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Have You Counted the Cost?

“Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you,” Luke 14:28–29 NIV.



When we consider how short physical life is, compared to how vast the time of eternity spoken of in Scripture is, isn’t it then prudent of us to consider our walk in life. A life we can choose to live in any way we want, but with end consequences.

Yahweh essentially tells all of us to choose life, a life of obedience, an expression of this life of love to Yahweh and to our fellow man. “I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live,” Deuteronomy 30:19.

Choose Correctly

Our goal here, or wherever we are, is to seek out eternal life by spending our time building a relationship with Yahweh and His Son, Yahshua. If we want success in the end, we have to consider what it will take from the start to achieve it.

The appointed times of Yahweh are from the beginning and will go into eternity, Lev. 23. Aligning ourselves in Yahweh and Yahshua’s will (Matt. 7:21; 12:48-50) to attend these is one of the first steps in getting with Their program. With the times Yahweh has set forth, we find the overview of Yahweh’s plan for us. Request “Yahweh’s Appointed Times” bookmark for your Bible today.

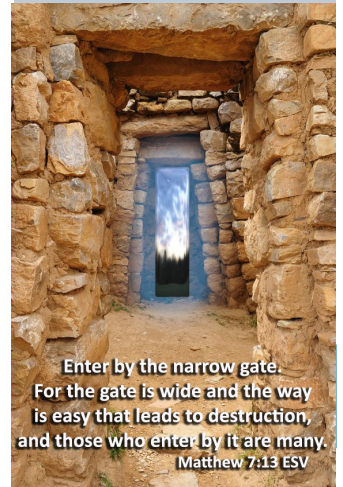
2nd Tithe Commanded

Many are keeping the weekly 7th Day Sabbath, set-apart from creation, as best they can in their own area, including the 7 annual high Sabbaths. However, the 2nd tithe is commanded by Yahweh for our own good to be used to enable us to travel to keep the Feasts.

It is good for us to come together at the times He designates as holy. It is good for us to set aside a 2nd tithe, Deut. 14:22-26. Many of His laws are good for us today. That’s why He has placed them before us. It is not by coincidence that we have the preserved Torah, writings, and prophets, in all of the Bibles, and in all of the various languages. It is by heavenly providence as both a witness and testi-

All Scripture is breathed out by Elohim and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of Yahweh may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-7 ESV



Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. Matthew 7:13 ESV

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mony to the world. “And this evangel of the [coming] kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come,” Matthew 24:14 ESV.

Once in the Kingdom, people will then more fully submit themselves to Yahweh: “Many people shall come and say, ‘Come, and let us go up to the mountain of Yahweh, to the house of the Elohim of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths. For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the Word of Yahweh from Jerusalem,’” Isaiah 2:3 KJV.

Change in the Law

The “change in the law” mentioned in Hebrews, for those in Messiah, does not change the meaning of perpetual statutes (unending ordinances) or holy convocations (set-apart gatherings) which the appointed times of Yahweh are. It does not change the meaning of what a 2nd tithe of one’s increase is. An increase is an increase, whether of agriculture or of wages. We sometimes have to prioritize, but the end result is we’ll be blessed for doing so. Request your free mini-study, “Yahweh’s Appointed Feast Days: Now YOU Can Afford to Attend!” You may also want to request, “Yahweh’s Biblical Holy Days” which is an in-depth booklet.

Be Fully Involved

If we have been keeping the Feasts, the appointed times of Yahweh, we have counted the costs. But, if we are only keeping these times at home, and not in fellowship with other believers (Heb. 10:25-26), we may not have counted the cost. We may not understand that Yahweh wants us fully in, and not partially or haphazardly in, Deut 10:12, 16; 11:1. We have to ask, “Have we made the necessary plans to carry out Yahweh’s will in our lives, in preparing for eternal life and ruler-ship in the coming Kingdom with the King of kings?” (Rev. 3:21)

Of the specifically commanded sojourning (traveling) Feasts, given in the law, the following are listed in Exodus 23:14-17:

- Days of Unleavened Bread
- Pentecost (Note: next one on **May 19th for USA**, services at 1:30pm at YAIY, Kingdom City, MO.)
- Feast of Tabernacles

The Hebrew wording commands “traveling” in the first and last sentences: H7272, “regel” (foot, leg, journey) and H6471 pa’am (footstep, hoofbeat, a stroke, strokes or steps).

Understandable Situations

It’s true that there are many reasons, such as health, being incarcerated, or not having enough funds, even after saving up, in which one would not be able to travel or attend with Yahweh’s people in Messiah. We understand, in such cases, that Yahweh looks to us to do the best that we can. He certainly considers where our heart is.

It’s when we do have the ability, but rationalize that we’ll just try next year or the year after (Luke 14: 18-20), that it then becomes a problem. It can soon lead to a habitual and willful disobedience, which is the opposite of what we’re called to do.

Choose Life

Choosing to disobey is rebellion in Yahweh’s sight. As we’ve already read, Yahweh put before the people the instructions that would produce life, if they chose to do them.

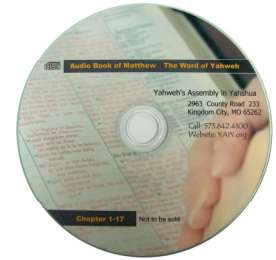
While we are under the Melchisedek Order, we understand there is a change in the law that allows us to come before Yahweh without having to go through purification or ceremonial rites in the Levitical priesthood. Neither do we sacrifice animals as they did. Yet, we still are to learn of Yahweh’s ways and worship Him in Spirit and Truth. Our bread is His Word (Matt. 4:4), which His Spirit helps us to understand in a deeper and more meaningful way as we walk with Him.

Some of the best times and memories we have is the time we spend before Him alongside the brethren, at His appointed times. Consider your calling, and choose life.

Audio Book of Matthew

A two CD set of the Book of Matthew is now available, free for the asking. This non-dramatized audio version is based upon the Word of Yahweh (KJV) and is now also online as MP3 files for downloading to iPods, etc.

We'd like to hear from any of the brothers who may have the time and ability to do recordings of more books. We may be able to provide the recorder, if one isn't available.



More wealth, but not more TIME

We can produce more wealth, but we cannot produce more TIME. On his death bed, Alexander the Great summoned his generals and told them his three ultimate wishes:

1. The best doctors should carry my coffin.
2. The wealth I have accumulated (money, gold, precious stones) should be scattered along the procession to the cemetery.
3. My hands should be let loose, hanging outside the coffin for all to see.

One of his generals, who was surprised by these unusual requests, asked about them. Here is what Alexander the Great had to say:

1. I want the best doctors to carry my coffin to demonstrate that, in the face of death, even the best doctors in the world have no power to heal.
2. I want the road to be covered with my treasures so that everybody sees that material wealth acquired on earth, stays on earth.
3. I want my hands to swing in the wind, so that people understand that we come to this world empty handed and we leave this world empty handed, after the most precious treasure of all is exhausted - TIME.

TIME is our most precious treasure because it is LIMITED. We can produce more wealth, but we cannot produce more TIME. When we give someone our TIME, we actually give a portion of our life that we will never take back. Our TIME is our life. May YAHweh grant you plenty of TIME, and may you have the wisdom to give it away so that you can LIVE & LOVE in peace.

Abraham J Heschel basically says the main themes of faith lie in the realm of time as everything that is important to our Creator (YHWH) is time related.

The Scripture is more concerned with time than with space. It sees the world in the dimension of time. It pays more attention to generations and to events, rather than to countries and things; it's more concerned with history than with geography. To understand the teaching of the Scripture, one must accept its premise that time has a meaning for life which is at least equal to that of space; time has a significance and sovereignty of its own.

The meaning of the Sabbath is to celebrate time rather than space. Six days a week we live under the tyranny of things of space; on the Sabbath we focus on becoming attuned to holiness in time. It is a day on which we are called upon to share in what is eternal in time, to turn from the results of creation to the mystery of creation; from the world of creation to the creation of the world.

One of the most distinguished words in the Scripture is the Hebrew word *qadosh*, sacred; a word which more than any other is representative of the mystery and majesty of the divine. Now what was the first holy object in the history of the world? Was it a mountain? Was it an altar?

It is, indeed, a unique occasion at which the distinguished word *qadosh* is used for the first time: in the Book of Genesis at the end of the story of creation. How extremely significant is the fact that it is applied to time: "And YAHweh blessed the seventh day and made it Sacred." There is no reference in the record of creation to any object in space that would be endowed with the quality of holiness.

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This is a radical departure from accustomed religious thinking. The mythical mind would expect that, after heaven and earth have been established, YAHweh would create a holy place— a holy mountain or a holy spring—whereupon a sanctuary is to be established. Yet, it seems as if to the Scripture it is holiness in time, the Sabbath which comes first.

When history began, there was only one Set Apart in the world, Sacred in time. When at Sinai the word of YAHweh was about to be voiced a call for holiness in man was proclaimed: "Thou shalt be unto me a Set Apart people." It was only after the people had succumbed to the temptation of worshipping a thing, a golden calf, that the erection of a Tabernacle of holiness in space was commanded. The sanctity of time came first, the sanctity of man came second, and the sanctity of space last. Time was hallowed by YAHweh; space, the Tabernacle, was consecrated by Moses (as directed by YAHweh) through Aaron and the Levitical priesthood.

While the festivals celebrate events that happened in time, the date of the month assigned for each festival in the calendar is determined by the life in nature. Passover and the Feast of Booths, for example, coincide with the full moon, and the date of all festivals is a day in the month, and the month is a reflection of what goes on periodically in the realm of nature, since YAHweh's month begins with the new moon, with the reappearance of the lunar crescent in the evening sky.

In contrast, the Sabbath is entirely independent of the month and unrelated to the moon. Its date is not determined by any event in nature, such as the new moon, but by the act of creation. Thus, the essence of the Sabbath is completely detached from the world of space.

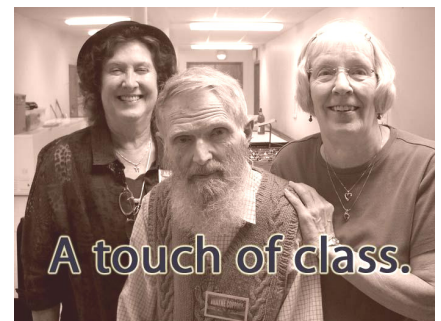
by Ivor van Rensburg (South Africa)

Brother Wayne Coppock

Wayne Allen Coppock (seen to the right with spiritual sisters Marilyn Taylor and Jan Meyer, taken at the Feast of Tabernacles 2009) was born in Pocahontas County, Iowa, on March 26, 1931, the second child of Glenn Claude and Helen Diantha Keyes Coppock. He passed from this life at Golden Living Center, St. James, Missouri, on April 12, 2013, making the days of his pilgrimage, 82 years and 17 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Glenn and Helen Keyes Coppock, one brother, Ralph, and one sister, Ardus. He is survived by the families of his two nephews, Shannon and David and his two nieces, Julie and Cheryl and first cousins in California and Arizona.

We will miss his gentle nature and words of wisdom, but look forward to seeing him again when Yahshua returns. "And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way... the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of Yahweh shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away," Isaiah 35:8–10 ESV.



Prayer List

Elder Dick Vaow, Hap Tew, Michelle Love and Family, Jewell Holt, Dolores Parker, Maxine Conrad, Terrell Frasure, Lois McDonald, David & Barbara Creel, David Jones Jr. and Family, Charlie Pelton, Robert Dorchester, Dries Van Zyl, Clare Kane, R.C. Fernald Family/Friends, Robert and Patricia Potter, Manuel Longoria and Family, Gary and Lanai DuBois, Donnie and Roland Miller, Serena and Sonya Siangco, Carrol Isdell and Family, Bonnie Merryman, Paul Oliver, Dirk Coetzee, Elsie du Plessis, Sandra Gets, Jim Colletti and Family, Dan & Geri O'leary, Karen van Schalkwyk, Kay Manning, Kent Hovind, Claire and Albert Hendricks, Solofonirina Ramanamahenina Justine, Rasolofonjatovo Elie Jasmin, Oliver Lister and Family, Frances Rodgers and Family, Diana Abbot, Sharon Grobler, Josuea Williams, Seth Tao Moore, Seth Tao Moore, Michael Johnson, Peter Sill, Terrence Williamson, Ingerborg Hendricks, Sarel Pretorius, Stella and Sean Rogers, Loretta Reyes and Family, Robert Creech, Jill Smith and Family, Clair Kane, Brethren around the world, Jerusalem and all of Israel.

"Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the assembly, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Master," James 5:13 ESV.