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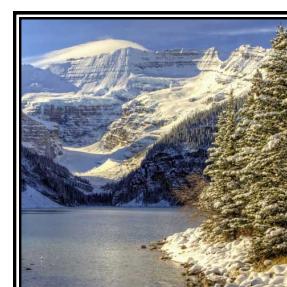
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Building Unity through Humility & Love



By: Elder Edward Burgett

First of all, turn to **Philippians 2:1-11**. As we look into this chapter, we see Paul urging the assembly to live in unity, humility, and love. Paul writes this letter while imprisoned, but we can feel joy and encouragement through his words. He doesn't focus on his suffering but on a higher calling for the assembly—to live as one, united in Yahweh.

The world today is fractured in many ways. We see division in families, workplaces, communities, and even within Yahweh's assemblies. Yet, Paul reminds us that, as followers of Yahshua, our unity is crucial. This isn't just an ideal; it's a command and a reflection of Yahweh's love and purpose.

This subject is at the heart of the Yahweh's Word, and is also crucial for our lives together as a community of faith, and that is unity. In our world, where divisions are rampant, differences often lead to discord rather than communication and fellowship, so the call for unity is not only urgent but essential. In this chapter, Paul is writing to encourage the believers in Philippi—and all of us—to cultivate a spirit of humility, compassion, and oneness.

If we are to follow Paul's teaching here, we will be honoring Yahweh, who has called us into one body, one family, united under His love and purpose.

So, let's look into the scriptural passage and see why unity is so vital for those who believe in Yahweh.

(Philippians 2:1-2)

Paul begins by asking if we have received encouragement from being united with the Messiah, comfort from His love, and fellowship with the Spirit. If we have experienced these blessings, Paul says, then we should make his joy complete by being "like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind."

Paul goes on to tell us HOW this unity can be achieved: **"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility, value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others"** (Philippians 2:3-4).

Unity among believers is an outward sign of our relationship with Yahweh. If we claim to walk with Yahweh, our lives must reflect that through our actions toward each other. Yahweh, our Creator, made us for community, for unity, and for fellowship. Our unity reflects the harmony found within Yahweh's own nature—Father, Son, and Spirit. So, when we live in unity, we are exemplifying the nature of Yahweh Himself.

Humility means seeing others' needs and valuing them enough to serve them. Just as Yahweh showed His love by sending Yahshua, who gave up His position in heaven to come and serve, we're called to do the same.

Humility is not thinking less of ourselves, but thinking of ourselves LESS! Yahweh wants us to remember the worth of others, treating each person as His beloved creation.

So, we can see how unity is deeply rooted in humility. It is only when we let go of pride, when we choose to put others before ourselves, that we create a space where true unity can grow. When we value others as Yahweh values them, we are able to look past our differences and see each other as beloved children of Yahweh, each one worthy of respect and love.

Philippians 2:5-8.

Paul points us to the ultimate example of humility and love: Yahshua, our Messiah, the Anointed One. **“In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Yahshua, who being in the form of Elohim, did not consider equality with Yahweh something to be used to His own advantage; rather, He made Himself nothing by taking on the very nature of a servant” (Philippians 2:5-7).**

Yahshua emptied Himself, became a servant, and even humbled Himself to the point of death on a torture stake. This is the kind of humility that leads to unity—the kind that is willing to lay down one's life for the sake of others.

Yahshua's humility is a model for us. If we want unity, we too must adopt an attitude of selflessness and service. Just as Yahshua lowered himself, so must we be willing to put aside our egos, our desires.

Paul then urges us to have the same mindset as Yahshua. Although Yahshua was Yahweh's own Son, He did not use His status for His own gain. Instead, He emptied Himself, taking on the form of a servant. He humbled Himself in obedience to Yahweh, even to the point of death on the tree.

Yahshua's humility is the ultimate model for us. He laid down His life so that we might be united

with Yahweh. If Yahshua, the Son of Yahweh, could humble Himself to this degree, how much more should we seek to serve others and build unity?

Yahweh calls us to follow Yahshua's example in our relationships. This means forgiving each other, serving each other, and being patient with each other. Unity in Yahweh's Kingdom isn't about being perfect; it's about striving to show the same grace, mercy, and love that Yahweh has shown us.

So, how does unity grow? It grows through obedience to Yahweh's will, and that brings Him glory.

Philippians 2:9-11.

Because of Yahshua's humility and obedience, **“Yahweh exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Yahshua every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Yahshua the Anointed is Master, to the glory of Yahweh the Father” (Philippians 2:9-11).**

The scriptures show us that Yahshua's true greatness was, and is, found—not in self-promotion—but in obedience to Yahweh's will. Yahshua lived to glorify Yahweh. In the same way, when we pursue unity, it should not be for our own pride or gain, but to honor Yahweh and to bear witness of His love.

Unity is not achieved through human means alone; it is a gift of Yahweh's Spirit working in and through us. When we are obedient to Yahweh's commands, when we live lives that reflect His love and holiness, unity becomes the natural outcome. Yahweh blesses unity because it mirrors the oneness within His own divine nature.

Our unity brings glory to Yahweh. Think about it. When we live as one, we become a visible sign of Yahweh's Kingdom on earth. The world notices the difference when believers live in unity, caring for each other, forgiving each other, and working together in love. Unity is our testimony to the world that Yahweh is real and that His love changes lives.

A CALL TO ACTION

How do we gain a greater level of unity? We do so by following Yahshua's example and submitting to Yahweh's will. Unity is not always easy, especially when there are differences. But if we remember that we are one body, united in Yahweh's Spirit, and that we serve the same Master, we can overcome any barrier, if we work toward it.

Philippians 2 shows us that unity is at the heart of Yahweh's purpose for His people. Our challenge today is to strive for this unity in our own lives and within our assembly. It requires laying down pride, seeking to serve, and loving others as Yahweh has loved us.

Let us go forward, then, with a renewed commitment to one another, letting love and humili-

ty bind us together. Let us seek to embody the mind of Yahshua, and closely follow His perfect example. May Yahweh bless our efforts, that we may be a light to the world, showing all who are observing our actions—that we belong to Him, and may He grant us the grace to live in unity, to show the world that we are His!

Let this be our prayer:

Yahweh, we come before You, grateful for Your love and humbled by Your call to unity. Help us to walk in humility, to follow the example of Yahshua, and to submit ourselves to Your will. May our lives bring You glory as we seek to be one in Spirit. Bind us together with cords of love that cannot be broken, and let Your Spirit guide us in all that we do. In Yahshua's name!

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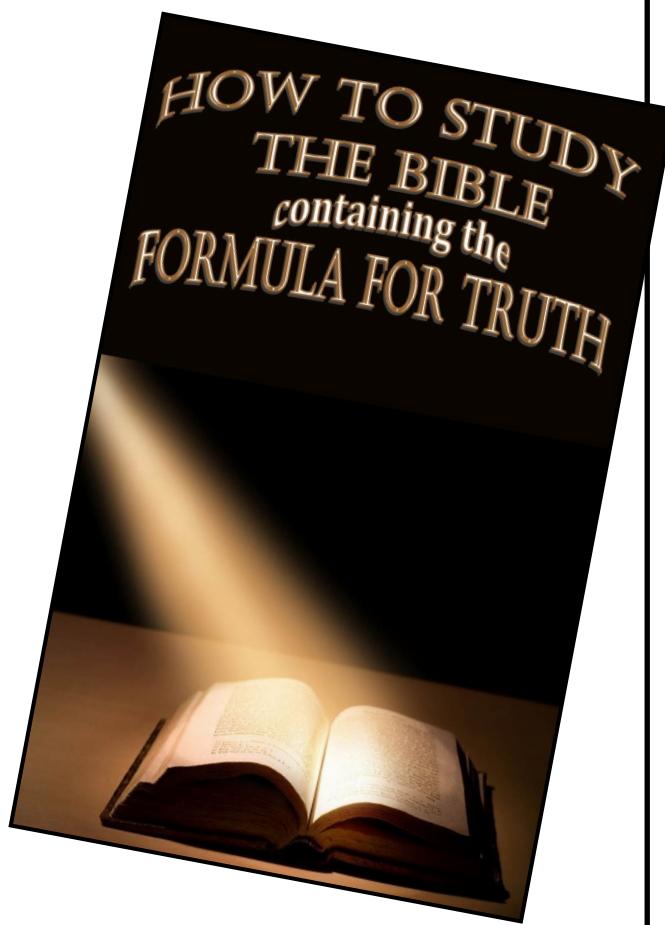
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CHARACTERISTICS *of the* TRUE BODY

How does your assembly stack up?

When discussing religious matters with friends and relatives, we are sometimes confronted with the question, "So what's so special about the Assemblies of Yahweh? One church is just as good as another." More often than not, this statement reflects an attitude toward religion in general, rather than a sincere question. If we were to check the yellow pages in a small community of say, 6,000 population, we could find as many as 30 different religious organizations listed under "churches." Who wouldn't be confused when all 30 organizations claim to be the only way to salvation, but all teach conflicting doctrines? Yet, all claim to get their teachings from the Holy Bible. Are all correct in their doctrine? Are any correct? Is one "church" just as good as another, as some claim? More importantly, what IS so special about the Assemblies of Yahweh?

When we are discussing and answering questions on scripture, doctrine, or comparing the Assemblies of Yahweh with nominal churches or denominations, we must always remember to give our answers from a positive viewpoint. It is always better to look for the traits of the true Body of Messiah than to debate the pros and cons of any particular church or denomination. Each denomination has its strengths and good points: wonderful people, charity work, evangelism, and other good works. But being religious and doing good things does not necessarily make a person or a group of people a member of the Body of Messiah. Each denomination also has areas in which it falls short and needs improvement. So, who would make up the Body of Messiah? When a person or group follows Yahweh's Word as closely as possible without adding to or taking away from His Word, and is willing to be corrected when found in error, that person or group can rightly be considered to have the testimony of Yahshua and be a part of the Body of Messiah.

We must define our terms to make sure we understand exactly who or what we are talking about, and understand the scriptural definition of the Body of Messiah.

There are definite scriptural signs to look for in determining what group of people make up the members of the Body of Messiah. While there are many signs of the Body identified within Scripture, note the most obvious and easily recognized characteristics:

Yahweh's elect have existed continually through the ages as He said they would. And to the angel of the assembly in Philadelphia write: "He that is holy, He that is true, He that has the key of David, He that opens, and no man shuts, and shuts, and no man opens; I know your works; behold, I have set before you an open door, and no man can shut it: for you have a little strength, and have kept My Word, and have not denied My Name" (Revelation 3:7, 8). And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, "What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?" And I said unto him, "Sir, you know." And he said unto me, "These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb" (Revelation 7:13, 14.) The Body of Messiah has existed throughout the ages. Neither nominal churhianity nor the beast and false prophet will be able to destroy the Body from the earth. The Body of Messiah will be here when the Messiah returns to set up His Kingdom on the earth. Nothing can destroy the Body of Messiah, not even the ferocity of Satan during the end-of-the-age tribulation.

The Body will be proclaiming His death, burial, resurrection, and salvation by grace. For by grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of Yahweh, not of works, lest any man should boast (Ephesians 2:8-9). For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Messiah died for our sins according to the Scriptures; and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures. Now if Messiah be preached that He rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Messiah not risen: and if Messiah be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. But now is Messiah risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept (1 Corinthians 15:3, 4, 12, 13, 14, 20).

Man cannot depend on the strength of his arm for salvation. There are no "good works" that we can do to save ourselves. Only to Yahshua the Messiah can we look for salvation. If it were possible for man to save himself, then there would be no need of a Savior, but good works will follow our acceptance of the Messiah.

The Body will be teaching repentance and baptism. Then Peter said unto them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the Name of Yahshua the Messiah for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38). And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they

went down into the water, both Philip and the eunuch, to baptize him (Acts 8:38). Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Spirit as well as we? (Acts 10:47). We must come to the Messiah Yahshua in humble repentance of our sins, asking for forgiveness. We must be willing to be corrected and let Yahweh, through His Holy Spirit, change us. We must be willing to turn our backs on our old ways and look to Him for guidance, submitting ourselves to Him completely. We are then led by our obedience to His Word into baptism (immersion). Our wills are buried with Him and we look forward to resurrection at His return. When we are immersed in water, we take on Yahshua's Name (James 2:7), and by extension, the Father's Name (Revelation 14:1).

The Body will be proclaiming His soon-coming Kingdom to be set up on earth to rule all nations with His saints. And this Good News of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come (Matthew 24:14). And he that overcomes, and keeps My words unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations (Revelation 2:26). To him that overcomes will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne (Revelation 3:21). And has made us unto our Elohim kings and priests, and we shall reign on the earth (Revelation 5:10). Blessed and holy is he that has part in the first resurrection: on such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of Elohim and of Messiah, and shall reign with Him a thousand years (Revelation 20:6). The coming of Yahshua the Messiah will end this age and usher in His everlasting Kingdom on earth. Those resurrected saints who have overcome and obtained the victory in Yahshua will reign with Him on the earth, correcting and teaching those peoples who will live during the thousand years.

The Body will be seeking to learn and establish righteousness. With my soul have I desired you in the night; yes, with my spirit within me will I seek You early: for when Your judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness (Isaiah 26:9). And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness will be as the stars for ever and ever (Daniel 12:2, 3). Those in the Body of Messiah have turned from sin and wickedness to Yahweh to learn His righteousness. Neither will they seek to form their own righteousness, as Israel did. 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 for 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 (Romans 10:1-3).

Obviously, Yahweh's righteousness was not good enough for them. They sought to form their own interpretations of Yahweh's Word rather than let Scripture define Scripture. Like many in nominal Christianity today, Israel had Yahweh's Word, but chose to ignore His instructions and corrections by ignoring, changing, and twisting Scripture to meet their own needs.

The Body of Messiah will obey every word of Yahweh. But He answered and said, "It is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of Yahweh (Matthew 4:4). All Scripture is given by inspiration, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness (2 Timothy 3:16). But this I confess unto you, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the Elohim of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets (Acts 24:14). All Scripture is given by Yahweh. When these statements were made under the influence of the Holy Spirit, there was no such thing as the New Testament. Some ministers today teach that the Old Testament has been done away and we no longer need to study and follow it. These men lie and pervert the Scriptures to their own destruction. Even Peter, speaking about the writings of Paul, said that men would twist the Scripture, but that we must hold steadfast in the Word of Yahweh (2 Peter 3:16-17).

The only Scripture that any of the apostles had was the Old Testament. Paul even declared the Kingdom of Yahweh out of the law of Moses and out of the prophets from morning till evening. Anyone teaching that the Old Testament writings have been abolished or that they are only for Jews is unlearned and unstable. Even the sacrifices and offerings of the Old Testament show us a biblical precedent having to do with the atoning work of Yahshua the Messiah.

The Body will obey and do all the commandments. Blessed are they who do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city (Revelation 22:14). Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the Kingdom of heaven: but who-

soever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the Kingdom of heaven (Matthew 5:17-19). If you love Me, keep My commandments (John 14:15). And hereby we do know that we know Him if we keep His commandments. He that says, "I know Him," and keeps not His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him (1 John 2:3-4).

The Body of Messiah keeps all of Yahweh's commandments. We cannot choose those that are convenient and ignore those that are not. This includes keeping the seventh-day Sabbath. Man has changed the day on which Yahweh told us to rest, from the seventh day to the first day of the week. There is no support within Scripture for keeping Sunday as a day of worship. Many ministers say that they know Yahweh, yet in the same breath, they will tell you that the commandments have been done away. Yahweh said these people are liars and the truth is not in them. We keep the commandments because Yahweh is our Father, and we obey Him through love, not out of forced duty to Him. We desire to obey Him.

The Body of Messiah will do many works as the result of the influence of the Holy Spirit within. For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all, For he that said, "Do not commit adultery," said also, "Do not kill." Now if you commit no adultery, yet if you kill, you become a transgressor of the law. So, speak and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty. For he shall have judgment. What does it profit, my brethren, though a man say he has faith, and have not works? Can faith save him? If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, and one of you say unto them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled;" notwithstanding you give them not those things which are needful to the body what does it profit? Even so, faith, if it has not works, is dead, being alone. Yes, a man may say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works (James 2:10-18). But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law (Galatians 5:22-23).

Many ministers today tell us, "Only believe—everything has been done for us; there is nothing we can do for ourselves to save us." This thinking is only half a truth, but a half truth is a whole lie. Of course there is nothing we can do to save ourselves. Yahweh said so. Man can only look to Yahshua for salvation. If it were possible for man to save himself, there would be no need for a Savior. He has provided 100 percent for our salvation. Yahshua paid the full price

for our salvation. Salvation is a gift to those who will come to Him in repentance and will turn from sin to His righteousness. However, we are warned to be good and faithful servants and stewards until His return. If we are not good and faithful servants, we will find ourselves gathered with the hypocrites (Matthew 24:50-51).

Scripture proclaims that faith alone is not enough. We must have an active, working faith. Being "religious" and doing works without true faith, however, cannot save a person. It takes both faith and works to make a working faith. "Fruit" in **Galatians 5:22** might also be translated as work.

So, the "work" of the Holy Spirit in us is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. Paul tells us (in **Ephesians 2:8**) that the faith Yahweh requires as a "saving faith" is not something that we build up within ourselves, but is a "gift" of Yahweh. Yahweh gives us the faith required to believe Him and to do those things that He requires of us as good and faithful servants and stewards. Just as Abraham had a "working faith," Yahweh requires of us not just to believe Him, but to do what He commands in Scripture. "**Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling,**" **Philippians 2:12.**

The head of the Body is Yahshua the Messiah. And He is the Head of the body, the assembly: Who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things He might have the pre-eminence, Colossians 1:18. And has put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be the Head over all things to the assembly, Ephesians 1:22. Wherefore Yahweh has highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Yahshua every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Yahshua Messiah is Savior, to the glory of Yahweh the Father Philippians 2:9-11.

Being a member of the Body of Messiah is a one-to-one personal relationship with Yahweh through Yahshua the Messiah. Man cannot place you into the Body of Messiah and man cannot remove you. There is no one franchised Body of Believers that can call themselves the only one true Body on the face of the earth. Being a member of an organized group of believers does not guarantee your salvation. It is wonderful to be able to fellowship and study with other members of the Body of Messiah, but this does not eliminate anyone from being a member of the Body just because he does not belong to that particular organization. There are many members (though few by man's standards) but only one Body with Yahshua the Messiah our Savior as the Head!

The Body of Messiah will be identified by Yahweh's Name.

And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through your own Name those whom you have given Me, that they may be one as We are, John 17:11. And to the angel of the assembly in Philadelphia write; "These things says He that is Holy, He that is true, He that has the key of David, He that opens and no man shuts; and shuts and no man opens; I know your works: behold, I have set before you an open door, and no man can shut it: for you have a little strength and have kept My Word, and have not denied My name," Revelation 3:7-8.

Those in the Body of Messiah will know, use, and be identified by the Name of the Father Yahweh, and our Savior, Yahshua the Messiah. Those members will not deny, change, falsify or pervert the names of the Most High in any way. There are no secret magical powers given to those who know and use the Names of Yahweh and Yahshua. It is the power and authority of the persons behind those Names and our personal relationship to our Heavenly Father and our Savior. Knowing and using the Names are not enough. We must be willing to repent and submit ourselves to Yahweh's will through Yahshua the Messiah. Yahweh has revealed His Holy Name and His Son's Name.

"Yahweh" and "Yahshua" are not in essence Hebrew or Jewish names. Yahweh is the Name of the Heavenly Father and Yahshua is the Name of our Savior. Yahshua said that He came in His Father's Name. Yahshua means literally, "Yahweh is salvation." What does the English equivalent to the Latinized Greek name Jesus mean? How do you reveal the Father's Name in "Jesus Christ"?

The angel of Yahweh told Mariam and Joseph to name their newborn son, Yahshua. Why would Yahweh tell her, a Jewess, to name her son by an English equivalent to a Latinized Greek name? One of the two identifying characteristics of the remnant Body of Messiah in Revelation is that they do not deny His Name.

By saying, "We speak English, so we use English names" that person is ignorant of the rules of translation. If your name is "Bill Jones" and you travel to a foreign country, the sound of your name remains Bill Jones, being transliterated—vocalized—as Bill Jones. Yahweh's own words are written for us: "**There is no other name under heaven, given among men whereby we can be saved**" (Acts 4:12). That is a clear statement, and it must be vitally important to find out what that name is.

Does Your Assembly Qualify?

These are the most obvious characteristics of the true Body today, but there are many more we could have listed. Specific doctrine has not been touched on. However, if a group or organization cannot meet these simple standards as verified by Scripture, their doctrine must be called into question. Likewise, even if a group or organization meets these few qualifications, it does not necessarily mean they are correct in specific doctrines. We still must be cautious as Satan has many counterfeits of the True Body of Messiah.

Now, as to Yahweh's Assembly in Messiah, does it meet the aforementioned characteristics? We teach that Yahweh's elect have existed continually throughout the ages; we proclaim Yahshua's death, burial, resurrection, and salvation by grace; we teach repentance and baptism; we proclaim His soon-coming Kingdom to be set up on earth to rule all nations with His saints; we seek to learn and establish righteousness; we do our best, with the help of Yahweh's Holy Spirit, to obey every Word of Yahweh and to obey and do all His Commandments; we do many works as led by the Holy Spirit; we proclaim no man but only Yahshua the Messiah as Head of the Assembly; and we are called by and proclaim Yahweh's Holy Name and that of His Son, our Savior, Yahshua the Messiah.

But what about specific doctrines? True believers should be able to harmonize Scripture from Genesis through Revelation. We do not add to, take away from, change, or try to interpret Scripture from pre-conceived doctrines. We allow Scripture to interpret and define Scripture, having faith in Yahweh to speak to us through His Holy Word.

Is there a perfect assembly?

Are we perfect? In no way are we perfect. But we allow ourselves to be corrected and changed when it can be proved through the harmony of Scripture that we are in error. Are we the only one true Body of Messiah on earth? No. We are but a few of the scattered members of the Body of Messiah fellowshiping and working together to magnify and teach others of the wonderful glory of Yahweh and our Savior Yahshua the Messiah.

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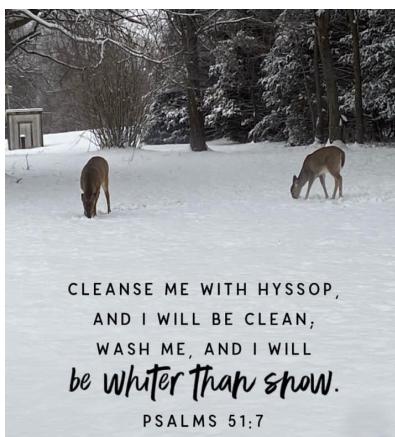
Deep Spiritual Truths—

From Yahweh's Sacred Word

Part 10

Romans 15:4

Our loving Abba Yahweh gifted to us His Word of truth for our benefit—to teach us, strengthen us, comfort us, and give us the sure hope of His salvation! The Scriptures are not only written for our present instruction in Torah and the Way, but for encouraging and establishing the hope of eternal life in a better world. They tell of the promise of our Savior, and of the various instances of persons who have been made partakers of it. The Scriptures give an account of the true nature of the excellency and usefulness of them. These writings abound with exceeding great and precious promises, and excellent doctrines, abounding in consolation to the children of the covenants and the promises. They serve to support and maintain the hope of eternal happiness; all which prove the Divine source, authority, and sacredness of these writings.



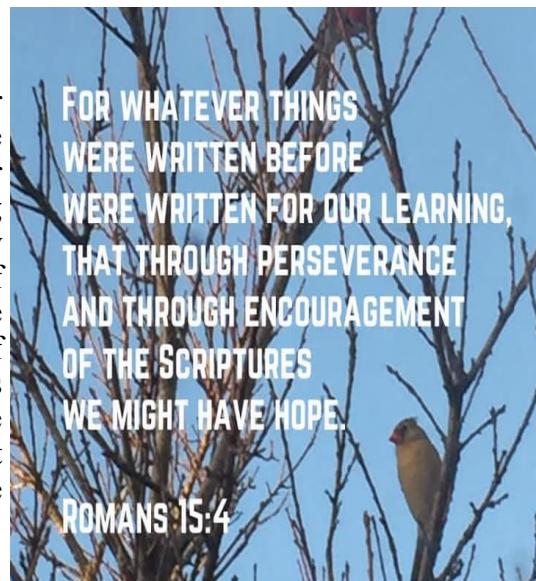
Psalms 51:7

In all cases of defilement, according to Levitical law, the unclean person had to undergo ritual washings, sprinkled upon them with hyssop branches. But here, setting aside the symbolic outward act of priestly mediation, the Psalmist makes his supplication directly to Yahweh Himself. It is a prayer intended to be understood in a spiritual sense, conveying the notion of cleansing from sin "by" a sacred rite, wherein the sin was to be removed or taken away, so that he might be free from it, and so that the soul might be made pure. The phrase has been referred to in the sense of, "Purge me with hyssop." The whole structure of the psalm implies that he was seeking an "internal" change, and that he did not depend on any mere outward

ordinance or rite. As the purification of the unclean was the prelude to the readmission of the gladness of worship in the sanctuary, so the cleansing of the heart will be the prelude to the restoration of that 'joy of Yahweh's salvation.' The prayer is, that we might be made "entirely" clean; that there might be no trace of pollution remaining in our soul.

2 Timothy 4:3-4

Many in today's society tend to open their ears to any teacher who speaks satisfying words of comfort and must be continually gratified by the latest novelty in worship, regardless of how it measures up to the truth. It is our duty as followers

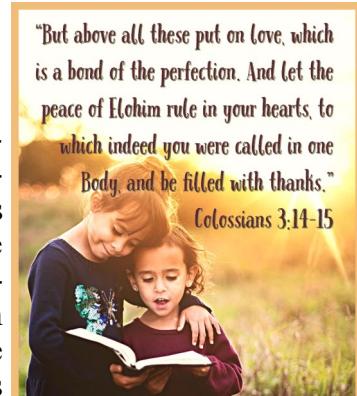


For there shall be a time when they shall not bear sound teaching, but according to their own desires, they shall heap up for themselves teachers tickling the ear, and they shall indeed turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to myths.
Timotiyoś Bēt (2 Timothy) 4:3-4

of the Way to evaluate the beliefs, the doctrines, the forms of worship, and the causes we endorse. Are they truly of Yahweh, pleasing to Him and according to His Word? Have we allowed the world to influence our thinking, or are we on solid biblical footing? Our efforts now should be presenting ourselves blameless at the coming of our Master Yahshua, for Yahweh is not pleased with those satiating their own desires for a type of worship that will excite them to come to Him, but with the truths that will transform them into the image of His Son. Once people reject the truth or decide for themselves what the truth is, what remains? What does it produce? Fables, myths, manmade traditions and commandments, unsound teaching. It is certainly not the pure truth from Yahweh's Word. As time goes on, false teachings, heresies, strange ideas, among a myriad of other distractions, will get worse and worse. The times are evil and we must be prepared to discern errors and falsehoods from the pure truth of Yahweh's Word. We must be especially careful in these last days to be vigilant in recognizing such things, and to feed ourselves the unadulterated truth of the Scriptures. Otherwise, we will find ourselves turned away to fables, to myths, to manmade wisdom and doctrines, and to all kinds of false forms of beliefs and worship.

Colossians 3:14-15

Without love as our reigning principle, all the individual virtues, which themselves are elements of perfection, would not unite all together into that necessary harmony and completeness, in which the whole of perfection consists. It is only from this principle of love that true sympathy, real kindness, and sincere forgiveness proceeds: this is greater, and more excellent, than all the other virtues, and adds a glory and beauty to them, the upper garment which we put on that covers all the rest. The saints in their summoning to be one Body are called to peace by Yahweh, who is the Elohim of peace; by Yahshua, who is the Prince of peace; and by the Spirit, whose fruit is peace; and through the Good News, which is the Glad tidings of peace. And the spirit of thankfulness promotes harmony and peace. May we be abounding in true unity of the spirit, in the perfect bond of love and peace, with thanks and praise to the One who called us to His glorious Kingdom!

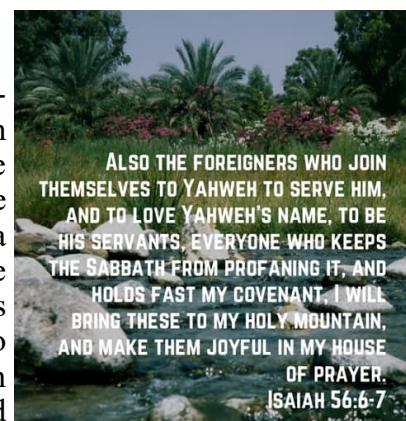


Ephesians 4:31-32

As a friend of sinners, Yahshua promised an abundant life to those who followed Him, leading to a deeper, more profound relationship with our Creator. In His model prayer, He encourages us to learn the joy of forgiving others, teaching us that Yahweh's gracious forgiveness obligated the forgiven to also forgive. May we fully understand Yahweh's grace in forgiving us of our sins in light of His mercy toward us, and may the redemption given to us by Yahshua cause us to be able to do for others what He has done for us, through His power, prayer, and the encouragement of others.

Isaiah 56:6-7

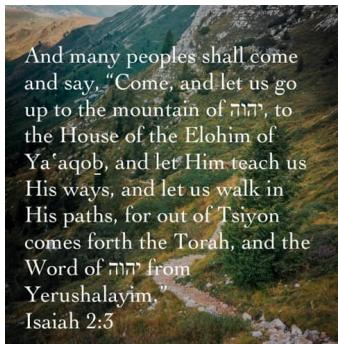
Our relationship with Yahweh, our love of Yahshua, our right to the blessings of the covenant, and our hopes of eternal life, are things that give us, in Yahweh's house, a blessed place and a blessed name, by His grace, for we were beforehand "aliens to the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenant of promise." The blessings we partake of in Yahweh's house are a sure and constant joy and honor, for those that love Him truly will serve Him faithfully, and that obedience is most acceptable to Him. Keeping His Sabbaths as He has appointed them to be kept, out of a sincere desire to please Yahweh, is a treasure we are entrusted with, to keep it holy, with care and caution to keep from polluting it, taking hold of His covenant and



giving of ourselves to Him, to be to Him His people, resolving to never let it go, for it is our life. He will not only invite us to come to His holy mountain, but will welcome us, show us the way, and lead us to it. We will serve Him with joy and gladness, for when we sing of His ways in praise of His Holy Name, then great is the glory of our mighty and awesome Yahweh!

John 1:14

At Mt. Sinai, Yahweh threatened to destroy His people because of the golden calf they worshipped. But Moses pleaded with Him on behalf of sinful Israel. It was then that Yahweh revealed the boundless depth of His mercy and compassion, proclaiming His great name, and declaring Himself "an Elohim who is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin." He had given them detailed instructions for a place where He could dwell among His people, the tabernacle, the tent of Yahweh's presence! Now, thousands of years later, and after the destruction of tabernacles and temples made by hands, He redeemed us back to Himself through another superior tabernacle, given to us through One who abides with us always--Yahshua, our Immanuel forever. Throughout the wilderness pilgrimage of our lives, Yahshua camps with us until He returns in great glory. Heaven will be joined with earth, a new Garden of Eden. The cherubim guarding the way to eternal life will sheath their flaming swords forever, and Yahshua will bring us in. With a loud and joyful voice, He will declare, "Behold, the dwelling place [tent] of Yahweh is with man. He will [tabernacle] with them, and they will be His people, and Yahweh Himself will be with them as their Elohim!" (Rev. 21:3).

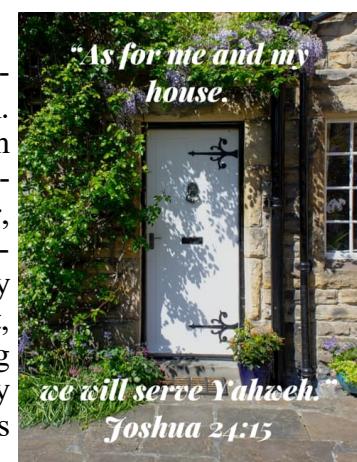
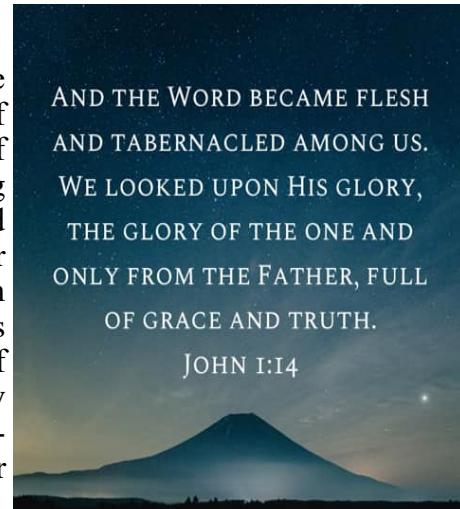


Isaiah 2:3

Yahweh teaches us by planting the knowledge of Himself within us, then watering it with wisdom and understanding by His living and active Word. It is not dusty information on aged pages. Instead, this kind of knowledge and wisdom breathes life into the recesses of our souls and revives our spirits. Through His Word, He lays out a path, speaking to us in a still small voice to direct us in the Way we should walk, and by His Spirit, He gives us the will, the direction, and the courage to continue on until we reach that pinnacle of His glorious Kingdom!

Joshua 24:15

After entering the promised land, Joshua gave the Israelites a specific choice between serving the one true Elohim, or the false idols of the nations around them. Joshua then immediately made known his choice: he will serve the one true Elohim whose name alone is Yahweh! The nature of humanity hasn't changed since the beginning of time, and many false deities exist. Some choose such things as power, wealth, and popularity as their deities. Even those who have taken hold of Yahweh's covenant can find themselves walking backward toward the false deities they may have previously served. Truly choosing to serve Yahweh with all our heart, mind, and strength is a daily commitment which cannot be optional after choosing to serve and live for Him. Our homes should be influenced and filled with His Holy Spirit, dwelling in the goodness and teachings of Yahshua, in a home that worships the true Elohim. The head of the family must lead the family by declaring the highest and most worthy purpose in life. A choice remains for us today. True peace and joy come from the Elohim who wants to bless us with His goodness, things that money cannot buy. As for each and every household of faith, the choice set before them should be clear and easy.



The TRUTH About New Year's Day

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Every January 1, many people cheerfully admonish one another, "Happy New Year!" It is seen as a day of new beginnings. A page is turned, resolutions are made. Wild celebrations erupt all over the night before. And no one ever seems to wonder why. Why January 1 and not any other day? Why pick the dead of winter to begin the year? Let's see what we can find.

The modern calendar, which begins on January 1, was given to us by Rome. It has gone through a number of corrections throughout history. Pope Gregory XIII, and before him, Augustus Caesar, and before him, Julius Caesar, and before him, King Numa, all made corrections to the calendar over the course of time. One change made was that the New Year would be recognized, as it is today, in January instead of in March as it originally was.

"The Roman year began in March... In 153 [B.C.E.], Roman consuls began taking office on January 1, which became the beginning of the year. This practice was retained in the Julian and Gregorian calendars, although other starting dates continued to be used. England and its colonies [including America], for example, used March 25 and the Julian reckoning until 1752" (Academic American Encyclopedia, p.88).

When we really think about it, January is a strange time to celebrate the New Year. Nothing is "new" then. It is the dead of winter in most regions. The name "April" however, comes from *Aprilis*, which is Latin for "to open." The original recognition of the New Year "opening" up at this time is confirmed in the names of the months. As any decent dictionary will confirm the names for September, October, November, and December are all Latin for "7th month," "8th month," "9th month," and "10th month." Looking at a modern calendar, however, we can see that they are two months late in the current scheme. Ask the average person what De-



ember is and he will surely respond that it is the 12th month, when it is actually the "tenth month".

July was originally called Qintillus for "5th month," until Julius Caesar's name took it over (in honor of his birth). Then Sextillus was taken by Augustus Caesar who also wanted his own month, which ended up being called August. Of course, he added a day to make it even with July, not to be outdone. Nevertheless, that July and August were originally called the "5th month" and "6th month" further confirms that January was not the New Year. This change is not without religious significance. January is named after *Janus* "an ancient Roman god of gates and doors and of beginnings and endings represented with two opposite faces" (*Webster's Student Dictionary*). When we consider the modern-day practices perpetuated on January 1, it becomes apparent that these customs commemorate Janus. The peoples' ignorance does not change this fact. In regions of Europe, New Year is called "hogmanay" (see *Jamieson's Scottish Dictionary*). This is actually a specific Semitic phrase signifying the "feast" (*Strong's*, Heb. 2282) of "the Apportioner, i.e. *Fate* (as an idol)" (Heb. 4507). This idol is mentioned in the Scriptures (**Isaiah 65:11**; rendered "**that number**" in the *KJV*). Though most are unaware, the modern observance of Janus is worship of an idol.

*"...it is worthy of remark that Jerome, commenting on [the verse just mentioned]...observes that it 'was the custom so late as his time, in all cities ... to set tables, and furnish them with various luxurious articles of food, and with goblets containing a mixture of new wine, on the last day of the month and year and the people drew omens ... in respect of the fruitfulness of the year'[(Hieronym, vol 2, p.217)]" (Alexander Hislop, *The Two Babylons*, p.94-96).*

By perpetuating the January New Year, not only are the people following an arbitrary time, but it is actually reverencing an idol. That is, it attributes the infinite to the finite. This is idolatry. And January is not really a "month" anyway.

In English, as in Hebrew and Greek, the word for “month” comes from the word for “moon.” This is why all months on the common calendar are about 30 days long. It takes approximately that long for the moon to complete its synodic cycle, i.e. a “moonth.”

The common calendar is strictly solar. This is because Rome’s ancient religious customs, just like many other peoples’, was engulfed in Sun worship. (Consider the fact that Islam, on the other hand, follows a strictly lunar calendar and its symbol is a crescent). The world’s two largest religions reflect their ancient origins on their face.

There is only one time a year in which the common calendar recognizes the moon’s significance. That is for calculating Easter. At the Council of Nicea, Constantine the (not so) Great and his buddies decided that Spring should always begin on March 21st and Easter should always be on the first Sunday following the full moon, which follows the beginning of Spring. It seems that, despite their insistence on being distinguished from the Jews, they understood the relationship between the Resurrection and the Passover. The Passover always occurs on the 14th day of the first month (**Leviticus 23:3**). And the 14th day means 14 days from the crescent new moon, which puts the Passover on the full moon. Hence, they dated Easter as the following Sunday (*The New Encyclopedia Britannica*).

According to the (pre-exilic) Scriptures, the first month is called “Abib” (**Exodus 13:4**) which means “sprouting, budding” (*Young’s Analytical Concordance*, p.3). This is the Spring, when the Most High delivered His people out from under the hand of the Egyptians and said: **This month is the beginning of months for you, it is the first month of the year for you** (**Exodus 12:2**).

Because Constantine ruled that Spring should always begin on March 21st, and because Julius Caesar’s corrections to the calendar were a little off, by C.E. 1582, the discrepancy had grown to ten days. Incidentally, Pope Gregory XIII ruled that October 4th (Thursday) should be followed by October 15th (Friday). Although it had no effect on the weekly cycle, this caused great confusion. “*Servants demanded their usual full monthly pay for the abridged month; employers refused. People objected to having their lives shortened by Papal decree.*” (*Daniel J. Boorstin, The Discoverers*, p. 8-9).

In America, the people protested, until 1752, when they finally made the change, which, by then, had grown to 11 days. Even today, the common calendar is not perfect. While people celebrate the arrival of 2000 (some odd years), even this is wrong. The BC and AD designations come to us from a monk named Dionysius Exiguus who lived in the first half of the 6th century CE.

“*The reference point of the birth of Christ represented ‘not the actual event but an agreed upon point from which all real events could be dated’*” (*Denis Feeney, Caesar’s Calendar*, p. 8 quoting D. J. Wilcox, *The Measure of Times Past: Pre-Newtonian Chronologies and the Rhetoric of Relative Time*, p. 207).

For one thing, we know that Herod the (not so) Great was still alive in New Testament times (**Matthew 2:1**), yet historically speaking, he died between 4 and 2 BCE. So Dionysius had to be at least 2 to 4 years off. This is why we say CE (common era) instead of AD.

So the fact is, New Year celebrations on January 1 are, when we get down to it, just complete foolishness. The timing in the year is arbitrary, and commemorates an ancient idol. January is not even a “month” (moon) in the original and true sense of the word. And the count of years is off as well.

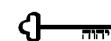
In the Scriptures we read of a “**peculiar people**” being called out of the worldly system for a special purpose (**Deuteronomy 14:2; 1 Peter 2:9**). The situation today is not unlike when the Most High took His people out of Egypt.

Though it is not commonly spoken of, the fact is, the common calendar was not invented by Rome. Julius Caesar did not create it out of nothing. The “Egyptian [solar] calendar...was adopted by Julius Caesar to make his Julian Calendar” (*Daniel J. Boorstin, The Discoverers*, p.7).

“*The Reform of the calendar by Pope Gregory XIII was needed [only] because the year that Julius Caesar had borrowed from the Egyptians, and which had ruled Western civilization since then, was not a precise enough measure of the solar cycle*” (*id.*)

Today the common calendar is usually called “Gregorian” but really it is just the Egyptian solar calendar with a bunch of Latin designations and a Pope’s name added. It’s not much different from the calendar Israel had adopted in Egypt. That would be the same calendar Yahweh called them to abandon when He said (in spring at the Exodus), **“This month (moon) is the beginning of months (moons) for you, it is the first month (moon) of the year for you”** (**Exodus 12:2**). Remember these things were written as examples, a **“pattern for us”** (**1 Corinthians 10:5-12**). The people of our day and age are being held captive by falsehood. Though many do not acknowledge the spiritual nature of their actions they perpetuate them most religiously and constantly. The Master promises us, **You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free** (**John 8:32**).

Let us be grateful that we have been made free!



OVERCOMING LIFE'S OBSTACLES

By: Eric Gentile

Life is a fight, that's a fact. There is no credible argument against it. The only question is, "What is the secret of overcoming or winning?"

Many have been misled by false teachers and teachings into thinking a person of faith is to be a doormat for the world to trod upon. Indeed, they say we are to suffer, and that suffering is good. Not so. They also say from each according to his ability, to each according to his need. Again, not so. If not, is the Anointed One a liar when He teaches of the slothful in the parable of the talents? **Unto every one that has shall be given, and he shall have abundance; but from him that has not shall be taken away even that which he has (Matthew 25:29).**

Indeed, a person of faith is to be confident, active and productive. It may be true that one does not know what the future holds, but one of faith does know Who holds the future. So, in the face of adversity, we are to be a people of initiative and boldness. This is well-illustrated in the **Book of Kings**, by the story of the besieged and suffering lepers at the gate of the city—those who finally came to realize this. **If we say, we will enter into the city, then the famine is in the city, and we shall die there; and if we sit still here, we die also. Now therefore come, and let us fall unto the host of the Syrians; if they save us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die (2 Kings 7:4).**

In other words, as the old warrior is reputed to have said, "When you are surrounded, outnumbered and out-gunned, there's only one choice—attack!" Or as others have phrased it, "Excelsior," "Live free or die," "The function of man is to live, not exist," "Onward and upward," etc.

Ah, strong meat for some, I'm sure, but not at all to those who are more Spirit-filled and Spirit-driven. Which are you? Do you believe in sincerity and suffering, or do you believe more in truth and overcoming?

Sincerity, you say? Then why does the Author of life and liberty say, **Now therefore, fear Yahweh and serve Him in sincerity and in truth (Joshua 24:14).** And the Anointed One echoed, **True worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeks such to worship Him**

(John 4:23). Even the Apostle Paul reiterates this: **So let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth (1 Corinthians 5:8).**

Indeed, sincerity alone is clearly not enough to the expression of true faith.

Suffering you say? This is what the Apostle says, **I write unto you, young men, because you have overcome the wicked one (1 John 2:13). By Yahweh, little children, have you overcome them; for greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world (1 John 4:4).**

Who is he that overcomes the world, but he that believes that Yahshua is the Son of Yahweh (1 John 5:5)?

And, finally, why also does the Alpha and Omega say: **He that overcomes shall inherit all things; and I will be his Elohim and he shall be My son (Revelation 21:7)?**

Indeed, suffering also is clearly not enough to the expression of faith. One must also be an overcomer—but an overcomer of what? He must overcome the flesh, to be sure. **Watch and pray, that you enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak (Matthew 26:41).**

But we must be overcomers of evil, as well. **For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places (Ephesians 6:12).**

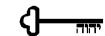
We must even be overcomers of enslavers. **Were you called being a slave? Care not for it; but if you are able to gain your liberty, take it (1 Corinthians 7:21).**

So what will you do? We must persist in sincerity, suffering and oppression, and be striving for the fullness of the Anointed One, in His Truth. Were you not made in the image of the Almighty? If so, then, accept adversity and do not renounce Him and His Anointed, Who died that you might have life and liberty abundantly!

Do you deny the blood of the Lamb, He Who overcame—our liberty of the light? If you do, then how well it is written, **This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be ... disobedient to parents, unthankful, unhol ... having a form of religion, but denying the power thereof (2 Timothy 3:1-5).**

On the other hand, if you choose truth, overcoming and liberty, then shout, **The Spirit of Yahweh is upon me ... to proclaim liberty (Isaiah 61:1).** I can do all things through the Anointed One Who strengthens me **(Philippians 4:13).**

HalleluYah!!!





Iron Sharpens Iron

By: Ben Burgett

Proverbs 27:17, Iron sharpens iron, and one person sharpens the width of another. The word “width” may be translated as another word in some versions, but basically, it is saying that we sharpen each other. It is a very literal “iron sharpening iron.” It’s all somatic—meaning “of or relating to the body, especially as distinct from the mind”—the concept of sharpening each other.

This made me think of the study of geology in which you learn of something called the Mohs scale of hardness. It basically shows how the hardness of a material can scratch softer materials. Softer materials cannot scratch harder materials. So, you won’t have limestone scratching a diamond. You cannot sharpen diamond with anything softer than a diamond. Just keep that in your mind as you read through this.

Proverbs 1:5, Let the wise also hear and gain in learning, and the discerning acquire skill. So, a person can increase in learning by speaking to others who are more wise than himself. I am not going to gain much knowledge by learning from someone at a lower learning level than where I am. Your mind is not sharpened, and knowledge is not gained, by interacting with others who do not progress themselves in learning or understanding of the Word. If I am to learn from my elders, I would expect them to have a greater understanding than I do, or I will not gain anything from it, if they don’t put the time and effort into studying the Word so they can teach it.

I will bring up the Mohs scale again. Relate this hardness or softness, to one’s understanding. Someone of lower understanding cannot teach someone of a higher understanding. You may learn something from them, but they are not in a position to teach you. If we go out in the world, we should be teaching them, instead of them teaching us. When the Scripture says, “iron sharp-

ens iron,” you don’t have the less knowledgeable going out and teaching the knowledgeable. It’s the other way around.

People who are weak in the Word should not teach those with a deeper understanding. If people with a deep understanding only associate with ones who study the milk, they will naturally digress into the milk instead of the meat. We can liken this to entropy—“a gradual decline into disorder.” Psychology and sociology have proven that you tend to become like the five people you are around the most. Therefore, who you associate with, that is, who you learn from, is your peer group, regardless of age. If we want to be teachers of the Torah, or anything of Yahshua, we have to learn and gain a deeper understanding, instead of going out into man’s religions and trying to learn from them. We are supposed to be the ones that teach them—a light to the world.

1 Corinthians 15:33-34, Do not be deceived: Bad company ruins good morals. Come to a sober and right mind and sin no more, for some people have no knowledge of Yahweh. I say this to your shame.

Right there we see bad company corrupting good morals, which we hear many times. Our parents probably taught us that, and it is so true. When you look at it in the perspective of the five people you choose to be around, if you are going to become like them, then you need to choose wisely.

If I immerse myself in a different religion, or people of that religion, I’m going to tend to be like them. If I immerse myself in His words, and allow Yahweh to teach me, that is what I’m going to become, and hopefully, that will rub off on the people I am around.

Hebrews 5:12-14 speaks about progressing and about learning: **For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the**

basic elements of the oracles of Yahweh. You need milk, not solid food. For everyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is unskilled in the word of righteousness. But solid food is for the mature, for those whose faculties have been trained by practice to distinguish good from evil.

The writer of Hebrews is saying that you should progress in your learning. If all you do is keep teaching, or keep going somewhere that keeps teaching the very basics, you will never progress past the basics, and you will still be “babes in the Word.” He says, “learn more, and get deeper, to distinguish the good from evil.”

1 Corinthians 3:1-2, And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Messiah. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you are not ready for solid food. Even now, you are still not ready.

He’s admonishing them that they haven’t gained a deeper understanding. They’ve stayed in the milk (and by milk, he means the basics). The milk is contrasted to solid food. He is expecting us to progress past the basics.

Proverbs 13:20, Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companions of fools suffer harm.

That’s about as plain as it can be, talking again about who you allow yourself to be around.

Deuteronomy 6:4-9, Hear, O Israel: Yahweh is our El, your Elohim alone. You shall love Yahweh your Elohim with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. Keep these words I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you’re at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Let’s pay attention to **verse 5, You shall love Yahweh your Elohim with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your might.** We see this as one of the Ten Commandments. That is the greatest commandment. So, He’s speaking law. He’s speaking Torah. He’s speaking of the deeper teachings. He can put it to you simply, but He is getting into a deeper teaching with this. This is quoting the law previously given.

Yahweh wants you to learn the laws, and have them on your mind—**write them on your heart.** What does that mean? **Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.** This isn’t just some “namby-pamby” stuff—show up once a week and say you are following Yahweh. It isn’t just saying

that you study at home, and read a daily Scripture at night. This is so much more! Get it into your mind, and take it into your heart. We should be living it 24/7.

It is not easy and it is not simple, but as Scripture says, **it is not grievous.** A lot of religions out there are easy and simple—there’s not much accountability out there. Here, you read it and it is going to convict you. It may not make you feel good, but when you get into it, it convicts you. If you work through it, and start walking with Yahshua—which is our goal, the fight we fight—that is what makes you feel good. When you conquer something bad, that’s where the “feel good” comes from—not first, but after you work through it.

It takes work and dedication. Dedication is not just showing up for services one day a week, and listening to somebody giving you a “feel good” message. Dedication is living it when you are out there in the world. It is how dedicated you and I are when nobody is there to see us.

The knowledge you learn from Yahweh isn’t easy to obtain. You work at it every day. It makes me think when I am writing a message, “Where do I want to get this knowledge from?” Yahweh has seen fit to bless me with a father who is deep in the Word, and who really studies, so he can pass that on to me. I grew up in a home that knows Yahweh and Yahshua.

I can go to Google and look up interpretations of what other people are saying. You can even make a message on the commentary that a Bible gives you. But if you are going to give a message based on man’s interpretation, that is not getting any deeper. So, you study for yourself, and look for yourself, and ask Yahweh for that knowledge. I’ve struggled with this, thinking, “How am I going to get a message out of this? I want to speak on this topic, but where am I going to find some substance?” I will Google it, and start thinking, “Man, this really is milk!” It really is so plain, and seems like such “surface” material.

That’s why I wanted to present a message on “iron sharpening iron” relating to who you are around, who you choose to learn from, who I choose to learn from—mainly for the younger people. I feel blessed to have people like my Dad, and Elder George, to name a few—who have taught us and others the truth!

Wherever you go in life, pay attention to where you’re going. Make sure you have people around you who can really teach you, because if you don’t, you are probably going to be fed milk for a long time. It is hard to learn on your own, without counsel.

In summation, be attentive to who you associate with regularly. Choose your teachers wisely. Learn from those who have a deep understanding, who can walk you through the fundamentals, and then further to a fuller understanding of Scripture. Even Albert Einstein said, "If you can't explain it simply, you don't understand it well enough." That means you need a full understanding of the subject to really teach it well.

Proverbs 4 sums this all up better than I can [paraphrased]: Listen, children, to a father's instructions and be attentive, that you may gain insight. For I give you good precepts. Do not forsake my teaching. When I was the son of my father, tender and my mother's favorite, he taught me and said to me, "Let your heart hold fast to my words; keep my commandments and live. Get wisdom! Get insight! Do not forget nor turn away from the words of my mouth. Do not forsake her [wisdom], and she will keep you; love her, and she will guard you." The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom, and with everything else you get, get insight. Prize her highly and she will exalt you. She will honor you if you embrace her. She will place on your head a fair garland. She will bestow on you a beautiful crown. Hear my children and accept my words that the years of your life may be many. I have taught you the way of wisdom. I have

led you in the paths of uprightness. When you walk, your step will not be hampered, and if you run, you will not stumble.

Keep hold of instruction, and do not let go. Guard her for she is your life. Do not enter the path of the wicked and do not walk in the way of evildoers. Avoid it; do not go on it. Turn away from it, and pass on, for they cannot sleep unless they have done wrong. They are robbed of sleep unless they have made someone stumble for they eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence. But the path of righteousness is like the light of dawn which shines brighter and brighter until full day. The way of the wicked is like deep darkness, they do not know what they stumble over.

My child, be attentive to my words. Incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them escape from your sight, keep them within your heart. For they are life to those who find them and healing to all their flesh. Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow from the springs of life. Put away from you crooked speech and put devious thoughts far from you. Let your eyes look directly forward and your gaze be straight before you. Keep straight the paths of your feet, and all your ways will be sure. Do not swerve to the right or left; and turn your foot from evil.

Praise Yahweh!



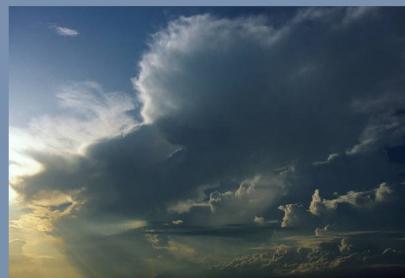
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In the text and in Scripture quotations, you will find the correct personal name of the Creator, Yahweh, and the given Name of His Son, our Savior, Yahshua. His name 'Yahshua' means 'Yahweh saves.' These names are used in several editions of the Scriptures and are coming into more common usage generally. The Hebrew term *Elohim* will also be found. It means 'mighty being' or 'mighty one' and has been translated 'god' in most English Bibles. (Your comments and questions are welcome.)

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A Song of degrees of David.

Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is* for brethren to dwell together in unity. *It is* like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, *even* Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;

As the dew of Hermon, *and as the dew* that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there Yahweh commanded the blessing, *even* life for evermore. Psalm 133

2025 Holy Day Calendar

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Passover Memorial—
evening of April 12

Passover Day—April 13

Feast of Unleavened Bread—
April 14-20

Feast of Weeks—
June 8

(All feast days begin evening before date given above, except for the Passover Memorial.)

Feast of Trumpets—
September 24

Day of Atonement—
October 3

Feast of Tabernacles—
October 8-14

Eighth Day—October 15



2025 New Moons

January 1

January 30

February 28

March 30*

April 28

May 27

June 26*

July 25

August 24

September 23**

October 23

November 21**

December 21

These are the dates
when new moon
should be sighted.

*May be seen night before

**May be seen next night

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MY NAME, AND MY
GLORY WILL I NOT
GIVE TO ANOTHER...”
(ISAIAH 42:8)*

Elijah's world was not far removed from ours. In a display of miraculous power, he showed Israel that the idol they were worshipping, as well as his name, was a counterfeit.

From ancient times to today, the story is the same. People have taken the deities of the nations and worshipped them in place of the one, true Creator, Yahweh. They use borrowed names and titles. Yahweh said, “**They think to cause My people to forget My name ... as their fathers forgot My name for Baal**” (Jeremiah 23:27). Why not start worshipping the Father in the one Name He wants to be called—Yahweh? “**You shall call Me by My name.**” “God” and “Lord” are titles—not names. For proof of this sacred Name and why it is so important, write for our free booklets, *The Heavenly Father's Great Name*, and also *The Missing J*.

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