.

And you want to know something? What I'm going to go over now is really important because these struggles that we come up with, and Satan's hindrance, it's **not always in bad things.** It's not always in losing a job or being put in prison, or forced to take a vaccine or whatever other evil thing Satan is doing. A lot of times because people are too worldly like I said, a lot of times Satan's hindrance can be in with things that look like blessings.

I want to go to Matthew 4 in verse 8 and 9. And this is when Satan was trying to tempt Yahshua, right? So what did he do? Did he come to Yahshua ... Yahshua was fasting for forty days. He didn't eat and drink. He was very weak, right? Did Satan beat Him with a stick? Did he try to starve Him to death? Did he try to make sure that, like He would die of thirst? No, look how Satan tries to hinder Yahshua ... verse 8 of Matthew 4:

Matthew 4:8-9 Again the Devil takes Him to a very high mountain, and shows to Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he says to Him. I will give all these things to You if falling down, You will worship me.

Wow, and you want to know something? Recently, in the last ... I don't know year or two, whatever it is ... I've seen a lot of articles of actually Hollywood people and famous people, even some sports players that have come out and **admitted** that they're devil worshippers. That they made a pact with Satan and they believe that's why they're so famous.

And wow, you may be famous now, but that's not what you want to be famous for, right? Everyone in the world knows the name of Satan, but I wouldn't want to be him because he's going to be destroyed when Yahshua returns. And a lot of times if your life is too much in the world, you may *think* that, that job that's giving you more money, or the bigger house that you could buy, or **whatever seems like a blessing at that time, it all comes with a price.**

And some things that may **look like a blessing** are nothing more than Satan's hindrance. And that's where you have to ask, where is your heart? That's where you have to see, how do you know it's Yahweh's providence, it's Yahweh's direction? Because **it's fulfilling the Kingdom of Yahweh; it's leading you more toward doing more ministry for Yahweh's Kingdom.** Not more for "self-things" for yourself.

And in this world we live in it's the world of commercial Babylon. And the covetous spirit that's in the world today ... face it, every one of us came from the world. So it's going to be in us too. And we got to make sure that we're not coveting things. It's a life of simplicity. That's what the life as a believer is.

Yahshua ... what happened? When He was born, He was given gifts of **gold** and things that would probably make Him a millionaire. And yet, it talks in Philippians that He gave everything up. He gave everything up for the work of Yahweh. And **when He did His ministry, He lived a very simple life**. And that's the way our life is supposed to be. It's supposed to be a life of simplicity. It doesn't mean that we can't have good food or share good things, but that shouldn't be our purpose.

And like I've said, I've been blessed where I've been on mission trips and I've slept on straw on a floor. And then the trip is over and my plane is delayed and Yahweh puts me in a \$500 hotel room for free, in a Hilton hotel. So I've been on both sides of it. Like the Apostle Paul said, *"I learned to be abased and I learned to be blessed."* And whatever Yahweh puts before us ... but we have to **make sure that we're understanding that sometimes Satan will block us by actually putting things that look like blessings.**

Like I said ... new job, bigger house. Sometimes it can even be unconverted family members that are being used by Satan to take away our time. And I'll tell you something, through the years, like I said I've been around a long time. I've seen a lot of situations. I've seen some of the **strongest** most wonderful, fervent believers that wound up getting into trial after trial because of unconverted children. Because unconverted children got in bad things; some of them into drugs and they "bleeded" them out of all their money, taking second mortgage on the house.

And yes, we're to help our family members. We're to help if we can, but **that is not our first ministry.** Our first ministry is the Kingdom of Yahweh. And **especially**, if it's unconverted family members that are violating Yahweh's Law and are

going the wrong way. And unconverted children that may be getting themselves in trouble or even prison because of the things they're doing. And there's a point you got to let them go. Because they're ... have free will the way we have free will. And if they've **chosen that way**, not to serve Yahweh and go the way of the world, there's nothing you can do. But you have to **make sure your first vocation is the Kingdom of Yahweh**. No doubt about it.

Matthew 6 in verse 24:

Matthew 6:24 No one is able to serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and he will love the other; or he will cleave to the one, and despise the other. You are not able to serve YAHWEH and wealth.

So again, there are brethren sometimes that are wealthy. Praise Yahweh for that. And they **use it** for the Kingdom of Yahweh and they help people. They've helped us at times, people. But that shouldn't be our goal. That shouldn't be what we're striving for. That shouldn't be our priority. And like I said that priority is what you get done. And if your priority is wealth then it's not the Kingdom of Yahweh. Because **that's where our wealth is** ... that's where we want the Kingdom to be.

As long as we are in the will of Elohim, then any challenge that's arises will only be for purification of the baptism of fire. To make sure we are in the will of Elohim, we must have our heart in line with the Word of Elohim and following *His providence*, His direction in our life, and not being fooled by Satan with our heart and our emotions, right?

That can never change. You have to follow the providence of Yahweh, the direction of Yahweh, and how do you know it? By His Word! You ... that's why we **constantly** ... we have to be praying every day. We have to be studying every day. Meditating. Meditating on not only the Word of Yahweh but meditating on our life, the things we're doing. Are we growing? Are we not growing? Are we fulfilling our calling? And we need to be fasting. We need to be fasting at times also.

So Proverbs 3 in verse 5 and 6:

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in YAHWEH with all your heart, and **lean not on your own understanding**. In **all your ways acknowledge Him**, and He will direct your path.

So it's really simple like I said. Is your mind just filled with, like it said in the book of Jacob, covetousness? Is it filled with greed? Is it filled with your **own things**—worldly desires, worldly internet, whatever it is ... worldly job? Or is it filled with the Kingdom of Yahweh? **Your priority is what you get done.** Because if your mind is filled with the Kingdom of Yahweh, you're not going to fall for Satan's hindrance. It's going to happen because Yahweh allows Satan to hinder us. But in the end, that hindrance will only be used to make you stronger, right?

Psalm 119 and verse 105:

Psalm 119:105 Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Your Word is a lamp to my feet, why? Because your feet go first before you. Everywhere you go, unless you're falling off of a mountain, your feet are always going to go before you. And when your feet go first, they're leading your direction. So, Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. That's what's got to be leading us! That's what's got to be. And if you've ever been in a dark place ... sometimes you wake up in the night and you got to go somewhere or something and it's dark, you need a flashlight to light your way, to light your path. And His Word is that flashlight ... His Word is that light to our path! And the first steps for our feet should be going by.

Hebrews 4 in verse 12 says:

Hebrews 4:12 For the Word of YAHWEH is **living**, and powerfully working, and sharper than every two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of both soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow and bones, and able to discern the thoughts and intention of the heart.

So you know what? You can kid your family member, you can kid your boss at work, you can even kid yourself sometimes, but you can't kid Yahweh. Because **His Word**, right, is *cutting, it's piercing* to both the spirit and soul and joints and marrows of the bones, and is able to discern the thoughts and intentions of the heart. So Yahweh knows.

And that's why when people like King Saul were trying to justify themselves in front of Yahweh. Is he kidding? Is he really kidding? Is he really that blinded that he thinks that Yahweh is going to fall for that? No, He's not. And that's why Yahweh had to call another man, a man after His own heart, like King David who did have a heart to change and had a heart of repentance.

But it's the Word of Yahweh that's got to convict us. That's what's got to be leading our life every single day. And you know what? If you're not reading it then it's not leading your life. **Whatever you focus on becomes most real**. And that's why **the more you're in the Word, the more you're reading the Word, that's going to be your focus.** That's going to be your reality.

And if you're watching TV twelve hours a day, that's going to be your reality. If you're listening to music twelve hours a day, that's going to be your reality. Whatever it is that you're doing that's going to be your reality. And that's why the Word has got to be what our focus is on.

Psalm 32 in verse 8 says:

Psalm 32:8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you shall go; I will counsel you, My eye shall be on you.

Wow! So, Yahweh says He will be our counselor, right? And He does have elders. He does have brethren and sisters in the Congregation that also can help us. And in the multitude of counsel, there is wisdom and there's safety. But that's where our counsel should come from. It should come from the Word of Yahweh. We have to pray to Yahweh. We have to ask Him and He will give us counsel. But what a beautiful Scripture there, right?

Psalm 32:8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you shall go; I will counsel you, My eye shall be on you.

Philippians 2:13 says:

Philippians 2:13 it is ... for it is **YAHWEH** who is **working** in you both **to will** and to work for the sake of His good pleasure.

Right? So never forget that. That Yahshua ... Yahweh will work in us till the day Yahshua Messiah returns. That **Yahweh** will never forsake us. He'll never quit on us. Can a mother forsake her suckling child? And we're living in a world where we see it. We see women, not only forsaking their children, and sometimes even killing them. But Yahweh will never forsake us.

And that's why Satan's hindrance ... this is where Satan **deceives** us. This is where Satan wants you to **believe**, "No you've gone too far. You can't repent. Yahweh will never forgive you." And the unpardonable sin is simply unrepentant sin. It's just where **you get to the point that you quit! You give up. You've had enough**. You've gone so much in the world. You have no desire for Yahweh anymore.

And then as any loving Father would, out of mercy, for like somebody who's dying of cancer and is brain dead, you got to pull the plug. You can't let somebody live on life support on a machine. That's not life. And the same way that Yahweh wouldn't want His children to live on "world" support. That wouldn't be life. He wants us to live by His Ruach, His breath, His Spirit. And if not, then out of mercy, He'll just let the people go to the Lake of Fire. And it will be like they never existed.

So, this is the choice we have. And we're getting late in the game. And as a Shemitah is here, right, this is the time we should be thinking of these things. *This* should be the greatest year in our life. And who knows? Like I said this could be the ... there could ... the last seven years coming. Maybe there's one more seven years. Who knows? But we are close. We're not in the first seven of the seven year ... the seven sevens, the fifty year cycle. We're not in the second or the third or the fourth. We're late in the game. And this Shemitah you should dedicate yourself and make it the greatest spiritual time in your life.

Yes, do we have to make sure we don't plant? Do we have to make sure we're not eating food from the supermarket? Sure! But those are all secondary things. **The main thing in this year should be our spiritual life and getting close to Yahweh.** The same way ... think about it, like the year that Yahshua came. The first year that He preached His ministry was a Shemitah year. And think of it that way. When people were redeemed; they were called back to Yahweh. And they were given a new lease on life.

Proverbs 16. Proverbs 16 in verse 1 says:

Proverbs 16:1-3 The orderings of the heart are for man, and the answer of the **tongue** is from YAHWEH. All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes, but **YAHWEH weighs the spirits** ... Right? **We have to be honest with ourself. We have to humble ourself**. Roll your works on YAHWEH, and your thoughts shall be established.

Right? Let His Spirit ... surrender to His Spirit, right? That's what it says in **Galatians 5**. **Surrender to His Spirit, let His Spirit fill you up, not your own ways!** Not your own pride and your own lust and your own covetousness! In verse 9:

Proverbs 16:9 A man's *heart* plans his way, but YAHWEH fixes his step.

We got to get to that point that we're **hearing His Spirit speak to us every day of our life and we're following His Spirit.** That it's His Spirit that is guiding and leading us and nothing else. That's what we need to hear. And in order to do that, there's no other way to do it but to get your face in His Word. To be in that Word every day and to let that Word speak to you through His Ruach Ha'Kodesh. If we follow judicial order Yahweh will direct our steps.

Psalm 119 and verse 132 and verse 133:

Psalm 119:132-133 *Turn to me and give me your grace, as is the way to those who love Your name. Fix my steps in Your Word; and let no evil rule over me.*

Right? And this is Satan's death knell **for people who are in the Word of Yahweh every day. Because it builds your faith and your conviction.** And then there's **nothing** ... not even physical death to your body because we're dying to the flesh every day anyway ... that can stop you from serving Yahweh. So that's Satan's death knell. And what ... how does Satan hinder us? By figuring out all kinds of ways ... by cluttering us with time ... or cluttering our time with worldly things that keep us away from the Word of Yahweh, that stop us from praying, stop us from studying, stop us from doing His ministry.

And believe me, **it is** a complicated world. It is a world where there is a lot of clutter out there but you can't let that clutter destroy you. Like Yahshua said in **Matthew 26:39**, "*Not My will be done, but Your will be done.*" We have to **surrender to the will of Yahweh** and **let His Spirit change us. Let His Spirit direct us. Let His Spirit renew our mind**, right, to the mind of Messiah, like it says in Scripture. We have to be renewing our mind to the mind of Messiah.

Back to the book of Jacob 4 ... back to Jacob, the fourth chapter. And that's why there's no way to do this without coming out of the world. Because it's Satan's world. And it's like the days of Noah. And like I said ninety percent of the world out there is Satan's commercial Babylon. And if you're part of this world as a physical human being, you're going to lose. And this is why He's calling us out of the world now to be in His spiritual fortresses, to be in our kibbutz's, to be in our

communities, to be with other brethren and to be out of the world. This is the way He's going to be able to help us. So, in Jacob 4, continuing in verse 7 ... we already read 1-6 ... verse 7 says:

Jacob 4:7a Then submit to YAHWEH ...

Comment: Right? Surrender to Yahweh. Submit to Yahweh. Stop fighting Him in your life. Die to your pride. Realize it's you! Admit your sins and repent.

Jacob 4:7 Submit to YAHWEH. Resist the Devil, and he will flee from you.

Comment: And you know something? Because sometimes in our life we're not following Yahweh, that's where the resistance comes. And we don't want to surrender and submit to Yahweh. But the devil, if you're living a life, a worldly life ... and like I said sometimes it can seem great. It can seem ... financial blessings and all these different things that are coming and it could **seem** like you're being blessed.

But they could just be hindrances of Satan because there's a price to everything. And there's also a maintenance to everything, right? There's maintenance to everything in life, even our bodies. Every day you got wash, you got to brush your teeth, you got to comb your hair, you got to cut your hair. You have to do all these different things ... cut your fingernails ... all these different things and maintenance to your body.

And there's maintenance in life to money, to jobs, to houses, to everything you own there's maintenance to. And this is why there's also maintenance to your spiritual life. And what happens is, too many times people are putting all the maintenance into the physical things and they're not putting the maintenance into their spiritual life. You have to be able to be studying, praying and doing the things. So ...

Jacob 4:7 Submit to YAHWEH. Resist the Devil, and he will flee from you.

Comment: And he knows that! That's why you got to resist him. That's why he's going to deceive you. That's why he's going to trick you. And like I said, wow, when you got a world out there that is **so evil** that they'll literally make something like Covid up; make it in a laboratory, lie about it, put it on all the fake news and everything just to destroy people's lives and kill them! You can't get more evil than that! And it's the time we have to withdraw, right?

Jacob 4:8b-9 Resist the Devil, he will flee from you. Draw near to Elohim, and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, sinners! Purify your hearts, double minded ones! ... Remember what he said – double minded one is unstable in all their ways ... Be distressed, and mourn, and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to shame.

Comment: Right? Let your laughter be turned to mourning. And sometimes people want to block out the times we're living in, right? And I praise Yahweh, I'm thankful that so many brethren have thanked me for all the world news that I've been giving. And a lot of third world brethren have told me if it wasn't for my updates, and the deception from their governments, they probably would have took those vaccines. Which again, is the bridge to the Mark of the Beast.

So, **praise Yahweh that He's opened our minds. Praise Yahweh that we have eyes to see!** And it's not the time for laughter. It's the time for mourning. It's the time for repentance. It's a time for change. When the Kingdom of Yahweh comes, Yahweh will turn **every tear** into laughter. But there's a lot of suffering that's coming here. And even just now, we're just in the beginning of this famine that's coming. Not just the famine of the Word, but a **real famine**! And there's going to be millions of people that dying from no food. So, it's not the time for just watching movies and having fun and all the other thing.

Jacob 4:9-10 *Be distressed, and mourn, and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy into shame. Be humbled before YAHWEH, and He will exalt you.*

That's the key; we have to humble ourself to Yahweh and repent and admit where we're wrong. And then Yahweh will be able to lift us up.

Hebrews 13 in verse 17 ... oh, before that I want to go to 1st Kings 19. I want to go to 1st Kings 19 because I want ... we've used this example before but I want to use it again ... Elijah who allowed human circumstances to stop him from the work of Yahweh. And here it is, maybe the greatest prophet that ever was, right? Maybe the greatest prophet that ever was. And he **just fought** 450 of the priests of Baal, he won, the people are yelling out, "Yahweh is Elohim!" And then what happens, right?

The same with us ... I think of Richard Wurmbrand and the movie they did with him, right? And here it was, he **knew** when he went to that counsel and he stood up against what was going there with the communists, with taking over, he knew that it was going to put him in prison. It was just a matter of when. But he did it anyway. He stood up for the truth. He didn't have fear in his life. And in one way he says it was his destiny. And it was! That Yahweh had his destiny and that prison ministry is what changed him. Not that everyone has to go to prison, but he did. And that prison ministry changed the lives of millions of other people, through his ministry, through all the years after that. And the things he was able to teach and the miracles that happened.

But look what happens, how Elijah **let these physical things** get to him where he abdicated his place with Yahweh. Chapter 19:

1st Kings 19:1-4 And Ahab told Jezebel all the things Elijah did, and all, and he killed all the prophets by the sword. And Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, So let the gods do, and more so, if at this time tomorrow I will not cause your life to be as the life of one of them. And he saw ... Eliyahu ... and rose up and went for his life, and came to Beer-Sheba of Judah, and left his men there; and he himself went into the wilderness a day's journey, and came and sat under one broom tree. And he begged for his life, that he might die, and he said, Enough, now, O YAHWEH; take my life, for I am no better than my fathers.

Comment: Right? He just did this great miracle. Yahweh was using him now. Now more than ever these people needed his teaching. They needed his faith. They needed his strength. And what is he saying? "Yahweh take my life!"

1st **Kings 19:5-7** And laid down and slept under a certain broom tree; and behold, a Messenger from YAHWEH touched him and said to him, Get up, eat! And he looked, and behold, at his head was a cake on burning stones, and a jar of water; and he ate and drank, and turned and lay down. And the Messenger of YAHWEH returned a second time, and touched him, and said, Get up, eat, for the way is too great for you.

1st **Kings 19:8-9** And he rose up and ate and drank, and went in the power of that food forty days and forty nights to the mount of The Elohim, to Mount Horeb ... which is right next to Mount Sinai ... And he came there to the cave, and lodged there; and behold, the Word of YAHWEH came to him (Yahshua), and said to him, What are you doing here, Eliyahu?

Comment: "You know I had a job for you! I had a job for you! You had just went out there. You fought these priests. You did a great job! They're listening. Now, that they need you more than ever, what are you doing? You're having a pity party. What are you doing here Eliyahu?"

1st **Kings 19:10-12** And he said, zealously, I've been zealous for YAHWEH Elohim of Hosts, for the sons of Israel have forsaken Your covenant; they have thrown down Your altars, and they have killed Your prophets and with the sword, I am left, I alone, and they seek to take my life. And he said, Go out and stand on the mountain before YAHWEH. And, behold, YAHWEH passed by, and a great and strong wind tearing the mountains and breaking the rocks in bits before YAHWEH! YAHWEH was not in the wind. And after the wind was an earthquake, but YAHWEH was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake was a fire, but YAHWEH was not in the fire; and after the fire came a voice which was a small whisper.

1st **Kings 19:13** And it happened when Eliyahu heard, he wrapped his face in his robe and went out and stood at the cave opening; and, behold, a voice came to him, and it said, What are you doing here, Eliyahu?

Right? What happens? **Eliyahu allowed human circumstances to sway him from his work**. And why didn't he understand it? Because **Yahweh is in the small, still voice**. And sometimes when we're ... Satan's hindrance is going on, you can't hear that small, still voice. Because you know where Satan is? Satan is in the satanic rock music. Satan is in all the clutter in the world and the clutter in your life. Satan is all the chaos going on, right? But He's not in the small, still voice.

And **you have to have that time**. You have to be able to have that **private time** in your prayer closet to pray to Yahweh, to read your Bible where the Holy Spirit can speak to you; to take a walk and meditate on what you're doing and what's going on in your life. You need that time because Yahweh's in the small, still voice.

And Eliyahu unfortunately, because of his human circumstances that were around him, and his pride thinking he was the only one doing the will of Yahweh, he lost his position. And what did Yahweh say? "Okay. Okay Eliyahu, that's it! If you're done then that's good. But I got one more job for you. You go and you anoint Hazael and also anoint Elisha to take your place."

Because like I said even though **Yahweh pre-destined us from creation to be here today in this time period**, to be part of His wonderful end-time restoration work, to be part of this when Yahshua's going to return in a few short years and be part of His Kingdom ... many are called, few are chosen. And if you're not faithful, your job will be given to somebody else. **Matthew 22** ... I'm not going to read it there now, but what did He say? The ones that weren't taking the wedding invitation, He said go in the byways and the highways and call other people and My house will be filled. And **His house will be filled**.

And like I said every knee **will bow to Him** in the Kingdom. And the ones who didn't want to bow to Him, the ones who didn't want to do His work, the ones who wanted to be more in the world than the will of Yahweh, they just won't be there. They simply just will not be there.

So again, we have to make sure that Satan's hindrance ... even a person like Eliyahu ... isn't bringing fear into your life and taking away your ability to hear that small, still voice. And that's why Yahweh says He'll be our counselor. And Hebrews 13:17 ... that's why Yahweh ... He hasn't left us abandoned. He hasn't left us as orphans. No, He has a ministry there and He has elders there. And He has brothers and sisters in the Congregation. Hebrews 13:17 says:

Hebrews 13:17 *Listen to your spiritual leaders, and submit to them, for they watch for your souls, giving an account, that they may do this with joy, and not with grieving; for this would be unprofitable to you.*

So, we shouldn't think ... I know at times people say, "Oh, but I know you're busy!" No, **I'm busy counseling you!** I'm busy helping you. That's what my job is. That's **what I do**. That's what I do as an elder of Yahweh. So, never feel that you can't come to me with a question, or your local elder, or anybody in the Congregation for that matter. *In the multitude of counsel, is wisdom and is safety.*

And this is where, **by getting good counsel, you're going to be able to see the difference of Yahweh's providence, Yahweh's direction, to Satan's hindrance**. Because you know what? If you look through the Bible, yes, there are times where Yahweh directly came to somebody, many times through Yahshua, as the Messenger of Yahweh and spoke to them like Manoah, Samson's father and his mother. But most of the time, the way that the Bible that Yahweh spoke to people is through other people, right?

How'd he speak to Eli, the priest? Through Samuel! How did He speak to King David? Through Samuel! How'd He speak to King Saul? Through Samuel! So Yahweh will speak to different people. We see it in the New Testament the same way; that Yahweh will speak to people. And **we need to make sure we're seeking wise counsel. Wisdom is in wise counsel.**

Proverbs 24:6 says:

Proverbs 24:6 For you shall make war for yourself by wise counsel and deliverance is in the Great Counselor.

So there's no greater Counselor than Yahweh and His Word. And it's through that Word that **any question** in life, any trial in life, any challenge in life is always in the Word of Yahweh that's there.

Last scripture I want to go over is Revelation 3:7 and 8. Revelation 3:7 and 8 and it says:

Revelation 3:7-8a To the messenger of the congregation in Philadelphia, write: These things says the Holy One, the True One, "The One having the **key of David** ... Right? We talked about this many times about the key of David and the tabernacle of David in the City of David in Jerusalem ... the One opening, and no one shuts; and shuts, and no one opens:" *I know your works*.

Comment: Yahweh knows your works, right? And what are they? **Your priorities are what you get done**. Do you have a plan of action, right? Do you have a ministry? Are you bearing fruit for the Kingdom? *I know your works*.

Revelation 3:8b Behold, I have given an open door being opened before you, and no one is able to shut it, for you have little strength and have kept My Word, and **have not denied My name**.

Wow! Yahweh has given an open door for His end-time work. If we want that open door in our lives, then we need to be in His will in all things. It's that simple. We should have a plan of action. We should have a ministry. We should have ministry goals. We should be bearing fruit. And we all working toward the same goal. We are all part of the restoration ministry that Yahweh has in these end times. And praise Him for that!

And like I said if we don't take it serious ... and **this Shemitah is a great time to dedicate this year fully to Yahweh in all things, to bear more fruit** ... then He will replace us. And it's going to be sad. We saw it happen in the last Shemitah but I think even in a bigger way, this Shemitah is going to be dividing line between Yahweh's people and the world.

If our heart is aligned with the Word of Yahweh and His providence, His direction, in our life then we will have an open door to produce so much fruit for His Kingdom. We must meditate on this daily in all decisions and seek His direction in all things. And make sure that the enemy is not putting **stumbling blocks** before us and we are being deceived that it could be the hand of Yahweh.

The key to submitting to Yahweh in all things is resisting the devil, submitting to Yahweh and praying and seeking wise counsel and meditating in all matters in our life. So I pray that this message will be beneficial to you. And I pray that each of us hearing this can seek Yahweh's direction and providence in our life.

Yahweh bless, Shabbat Shalom!