



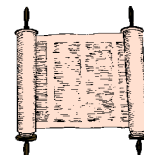
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is dedicated to His bride. Yahshua will be returning soon to receive His own unto Himself (Jn. 14:3). His bride must make herself ready (Rev. 19:7). A person who is called out of this world by the Father, who repents of his/her sins, is baptized in the name of Yahshua the Messiah (Acts 2:38), the only name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved (Acts 4:12), and receives the Holy Spirit must come to know Him as the Scriptures declare and witness of Him (Jn. 5:39-47). Peter encouraged, "But grow in grace, and the knowledge of our Sovereign and Saviour Yahshua the Messiah," 2 Pet. 3:18. We will, with Yahweh's help and the Spirit of Truth, seek to reveal a most wondrous Savior and Redeemer, a Savior and Redeemer that much of the world has spoken of, dreamed of, hoped for, but truly never known. While much of the world looks to a savior, the savior of whom they have been taught has become corrupted. Another has been substituted in the true Savior's place. Those who are called out of this world and given to Him are likened unto virgins. But in accordance with His own parable of those virgins, only five are wise while the other five are foolish. The five wise are able to enter into the planned marriage with the Messiah, but the five foolish have the door closed to them (Mt. 25:1-13). Let's be wise, remember our betrothal to the Messiah and the virginity to which He has restored us (2 Cor. 11:1-2), resist the wiles of the devil and look to and prepare for a joyous and glorious marriage that will endure for all eternity. HalleluYah!!!!

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**OUR COVER:** We have chosen this majestic scenic view for the winter edition of our magazine. Mountains and hills are types of countries, governments, kingdoms, etc. Yahweh inspired the Prophet Isaiah to write, "And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of Yahweh's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of Yahweh, to the house of the Elohim of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of Yahweh from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of Yahweh," 2:1-5. The establishment of Yahweh's kingdom, His mountain over all mountains and hills, the kingdoms of this world, is our only hope for any kind of future. May that day come soon!

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# PRAYER

## AMERICA'S ONLY HOPE?

My wife and I were walking early one morning before the election and we were surprised to see signs in some neighbors yards declaring the above words. The Scripture 2 Chron. 7:14 is added in small letters below seemingly as an after-thought. Now, as I have traveled throughout our little city, Texarkana and other areas, these same signs are being exhibited. I don't know if it is a national movement, but it is certainly something that is going on in our part of the country.

When I first saw the signs, I thought, hmmm...I think we need to do more than pray, I told my wife that a better sign would have been REPENTANCE, AMERICA'S ONLY HOPE. You see, I remembered several Scriptures that said even though Yahweh's people would pray unto Him, He would not hear. Let's just look at some of those instances, "And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, **when ye make many prayers, I will not hear:** your hands are full of blood," Isa. 1:15. "**Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them, neither make intercession to me: for I will not hear thee,**" Jer. 7:16. "**Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up a cry or prayer for them: for I will not hear them in the time that they cry unto me for their trouble,**" Jer. 11:14.

Why do you think He won't hear? "**I spake unto thee in thy prosperity; but thou saidst, I will not hear.**" This hath been thy manner from thy youth, that **thou obeyedst not my voice,**" Jer. 22:21.

As far as we know, there has been no nation upon the earth that has enjoyed the prosperity that America has been blessed to possess. Yes, many nations have their rich class and then they have their poor class, but America has what is called a "middle class" that has been blessed with the outpouring of prosperity from heaven. Even our poor have an opportunity to be cared for and to pull themselves up out of their poverty if they have the will and fortitude to do so.

We, in this assembly, see this as a blessing that was promised to a man who lived long ago, that the overall great majority of our people have forgotten. That man is Abraham. Because Abraham trusted in Yahweh, believed Him and followed His instructions carefully, even to the point of being willing to sacrifice His son of promise, Yahweh declared, "And the angel of Yahweh called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, And said, By myself have I sworn, saith Yahweh, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice," Gen. 22:15-18.

The fact of the matter is that Yahweh promised this blessing because of Abraham and His promise made to Him, which was unconditional. There are only three nations on the face of the earth who have had such power over their enemies and the blessings promised, they are Great Britain, America and the modern day nation of Judah, which has embraced the name Israel. These are a witness to the power and greatness of Yahweh and the promises that He has made to His people, but the nations themselves are also witnesses to the fulfillment of a prophecy made by Yahweh's servant Moses, "**But Jeshurun waxed fat, and kicked: thou art waxen fat, thou art grown thick, thou art covered with fatness; then he forsook Eloah which made him, and lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation.**" They provoked him to jealousy with strange gods, with abominations provoked they him to anger. They sacrificed unto devils, not to Elohim; to gods whom they knew not, to new gods that came newly up, whom your fathers (Abraham, Isaac and Jacob) feared not. Of the Rock that begat thee thou art unmindful, and **hast forgotten Elohim that formed thee.** And when Yahweh saw it, he abhorred them, because of the provoking of his sons, and of his daughters. And he said, I will hide my face from them, I will see what their end shall be: for they are a very froward generation, children in whom is no faith. They have moved me to jealousy with that which is not Elohim; they have provoked me to anger with their vanities: and I will move them to jealousy with those which are not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation. For a fire is kindled in mine anger, and shall burn unto the lowest hell, and shall consume the earth with her increase, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains. I will heap mischiefs upon them; I will spend mine arrows upon them. They shall be burnt with hunger, and devoured with burning heat, and with bitter destruction: I will also send the teeth of beasts upon them, with the poison of serpents of the dust. The sword without, and terror within, shall destroy both the young man and the virgin, the suckling also with the man of gray hairs. I said, I would scatter them into corners, I would make the remembrance of them to cease from among men: Were it not that I feared the wrath of the enemy, lest their adversaries should behave themselves strangely, and lest they should say, Our hand is high, and Yahweh hath not done all this. **For they are a nation void of counsel, neither is there any understanding in them. O that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end!** How should one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, except their Rock had sold them, and Yahweh had shut them up? For their rock is not as our Rock, even our enemies themselves being

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# THE LOVE OF THE FATHER

*Love is a word that is in everyone's vocabulary, but what is love? Where does it come from? What about the heavenly Father Yahweh? What kind of love does He have? Is it important for us to know? We hope that the ensuing article will answer many of these questions.*

*By Jerry Healan*

The Hebrew word for father is *ab* or *av*, (אב) depending upon the dialect. The more ancient Hebrew utilized to produce the Scriptures was called Paleo-Hebrew, which came from an even more ancient pictorial Hebrew. Interestingly, the letters aleph (א) and beit (ב) are the first two letters of the Hebrew alphabet. In pictorial Hebrew or Paleo-Hebrew, the aleph (א) is the picture or hieroglyphic of the head of an ox (𐤀) while the beit (ב) is the picture of a tent, house, or temple (𐤁). Therefore, the father (אב) is the head, leader, chief of the tent, house or temple.

Let's take, for instance, the original name of the Patriarch Abram. Abram means "High father." His name was later changed to Abraham, which means "Father of many nations," or it could also continue to carry the original meaning of "High father," which would be "High father of many nations."

The Hebrew word for love is *ahav* or *ahab* (אהב) and sometimes *ahavah* (אהבה). The ancient Hebrew letters that make up this word are interesting to contemplate. The aleph (א) is, as described above, the picture of the head of an ox. The hei (ה) carries the idea of the article "the," "behold," "lo," etc. The Pictorial Hebrew presents it thusly, 𐤅. Can't you just see someone jumping up and down and yelling "Hey!," "Behold!" etc.? The beit (ב) is the picture of a tent, house, temple, etc. Notice that the Hebrew

word for love begins and ends with the letters aleph (א) and beit (ב). The hei (ה) in the middle would give us the idea of beholding the very heart, the interior, the midst of the Father. Therefore, what comes from the midst, the heart of the Father (אהב) is love (אהבה).

The Apostle John wrote, "He that loveth not knoweth not Elohim; for **Elohim is love**," 1 Jn. 4:8. Again, he writes, "And we have known and believed the love that Elohim hath to us. **Elohim is love** (אהבה); and he that

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dwelleth in love dwelleth in Elohim, and Elohim in him," 1 Jn. 4:16.

Notice that it says that he that dwells in love (אהבה), dwells in Elohim and Elohim in him. Thus, those who have the love of the Father consist of the hei (ה) [behold, lo, the] in the Father and the Father is in them.

Now this is quite interesting indeed, because the Hebrew letters also serve as numbers. The hei (ה) is the number five (5) and in the spiritual significance of numbers, five (5) is the number for grace!

## GRACE

The love of the Father is the great merciful grace that He exhibits to us

through His beloved Son Yahshua the Messiah, "If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things? And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For **Elohim so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.** For Elohim sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of Elohim. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in Elohim," Jn. 3:12-21.

Through the shed blood of Yahshua the Messiah, we can have our sins blotted out, atoned for, "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with Elohim through our Sovereign Yahshua the Messiah: By whom also

we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of Elohim. And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope: And hope maketh not ashamed; because **the love of Elohim is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit which is given unto us.** For **when we were yet without strength, in due time the Messiah died for the unrighteous.** For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But **Elohim commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, the Messiah died for us.** Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For **if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to Elohim by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.** And not only so, but we also joy in Elohim through our Sovereign Yahshua the Messiah, by whom we have now received the atonement,” Ro. 5:1-11.

One man from whom I have learned many important Scriptural things looked at the word “atonement” and declared at one ment, in other words, the setting at one with the Father again. That is what atonement means.

Look at the love that the Father had for us! We were great sinners! Yet, while we were in our sins, Yahweh sent His only begotten Son into the world so that through His death we might receive forgiveness of our sins, if we will repent, confess our sins, believe in His atoning grace and begin to walk in His ways, believing in the name of His Son.

Again, John writes, “Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of Elohim; and every one that loveth is born of Elohim, and knoweth Elohim. He that loveth not knoweth not Elohim; for Elohim is love. **In this was manifested the love of Elohim toward us, because that Elohim sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we**

**might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved Elohim, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins,**” 1 Jn. 4:7-10.

“Propitiation is simply another word for “atonement.”

Yahweh didn’t love us because we were so wonderful and special. He didn’t love us because we exhibited love toward Him. We were His enemies. We were walking in sin, which sows the seeds of hate and destruction. But the love of the Father came directly from Him, from His bosom, His heart through His Son Yahshua the Messiah Whom He sent to be a propitiation, an atonement for our enmity, our sins so that we might be able to experience His wondrous love, grace and mercy.

### THE GREATEST LOVE

Yahshua said, “Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends,” Jn. 15:13.

John also writes that **Yahshua was in the bosom of the Father,** “No man hath seen Elohim at any time; the only

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begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him,” 1 Jn. 1:18.

One’s bosom contains one’s heart. Yahshua proclaimed that He came down from heaven to do His Father’s will, “For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me,” Jn. 6:38.

To be in one’s bosom means to be greatly loved and cared for. Moses complained to Yahweh, “Have I conceived all this people? Have I begotten them, that thou shouldest say unto me, **Carry them in thy bosom, as a nursing father beareth the sucking child,** unto the land which thou swearst unto their fathers?” Num. 11:12.

Moses was to love, cherish and care for the children of Israel in a most special way. His love was only a fore-runner and type of Yahshua’s love for us.

Yahweh commanded Israel, “If thy brother, the son of thy mother, or thy son, or thy daughter, or **the wife of thy bosom,** or thy friend, which is as thine own soul, entice thee secretly, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which thou hast not known, thou, nor thy fathers; Namely, of the gods of the people which are round about you, nigh unto thee, or far off from thee, from the one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth; Thou shalt not consent unto him, nor hearken unto him; neither shall thine eye pity him, neither shalt thou spare, neither shalt thou conceal him: But thou shalt surely kill him; thine hand shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people. And thou shalt stone him with stones, that he die; because he hath sought to thrust thee away from Yahweh thy Elohim, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage,” Dt. 13:6-10.

Yahshua is the Father’s only begotten son. As a father myself, I can tell you that my love for my children is very intense (not that I don’t get frustrated with them from time to time). There is a father’s love and there is a mother’s love. However, Yahweh’s love is a much more perfect love than man can ever have or exhibit. As a father, it would be impossible for me to see one of my children suffer as Yahshua did for us. As a father, it would be impossible for me to see my children suffer for others who were my enemies, or were the most dreadful of sinners, etc. Please don’t misunderstand what I am saying here. I could put myself on the chopping block for others, but to put someone else’s life on the line, especially my children would be very difficult to do. But the love of the Heavenly Father and also Yahshua’s love is so much greater than the love of man.

Yahshua's sacrifice is something that was planned from before the foundation of the world, "And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of **the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world,**" Rev. 13:8.

The Father loved Yahshua before the foundation of the world, "Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for **thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world,**" Jn. 17:24.

Paul writes, "And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. But **Yahweh, who is rich in mercy, for his great love (אֲהָבָה) wherewith he loved us,** Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with the Messiah, (by **grace** [חֵן] ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in the Messiah Yahshua: That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of **his grace in his kindness toward us through the Messiah Yahshua.** For **by grace are ye saved** through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of Yahweh: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in the Messiah Yahshua unto good works, which Yahweh hath before ordained that we should walk in them," Eph. 2:1-10.

Again, Paul writes, "For the love of the Messiah constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but

unto him which died for them, and rose again," 2 Cor. 5:14-15.

The Father and the Son Yahshua, of course, have exhibited the greatest love toward us because the Father was willing to send His most beloved Son into the world, not only to witness to the world, but to suffer and die for all of us sinners, so that we may be forgiven, receive His wondrous grace, be atoned for and inherit His wondrous kingdom and eternity. Yahshua also was willing to empty Himself of the power, esteem, honor and glory that He had, become a man, become flesh, suffer and die for each and every one of us. It is a love that surpasses the knowledge and understanding of the natural man.

### RETURNING HIS LOVE

Since we have been blessed to be able to receive this wondrous outpouring love and grace from the Father through Yahshua the Messiah, what are we supposed to do in exhibiting love back to Him?

Yahshua told His disciples, "As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved

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you: continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love," Jn. 15:9-10.

"And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, **Which is the first commandment of all?** And Yahshua answered him, **The first of all the commandments is,** Hear, O Israel; Yahweh our Elohim is one Yahweh: And **thou shalt love Yahweh thy Elohim with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength:**

**this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.** There is none other commandment greater than these. And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one Elohim; and there is none other but he: And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbour as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices. And when Yahshua saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of Elohim," Mk. 12:28-34.

Yahshua is referring to what Moses wrote in the book of Deuteronomy, "Now these are the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments, which Yahweh your Elohim commanded to teach you, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go to possess it: That thou mightest fear Yahweh thy Elohim, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do it; that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily, as Yahweh Elohim of thy fathers hath promised thee, in the land that floweth with milk and honey. Hear, O Israel: Yahweh our Elohim is one Yahweh: And **thou shalt love Yahweh thy Elohim with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.** And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates," Dt. 6:1-9.

Moses elaborated further, "At that time Yahweh said unto me, Hew thee

**two tables of stone** like unto the first, and come up unto me into the mount, and make thee an ark of wood. And I will write on the tables the words that were in the first tables which thou brakest, and thou shalt put them in the ark. And I made an ark of shittim wood, and hewed two tables of stone like unto the first, and went up into the mount, having the two tables in mine hand. And he wrote on the tables, according to the first writing, **the ten commandments, which Yahweh spake unto you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly: and Yahweh gave them unto me.** And I turned myself and came down from the mount, and put the tables in the ark which I had made; and there they be, as Yahweh commanded me. And the children of Israel took their journey from Beeroth of the children of Jaakan to Mosera: there Aaron died, and there he was buried; and Eleazar his son ministered in the priest's office in his stead. From thence they journeyed unto Gudgodah; and from Gudgodah to Jotbath, a land of rivers of waters. At that time Yahweh separated the tribe of Levi, to bear the ark of the covenant of Yahweh, to stand before Yahweh to minister unto him, and to bless in his

name, unto this day. Wherefore Levi hath no part nor inheritance with his brethren; Yahweh is his inheritance, according as Yahweh thy Elohim promised him. And I stayed in the mount, according to the first time, forty days and forty nights; and Yahweh hearkened unto me at that time also, and Yahweh would not destroy thee. And Yahweh said unto me, Arise, take thy journey before the people, that they may go in and possess the land, which I swear unto their fathers to give unto them. **And now, Israel, what doth Yahweh thy Elohim require of thee, but to fear Yahweh thy Elohim, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve Yahweh thy Elohim with all thy heart and with all thy soul, To keep the commandments of Yahweh, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?"** Dt. 10:1-13.

Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbour, and not suffer sin upon him. Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but **thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am Yahweh,"** Lev. 19:17-18.

The two tables of stone with the ten commandments are the basis, the foundation of Yahweh's law of love. They teach us how to love Yahweh and put Him first and then to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Interestingly, the longer form of the word for love is *ahavah* (אהבה). A *hei* (ה) is added to the end of the shorter word for love (אהב), which would indicate to us that we must behold (ה) love. When we add up the numerical value for *ahavah*, we get  $\aleph = 5 + \beth = 2 + \aleph = 5 + \daleth = 1 = 13$ . Yahweh gave Israel two stone tables that contained the ten commandments. The first 5 commandments

would be on the first stone and **the first five commandments have to do with love toward Yahweh**, even though the fifth commandment to love our father and mother is included on that tablet. So with the first tablet, love is directed toward Yahweh (אהבה) = 13. The second tablet teaches us how to love (אהבה) our neighbor = 13.

The name Yahweh is יהוה in the Hebrew.  $\aleph = 5 + \beth = 6 + \aleph = 5 + \daleth = 10 = 26$ . Love toward Yahweh equals 13 and love toward neighbor equals 13, which also equals 26! Yahweh is love. "He that loveth not knoweth not Elohim; for **Elohim is love,**" 1 Jn. 4:8. Again, he writes, "And we have known and believed the love that Elohim hath to us. **Elohim is love** (אהבה); and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in Elohim, and Elohim in him," 1 Jn. 4:16.

Paul understood these principles for he wrote, "Owe no man any thing, but to **love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.** For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore **love is the fulfilling of the law,**" Ro. 13:8-10.

## THE WORLD'S LOVE

Yahshua told the Pharisees, "And as he spake, a certain Pharisee besought him to dine with him: and he went in, and sat down to meat. And when the Pharisee saw it, he marvelled that he had not first washed before dinner. And the Master said unto him, Now do ye Pharisees make clean the outside of the cup and the platter; but your inward part is full of ravening and wickedness. Ye fools, did not he that made that which is without make that which is within also? But rather give alms of such things as ye have; and, behold, all things are clean unto

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YAHWEH = יהוה

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you. But woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and **pass over judgment and the love of Elohim**: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone. Woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye love the uppermost seats in the synagogues, and greetings in the markets. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are as graves which appear not, and the men that walk over them are not aware of them,” Lk. 11:37-44.

Again, Yahshua said, “Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life. I receive not honour from men. But I know you, that **ye have not the love of Elohim in you**,” Jn. 5:39-42.

He declared, “I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father. They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Yahshua saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham. But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of Elohim: this did not Abraham. Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even Elohim. Yahshua said unto them, If Elohim were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from Elohim; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not. Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me? He that is of Elohim heareth Elohim's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of Elohim,” Jn.

8:38-47.

The condemnation of the Pharisees was that even though they looked like they were commandment keepers, they weren't keeping them through the Spirit of grace given through Yahshua the Messiah. They were going about seeking to establish their own righteousness, which is only filthy rags to Yahweh (Isa. 64:6).

What about those in today's world? John writes, “Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of Elohim abideth for ever,” 1 Jn. 2:15-17.

For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against Yahweh: for it

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is not subject to the law of Yahweh, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please Yahweh. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of Yahweh dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of the Messiah, he is none of his,” Ro. 8:5-9.

The world has a tendency to call its form of love romance and we hear about certain things that are romantic. But take a look that the first five letters in these words: **romance, roman-**tic. The book of Daniel reveals that the fourth kingdom of chapter two and the fourth beast of chapter seven is Rome. The Latin word for love is **amor**. **Amor** spelled backwards is

**Roma**, the Latin name for the city of Rome.

The love of Yahweh is not in Rome, neither is it in romance or things that are called romantic. That is the spirit and love of the world, not the love of Yahweh.

**THE SPIRIT OF LOVE**

If we are going to be able to have and exercise the love of Yahweh, then we need His spirit. Paul writes that the very firstfruit of the Spirit is love, “But the fruit of the Spirit is love....,” Gal. 5:22.

Yahshua said, “A new commandment I give unto you, That ye **love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another**. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another,” Jn. 13:34-35.

Yahshua came to serve and not be served. He came to give of Himself, to do the Father's will, obey the word, and sacrifice Himself for the sins of the world. It is incumbent upon His followers, His disciples to be willing to give of themselves for the good not only of the brethren, but for the world also, even though we are not to love the world. We are to love the world with the love of the Father and the Son, not with the love that the world has for itself.

Paul exhorts, “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of Yahweh, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto Yahweh, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of Yahweh. For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as Yahweh hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. For as we have many members in one body, and all members have

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# WHAT SHOULD WE DO ABOUT THE TEACHING OF LEGALISM IN THE BODY OF THE MESSIAH?

For Average Joes From an Average Joe

There is a major concern today within the Body of Messiah over those who boldly teach that the Law (Torah) and the Feast Days of our Creator continue to be in full effect and ARE to be kept. Many believe that these brethren are walking in error as they blindly lead Messiah's sheep astray with their Judaizing, legalistic teaching by promoting that obedience to the commands of our Creator IS a necessary PART of our salvation. Something must be done about this. We must isolate and confront the very ring leader, and originator of this outlandish "cult".

I would like to suggest a plan of action which I believe should be carried out without hesitation for the good and best interest of us all. I have illustrated my program below. But... please keep in mind, as you read my "fictional" illustration that THIS IS indeed what we WOULD BE SAYING and WOULD BE DOING to the person responsible for this teaching we believe to be "heresy", and who is tragically and wickedly DECEIVING our brethren.

**First:** Imagine and visualize with your heart and mind that you yourself are addressing and facing down this awful fellow. Feel the words coursing through your veins. Feel the emotion pouring into the words as you prepare to say them. Gear yourself up to let this man have it with both barrels—"fix his wagon."

**Next:** We must track down this "low-life" who has set into motion all this legalistic Law (Torah) keeping, and teaching about obedience to our Creator being a necessary PART of salvation. We must set him straight and correct him publicly as an example for

the world to see what is the end result of such silliness—an absurd man who foolishly believes that obedience is required in order to be pleasing to our Heavenly Father and blatantly and boldly encourages others to live their lives after the same manner of erroneous reasoning.

**Wagon Fixing Time:** I say we take this issue before the world for all to see. Then, challenge him to his face...Eye to eye, "What has being obedient brought you? Do you actually believe that obedience is more pleasing to our Creator than allowing him to forgive us our sins and pour his limitless, undeserved, mercy (grace) upon us! You are destroying the world with your Legalism. You are condemning people to destruction by teaching them to obey our Creator

## Who Is The "Ring- Leader," The Originator Of Legal- ism?

when in reality He is pleased with us...Because of his limitless, undeserved, mercy (grace). He is pleased whether we obey or disobey. So you want to be obedient? Good! Be obedient!!! Stand here like a man and prophesy to us as we all take turns slapping you and spitting in your face!!! Don't make a sound, not even a whimper as we nail you to this tree, you Legalistic do-gooder!!! Let's see if your Creator saves you now for all your obedience!"

## Who Is The "Ring-Leader," The Originator Of Legalism? OUR MESSIAH!

The Messiah **Yahshua** kept His Fa-

ther's Torah PERFECTLY without error and without fault. He did not add men's commandments to it; and He did not take away from it.

Was He a fanatic? Looks like it! He seemed to have it in His overly zealous mind that IF He did not keep His Father's Torah perfectly and obey His Father to his last breath, then ALL OF OUR LIVES would be eternally lost.

IF Messiah (**Yahshua**) did not keep the Law (Torah) PERFECTLY, then He WAS NOT the perfect sacrifice for our sins; and we REMAIN in our sins--without hope.

He has given us specific instructions—"Keep My Commandments"..."AS I HAVE KEPT MY FATHER'S COMMANDMENTS!"

Joh 14:15 KJVR--If ye love me, keep my commandments.

Joh 15:10 KJVR--If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

Messiah **Yahshua** and the Father, **Yahweh**, (pronounced—**Ya-way**) are ONE. Their commandments ARE ONE AND THE SAME.

Deu 6:4--"Hear, O Yisra'el: יהוה (Yahweh) our Elohim (**Mighty One**), יהוה (Yahweh) is one!

Joh 17:22--"And the esteem which You gave Me I have given them, so that they might be one as We are one,

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**Joh 17:11**--“And I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Set-apart Father, guard them in Your Name which You have given Me, so that they might be one, as We are.

The Apostle John says that he who claims to belong to Messiah **SHOULD HIMSELF WALK** as Messiah walked!

**1Jn 2:6**-- The one who says he stays in Him ought himself also to walk, even as He walked.

Paul said, “imitate me as **I IMITATE MESSIAH**”!

**1Co 4:16-17**-- Therefore I appeal to you, to **BECOME IMITATORS of ME.** For this reason I have sent Timothy to you, who is my beloved and trustworthy son in the Master, who shall remind you of my ways in Messiah, as I teach everywhere in every assembly. BECOME IMITATORS OF ME, AS I ALSO AM OF MESSIAH.

I firmly believe we should all consider participating in a practical experiment in proper application of the law. Let's test our “church” thinking...Literally put it to the test...

I propose we rob a bank and then let's see if we will be saved by the mercy of the court. It's possible...Maybe once...Perhaps twice...But if so, how many times can we do this before the court runs out of mercy? Has our disobedience inspired the court to pour out limitless, undeserved mercy (grace) upon us? I wouldn't bet on it.

Okay! Now, let's stand our ground and declare to the world our right to pick and choose the laws we will obey as well as our right to pick and choose the laws which we refuse to obey, and trust in the court and it's mercy (grace) to make up for our lack of obedience to the Law. Let's give that a shot! We'll all get together and talk about it in twenty years when we get out of

prison. Now apply this reasoning to obedience **TO** Spiritual Law (Torah).

Please consider something for a moment...How many people do you know who have been imprisoned, or executed for **OVER-OBEYING THE LAW?**

Perhaps we should all see the grace of the law at work when it **IS NOT** met with a heart-felt love and desire **FOR** the law and an equal love and desire to **OBEY** and keep the law...Go to a real prison and **SEE WITH OUR OWN EYES** the grace those folks have found. Maybe, watch an execution and see how often the guilty party is spared.

**An Average Joe's Conclusion...**If things do not operate in this manner in the physical world, **WHY WOULD** things operate any differently in the Spiritual world?

**An Average Joe's Observation...**There is not to be found in Scripture a single time or a place where Messiah **Yahshua EVER** once spoke against

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or criticized **ANY MAN** for being **TOO** obedient to His Father's Torah—for being Legalistic in his observance of the Law (Torah)...Rather...He criticized those who were “teaching for doctrines the commandments of men”.

The words "Legalism", "Legalist", or "Legalistic" are not to be found in Scripture...No matter the translation. So where could they have originated? Let's try the author of confusion...Our adversary and ever-determined enemy, satan.

For any of us to believe that we could

possibly enter the Kingdom of **Yahweh** based upon our own righteousness and ability to keep the Law (Torah) would be suicide--even the best of us has "jay-walked" in this world...Has "jay-walked" spiritually--thus making each of us guilty in the eyes of the Law (Torah) as—**LAW (TORAH) BREAKERS.** That would not be Legalism, it would blindness!

There is not in existence a football player that has not fouled up a play, fumbled the ball, or caused the loss of a game. They each need forgiveness from their coaches and teammates and do not try to pretend as though they are faultless and have never messed up. **BUT...**even though they make mistakes, they do not stop trying to achieve perfection, but instead constantly strive to increase their performance and abilities. They eat, sleep, and breathe **FOOTBALL** and love the game so intensely that they dedicate their "all" **FANATICALLY** to make the game of football their life and their hope!!! In order to do this, they must wholeheartedly give their best. What determines their best? The rules...The rules of the game must be obeyed. If any player performs poorly or doesn't obey the rules, his team will suffer for it; and he himself may be denied the privilege of playing in the game. He could be suspended...worse—kicked off the team!

**NO ONE CALLS A FOOTBALL  
PLAYER TRYING TO GET TO  
THE SUPERBOWL  
A LEGALIST!**

Think for a moment...When have you ever heard a commentator say, “Well, ‘ole so and so’ is a pretty good running back, but he'll never make it to the Super Bowl. He's simply too Legalistic about playing football...The guy's...Too intense...Loves the game too much...Gives his ‘all’...Practices too much...Wants to win too much... All he thinks about is football.” To the best of my knowledge, this has never happened in the history of the game!

Those who so boldly attack their brothers and sisters in Messiah, for desiring to walk obediently in the Torah of **Yahweh** and keep His Feasts, with accusations of "Legalism" are aligning themselves against the teaching of Messiah **Yahshua**. Out of good and well meaning hearts they are unintentionally assisting in the spreading and teaching a lie. Consider this...

### How can it be wrong to walk as Messiah walked?

So, what is the real issue? I believe the real issue is...Many of us--many within the "church"--have been deceived into believing that "jesus" was some kind of a rebel--a "revolutionist"--who **DID NOT** keep his father's Law (Torah), but instead, did away with it. If that were true, then **THAT** particular Messiah or "jesus"--the "law-ending" one--**WOULD BE AN IMPERFECT** sacrifice for **SIN**. Those trusting in **THAT IMPERFECT SACRIFICE**--a "law-ending", "law-less" sacrifice--for their salvation could be in great danger of discovering, to their dismay, that they have been deceived on that "Great Day of **Yahweh**".

**Mat 7:21-23**--"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Master, Master,' shall enter into the reign of the heavens, **but he who is doing the desire (will) of My Father** in the heavens. 'Many shall say to Me in that day, 'Master, Master, have we not prophesied in Your Name, and cast out demons in Your Name, and done many mighty works in Your Name?' **'And then I shall declare to them, 'I never knew you, depart from Me, you who work lawlessness!'**"

The teaching of a "Law-ending" (Torah-ending) rebel messiah or "jesus" is without doubt the teaching of **THE SPIRIT OF "ANTI-MESSIAH"**. **ANTI-** means against! Opposed to! Opposite of! What can we conclude from this? Simple... Whatever the true Messiah teaches--such as "obey my commandments as I have kept my Father's command-

ments"--this false messiah will refute and teach **EXACTLY THE OPPOSITE**.

There **IS** "another" messiah who will come and whose teachings will be taught and accepted, as prophesied by **Yahshua** Messiah and the Apostle Paul (Shaul)...

**Joh 5:43**--"I have come in My Father's Name and you do not receive Me, **if another comes in his own name, him you would receive.**"

**2Co 11:4**--For, indeed, if he who is coming proclaims **another (Yahshua)** **יהושע whom we have not proclaimed**, or **if you receive a different spirit** which you have not received, **or a different Good News** which you have not accepted, **you put up with it well enough!**

Whose name did the "Law-ending" (Torah-ending) "jesus" come in? The true, perfect sacrifice for sin, Messiah **Yahshua**, came in His Father's Name--the Name of **Yah-**

### ***I am blessed with a mental disorder.***

**weh**--to do His Father's Desire and His Father's Will. The Name of the Father is contained within the Name of the Son. **Yahshua** means..."**Yah**...Will... Save...His...People"...

**Joh 4:34**-- **יהושע (Yahshua)** said to them, "**My food is to do the desire (will) of Him who sent Me**, and to accomplish His work.

On that "Great Day" of His return, Messiah **Yahshua** will be coming once again in His Father's Name... The children of Yisra'el will once again shout the words...

**Mat 21:9**--And the crowds who went

before and those who followed cried out, saying, "Hoshia-na to the Son of Dawid! **Blessed is He who is coming in the Name of (Yahweh)** **יהוה!** Hoshia-na in the highest!"

So my friends, I must share with you that I am a Legalist and follower of **Yahshua** Messiah. My sins and my weaknesses are uncountable. My ability to keep **Yahweh's** Torah and Feasts perfectly and without spot or sin is **NON-EXISTENT**. In an Average Joe's words--I seek a goal which I will never reach or fully achieve in this life. But...**IT IS** a goal worth striving for! **IT IS** a prize worth winning! My overwhelming desire and goal is to please my Master--my Messiah!

### **Yahshua HaMashiach!**

I have been blessed in a fashion in which most men are never blessed in all their days. Some are blessed with fame while others are blessed with riches. Some are blessed with strength while others are blessed with great wisdom or intelligence. As for me, I have been blessed with weakness. **IT IS MY WEAKNESS** that has guided my path to the feet and the mercy and the blood of Messiah **Yahshua**. **IT IS MY WEAKNESS** that reminds me of my constant and ever present need for the forgiveness and guiding hand of Messiah **Yahshua** in my life.

I am blessed with a mental disorder. Unless **Yahweh** chooses to remove it from me, I will have this condition for the rest of my days upon this earth.

By the world's standards, I am somewhat of a mental cripple...Something less than normal.

But...By Messiah's standards I **AM BLESSED**. I am blessed in that **Yahweh** has chosen to bestow His mercy upon me and allow me to see the simple truth of his word--**OBEDIENCE**

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# WHAT IS TRUTH?

By Brick Parrish

**Joh 4:24** Elohim is Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

What does it mean to worship Elohim in truth? What is truth? Pilate asked this question when Yahshua was brought to him for judgment.

**Joh 18:37** Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Yahshua answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.

**Joh 18:38** Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find in him no fault at all.

Do we know what is truth? Yahshua said he was the way, the truth and the life; no man comes unto the Father, but by him. So, what does he mean he is the truth? Yahshua answers that question as he was praying to the Father.

**Joh 17:17** Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

We are also told that Yahshua is the word of Yahweh and was made flesh and dwelt among man. (John 1:1-14)

**Psa 119:142** Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy Torah is the truth.

**Psa 119:151** Thou art near, O

Yahweh; and all thy commandments are truth.

So, now if we combine all these meanings given in scripture, we can conclude that Yahshua is the living Torah. He is the embodiment of the Word of Yahweh, the Torah, or the instructions of how to live a life pleasing to Yahweh.

How can one please the Father if he ignores His instructions (Torah)? Most protestant denominations claim the Torah no longer applies to them, that they are not under the law, but under grace. In other words, they believe they have freedom from the Torah or “Law” as it is translated in most bibles. I have heard them say they are no longer in bondage to the law (Torah). But, in reality, it is the Torah that brings us freedom because it tells

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us what sin is. John tells us the very definition of sin is the transgression of the law (Torah). (1John 3:4)

**1Jo 2:3** And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.

**1Jo 2:4** He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

Where do we find the commandments of Yahshua? They are the same as the Father and they are found in the law (Torah).

**2Ti 2:15** Study to shew thyself approved unto Elohim, a

workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Paul tells us in his letter to Timothy how we may please Yahweh. We are to study and rightly divide the word of truth, the Torah. The only scriptures in existence at the time Timothy wrote this, was the Torah. The “New Testament” letters had not yet been compiled. He also tells us that in the last days, men will be ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. (2 Tim. 3:1-7).

How could this happen? Paul gives us the answer in 2 Thess. 2:7-12.

**2Th 2:7** For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

**2Th 2:8** And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom Yahshua shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

**2Th 2:9** Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

**2Th 2:10** And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

**2Th 2:11** And for this cause Elohim shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

**2Th 2:12** That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in un-

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# FACTS ABOUT THE TRUTH

By Jerry Healan

Yahshua told the disciples that He is the truth, “Yahshua saith unto him, I am the way, **the truth**, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me,” Jn. 14:6.

Furthermore, no man can go to the father except through Him, the truth. The Father will not accept us in anything less than the truth.

The Hebrew word for truth is *emet* (אמת). Interestingly, it begins with the very first letter of the Hebrew alphabet, aleph (א) and ends with the last letter of the Hebrew alphabet, tau (ט).

When we look at this Hebrew representation, we can begin to understand that Yahshua is the beginning and ending, the first and the last as stated in the book of Revelation, “And he said unto me, It is done. I am Aleph and Tau, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely,” 21:6.

While the Greek scriptures say Alpha and Omega, the fact of the matter is that John was a Hebrew and Yahshua was speaking to him from heaven and would have been speaking in the heavenly language, which is Hebrew. (Remember that He spoke to Paul in the Hebrew language.)

Let’s take a close-up view of what Yahshua has said here. He is the Aleph. The Aleph indicates the beginning. He is the Tau. The Tau indicates the ending, the completion of all things.

The Aleph, in pictorial Hebrew looks like this א, while the Tau looks like this ט. The Aleph is

depicted as the head of an ox, an acceptable sacrificial animal, while the tau is depicted as a cross. It was Yahshua’s acceptable sacrifice on the cross that made it possible for us to receive the Holy Spirit. Amazingly, the Mem (מ), the middle letter of the Hebrew word for truth, is a picture of water. Yahshua declared that the Holy Spirit is rivers of living water in Jn. 7:37-39, which was made available to His disciples and all who believe on Him, on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2).

Our article in the last magazine entitled *The True Testimony*, revealed the most prized sacrifice of Yahshua as depicted by the tabernacle of old made by Moses in the wilderness. The very first thing that one would come to is the gate or door to the tabernacle and the altar of sacrifice. Thus,

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the Aleph (א) would be placed on the altar. The next thing one had to approach before entering the sanctuary or tent was the laver of water. This represents the Mem (מ), the giving of the Spirit. The final letter Tau (ט) would be placed on the ark of the covenant, the throne where Yahweh sits. This is the only way one can approach the throne of grace and mercy, that is, through Yahshua Who is the truth (אמת). (Remember that Hebrew reads from right to left.)

## DISTORTIONS

Lies can have some elements of truth with them, but they either combine truth and lies in order

to corrupt the truth, or completely surround the inner core of truth with falsehoods and lies so that the truth becomes perverted.

Yahshua is the truth. He is the Savior and Redeemer. But the world, under Satan’s influence, has greatly distorted the truths about Him. His true name is taken away and replaced with a false pagan name.

The truth about His birth is taken away and he is given a false pagan winter solstice birth of the pagan sun gods, with a riotous celebration.

He personally said that He didn’t come to do away with the law and prophets, but rather to fulfill them. (Mt. 5:17-20) Yet, the greatest preponderance of His so-called followers proclaim that He did away with the law.

The Prophet Zechariah was shown an amazing prophecy, “And he shewed me Yahshua the high priest standing before the angel of Yahweh, and Satan standing at his right hand to **resist** him,” Zech. 3:1.

**COMMENT:** The Hebrew word for resist is “satan” (שטן). It is the exact same word for the name Satan! Remember that this is a prophecy! Yahshua is the heavenly High Priest after the order of Melchizedek. Satan is resisting Him! As we continue through these Scriptures, we will find out how.

“And Yahweh said unto Satan, Yahweh rebuke thee, O Satan; even Yahweh that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not

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this a brand plucked out of the fire? Now Yahshua was clothed with **filthy** garments, and stood before the angel," Zech. 3:2-3.

**COMMENT:** The Hebrew word for "filthy" is *tsowim* (צוֹמִי). *Tsowim* is defined as; soiled (as if **excrementitious**). Excrement, of course, is dung! Here is Yahweh's condemnation concerning the Levites and Judah, "And now, O ye priests, this commandment is for you. If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith Yahweh of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yea, I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay it to heart. Behold, I will corrupt your seed, and **spread dung upon your faces**, even the dung of your solemn feasts; and one shall take you away with it. And ye shall know that I have sent this commandment unto you, that my covenant might be with Levi, saith Yahweh of hosts. My covenant was with him of life and peace; and I gave them to him for the fear wherewith he feared me, and was afraid before my name. The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips: he walked with me in peace and equity, and did turn many away from iniquity. For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of Yahweh of hosts. **But ye are departed out of the way; ye have caused many to stumble at the law; ye have corrupted the covenant of Levi**, saith Yahweh of hosts. Therefore have I also made you contemptible and base before all the people, according as ye have not kept my ways, but have been partial in the law. Have we not all one father? hath

not one Elohim created us? why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers? **Judah hath dealt treacherously, and an abomination is committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah hath profaned the holiness of Yahweh which he loved, and hath married the daughter of a strange god.**" Mal. 1:1-11.

To turn away from Yahweh is, of course, to practice idolatry. Idolatry is nothing more than dung to Yahweh. Thus, when one practices idolatry it would be the same as going to the bathroom to defecate, and then once finished, to take the feces and to wipe it all over one's face and clothing!

GROSS!!!! You might say. How can you say things like that? I only said it because that is what the Scriptures are saying. The world's ministries are taking Yahshua's purity away from Him by worshipping Him through

### ***To turn away from Yahweh is, of course, to practice idolatry.***

filthy idolatrous practices. Satan is resisting Him, or satanizing Him by deceiving the ecclesiastical leaders into leading their people into false pagan, idolatrous practices.

"And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment. And I said, Let them set a fair mitre upon his head. So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of

Yahweh stood by. And the angel of Yahweh protested unto Yahshua, saying, Thus saith Yahweh of hosts; If thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my charge, then thou shalt also judge my house, and shalt also keep my courts, and I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by. Hear now, O Yahshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they are men **wondered** at: for, behold, I will bring forth my servant the **BRANCH**," Zech. 3:4-8.

**COMMENT:** Here He says that He will bring forth His servant the **BRANCH**. This is a prophecy of Yahshua the Messiah. All of the men who went before Him, exhibiting some type of His nature, were men of signs. For example, Adam was a type of Yahshua. So was Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Aaron, Yahshua ben Nun, King David, Solomon, EliYah the prophet, Elisha the prophet, etc., etc.

"For behold **the stone** that I have laid before Joshua; upon one stone shall be **seven eyes**: behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, saith Yahweh of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day," Zech. 3:9.

**COMMENT:** The stone that Moses smote to bring forth water was a type of Yahshua. The stone that smites the idolatrous image on its feet in the book of Daniel is a type of Yahshua. The stone upon which the men of Bethshemesh placed the ark of the covenant when the Philistines returned it to Israel was a type of Yahshua. This stone that has seven eyes is a type of Yahshua. In the book of Revelation we see that He is a Lamb which had been slain having seven horns



and seven eyes. (Rev. 5:5-6)

Michael Monk, in his book *The Wisdom in the Hebrew Alphabet*, says this, “Maharal compares אמת (*emet*, truth) to the life-sustaining sun, which illuminates the world and cannot deviate one iota from its defined orbit. So is אמת precisely bound; if one deviates from it only slightly, he slips into the tangent of שקר (*falsehood*).

“Likewise, there is no such thing as a little falsehood: even a trifle of it turns truth into a lie. Truth is eternal, but when even the smallest numerical unit of אמת, namely the א (*aleph*), is omitted, what remains is מות, death (*Maharal*).” (p. 215)

Do you get that? The Hebrew alphabet is not only letters, but the letters also are hieroglyphics and numbers. In the Hebrew word for truth (אמת), the tau (ת) carries the numerical value of 400, the mem (מ) carries the numerical value of 40, and the aleph (א) carries the numerical value of 1.

Distort the truth only slightly. Remove the smallest element from (the aleph א) truth and the result is death!

## STABILITY

Truth is stable while lies and falsehoods are not. Yahweh is truth. His word is truth. Yahshua is the truth. He is the Word of Yahweh and no lie is in Him. As stated above, truth is eternal, but lies only endure for a little while.

Truth stands firm while lies do not. Let's take a look at the Hebrew words for truth and falsehood and see what we can deduct.

Truth is אמת. Look at the letters

themselves. Each letter stands on two feet. But look at falsehood שקר (*sheqer*). The first letter of the word, the shin (ש) appears to be stable, but the last two letters only have one leg to stand on and will eventually topple.

This is the picture that falsehood portrays. At first, it looks like the right thing to do. Tell a little white lie and everything seems to be okay and rosy. But, as the old saying goes, tell one lie, tell one falsehood, and then you have to tell another, and another, and another.

The first lie recorded in the Scriptures led to death, our foreparents, your death and mine. Satan is a murderer from the beginning (*Bereyshiyyth*/Genesis as is recorded therein) because he is a liar and the father of lies (Jn. 8:44).

That's why our world is unstable, because it is filled with lies, deceit, falsehoods, murder, hy-

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pocrisy, etc.

Sadly, no man, church, assembly, etc., has all of the truth. As Paul writes, “...let Yahweh be true, **but every man a liar**; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged,” Ro. 3:4.

David also declared, “I said in my haste, All men are liars. What shall I render unto Yaweh for all his benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name Yahweh,” 116:11-13.

We must love the truth, which

is Yahshua, the Word of Yahweh, which is Yahshua, the Torah, which is Yahshua. The truth is that Yahshua must become all things to us.

## YAHSHUA—THE TRUTH

Yahshua is the truth (Jn. 14:6). The only way into the very throne room of Yahweh Elohim is through TRUTH, which is Yahshua, Who is the WAY (Jn. 14:6).

Truth is eternal. Yahshua is TRUTH. Therefore, Yahshua is eternal. Truth never changes. Yahshua doesn't change, “Yahshua the Messiah the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever,” Heb. 13:8.

Yahweh never changes, “And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against **false swearers**, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith Yahweh of hosts. For **I am Yahweh, I change not**; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed,” Mal. 3:5-6.

It is decreed, “I am Aleph and Tau, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. **For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie,”** Rev. 22:13-15.

Truth lives, lies die. Learn to love, walk in, and adhere to the truth, that is....Yahshua the Messiah, and live.

# A MOST DEADLY SIN

*There is a sin that is desperately dangerous and evil. This sin is extant in all religions. It exists in Sabbath and Holy Day observers. It also exists in many people who have embraced the Holy Names. It is a sin that, if not repented of, will lead one directly into the lake of fire. It is a sin that is not easily recognized by the ones afflicted with it. Are you afflicted with it? You may not know unless you read this treatise.*

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Job was afflicted with this sin and did not recognize it until drastic steps were taken in his life to bring it to his awareness. Job lived in the land of Uz. He was a perfect and upright man, one that feared Elohim and eschewed evil (Job 1:1). He was so careful, in fact, that when his own children would celebrate their day of birth, he would offer sacrifices on their behalf fearing that they may have cursed Yahweh in their heart (v. 5).

One day the sons of Elohim came to present themselves before Yahweh and Satan came among them also (v. 6). The interesting thing is that Yahweh specifically pointed Job out to Satan saying, "Hast thou considered My servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth Elohim, and escheweth evil?" Job 1:8.

Satan responded, "Doth Job fear Elohim for nought? Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? Thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land. But put forth Thine hand now and touch all that he hath, and He will curse Thee to Thy face," vv. 9-11.

Yahweh responded to Satan's challenge and put all that Job had into his hand. Of course, Satan was quick to take action and render Job possessionless as well as childless.

When Job heard of all his losses, which were reported to him in one day, he "arose, rent his mantle, shaved his head, fell down upon the ground, and worshipped. And said, 'Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: Yahweh gave, and Yahweh hath taken away; blessed be the name of Yahweh.' In all this Job sinned not, nor charged Elohim foolishly," vv. 20-22.

Another day the sons appeared before

Elohim and Satan came among them (Job 2:1). Again Yahweh specifically pointed Job out to Satan saying, "Hast thou considered My servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth Elohim, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst Me against him, to destroy him without cause," v. 3.

Satan issued another challenge to Yahweh, "Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life. But put forth Thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse Thee to Thy face," vv. 4-5.

Again Yahweh put Job into Satan's hand saying, "Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life," v. 6.

Satan went out and smote Job with the most intense pain and suffering

## ***Why did Yahweh specifically point Job out to Satan?***

imaginable. When Job's three friends Eliphaz, Bildad and Zophar came to comfort him for his grief, suffering and losses, they could only sit in stunned silence for 7 days (vv. 7-13).

The question is; Why did Yahweh specifically point Job out to Satan? Was there a problem that Yahweh saw with Job that certainly was not obvious to Job? Nor was it specifically obvious to anyone else at that time, including Satan.

After seven days Job and his three friends began a dialogue that ended up being an argument wherein his friends accused him of some kind of sin while Job continued to maintain his integrity. After an extensive exchange of words back and forth Job's problem began to surface, "So these three men ceased to answer Job, because **he was righteous**

**in his own eyes,**" Job 32:1

## **LESSON #1**

There was a specific proclivity that Job had exhibited in his dissertation with his three friends which had to be pointed out by a younger man named Elihu. Notice Job 32:2, "Then was kindled the wrath of Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the kindred of Ram: against Job was his wrath kindled, because **he justified himself rather than Elohim.**"

Job was self righteous. In his self righteousness he elevated himself above Elohim. Notice further the words of Elihu, "Surely thou hast spoken in mine hearing, and I have heard the voice of *thy* words, *saying*, 'I am clean without transgression, I *am* innocent; neither *is there* iniquity in me. Behold, He findeth occasions against me, He counteth me for his enemy, He putteth my feet in the stocks, He marketh all my paths. Behold, *in* this thou art not just: I will answer thee, that Elohim is greater than man...For **Job hath said, 'I am righteous: and Elohim hath taken away my judgment.** Should I lie against my right? my wound *is* incurable without transgression?...My desire *is that* Job may be tried unto the end because of *his* answers for wicked men. For he addeth rebellion unto his sin, he clappeth *his hands* among us, and **multiplieth his words against Elohim**...Elihu spake moreover, and said, 'Thinkest thou this to be right, *that* thou saidst, **My righteousness is more than Elohim's?**'" Job 33:8-12, 34:5-6, 36-37, 35:1-2.

The first lesson we learn about the self righteous is that they become so self important that they can exalt themselves to a status greater than Elohim, greater than Yahweh.

Self righteousness is a sin of pride. It was probably the sin that caused Satan to fall, "How art thou fallen from

heaven, O Lucifer (Heb. = Haylel), son of the morning! *how* art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, '**I will ascend** into heaven, **I will exalt** my throne above the stars of Elohim: **I will sit** also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: **I will ascend above** the heights of the clouds; **I will be like the most High**,'" Isa. 14:12-14. Notice the desire to exalt the self.

Job was afflicted with this problem of self righteousness. Yahweh recognized it and look at the SEVERE trials Job had to endure in order to bring it to his attention. Yahweh actually put Job into Satan's hand for a season in order to purge this problem from him.

The Apostle Paul also followed this example of delivering others into Satan's hand in order to learn vital lessons, "Of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme," 1 Tim. 1:20.

In another instance, he commanded the assembly to deliver a man who was involved in the act of fornication with his own father's wife to Satan for the destruction of the flesh (1 Cor. 5:1-5).

These actions may sound severe, but if they achieve the desired results, as in Job's case, it is well worth it. The SEVERE trials with desired results are much better than the MORE SEVERE punishment of unrepentant actions.

## LESSON #2

The second lesson that we learn concerning self righteousness is that it causes one to exalt themselves above others. Of Course, if it can cause one to exalt himself above Elohim, it would be no great feat to exalt one's self above other men.

We have a good example of this in Lk. 18:9-14, "And He spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and **despised others**: 'Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'Elohim I thank thee, that I am not as other men *are*, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess.'

And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as *his* eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, 'Elohim be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified *rather* than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.'"

Notice that the Pharisee was comparing himself with the Publican. The Apostle Paul warned about comparing ourselves with others, "Do ye look on things after the outward appearance? If any man trust to himself that he is Messiah's, let him of himself think this again, that, as he *is* Messiah's, even so *are* we Messiah's. For though I should boast somewhat more of our authority, which Yahweh hath given us for edification, and not for your destruction, I should not be ashamed: That I may not seem as if I would terrify you by letters. For *his* letters, say they, *are* weighty and powerful; but *his* bodily presence *is* weak, and *his* speech contemptible. Let such an one think this, that, such as we are in word by letters when we are absent, such *will we be* also in deed when we are present. **For we dare not** make ourselves of the number, or **compare ourselves with**

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**some that commend themselves:** but they measuring themselves by themselves, and **comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise**," 2 Cor. 10:7-12.

When we begin to compare ourselves with others we can develop a dangerous attitude of feeling that we are okay while others are condemned. These feelings can impart a false sense of security, but also self righteous indignation. There is no humility in self righteousness.

Paul urged us to be of a lowly mind, "*Let nothing be done* through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves," Phil. 2:3.

He urged us to have the mind of Yahshua, "Let this mind be in you,

which was also in Messiah Yahshua: Who, being in the form of Elohim, thought it not robbery to be equal with Elohim: But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the tree," Phil. 2:5-8.

Herein is revealed the GLORY of Yahshua. He had existed in the form of Elohim before His birth in the flesh. Yet, He did not desperately cling to that position, but willingly emptied Himself of the honor, power, glory and prestige that He had for the good of others who were far, far, far less in glory and honor. He humbled Himself, even suffering shameful things for the good of others. Herein is TRUE HUMILITY.

Yahshua said, "Blessed *are* the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven," Mt. 5:3. One who is poor in spirit does not compare himself with others. One who is poor in spirit does not exalt himself above others. One who is poor in spirit does not think highly of himself, but esteems others better than himself.

There have been many who have come out of Churchianity into the knowledge of the Holy Names, who, at some point in their walk, determine that the New Testament is bogus. That Yahshua never existed, or only existed as a deceiver and turn to the Old Testament seeking to fulfill it under their own strength and power. They begin to seek to establish their own righteous in Yahweh apart from and separate from Yahshua. This is a CARDINAL ERROR indeed!

The Prophet Isaiah was inspired to write, "Thou meetest him that rejoiceth and worketh righteousness, *those that* remember Thee in Thy ways: behold, Thou art wroth; for we have sinned: in those is continuance, and we shall be saved. But **we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags**; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away," Isa. 64:5-7.

This is the lesson that Job learned. Look at his statement in Job 42:1-6, "Then Job answered Yahweh, and said, 'I know that Thou canst do every *thing*, and *that* no thought can be withholden



from Thee. Who *is* he that hideth counsel without knowledge? therefore have I uttered that I understood not; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not. Hear, I beseech Thee, and I will speak: I will demand of Thee, and declare Thou unto me. I have heard of Thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth Thee. **Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.**”

Job got the point. He learned the vital lesson and responded in humility. He no longer was willing to exalt the self in his own righteousness.

There is also an interesting lesson of humility recorded in the New Testament. Yahshua said, “Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you,” Mt. 7:6. Now let’s notice the incident with the woman of Canaan, “Then Yahshua went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon. And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto Him, saying, ‘Have mercy on me, O Master, *thou* Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.’ But He answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought Him, saying, ‘Send her away; for she crieth after us.’ But He answered and said, ‘I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.’ Then came she and worshipped Him, saying, ‘Master, help me.’ But He answered and said, ‘It is not meet to take the children’s bread, and to cast *it* to dogs,’” Mt. 15:21-26.

The Gentiles were considered by the Jews to be dogs. Even today, one will occasionally hear the Jews refer to the Palestinian Arabs as dogs. Yahshua was holding true to His word. He would not cast the children’s bread to the dogs. However, the woman came back with a surprising reply, “And she said, ‘Truth, Master: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters’ table,’” v.27.

The point is that this woman was very humble indeed. How many people would have flown off the handle at being called a dog? Most people, because of their ego, would have rebuked the Savior, but the woman of Canaan took it all in stride. She wasn’t

seeking any of that which belonged to the children of Israel. She only desired the scraps that fell from the table.

“Then Yahshua answered and said unto her, ‘O woman, great *is* thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt.’ And her daughter was made whole from that very hour,” v. 28. Her humility was rewarded according to her desire. She didn’t seek to exalt herself above others nor did she exhibit self righteousness.

### LESSON #3

The third lesson concerning self righteousness is found in Mt. 9:10-13, “And it came to pass, as Yahshua sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples. And when the Pharisees saw *it*, they said unto His disciples, ‘Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners?’ But when Yahshua heard *that*, He said unto them, ‘They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. But go ye and learn what *that* meaneth, **I will have mercy, and not sacrifice**: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.’”

The self righteous are unmerciful. There is a man in prison who was

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incarcerated for the horrible crime and sin of murder. However, this man has repented of the terrible sins that he committed. A Sacred Name group informed him that, regardless of the circumstances, his blood should be shed in accordance with Num. 35:30-34 which says, “**Whoso killeth any person, the murderer shall be put to death** by the mouth of witnesses: but one witness shall not testify against any person *to cause him* to die. Moreover **ye shall take no satisfaction for the life of a murderer, which is guilty of death: but he shall be surely put to death**. And ye shall take no satisfaction for him that is fled to the city of his refuge, that he should come again to dwell in the land, until the death of the

priest. So ye shall not pollute the land wherein ye *are*: **for blood it defileth the land: and the land cannot be cleansed of the blood that is shed therein, but by the blood of him that shed it**. Defile not therefore the land which ye shall inhabit, wherein I dwell: for I Yahweh dwell among the children of Israel.”

One wonders how this group would judge King David. After all, David committed adultery with another man’s wife, a sin that brings the death penalty. He then tried to cover up the sin by bringing her husband from the heat of the battle, hoping he would have relations with his wife and could then be told that the child was his. The man, Uriah the Hittite, refused to enjoy the fruits of marriage with his wife as long as his companions, his fellow soldiers, who were fighting on behalf of King David, were under the duress of battle.

When these efforts failed, David sent the man back to the battle front carrying a message for his general Joab to confront the enemy and draw back leaving Uriah, his own faithful servant, unprotected so that he might be slain. David, in effect, not only committed adultery, but murder. (2 Sam. 11)

When David’s sin was pointed out to him by Yahweh’s prophet, he repented deeply in bitterness. Yahweh forgave him, but the experience was so humbling to David that Psalms 51 is a result.

Here is the problem, “For the **wages** of sin is **death**,” Ro. 6:23. “For **ALL have sinned** and come short of the glory of Elohim,” Ro. 3:23. Have the brethren of said group forgotten that it was their sins that required the life of the Savior Yahshua? Yahshua was taken and murdered unjustly, therefore, we all have the blood of the Savior on our hands.

If our judgment is that a REPENTANT brother must still suffer for the crime that he committed, then would Yahweh be justified to apply Num. 35:30-34 against us? Remember, with what judgment you judge, you shall be judged (Mt. 7:2).

It is true that the UNREPENTANT will suffer the judgment of damnation, however, the REPENTANT will suffer the judgment of grace and mercy, “Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in

Messiah Yahshua: Whom Yahweh hath set forth *to be* a propitiation through faith in His blood, to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of Yahweh; To declare, *I say*, at this time His righteousness: that He might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Yahshua,” Ro. 3:24-26.

But the self righteous, who are falsely trusting in their own righteousness, are quick to judge according to the law apart from mercy and faith. The self righteous are unmerciful.

#### LESSON #4

The self righteous are blind, “Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier *matters* of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone. **Ye blind guides**, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess. **Thou blind Pharisee**, cleanse first that *which is* within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead *men's* bones, and of all uncleanness. Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity,” Mt. 23:23-28.

Self righteousness looks good on the outside, but the problem is within. A self righteous person is blind to his own inward status. Jeremiah was inspired to write, “The heart is deceitful and desperately wicked, who can know it,” 17:9.

Yahshua also revealed what is on the human heart, “Then came to Yahshua scribes and Pharisees, which were of Jerusalem, saying, ‘Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread.’ But He answered and said unto them, ‘Why do ye also transgress the commandment of Yahweh by your tradition? For Yahweh

commanded, saying, ‘Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death.’ But ye say, ‘Whosoever shall say to *his* father or *his* mother, *It is* a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; And honour not his father or his mother, *he shall be free.*’ Thus have ye made the commandment of Yahweh of none effect by your tradition. *Ye* hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with *their* lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship Me, teaching *for* doctrines the commandments of men.’ And He called the multitude, and said unto them, ‘Hear, and understand: **Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man.**’ Then came His disciples, and said unto Him, ‘Knowest thou that the Pharisees were offended, after they heard this saying?’ But He answered and said, ‘Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up. Let them alone: **they be blind leaders of the blind.** And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.’ Then

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answered Peter and said unto Him, ‘Declare unto us this parable.’ And Yahshua said, ‘Are ye also yet without understanding? Do not ye yet understand, that whatsoever entereth in at the mouth goeth into the belly, and is cast out into the draught? **But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:** These are *the things* which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man,” Mt. 15:1-20.

In many cases too much attention is focused on what goes in the mouth and not out of it. I have been affiliated with Sabbath and holy day observers ever since 1969. It was at that time that I

learned of the law of clean and unclean foods. As I have walked in this way some amazing things have come to my attention. I have known many people who were so careful about what they eat that they verged on the edge of paranoia. So much concern was expressed concerning foods. Many of these people’s children were raised observing the law of clean and unclean foods, yet many of those same children did not adhere to the faith of their parents, but fell away to the world. It is amazing to hear the testimony of many of these same children. They continue to observe the law of clean and unclean foods, but when it comes to the law of righteousness, no consideration has been given whatsoever. The children do not observe the Sabbath, Holy Days nor any of the other commandments so to speak. The focus has been on the physical and not the spiritual. This is an error of great proportions.

One young man who was a son of a believer boasted to me that even though he was no longer in the faith, he had NEVER eaten any unclean foods. This young man is an alcoholic and has lived his life accordingly.

A vital thing has been eliminated when it comes to teaching ourselves and our children concerning our very nature that is within us.

The Apostle Paul revealed the most important of realities to us along with Yahshua and Jeremiah. In the book of Romans chapter seven Paul writes, “What shall we say then? *Is* the law sin? Yahweh forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, ‘Thou shalt not covet.’ **But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence** (Concupiscence means longing for wrong things, lust, illicit desire). For without the law sin *was* dead. For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died. And the commandment, which *was ordained* to life, I found *to be* unto death. For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew *me*. Wherefore the law *is* holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good. Was then that which is good made death unto me? Yahweh forbid. **But sin, that**

it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful. For we know that the law is spiritual: but **I am carnal, sold under sin.** For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that *it is good.* Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. For I know that in me, in my flesh, dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but *how to perform that which is good I find not.* For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. **I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.** For I delight in the law of Yahweh after the inward man: **But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members,”** Ro. 7:7-25.

Paul was writing about the struggles he was having concerning the flesh. Paul reveals here that there is a law of sin in the flesh. That law of sin was introduced into the flesh by Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden. It is passed down to every man through inheritance. Our inheritance through Adam is sin, corruption and death. (See our article entitled *Is The Law Done Away?*) This law of sin in the flesh is as sure as the law of gravity. When we seek to rise above it, it only pulls us back down again.

Paul also wrote, “*This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.* But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law,” Gal 5:16-18.

The law of sin in the flesh works against the law of righteousness in the mind. The true believer, the truly converted will always have a battle going on inside. He will be determining to go the way that is right and good, the way of righteousness, delighting in the law, but the law of sin will always be

working against him to prevent him from performing that in which he delights after the inward man.

Such is the reason why the covenant Yahweh made with Israel was not successful.

## LESSON #5

When Yahweh proposed His covenant to Israel they promised that they would perform it, “And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which Yahweh commanded him. And **all the people answered together, and said, ‘All that Yahweh hath spoken we will do.’** And Moses returned the words of the people unto Yahweh...And Moses came and told the people all the words of Yahweh, and all the judgments: and **all the people answered with one voice, and said, ‘All the words which Yahweh hath said will we do’**...And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and **they said, ‘All that Yahweh hath said will we do, and be obedient.’** And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled *it* on the people, and said, ‘Behold the blood of the covenant, which Yahweh hath made with you concerning all these words,”’ Ex. 19:7-8, 24:3, 7-8.

Israel did not realize the problem that they would have in seeking to live according to their own promises, but Yahweh knew for Moses writes, “These words Yahweh spake unto all your assembly in the mount out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness, with a great voice: and He added no more. And He wrote them in two tables of stone, and delivered them unto me. And it came to pass, when ye heard the voice out of the midst of the darkness, for the mountain did burn with fire, that ye came near unto me, *even* all the heads of your tribes, and your elders; And ye said, ‘Behold, Yahweh our Elohim hath shewed us his glory and his greatness, and we have heard His voice out of the midst of the fire: we have seen this day that Elohim doth talk with man, and He liveth. Now therefore why should we die? for this great fire will consume us: if we hear the voice of Yahweh our Elohim any more, then we shall die. For who *is*

*there of* all flesh, that hath heard the voice of the living Elohim speaking out of the midst of the fire, as we *have*, and lived? Go thou near, and hear all that Yahweh our Elohim shall say: and speak thou unto us all that Yahweh our Elohim shall speak unto thee; **and we will hear *it*, and do *it*.**’ And Yahweh heard the voice of your words, when ye spake unto me; and Yahweh said unto me, ‘I have heard the voice of the words of this people, which they have spoken unto thee: they have well said all that they have spoken. **O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always,** that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever!...These *are* the words of the covenant, which Yahweh commanded Moses to make with the children of Israel in the land of Moab, beside the covenant which he made with them in Horeb. And Moses called unto all Israel, and said unto them, Ye have seen all that Yahweh did before your eyes in the land of Egypt unto Pharaoh, and unto all his servants, and unto all his land; The great temptations which thine eyes have seen, the signs, and those great miracles: **Yet Yahweh hath not given you an heart to perceive, and eyes to see, and ears to hear, unto this day,”** Dt. 5:22-29, 29:1-4.

Israel promised, trusting in themselves that they could perform Yahweh’s laws and commands. Yet Yahweh said that they didn’t have the heart in them at that time to be able to perform them. Why? Because of the law of sin in the flesh and because Yahweh had not yet given them the heart to be able to perform.

Paul makes an interesting admission in His writings, “Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer to Yahweh for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of Yahweh, but not according to knowledge. **For they being ignorant of Yahweh’s righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of Yahweh.** For Messiah *is* the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth,” Ro. 10:1-4.

Israel made their covenant with Yahweh in ignorance. They went about seeking to establish their own

righteousness (self righteousness) being ignorant of the righteousness of Yahweh.

Herein is the fifth lesson of self righteousness. Self righteousness binds one to the law made at Sinai which is Hagar, "My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Messiah be formed in you, I desire to be present with you now, and to change my voice; for I stand in doubt of you. **Tell me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear the law?** For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman. But he *who was* of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman *was* by promise. Which things are an allegory: **for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar. For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children.** But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all," Gal. 4:19 -26.

The self righteous are so taken up with their own ability to fulfill the law that they are in the state of the same self righteousness that Job was steeped in before Yahweh began to work with him. They have engendered themselves to Mt. Sinai which is Hagar and are in bondage to the fulfillment of the law by the flesh and not the power of the spirit.

Yahweh's righteousness is discovered in the New Covenant made through Yahshua Messiah, "For if that first *covenant* had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second. For finding fault with them, He saith, 'Behold, the days come, saith Yahweh, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in My covenant, and I regarded them not, saith Yahweh. **For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith Yahweh; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts:** and I will be to them a Elohim, and they shall be to Me a people: And they shall not

teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know Yahweh:' for all shall know Me, from the least to the greatest. For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.' In that He saith, A new *covenant*, He hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old *is* ready to vanish away," Heb. 8:7-13.

Self righteousness binds one to the Old Covenant which the law of sin in the flesh prevents him from fulfilling. It is a covenant of bondage. The New Covenant is the better covenant because it is not based upon the promise of unfaithful man, but only on the faithful promise of Yahweh Who cannot and will not fail!

### THE PATTERN

There is also a pattern that is extant throughout the Scriptures. Paul writes, "So also *is* the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body,

### *Israel made their covenant with Yahweh in ignorance.*

and there is a spiritual body. And so it is written, 'The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam *was made* a quickening spirit.' Howbeit that *was* not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man *is* of the earth, earthy: the second man *is* the Master from heaven. As *is* the earthy, such *are* they also that are earthy: and as *is* the heavenly, such *are* they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly," 1 Cor. 15:42-49.

The first covenant was sown in like manner as Paul is speaking of here. It was sown in physical, corruptible flesh. It was a covenant made with physical, fleshly Israel. They simply had no heart to obey Yahweh, just as Adam, the first man, the man of the flesh, had no heart

to obey, but disobeyed very quickly. Look how quickly Israel disobeyed after they had made their covenant with Yahweh.

The first covenant was a physical, fleshly covenant. It was sown in dishonor and corruption, just as the flesh has been sown in dishonor and corruption. The second covenant is made through the Adam from heaven, Yahshua. The second covenant is the covenant of the spirit, for Yahweh circumcises the foreskin of the heart and not the foreskin of the flesh. Even the rite of circumcision exposes the pattern of first comes the flesh, second comes the spirit.

Israel and almost all of the world have been ignorant of this pattern. So many people in all faiths have sought to establish their own brand of self righteousness. We must REPENT of this tendency to establish our own righteousness and submit to the righteousness which comes from above, from Yahweh through Yahshua. It is the circumcision that comes from Yahweh, the circumcision of the heart that we must be concerned with. That is the righteousness that is worthwhile and enduring.

### SUMMARY

There are five important and vital lessons concerning self righteousness that we have learned in this treatise.

- ⇒ #1 Self righteousness exalts one above Yahweh.
- ⇒ #2 Self righteousness exalts one above others.
- ⇒ #3 Self righteousness is unmerciful.
- ⇒ #4 Self righteousness is blind.
- ⇒ #5 Self righteousness binds us to the Old Covenant that we CANNOT FULFILL.

Self righteousness is a most deadly sin. It is a sin that, if not repented of, will lead one to destruction. Look at how Yahshua addressed the scribes and Pharisees time and time again.

Are you afflicted with the sin of self righteousness? You can only discover it if you will search the Scriptures diligently to find out. It would be well worth your while to examine yourself accordingly. May Yahweh bless you to root this evil completely out of your life. HALLELUYAH!

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not the same office: So we, being many, are one body in the Messiah, and every one members one of another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness. **Let love be without dissimulation.** Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Sovereign; Rejoicing in hope; patient in

tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality. Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not. Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith Yahweh. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but

overcome evil with good," Ro. 12:1-21.

Again, he encourages, "For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another. This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh," Gal. 5:13-16.

Keep the love (אהבה) of the Spirit in your heart and the Father will reveal (גלה) Himself in you through His beloved Son Yahshua the Messiah, and when He returns to this earth, we will be like Him because we will see Him as He is.

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### **IS LIFE AND DISOBEDIENCE IS DEATH!**

**Rom 6:23--For the wages of sin is death, but the favourable gift of Elohim is everlasting life in Messiah יהושע Yahshua) our Master.**

### **I AM BLESSED BECAUSE THE WORD OF YAHWEH TELLS ME SO...**

2Co 12:9--And He said to me, "**My favour is sufficient for you, for My power is perfected in weakness.**" Most gladly, then, I shall rather boast in my weaknesses, so that the power of Messiah rests on me.

1Co 1:25-31--For the foolishness of

Elohim (**Our Mighty One**) is wiser than men, and the weakness of Elohim (**Our Mighty One**) is stronger than men. For look at your calling, brothers, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble. But Elohim (**Our Mighty One**) has chosen the foolish *matters* of the world to put to shame the wise, and Elohim (**Our Mighty One**) has chosen the weak of the world to put to shame the strong. And Elohim (**Our Mighty One**) has chosen the low-born of the world and the despised, and the ones that are not, that He might bring to naught the ones that are, so that no flesh should boast in His presence. And of Him you are in Messiah (**Yahshua**) , *יהושע* who became for us

wisdom from Elohim (**Our Mighty One**), righteousness also, and set-apartness and redemption, that, as it has been written, "He who boasts, let him boast in (**Yahweh**)" . *יהוה*

### **I will make my boast in Yahweh, Our Mighty One!**

So please do not pity me, but praise **Yahweh** with me; and let us bless His Name together. If this **IS** Legalism, then let us all be guilty together as one; and we will serve Him and reign with Him as one **FOREVER!**

**[This article is dedicated to Mike Myer who is searching for hope in a world without hope.]**

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*righteousness.*

This is not something that is yet future. Paul said it was already at work in his day. The **Mystery of Iniquity** is the mystery of lawlessness or "**Torahlessness.**" You can prove this yourself by looking up the meaning of the word "Iniquity" in your concordance.

The Torah is truth. How many of us **love the Torah** and keep it's commandments, statutes and precepts?

The conclusion is inescapable. To properly worship Elohim in spirit and in truth is to love His Torah as did King David and follow the instructions that lead to eternal life through Yahshua, our Messiah. You can't worship Yahweh in any other way.

**Pro 28:9 He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law (Torah), even his prayer shall be abomination.**



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judges. For their vine is of the vine of Sodom, and of the fields of Gomorrah: their grapes are grapes of gall, their clusters are bitter: Their wine is the poison of dragons, and the cruel venom of asps. Is not this laid up in store with me, and sealed up among my treasures? To me belongeth vengeance, and recompence; **their foot shall slide in due time: for the day of their calamity is at hand, and the things that shall come upon them make haste. For Yahweh shall judge his people, and repent himself for his servants, when he seeth that their power is gone, and there is none shut up, or left. And he shall say, Where are their gods, their rock in whom they trusted, Which did eat the fat of their sacrifices, and drank the wine of their drink offerings?** let them rise up and help you, and be your protection,” Dt. 32:15-38.

Notice that these things will come upon His people IN THE LATTER DAYS. We are there! We are in the latter days. Our people have been deceived to follow other gods! Frankly, the overall preponderance of our people and especially our leaders have cast Yahweh and His word behind, embracing a mindless, stupid theory of evolution so that they don't even believe in any Elohim or God at all!

Ask yourself this question, how can man develop a brain that is so much more sophisticated than any computer that has ever been made by man? How can we develop such a thing without

the knowledge and ability to do so? If we did that without the knowledge and ability to do so, then why do we need knowledge at all? (Which, of course, most of our children resist in our schools today anyway.)

Our people have been deceived to embrace the abominable teaching of evolution. They have been deceived to embrace the abominable Elohim of other nations. They have been deceived to embrace the abomination of homosexuality as an alternative lifestyle. They have been deceived to embrace the abominable choice of abortion. They have been deceived to cast Yahweh and His wondrous words and commandments behind. They have been deceived to think that this is the only life that we live and we must go after the lusts of our flesh with great gusto or our lives will end up being unrewarding and unfulfilling.

What does 2 Chronicles 7:14 say? “If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, **and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways;** then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”

You see, prayer alone isn't good enough. How can a people know who they are when they deny the name of their Elohim and have even forgotten it? The Jewish people are the only ones who have been able to retain some resemblance of identity that they come from Israel, but even they have rejected His name and His ways. They don't know the Rock of their salvation. But Britain and America have even lost the truth concerning their

own identity, that they are Israel!

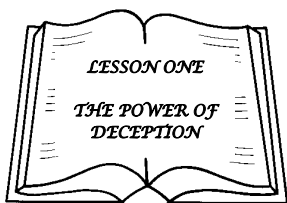
If we are to avoid destruction. If we are to avoid any further rejection by our wondrous Elohim Yahweh, then we need to turn (REPENT) and seek His face, leaving our wicked ways behind! Then, when we pray, He will hear, bless and heal.

Will we do this as a nation and as a people? The prophet Isaiah is given the answer, “And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not. **Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed.** Then said I, Adonai (Sovereign), **how long? And he answered, Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate,** And Yahweh have removed men far away, and there be a great forsaking in the midst of the land,” Isa. 6:9-12.

We are at the end of the age. We are in the latter days. How much longer before these prophecies will be fulfilled? Look at our leaders. Look at our people. Look at our ways. Look at what is happening in today's world. The end of days have come upon us. We are in a downward spiral.

Repent while there is still time. Seek your true Elohim Yahweh while there is still time. Embrace His ways and His salvation in Yahshua the Messiah while there is still time. The end is near. Don't delay!

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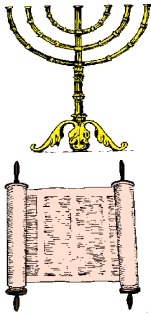
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