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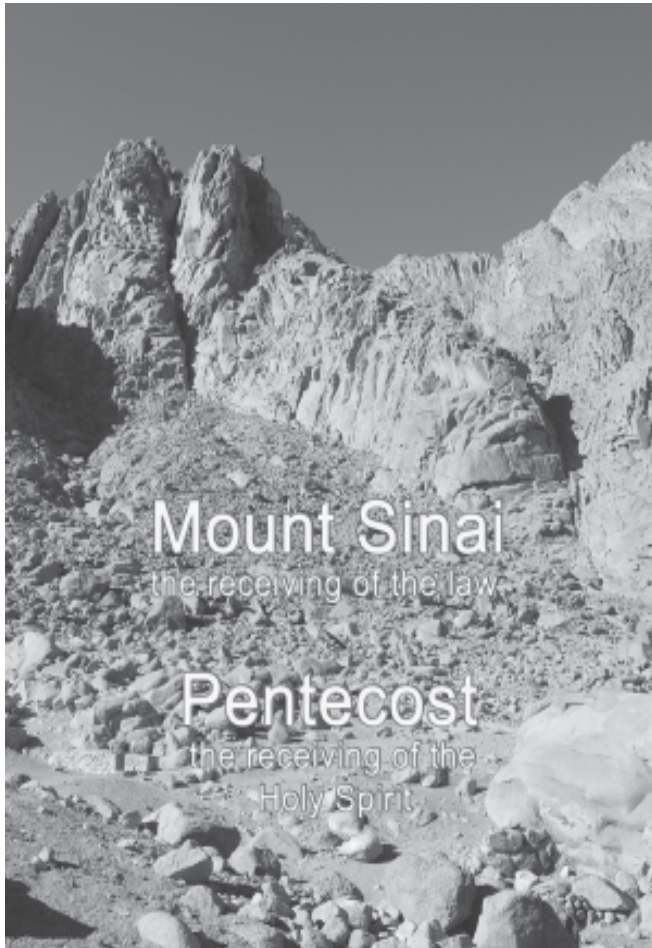


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# Pentecost

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## Its Meaning

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# Then and Now

The day called Pentecost is associated with two big events in the history of Yahweh's People. The word "pentecost" occurs 3 times in the New Testament:

*And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place, Acts 2:1.*

*For Paul had determined to sail by Ephesus, because he would not spend the time in Asia: for he hasted, if it were possible for him, to be at Jerusalem the day of Pentecost, Acts 20:16.*

*But I will tarry at Ephesus until Pentecost, 1 Cor 16:8.*

Pentecost is the translation of the Greek word "pentekoste" (pen-tay-kos-tay') nt:4005; feminine of the ord. of nt:4004; fiftieth (nt:2250 being implied – (day)) from Passover, i.e. the festival of "Pentecost". The commentaries seem to go along with this incorrect reference that the counting for Pentecost starts the day after Passover. This says that since Passover can occur any day of the week, then Pentecost can occur any day of the week also. As the Bible tells us, we will find out differently.

### Count to Fifty

This definition of "pentekoste" means to count to fifty, but where does one start to count?

*And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete: Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto Yahweh, Lev 23:15-16.*

Each time in these two verses the word Sabbath(s) is the translation of the Hebrew, Strong's 7676, "shab-bawth", meaning the weekly Sabbath. For a High Sabbath the Hebrew word "shab-baw-thone", Strong's # 7677, would be used.

Since the day after the seventh sabbath is the fiftieth day, then the day when one begins to count is the first day of the week.

*And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete, Lev 23:15.*

The word "sabbath" is the translation of the Hebrew "shab-bawth," and corresponds to the weekly Sabbath.

*Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto Yahweh. Ye shall bring out of your habitations two wave loaves of two tenth deals: they shall be of fine flour;*

they shall be baked with leaven; they are the firstfruits unto Yahweh. And ye shall offer with the bread seven lambs without blemish of the first year, and one young bullock, and two rams: they shall be for a burnt offering unto Yahweh, with their meat offering, and their drink offerings, even an offering made by fire, of sweet savour unto Yahweh. Then ye shall sacrifice one kid of the goats for a sin offering, and two lambs of the first year for a sacrifice of peace offerings. And the priest shall wave them with the bread of the firstfruits for a wave offering before Yahweh, with the two lambs: they shall be holy to Yahweh for the priest. And ye shall proclaim on the selfsame day, that it may be an holy convocation unto you: ye shall do no servile work therein: it shall be a statute for ever in all your dwellings throughout your generations, Lev 23:16-21.

Verse 21 says that this fiftieth day is a holy convocation, a day when no work is to be done, not only a Sabbath day, but a High Sabbath day. In New Testament times this is Pentecost.

## Arriving at Mount Sinai

*In the third month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Sinai. For they were departed from Rephidim, and were come to the desert of Sinai, and had pitched in the wilderness; and there Israel camped before the mount, Ex 19:1-2.*

Today's English Version gives a better explanation of the reading:

*The people of Israel left Rephidim, and on the first day of the third month after they had left Egypt they came to the desert of Sinai. There they set up camp at the foot of Mount Sinai, Ex 19:1-2 TEV.*

Counting, this would make the first day of the 3<sup>rd</sup> month to be some 45 days after they left Egypt when they camped before the mount. On day 46 (third month – first day) Moses ascended and descended the mount for the first time.

*And Moses went up unto Elohim, and Yahweh called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel; Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself. Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an*

*holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel. And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which Yahweh commanded him, Ex 19:3-7.*

## Preparation for Receiving the Law

On day 47 Moses' second ascent and second descent he sanctified the people and had them wash their clothes. The purpose of having the people wash their clothes was to symbolize washing their heart to sanctify them because of what was about to happen.

*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 Yahweh said unto Moses, Lo, I come unto thee in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with thee, and believe thee forever.*

*And Moses told the words of the people unto Yahweh. And Yahweh said unto Moses, Go unto the people, and sanctify them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their clothes, And be ready against the third day: for the third day Yahweh will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai. And thou shalt set bounds unto the people round about, saying, Take heed to yourselves, that ye go not up into the mount, or touch the border of it: whosoever toucheth the mount shall be surely put to death: There shall not an hand touch it, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether it be beast or man, it shall not live: when the trumpet soundeth long, they shall come up to the mount,*



Moses with the Law written by the finger of Yahweh

And Moses went down from the mount unto the people, and sanctified the people; and they washed their clothes, Ex 19:8-14.

During this short wait what did Moses direct the people?

And he said unto the people, Be ready against the third day: come not at your wives, Ex 19:15

The first day the people waited was the forty-eighth day since they left Egypt; the second day was the forty-ninth day; and the third day was the fiftieth day since leaving Egypt.

## Receiving the Law

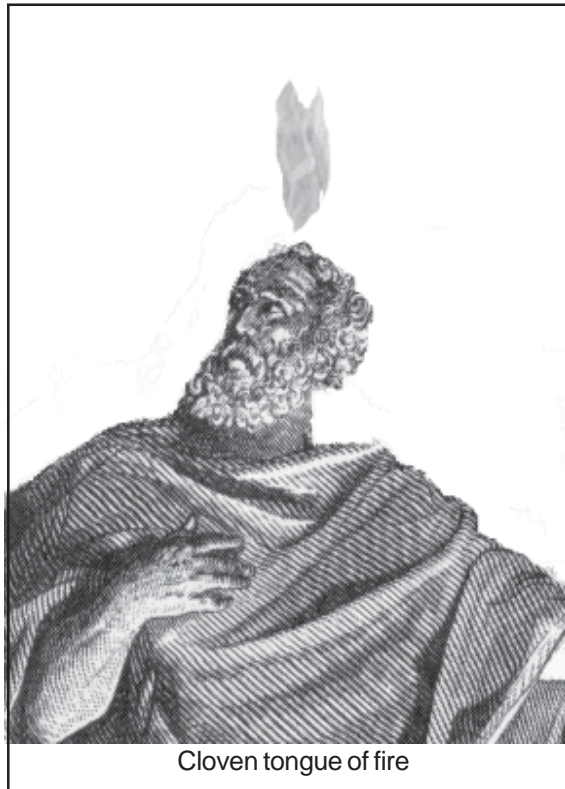
On the morning of the third day (fiftieth day since leaving Egypt) Moses ascended the mount for the third time:

And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that was in the camp trembled. And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with Elohim; and they stood at the nether part of the mount. And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because Yahweh descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly. And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder, Moses spake, and Elohim answered him by a voice. And Yahweh came down upon mount Sinai, on the top of the mount: and Yahweh called Moses up to the top of the mount; and Moses went up, Ex 19:16-20.

After communing with Elohim, Moses descended the mount for the third time to speak unto the people.

And Yahweh said unto Moses, Go down, charge the people, lest they break through unto Yahweh to gaze, and many of them perish. And let the priests also, which come near to Yahweh, sanctify themselves, lest Yahweh break forth upon them. And Moses said unto Yahweh, The people cannot come up to mount Sinai: for thou chargedst us, saying, Set bounds about the mount, and sanctify it. And Yahweh said unto him, Away, get thee down, and thou shalt come up, thou, and Aaron with thee: but let not the priests and the people break through to come up unto Yahweh, lest he break forth upon them. So Moses went down unto the people, and spake unto them, Ex 19:21-25.

And what was it that Moses said to the people? Beginning with Exodus chapter 20 the word which Moses said unto the people was the Law. Since this Law was given to Yahweh's people on the fiftieth day confirms Yahweh's people received the Law on the day of Pentecost as Leviticus 23 describes.



Cloven tongue of fire

## New Testament Pentecost

The word "Pentecost" occurs three times in the New Testament: Acts 2:1, Acts 20:16, and 1 Cor 16:8. In each case it is the translation of the Greek "pentekoste (pen-tay-kos-tay') NT:4005; feminine of the ord. of NT:4004; fiftieth (NT:2250 being implied) from Passover, i.e. the festival of 'Pentecost'." (Biblesoft's New Exhaustive Strong's Numbers and Concordance with Expanded Greek-Hebrew Dictionary. Copyright © 1994, 2003, 2006 Biblesoft, Inc. and International Bible Translators, Inc.). The Greek NT:4004 means a multiple of Greek NT: 4002 – five.

It must be noted that by the scriptures we have gone through, the counting of fifty days begins with the day following the weekly Sabbath which occurs during the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and not from Passover.

What happened on this Pentecost day as is described in Acts 2:1-4:

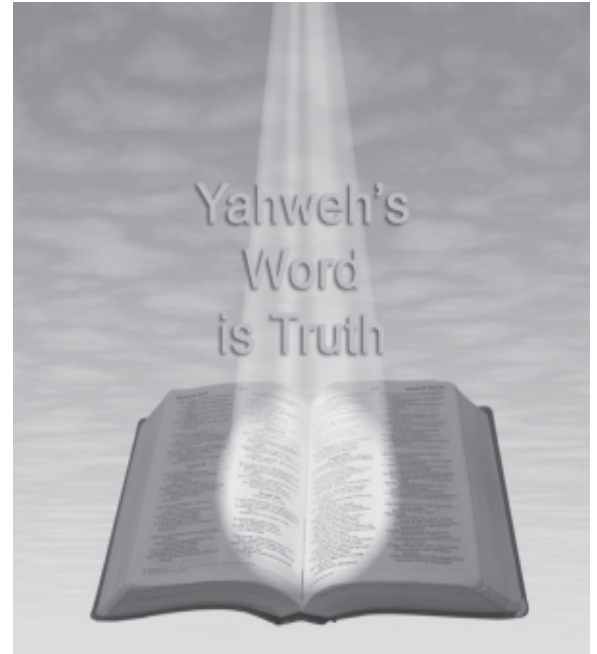
And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance, Acts 2:1-4.

In Old Testament times the Holy Spirit would be given to someone for a specific purpose, and when the deed was done the Holy Spirit would be removed. Some examples are: (1) Bezaleel, Ex 31:1-11, artisan for helping to build artwork for the Tabernacle; (2) Samson, Judges 14:5-6, killing of a lion; (3) Saul, 1

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# Be Not Deceived!

## Part 4 - Final Choose Truth



(Note: Except where otherwise stated, Bible references are taken from the New King James Version – NKJV with the Holy Names inserted. The author for emphasis has sometimes shown parts of quotations in bold or block capitals.)

### Introduction

Yahshua's teachings in Matthew 24 and 25 on the end of the age forewarn His true followers of the events that will precede His return, so that they will not be deceived or caught off guard. In spite of this there are contradictory theories in religious groups regarding the sequence and timescale of these climactic events, and the preparation that is required. Some for example believe that Yahshua's second coming will be in two parts. His first appearance being before the Great Tribulation when believers will be suddenly taken away in the rapture to heaven and then return with Him at the end of the Tribulation to take part in His millennial reign. On the subject of preparing for His coming, many claim that if you simply ask Yahshua into your heart, you will be ready to meet Him.

As explained in Part 2 of this series, whenever doctrines are contrary to what Yahshua said, it is safest to allow the words of Yahshua to be the arbiter. In Matthew 7:24-28 Yahshua said that His words are the only firm and sure foundation on which to build our lives. If we really desire to base our beliefs on the truth, and to avoid being deceived, we must always remain firmly fixed to His words, and ignore the contradictory deafening noises of popular religious organizations. In Revelation chapter 5, it is Yahshua who takes and unrolls the scroll that sets in motion all the apocalyptic events. He is also the One who revealed to John on the isle of Patmos, *"the things which will take place after this,"* Rev 1:19. Yahshua is without doubt the highest source of reference on the subject of end-time prophecy.

Eve succumbed to the deceiver because she was more interested in having her own way and in listening to the voice of a stranger than in standing firmly on Yahweh's words. Let those who believe they are Yahshua's disciples, take

note of what He said and avoid the delusion and confusion that is rampant in the world. Yahshua said, *"Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away,"* Matt 24:35. Yahshua's words will be dependable to the end when all other words have ceased. His words will be your constant source of light that you may *"walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise,"* Eph 5:15.

In this fourth and final part, we shall consider the rest of Yahshua's response to His disciples who desired to know all about the signals that would precede His coming. His words recorded in Matthew 24:15 - 25:46 will be used as the basis for discovering vital truths that ought to be of paramount importance to all believers who desire to be ready when He returns.

### The Great Tribulation (Matt 24:15-28)

Yahshua made a prophecy that the abomination of desolation mentioned in Daniel 9:27, 11:31 and 12:11, would be a significant sign pointing to His return. He said, *"when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place ... then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be,"* Matt 24:15, 21.

The abomination of desolation refers to a loathing, degrading and despicable violation or misuse of the sacred Jewish temple in Jerusalem. Such an event occurred in 167 BC when a Hellenistic Syrian ruler by the name of Antiochus Epiphanes, determined to humiliate the Jews and crush ruthlessly all Jewish opposition to his authority. He outlawed Judaism and set up a statute to Zeus in the Jewish temple, where he also built an altar over the altar of burnt offerings, and thereon sacrificed a pig to Zeus. Pagan

rites, orgies, and festivals were performed in the Temple grounds in contempt of Jewish worship and customs.

Yahshua would have been aware of this incident, but was referring to a future event. Many speculations have been made of the actual episode to which Yahshua was alluding. Among the more popular are the siege of Jerusalem in 70 AD, and the Dome of the Rock that was built in 688 AD, on the desolate site of the Court of Gentiles on Mount Moriah as a tribute to Mohammed. None of these potential contenders for the prophetic 'abomination of desolation' fits Daniel's detailed prophecy, which included a seven-year agreement with Israel that would be broken at the time of the desolation. On the other hand, all of Yahshua's comments in verses 15-31 about this special time, confirm that He was describing occurrences that would predate His second coming.

Yahshua warned His disciples that at that time,

*There will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened,* Matt 24:21-22.

Since Yahshua has said the intensity of this tribulation will be unparalleled for all times, one can safely conclude that He was referring to the apocalyptic events recorded in Revelation. He said, *"For the elect's sake those days will be shortened."* He did not say that the elect would not go through those difficult times. Yahshua's comments here suggest that believers who are alive at this time would be going through the Great tribulation, but this will be substantiated later.

During this time false messiahs and false prophets will be prevalent who will perform *"great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect,"* Matt 24:24.

Yahshua added, *"See, I have told you beforehand,"* Matt 24: 25. Yahshua knew that except He forewarned His followers of the spectacular wonders

that will be performed by these pseudo prophets, many persons would believe that such extraordinary feats were of Yahweh. In order to be prepared for that time of great delusion, it is necessary to heed Yahshua's warning and be on guard from now. One cannot assume that all miracles are the work of Yahweh, for even *"Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light,"* 2 Cor 11:14. In his epistle to the Thessalonians Paul said, *"The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish,"* 2 Thess 2:9-10a.

Yahshua said in Matt 7:22- 23 that many who will claim to have *"prophesied, ...cast out demons ...and*

*done many wonders in [His] name"* will be told, *"I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!"*

Your belief must not be based on the manifestation of miracles but rather on the evidence of obedience to the words of Yahweh and Yahshua. Satan and his servants can perform wonders and know the word but do not obey it. Therefore obeying Yahweh and Yahshua implicitly is the best antidote for deception.

## The Coming of the Son of Man (Matt 24:29-31)

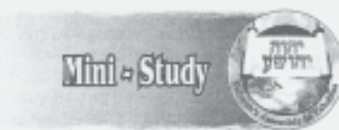
There would be no need for Yahshua to provide the warning in Matt 24:15-28 if His followers who are alive at the time of these happenings would not be going through the tribulation. As if to clarify this and put the timing of these occurrences beyond all possible doubt, Yahshua continued in one unbroken link from the Tribulation to explain the next series of events. He said:

*Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other,* Matt 24:29-31.

Nowhere has Yahshua mentioned or even hinted that prior to this dramatic advent of the Son of Man, He would have come to take away His saints. This is quite clearly the time - the only time - when saints who are alive will be caught up to meet Him.

This passage is pivotal in telling us what will take place and when. In these verses, Yahshua has brought together His prophecy of the Abomination of Desolation, the tribulation and His second coming. The one leads on to the other. In Matt 24:15, 21 He had said that the great tribulation would

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## Is the Rapture Biblical?

*"Then two shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left" —Matthew 24:40.*


follow the Abomination of Desolation. Now He tells us that **immediately after the Tribulation** there would be visible phenomenal heavenly signs. As in a theatre when the lights are dimmed or turned off so as to spotlight the actors, so too the luminous bodies in the sky would fail or fall. Awesome dramatic upheavals that were never witnessed before would occur in the celestial bodies. Then He who is the Light of the world would appear visibly and suddenly for the whole world to see. Luke adds that *“as the lightning that flashes out of one part under heaven shines to the other part under heaven, so also the Son of Man will be in His day,”* Luke 17:24. With a loud trumpet blast, His angels would gather His saints from every corner of the globe. ‘The Day of Yahweh’ would have begun. This information by Yahshua in conjunction with His remarks in Matt 24:15-22, confirms most definitely that

- The abomination of desolation to which Yahshua referred has not yet taken place. (It also follows that in order for the abomination of desolation to come to pass, the temple in Jerusalem will have to be rebuilt, and sacrifices re-instituted).
- The great tribulation is yet to come and will take place shortly after the abomination of desolation.
- There is only one ‘second coming’ of Yahshua and only one gathering of His saints when He comes.
- The heavenly bodies will signal His coming **“immediately after the Tribulation.”**
- This will not be a quiet event. His angels with a great noise of trumpet will gather His saints.
- His coming will not be a secret. *“Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the*

*tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him,”* Rev 1:7.

By accepting what Yahshua has said, we can be sure of the events and their sequence which will herald His coming. His word is the dependable foundation, which we can use as our basis for understanding other prophecies, such as those by Daniel. We do not have to be in the dark like those who disregard Him or His words, and try to put pieces of the jigsaw puzzle together, which He has already done for us, so that we would not be deceived.

That great day of trumpets to which Yahshua referred can be compared with Rev 11:15 when the seventh (last) trumpet sounded:



*For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed*

*Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Eloah and of His Messiah, and He shall reign forever and ever.”*

The time would have come that Yahshua *“should reward [His] servants the prophets and the saints, And those who fear [His] name, small and great,”* Rev 11:18b. This is the same event referred to by Paul in 1 Thess 4:16-17 where he wrote:

*For Yahshua Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of Yahweh. And the dead in the Messiah will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet Yahshua in the air. And thus we shall always be with [Him].*

Those who believe in a heaven-bound rapture of the saints often quote this very important verse by Paul. Paul never said that the saints would be **caught up before the tribulation**, or that the saints would then go to heaven

and escape the tribulation on earth. He merely said they would be *caught up together ... in the clouds to meet Yahshua in the air.* In 1 Cor 15:51-52 Paul wrote:

*We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.*

Paul said that the living and dead saints would be changed **“at the last trumpet.”** Yahshua’s infallible statement in Matt 24:29-31 of when and how He would reward His saints is confirmed in the book of Revelation and in Paul’s writings. None of these evidences suggest a heaven-bound rapture that will take place before the tribulation.

Once again as we saw in Part 2, except we give priority to Yahshua’s words, there is an open thoroughfare for all sorts of conflicting and erroneous teachings. Those who believe the saints will not be in the tribulation will not be prepared for the severe testing that is ahead, and about which Yahshua has warned us. There is grave danger in assuming that there will be an escape route out of the tribulation when, in Matt 24:9 and Rev 6:11, we are told many saints will be martyred at that time. On the other hand you do not need the possibility of an imminent rapture as the motivation to be constantly prepared. We have seen recently how changes can occur suddenly without warning on a global scale. It is not beyond belief that within a very short space of time there could be a dramatic acceleration of events that in rapid succession would trigger the fulfilment of the outstanding stages and usher in His return. Meanwhile, life continues to be uncertain while death is sure, and for some persons may precede Yahshua’s return. When a saint dies, his/her next moment of consciousness will be to meet Yahshua in the air. Therefore there is a constant need to be ready to meet Yahshua at any time.

Yahshua has warned us of the sequence of events. We do not have



to waste time considering other possibilities that might be at variance with His words. If the words of the Son of Yahweh are not reliable then no other words can be trusted. Those who prefer man-made explanations to the words of Yahshua are deceived, and will find out the truth when it is too late to correct the errors they had accepted.

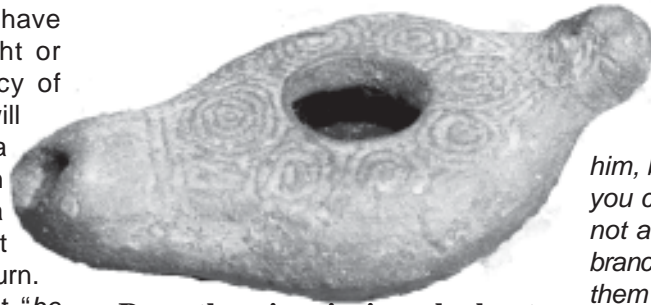
### **Be Ready** (Matt 24:32-25:46)

Yahshua did more than just tell us the succession of incidents that would pave the way for His coming. In Matthew 24:32 to the end of chapter 25, He told us what we should do in the interval. Yahshua's underlying message to all of His disciples is to be ready for His appearing. He said, *"of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only,"* Matt 24:36. There are many who in the past have predicted when Yahshua would return, and they all have been proved to be wrong. In spite of this, other persons believing they have obtained some special insight or revelation continue the fallacy of making this forecast. As they will never know more than Yahshua and the angels, they too will turn out to be false prophets. Yahshua has not commanded us to find out the exact time when He will return. His command is that we must *"be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect,"* Luke 12:40. He gave warning signals that will give an indication of His imminent return, but He emphasised that we must be ready.

He gave many examples to stress His central message of watchfulness. He cited the case of an evil servant in Matt 24:48-51, who became self-indulgent because his master had delayed his coming. For such persons Yahshua said there would be *"weeping and gnashing of teeth."* His message here is that we must not be lulled into a state of complacency because His coming appears to be delayed. Instead, we must be on guard, for He is surely coming and will appear at a time when many are not expecting Him.

He next gave the parable of the wise and foolish virgins in Matt 25:1-13. The five foolish and five wise virgins were waiting together for the bridegroom. The foolish were deluded and careless. They thought they were completely ready with burning lamps until the crucial time of testing came and their lamps were without the necessary ingredient.

The interval in which they could have rectified their error had passed. At the critical moment for which they had been waiting expectantly, they were denied entry. They were no longer torchbearers who could point the way to Yahshua who is truth. Their lights had gone out. They were in darkness like those who had no lamp. Their profession (lamp) was but a futile show. How sad it will be when many who had assumed they were ready, will hear the stern and chilling voice of the Bridegroom saying, *"I do not know you!"* John made this invaluable assessment:



### **Be as the wise virgins who kept enough oil in their lamps to be ready when the Bridegroom came**

*If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Yahshua the Messiah His Son cleanses us from all sin, 1 John 1:6-7.*

Your eternal destiny is too important to be gambled on popular and false assumptions. It is not what you think or what the crowd says that matters, but what Yahshua has said and will say to you on that day. It is safest to heed now the voice of the One who will be your Judge. "On [Yahshua] the solid rock [you must]

stand. All other ground is sinking sand." Be not deceived!

In Matt 25:14-30 Yahshua gave the parable of the talents, in which the master distributed varying large sums of money to his servants, then went into a far country. Each servant had enough money and time in which to be profitable. On his return, they each explained what they had done with the master's money. Two of the three servants had doubled their initial sum, but the third, who was fearful, did not invest his, and still had only the original amount.

It is implied in this parable that Yahshua is that Master who was *"travelling to a far country."* Before leaving this world, He gave to His disciples of all ages His truths, gifts, salvation and the promised resources of the Holy Spirit, which all have great value and potential, that must be put to work. When He returns He will be looking for fruits from His investment in us. This will be the final evidence of those who had utilized all that He had given, and those who had not. Yahshua said in John 15:5b-6,

*He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.*

He cursed the fig tree that seemed from a distance to be flourishing but was in fact fruitless. It withered. *"The unprofitable servant"* was cast *"into the outer darkness."* (Matt 25:30) *Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of Yahweh underfoot?* (Heb 10:29) As part of your preparation for His return you must be constantly watchful to ensure your lives are bearing the fruits that are the product of the 'Vine' to which you profess to be connected. Yahshua said, *"by their fruits you will know them,"* Matt 7:20.

Yahshua will expect His people to be much more than nominal believers. Contrary to popular teaching, 'asking Yahshua into one's heart' is no

guarantee of obtaining eternal life. An awareness that one is travelling in the wrong direction is only the pre-requisite for beginning the pilgrim journey and does not by itself get you to the final destination. In Mark 10:17-22, the rich young ruler asked Yahshua what he needed to do to have eternal life. Yahshua's answer said nothing about a vague asking Yahshua into his heart, but instead was specific about what the ruler needed to do. Yahshua's price was too high. The ruler walked away.

Those who really desire to have everlasting life must be willing to put to good use Yahweh's free gift of salvation and to walk in obedience to His words as Yahshua had repeatedly taught. Yahshua expects the seed of His word in us to germinate and grow into trees of righteousness, producing fruits with seeds that keep on multiplying to the day of His return. Anyone without fruit (the evidence of having been connected to Him) will be discarded like a withered branch. *"There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth,"* Matt 25:30b. There is no easy way into the kingdom. Only full compliance with His words is guaranteed to produce fruits in your life from which you and others will benefit, and Yahweh glorified. Yahshua is coming for **fruits!** Nothing else will do. Be not deceived!

In Matt 25:31-46, Yahshua said that He would separate the people of each nation in the same manner that the shepherd separates his sheep from goats. They will be judged by the things they did or failed to do. The favoured ones will be those who demonstrated love in practical ways by providing for the needy. Those who did not respond to the needs of others will have no part in the kingdom. This introduces yet another important basis for selection that is often overlooked. Yahshua has put great emphasis on the subject of love. He has said that the first commandment was to love Yahweh and that the second was to love our neighbour as ourselves. He explained in the parable of the Good Samaritan that our neighbour is anyone with whom we come in contact. Elsewhere He had said we should love

our enemies. Therefore there can be no justifiable reason to ignore those who are in need, whether friend or foe. His instruction to love is as much a part of His commandments as anything else that He taught. If we really love Him, we will demonstrate in practical ways our love to others. He said, *"If you love Me, keep My commandments,"* John 14:15. If we fail



Which group do you fall into?  
A Sheep? A Goat?



to do what He says, it is proof that we do not love Him, and we will be finally barred from His presence as if we had done some other sin. *Everyone who commits (practices) sin is guilty of lawlessness, for (that is what) sin is, lawlessness (the breaking, violation of Yahweh's will by transgression or neglect - being unrestrained and unregulated by His commands and His will),* 1 John 3:4 Amplified Bible. There are no degrees of sin. There is just sin, which is failing to do what Yahweh and Yahshua have commanded.

Loving Yahweh with all of your heart, soul and mind, and your neighbour as yourself are the two greatest commandments. Loving Yahweh entails loving His Son whom He sent. Loving Yahshua necessitates taking heed of His words and doing what He said. To His followers of all times, His challenge is, *"If you love Me, keep My commandments,"* John 14:15. In other words, loving Him is demonstrated not by our lips, but by our lives. He also warned all of His followers that *"Many will say to Me on that day, 'Rabbi, Rabbi, have we not prophesied in Your name, and driven out demons in Your name and done many mighty works in Your name?' And then I will say openly (publicly), 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who act wickedly [disregarding My commands]'"*, Matt 7:22-23 Amplified Bible. It is not what we profess that matters most but what we do in obedience to Yahshua and Yahweh. Loving Yahweh is not complete until we show love to all of our fellowmen – even our enemies, just as He said and did.

This is further proof that there is no short cut to the kingdom. Throughout His ministry, Yahshua mentioned many things that could hinder us from gaining eternal life. Except you walk on His straight and narrow path to the end, you will not enter through the final gates into His 'City'. The pilgrim road involves much more than an emotional attachment to Yahshua or selective obedience to some commands. It demands total submission to all of His instructions. The rich young ruler, like the foolish virgins, lacked just one thing! Just one thing can keep you out of the kingdom. Those who have patterned their lives according to all of His words will be selected for eternal life. Others will not.

In all of these discourses we are hearing from the One who will be our Judge. It is like being told beforehand by the examiner the questions that will be asked in an examination. You will have no one but yourself to blame if you still do not make it. No one who is determined to pass an examination will at the same time skimp on

preparation, or will have the mindset to do just enough to scrape through. The eternal consequences of getting it wrong are too severe to substitute the vital clues that Yahshua has given to us with false assumptions of others, who will not have the final word.

When He comes, it would be futile to ask Him why He had shown up at a time that did not fit in with your theology or expectations. The mistake would not have been His but yours. It was in order to prevent such unpreparedness by His followers that He cautioned vigilance. *“Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your [Master] is coming,”* Matt 24:42.

Yahweh loves the people He made, but detests the actions of those who despise His or His Son’s words. The day of His wrath is coming. This is not just an Old Testament doctrine. Yahshua said,

*He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of Yahweh abides on him,* John 3:36.

In referring to the punishment that awaits sinners, Yahshua said in many places, *“There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth,”* Matt 8:12, Matt 13:42, Matt 13:50, Matt 22:13, Matt 24:51, Matt 25:30 and Luke 13:28. The future is dismal for those who despise Yahshua’s words.

When He returns He will not be the celebrated babe in the manger that the world sings about at Christmas. He will only bring peace on earth after *“His enemies are made His footstool,”* Heb 10:13, and the earth is cleansed from every trace of sin. His enemies are all those who have not obeyed Him. No sinner will inherit the kingdom of Yahweh. Therefore, any sin in your life, whether by commission or omission, must be forgiven before you see Yahshua. This is only possible by vigilance in comparing your words, deeds, thoughts and beliefs with His, and then confessing your shortfall (sins) to Him and turning away from them.


*If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to*

*cleanse us from all unrighteousness,* 1 John 1:9.

## Obey His Words

We have shown from the beginning and throughout this series of articles that disobeying the words of Yahweh and Yahshua has been the main reason why man has been deceived and has strayed from their Maker. What began in the Garden of Eden has been continued and exacerbated with each successive generation. Man has habitually substituted the thoughts, words, standards and commands of Yahweh with their own. Most of the leaders in Christendom have opted for messages that are popular or traditional, and have avoided or evaded

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### Why Grace Leads to Obedience

“Guilty” was the jury’s verdict. The judge’s sentence: death by lethal injection. For Wey Ward, a convicted murderer, the nightmare of that December day seven years ago had played endlessly through his mind.

In a jealous rage he had taken a man’s life. He realized that he deserved the death penalty for what he had done. No amount of agonizing could change that.

Regardless of how many times he pleaded for forgiveness from the victim’s family, no matter how much he wished he could relive events, one persistent fact remained. Ward deserved to die. The law was the law. He was guilty of a capital crime and he had to pay the price for his sin.

With nowhere else to turn, he begged mercy from the governor.

#### “You Have Been Pardoned”

Just 10 minutes before his scheduled execution, Wey Ward heard the most unbelievably wonderful words ever spoken to a condemned man:

“By the grace of the governor of this state, you have been pardoned.”

“I can’t believe it,” he said to himself. “He forgave me!”

Humbly thankful for the gracious pardon, Ward vowed from that point on that he would be a model citizen. And he never was in trouble with the law again.

Although fictitious, the foregoing illustrates the concept of scriptural grace and how it works in the

the truth. They give the impression that their emphasis is on maintaining and defending their preferred set of doctrines at any cost with pride and prejudice, rather than in fearlessly declaring the infallible truths of Yahweh and Yahshua. They and their adherents have chosen the broad way that Yahshua said leads to destruction, rather than Yahshua’s straight and narrow way that leads to eternal life. They speak in endearing terms of Yahshua the Messenger, but ignore His message just the same. They call Him “Master” but do not allow His words to be the basis of their beliefs. They give precedence to the misunderstood words of Paul the Apostle or to the twisted, unfounded and pagan beliefs of their churches, above the words of their Saviour. They *“reject the commandment of Yahweh, that [they] may keep [their] tradition,”* Mark 7:9.

In spite of their disbelief or indifference to the words of Yahshua, His words will be their judge and will remain even when heaven and earth have passed away. His Word is the Truth. There is no other sure foundation. Satan has fed the world, including religious organizations, with lies and deception. He has continued the work he had begun in the Garden of Eden by distorting the truth but presenting his version in an appealing and convincing mode to those who are gullible and are not firmly grounded in Yahweh’s truth. Yahshua’s caution to His disciples over two thousand years ago is particularly valid today as we near the time of His return. *“Take heed that no one deceives you,”* Matt 24:4.

We must not be like Eve, Esau, Judas and the Prodigal son who chose the short-term gain and lost that which really mattered. We must take heed now to that voice which we shall hear at the end, to reward or punish, instead of the voices that will all be silenced when Yahshua comes. We must not be like the deluded homosexual priests or any other disbeliever who think they will somehow gain eternal life while gratifying the flesh in complete disregard or defiance of the consistent teachings of the Bible. *“For what profit is it to a man if he gains*

the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" Matt 16:26.

You cannot be too careful to ensure that you will spend eternity with Yahshua. The foolish virgins thought they had done enough and were wrong. The evil servant imagined time was on his side; the lazy servant with the talent could not be bothered. Whether through their ignorance, negligence or defiance, one way or another, those who fail to take heed of Yahshua's instructions, will be told "Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels," Matt 25:41.

To those who believe that Yahshua is their Saviour and feel some emotional attachment to Him, yet ignore His words, He is saying, "Why do you call Me 'Master, Master,' and do not do the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46.)

## Personal Responsibility

When Yahshua returns, the protective covering of organizations to which you have belonged, the superficial airs of being a believer, positions you have held and the good opinions that you or others have had about you will be stripped away. You will be on your own without props before the Judge. His penetrating eyes will see YOU just as you are. There will be no valid explanation you will be able to offer to justify your condition then. The error of Eve in disobeying Yahweh, the popular erroneous doctrines of Christendom, the magnetic pull of the misguided world, the compelling force of your weaknesses and the sinister powerful trickery of Satan will be of no importance in your defense. The Judge will not be concerned about the hindrances that had come your way, but only the decisions you had made. Your choices will be weighed against the alternative paths you could have taken that are in accordance with Yahweh's word. Perhaps for the first time you will be unable to escape the reality of your true

condition when you will see yourself as if looking in a mirror.

If you waited until then to measure yourself on Yahweh's scale of truth, it would have been too late to rectify what is wrong. Now is the best time to be rid of the false ideas you have nurtured about yourself, flawed doctrines and standards of righteousness, and the deep-seated defects that you have overlooked. They are all loaded with the potential to finally separate you from Yahshua.

We can all be deluded if we look at the faults of others and ignore our own. Vigilance demands a regular scrutiny of our beliefs, thoughts and deeds to ensure that they conform to the high standards Yahshua has set. It requires the humility to understand that our best efforts are inadequate without the constant help, strength and guidance of Yahweh through His Holy Spirit.

One song says "there is none so blind as he who will not see." In a sense perhaps the most detrimental deception is that which comes from

within. Lives have been shattered without hope of a change because persons were incapable of seeing their own shortcomings, and were content to keep on blaming others for their predicament.

Yahshua warned:

*How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me remove the speck that is in your eye," when you yourself do not see the plank that is in your own eye? Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck that is in your brother's eye, Luke 6:42.*

The problem is very great when one cannot see, feel or accept the error of their ways. No one can convince such a deluded person of a need to change.

You cannot afford to ignore the warnings of the Bible and to assume that all will be well. It is time to take stock of yourself and of your beliefs and to see if you "have forsaken the right way and gone astray," 2 Peter 2:15.

Your awareness of the preponderance of errors in the teachings of Christendom or other religions does not make you spotless or absolve you of your individual responsibility. Yahshua has no favourites other than those who obey Him. "Yahshua said to those Jews who believed Him, 'If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed'," John 8:31. To His disciples He said, "You are My friends if you do **whatever I command you,**" John 15:14. Pause for a moment and consider this: Would Yahshua really call you 'friend'?

*"The great dragon ... that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan (is the chief adversary) who **deceives the whole world,**" Rev 12:9. Since creation, he has been planting seeds of doubt into the minds of people so as to turn them from obeying Yahweh. He has been doing this by twisting the words of Yahweh to convey his own message that would appeal to those who will listen to him. As he asked in the*



Adam and Eve leaving the Garden of Eden because of disobedience

Garden of Eden, he is still asking people today, *“Has Yahweh said?”* Or *“Is it true that ...?”* He then places into their minds strong reasons why Yahweh’s word is not true. Sadly the majority of people believe his lies, even those who claim to be worshippers of Yahweh. But all power does not rest with Satan. Though it may sometimes seem that you are helplessly trapped by his cunning devices, you are told to *“submit to Yahweh. Resist the devil and he will flee from you,”* James 4:7. The devil will be punished for deceiving the world, but people will also be punished who allowed Satan or anyone else to deceive them. It is your responsibility to accept for yourself the truths of Yahweh and Yahshua and not to yield to strong delusions from any source. *“Take heed that no one deceives you,”* Matt 24:4.

## You Too Can Fall

Peter was always at the forefront to show his loyalty to Yahshua. Spurred on by his enthusiasm he had no hesitation in refuting Yahshua’s prediction to the disciples that they would all fall away.

*Peter answered and said to Him, “Even if all are made to stumble because of You, I will never be made to stumble.” Yahshua said to him, “Assuredly, I say to you that this night, before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.” Peter said to Him, “Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You!”* (Matt 26:33-35)

In this particular instance, Peter was so sure of his devotion to Yahshua, that he did not take heed of Yahshua’s words. He thought he knew himself quite well, and therefore did not listen to the One who knew him even better. He demonstrated his resolve and attachment to Yahshua when he cut off Malchus’ ear in defense of Yahshua. Up to that point he was proceeding in his characteristic impulsive, leading and positive manner.

Then when Yahshua was arrested Peter’s stumble began. Matthew tells us, *“Peter followed Him at a distance to the high priest’s courtyard,”* Matt 26:58. He began to distance himself from the One whom he loved. At the

courtyard Peter sadly discovered that he was not as strong and assertive as he had always been. His zeal gave way to cowardice. He began to think more in his own interest with less attachment to Yahshua. He who had said to Yahshua, *“Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You!”* (Matt 26:35), He denied with cursing and swearing that he had known or had anything to do with the Saviour.

*“Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall,”* 1 Cor 10:12. Even you can fall. You have no strength in yourself. Be not deceived. You are only strong when you keep close to Yahshua and take heed of His words. Remember, *“He who endures to the end will be saved,”* Matt 10:22. Peter fell but repented, got to his feet again, met the risen Saviour, and thereafter to the end of his life, was used mightily in Yahweh’s service.

Be careful that you not fall. But if you do, remember to be like Peter. Repent and continue the journey with your eyes, ears and mind riveted upon the risen Messiah, to your journey’s end. Never distance yourself from the only One *“who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,”* Jude 1:24.



Peter’s denial of Yahshua

## Conclusion

In Revelation 16:15, Yahshua said, *“Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame.”*

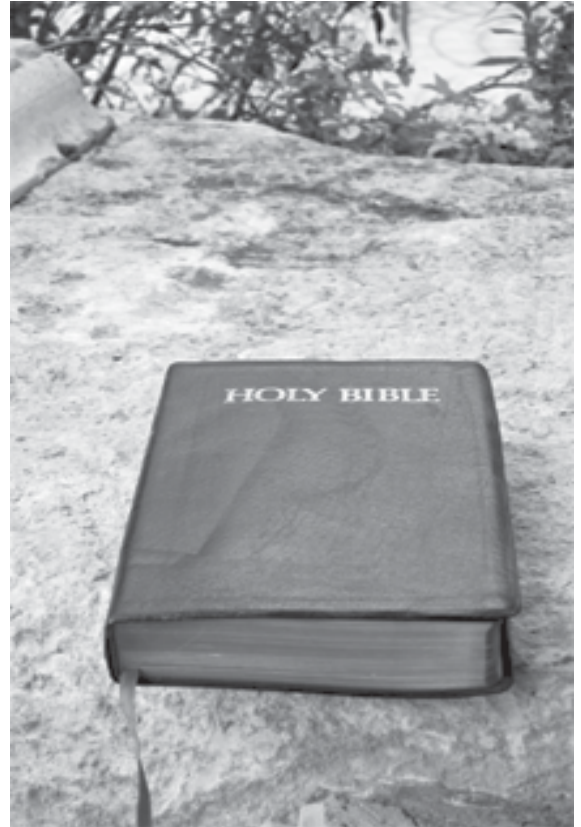
Yahshua also said in Mathew 24:32-33, that in just the same way nature gives telltale signs of the changing seasons, so we will see visible evidences of His impending return when the things He had predicted in Matt 24:1-31 begin to come to pass. On an unprecedented scale there will be lawlessness, false doctrines, teachers and messiahs, wars, famines, natural disasters, epidemic diseases and intense tribulation. They are the warning signals that the end is near. Most of these are already happening and are accelerating towards the apocalyptic events that will culminate in the angelic trumpet blast announcing the arrival of the King of Kings. Countdown has quite clearly begun with the sudden, unprecedented, and massive upheavals that are shaking the secure foundations of life on this planet. The stage is set. Like a whirlwind, the remaining events that will bring us to the final cataclysm can occur swiftly without any further warning.

His coming will be as a thief in the night for those who are not ready and are not observing the signals. The warning signals on our highways tell us of impending dangers but they do not compel us to take action. The response is up to you. Deluded or blind persons ignore the highway signs at their peril. Deluded and blind ‘believers’ who ignore the words of Yahshua are heading for utter damnation. There is simply no way to obtain eternal life whilst ignoring what Yahshua has said.

There is no safety in the misguided crowd. In the days of Noah, the majority of the inhabitants on the earth laughed at Noah and his message of doom, and carried on their lives as though he had not spoken. For over two thousand years, Yahshua’s words have been largely ignored and despised even by many who claim to

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# Truth, Error, the Law and the Spirit



At the hospital where I work, they have a committee called Spiritual Development, which places a small column in the weekly newsletter. Their column is called "Spiritually Speaking." A recent entry was called "Life's Recipe" and reads as follows:

## LIFE'S RECIPE

- 1 cup of good thoughts
- 1 cup of kind deeds
- 1 cup of consideration for others
- 2 cups of sacrifice for others
- 3 cups of forgiveness
- 3 cups of well-beaten faults

Mix above ingredients thoroughly. Add tears of joy, sorrow and sympathy for others. Flavor with little bits of love. Fold into daily life and bake well with the heat of **human** kindness. Serve with a big smile. -Author unknown

The recipe for life is to be kind to others. That's good advice ... for those who wish to live a "good life," doing what is morally correct. That's wonderful! Even so, it seems to me that there is something missing from the recipe. I think the author of the recipe has overlooked the One who **GAVE** us life, the Creator! Or, maybe the author is not really concerned about Eternal Life. Perhaps what is missing for me is the hope found in living a life, here, that gains an eternal existence with the Creator. Well, far be it from me

to allow something to just lie where it's at, fallow to me, without doing something to make it grow. So, I wrote another recipe; this one is called "A Recipe for Eternal Life."

## RECIPE for ETERNAL LIFE

Ingredients:

- 1 gallon of undiluted, in-depth Scriptural Study, untouched by human hands
- 1 earnest of Holy Spirit
- 1 section of the root of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil
- A good measure, at least 10 cups of well-aged Obedience to the Word, pressed down, shaken together, and overflowing
- 7 Tablespoons of sweet worshipful convocation
- ½ cup Prayer of Gratitude
- ¼ cup Spiritual Song
- 1 Tablespoon Adversity
- 1 wafer-thin slice of fat-free, dehydrated sinfulness
- 2 cups of faith in Yahweh, in the name of Yahshua
- 3 Heaping Tablespoons of good works
- 1 teaspoon of sharing the Good News
- 1 Tablespoon Understanding Others
- 1 Tablespoon Accepting Others
- 1 Tablespoon Forgiving Others, and
- 2 Tablespoons Sacrifice for Others

Directions:

1. Add an earnest of Holy Spirit to a gallon of Scriptural study and bring to a fervent boil, do not cover.
2. Grate 1 teaspoon of the Root of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil; add to mixture.
3. Stir in Obedience to the Word until thoroughly dissolved; let simmer all the live-long day; enjoy its fragrance.
4. Add the Worship, Prayer and Song until mixture clarifies.
5. Lightly blend in the good works, the Good News, Understanding, Acceptance, Forgiveness and Sacrifice for others.
6. Vigorously whip a Tablespoon of Adversity into the mixture until exhausted; remove from heat and let set, allowing the Worship, Prayer and Song to rise to the top.
7. Take one thin slice of fat-free, dehydrated sinfulness and pulverize with a mortar and pestle to a fine powder until unrecognizable. Consider how tempting and "original" it would be to add it to the mixture. But instead, smell it; if it stinks, then wash the mortar and pestle free of this substance with soap and water, and flush the sinfulness down the sink.
8. Put the mixture in a glass dispenser designed to fit in your refrigerator. Chill.

Drink it when thirsty. Enjoy alone or in the company of others. If prepared correctly, you will never run out – you will be able to drink it forever.

## Work Atmosphere

When I'm not finding fault with articles in the hospital newsletter, I'm busy working as a social worker at a forensic, psychiatric hospital. Its function is to rehabilitate individuals who have engaged in serious, unlawful behavior of which a court of law has determined that they cannot be held responsible for their behavior due to the degree of mental disability or defect from which they suffered at the time of

the crime – and from which they continue to suffer.

Part of my work involves facilitating two therapeutic groups on my ward, about basic thinking errors and about problem-solving. It wasn't until September 2, 2005, that I realized that the hospital's mission and purpose is, in a sense, a reflection of Yahweh's Plan of Salvation, though on a much smaller, human scale. This minor revelation came to me while facilitating a group made up of the thirteen clients whose cases I manage. On this date, I had not prepared a topic for discussion, but I felt somehow inspired to give the "big picture" to these men about why they were here.

## Teaching Moment

Before I continue, let me explain that earlier in the week, during a meeting in which the entire ward meets to discuss changes in procedure and so on, one new client asked the most frequently asked question of all the questions ever asked by clients at the hospital, "How do I get out of here?" Another client answered, "By keeping out of trouble; don't act aggressively and do what you are told." Then, another client refuted this answer with a profane remark. It dawned on me that I now had what we call a "teaching moment"; and I said to the disgruntled man, "You're right! Keeping out of trouble, not acting aggressively and doing what you are told IS NOT how you get out of here, is it?!" The ward was silent (because it seemed to contradict what they had been taught since their admission, namely, that "If you do everything we ask of you, you will be discharged or transferred to a less restrictive environment.")

I asked the entire ward, "How many of you know someone who says they have done everything they have been asked to do; they appear to have met their Criteria for Discharge written in their Individualized Treatment Plans; they've been free of physical and verbal aggression for years; they attend all their classes; they are at Level 6 or 7 while most clients struggle to achieve and keep their Level 3; and they are

STILL here on this ward – and the Treatment Team is not willing to submit a request for their transfer to a less restrictive setting?" All their hands shot up. At that moment, our time ran out for the group, and the RN was setting up to pass out medications. So, the group ended on an unresolved note; until my smaller group met the following week.

In that group, (getting back to my story) I recounted the previous discussion. Additionally, I reiterated a previous presentation to them in my Basic Thinking Errors Group about the opposite of Error, which is ... Truth. Then, I asked them, "Is it TRUE that DOING all that is expected of you – abiding by the ward rules, attending and participating in all of your groups, and avoiding all inappropriate behavior – will get you out of here?" They all answered, "No!" Then, I took a risk. I asked, "Then, does it look to you like we are LYING to you?" They all said, "Yes!"

Ah! I had brought them to yet another teaching moment. "No," I said, "we are not lying to you. But, there IS a thinking error present here. Can anyone see it?" Silence. So, I explained, "The laws, statutes, regulations, policies, procedures, ordinances and ward rules are written for those who are not willing to refrain from hurting others. You are here at this hospital because you disobeyed the law, and you are here to 'change your behavior.' Now, we've talked about why we act the way we do. Right?" They said, "We act out of our feelings." "Right," I said. "And where do our feelings come from?" They replied, "From our thoughts." "And, where do our thoughts come from?" Silence.

I reiterated the answer to them. "Our thoughts, perceptions and beliefs come out of our life's experiences. When a child is molested by a parent who is an alcoholic or drug addict; when he is abandoned, beaten, neglected and otherwise treated like trash; what does that child THINK about himself? He thinks, 'I'm no good, there's something wrong with me, it's all my fault, I don't have any control over my body, the people who love me

the most are the ones who can hurt me the most and I'll never be free.”

Then, I asked, “And, what did YOU feel when these things happened to you? You felt afraid, powerless, guilty, ashamed, disconnected and betrayed. These feelings turned into anger. You grew up and acted these feelings out toward others. You committed the crimes that got you here. You acted out the Thinking Errors that you learned in your early life and which still exist within you today. Your peers, those who have moved on to a lesser restrictive environment have changed their behaviour, not by simply obeying the rules; they have changed ... their THINKING. They have come to the conclusion that ‘I AM important to others,’ ‘I AM in control of myself,’ ‘my caretakers will not hurt me,’ and ‘there is nothing to be afraid of.’ Their behaviour reflects what they have changed in their minds and in their hearts. In other words, they don’t NEED the law – rules and regulations, and policies and procedures – to control their behaviour; they ARE a law unto themselves. In other words, the law is in their hearts.”

## Yahweh’s Law

Paul wrote of this in Romans 12:2:

*And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the **renewing of your mind**, so that you may prove what the will of Yahweh is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.*

To you who are reading this article, can you see how the understanding of the Law of Yahweh can be applied to real life? Now, I have no idea whether or not any of my clients understood what I was saying to them. It may be that Yahweh was speaking more to me, out of my own mouth, to help me understand His Plan of Salvation and to edify His Law in my heart. I think I understand the connection between the Law and Love, for it seems to me that it is the Love of the Father – that is, His love for us – and our reciprocal love toward Him that guarantees our obedience to His Law. He gave us His Law as a guide so we would know what

it means to obey His Law. His Law IS righteousness. It is the Law of Love. For when we love Him, we will do His will. We are THEN “not under the Law,” because the Law is **within** us.

What is the opposite of Truth? Error. Can the Law be in Error? No. Why not? Because, the Law defines Truth. What is the Spirit of the Law? The Spirit of the Law is the knowledge of the depth, breadth and height of the relationship between us and the Father that assures us that we are “good enough,” that we are “in control of our thoughts, feelings and behavior,” that “there is nothing to be afraid of in this world,” and that “we have all that we need.” Understanding this, we are filled with the Spirit of Yahweh, the Spirit which grants us a sense of worth, personal power (or initiative), security and satisfaction.

Why is this important? Because the ones who break the Law are the ones who do not have this Set-Apart Spirit. Breaking the Law is how the world obtains the **illusion** of worth, power, satisfaction, connectedness and security, because of the failure to understand our TRUE relationship with the Creator, the Almighty Yahweh. Yahshua said, “If you LOVE Me, obey My Commandments,” meaning “obey My Words” and “obey My Law.” Law-breakers are attempting to gain a sense of worth through public attention or adoration. They are attempting to gain power by controlling others - connectedness through sexual exploits, security by threatening or hurting others, and they are attempting to obtain satisfaction through the acquisition of material possessions. These are the ones for whom the Law is written.

## Consequences of Wrongdoing

One opposes the Law ONLY when one feels worthless, powerless, afraid, humiliated, betrayed and disconnected. The Law, you see, from the vantage point of our fleshly bodies, is a THREAT to our worth, because it, alone, has value – it, alone, is truth. The Law is a threat to our power,

because it seeks to control our behaviour. It is a threat to our security, because it demands consequences for disobedience. It is a threat to our satisfaction, because it is not designed to please the flesh ... to bring us happiness. In fact, the **letter** of the Law is death, even though it was given to us to find LIFE.

The Law of Sin and Death means, “If you SIN, you DIE!” It is a threat to our innocence, because it bears testimony to our wrongdoing. The Law is a threat to our fleshly courage – it seeks to bring us to shame for the inherent sinful nature into which we were born. That’s why it is in our BROKENNESS, when we “fall upon the Rock,” that we are in a place to receive the Word of Yahweh. That is, when we seek Him and His forgiveness. Because, we realize that we are dead without His mercy and longsuffering. HE died for OUR sins. When does the “burden” of obedience to the Law become light? When does it become an easy yoke? The answer is, when we come to understand the gift that we have been offered, that is, eternal life with the Father.

## Yahweh is Our Benefactor

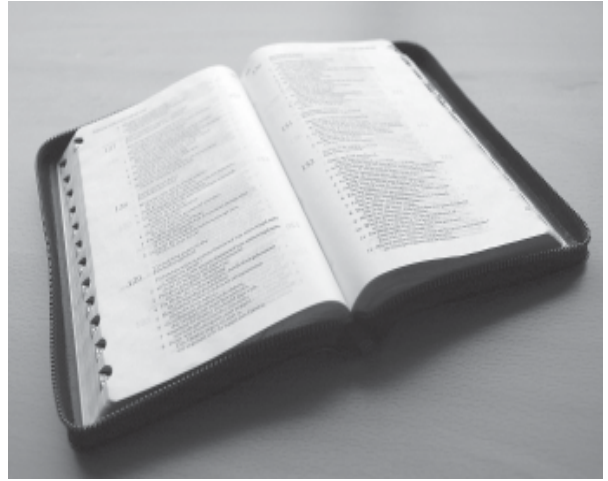
When we are FILLED, abundantly, with the Love of the Father, we do not NEED to “find” alternative ways to obtain peace. We ARE innocent. We ARE powerful. We ARE satisfied. We ARE secure. We ARE worthy. For He makes it so, not us. He is our Provider. He is our Strength. He is our Protector. He is our Innocence. In Him is where we find our Worth.

The other day, my wife and I watched a movie called “Jeremiah.” It was fairly well done and the acting was good enough. However, while speaking one of his prophesies, and using a quote from Scripture, Jeremiah was heard to say, “I will make a new covenant with you, one that I will write on your hearts.” I came up out of my chair and said something like, “Oh, come on! You could at least quote what it SAYS!” I was upset at the lie that was being promulgated by the

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# Is the Bible Full of Contradictions?



The majority of church members in this world at some time in their lives have taken a Bible in their hands, and attempted reading the Scriptures. Then, certain confused thoughts would arise within their minds because the Words they read just do not agree with what they have been told by their Sunday school teacher, or the sister in the convent. (Also included are the messages they receive from the priest, minister, or the fiery preacher announcing that the judgment day is at hand!) In fact, these "captive congregations" are so conditioned, that they become so dependant upon the "preacher" in their church. So many of these members are warned by their shepherds, who quote to them:

*Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the Scripture is of any Private interpretation, 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 1:20.*

This text is all very well, but why do we see hundreds of different churches, all having their own agenda? Yet, they say that the Bible is the Holy Word of the Almighty, and their guide.

We must understand these religions have broken the very law they quoted to their followers. They themselves, through the years of manipulating, and panel-beating Scripture, whether maliciously, deliberately, or blindly, but blatantly gone and interpreted Yahweh's Word to suite themselves, are not allowing Scripture to interpret Scripture!

Many worldly churches boast of that power over its followers, using the saying: "Teach children from a young age and they will never depart from it." I have witnessed ministers telling devout followers that, "If they read their Bible alone, without the help of a 'qualified' minister, the devil, or false thoughts, will enter their minds."

People would wonder as to how all this could be possible, where we read: "*Yahweh is not the author of confusion,*" 1 Cor 14:33.

## Mysteries of This World

The sad part of all this is when the confused member asks awkward questions, and is told: "It is a mystery, and it is not for us to understand yet!" or "It is a sealed Book." Have you identified a "mystery religion," of which according to Scripture, is in existence today?

*And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH, Rev. 17:5.*

On the other hand, the member may be told that too much learning could make you mad!

*And as he thus spake for himself, Festus said with a loud voice, Paul, thou art beside thyself; much learning doth make thee mad, Acts 26:24.*

But Festus did not admit this could mean the other way around!

*Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth, 2 Tim 3:7.*

**(This applies to those who resist the Truth)**

*For Yahweh is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all Assemblies of the saint, 1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 14: 33.*

Yet we read in the Apostle John's lifetime, Yahshua instructed him to write letters to the Assemblies in Asia Minor, because they had become corrupted with false pagan doctrines. They even had ministers who lied to them!

*I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, **and hast found them liars,** Rev. 2:2.*

Even in these days so many religions in this world lie directly to its members, so as to control them from straying away, out of the "organization." They say, "We are keeping our people straight." May we add, "To the way of death?"

## What Lies?

One would say: "What lies?" Try telling any Sunday going Christian that Messiah was not born on the 25<sup>th</sup> of December! Or Yahweh's human priesthood does not exist; at least not until Yahshua returns, and reinstates the New priesthood in His Kingdom, HERE on EARTH!

Try telling these people that the dead are asleep in their graves, until Messiah returns to this world. They are certainly not up there in heaven with the "Lord," as they have been so misled to believe that lie!

By confronting people with these statements would cause them very quickly to accuse us of lying. Ministers of

this world do not warn their people that they could easily believe lies. But they are very well warned against listening to doctrines that are not of “their own” preconceived belief.

*And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. **And for this cause Yahweh shall send them strong delusions, that they should believe lies:** That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. But we are bound to give thanks always to Yahweh for you, brethren beloved of Yahweh, because He hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the Truth, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thess. 2: 10-13.*

Only Yahweh's Spirit opens the minds of His chosen; no church, worldly organization, or any human intervention is able to do that.

*Beloved, **believe** not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of Yahweh: because many false prophets are gone out into the world, 1<sup>st</sup> John 4:1.*

Through Yahweh's guidance, our only way to test any doctrine, or teaching, is through total compliance with Yahweh's Word.

People may ask: “But are there not contradictions in Scripture itself?” The first question you should ask is, “Show me a contradiction”

Scripture has been translated into nearly all the languages of the world. Above that, Scripture has been translated into English by many different translators, who all believe they are correct to every word of the original Hebrew and Greek writings. But when going deeply into some of these translations, we come to the understanding that man, endowed with human nature, and as we have mentioned before, **having certain pre-conceived beliefs**, would translate Scripture with words to uphold certain doctrine that particular translator had in mind.

Thanks be to Yahweh, if the believing Bible student truly looks into these isolated mistranslations, he, or she, will always come up with the basic Truth which leads to salvation through Yahweh's Spirit.

That is why we always recommend the Bible student to be ready to test with a number of reliable translations. If there arises an important question on a doctrinal matter, 99% of the time the answer is found in the very same chapter!

## Contradiction?

*To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; A time*

*to **kill**, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace, Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8.*

Did we read a contradiction? But the law says thou shalt not kill. Yes, we are not to commit murder. (Editor's note: “kill” is the translation of the Hebrew “harag” which means, By Strong's Concordance, “to smite with deadly intent.”) Thus, a soldier fighting to defend his people is not committing a pre-meditated killing. Here we note that there are misunderstandings with certain translations. A person found guilty by two or three witnesses of committing murder, shall be put to death, an everlasting Law set by Yahweh.

*Then Yahshua called His twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases. And He sent them to preach the kingdom of Yahweh, and to heal the sick. And he said unto them, Take nothing for your journey, neither staves, nor scrip, neither bread, neither money; neither have two coats apiece. And whatsoever house ye enter into, there abide, and thence depart. And whosoever will not receive you, when ye go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet for a testimony against them. And they departed, and went through the towns, preaching the gospel, and healing every where, Luke 9:1-6.*

*And Yahshua said unto them, When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye any thing? And they said, “Nothing.” Then said He unto them, But now, he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise his*

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### A Matter of Death and Life

Do we really die when we pass away or does our soul live on in heavenly bliss while our loved ones mourn us down here on earth?

**Most of my early life** I had been bothered by a nagging question. If when we die our souls wait off to a joyful eternity in heaven, then why so much mourning at funerals?

If the popular teaching and belief is that man has an immortal soul, then why do ministers talk about “death” when administering last rites?

And if our soul lives on after we die, what's the point of a resurrection of the “dead,” which the Bible speaks of?

We hear people say that good ol' Uncle Ben has died. Is Ben really dead? Or do we go to his funeral just to mourn his lifeless body, while our uncle lives on, rolling around heaven, playing his harp and testing the aerodynamics of his wings?

There he is, lounging serenely, propped up by one arm as he peeks over a cloud's edge and smiles down at those glumly carrying his corpse in a casket. Or at least that's what so many think. They want to believe that the dead aren't actually gone, we just can't see them anymore.

Let's face it. Most people don't like to talk about this subject. They're too into the present: too busy trying to get ahead, raising a family, getting a promotion, working for retirement — going for the gusto of life. The seriousness of the subject weighs heavily on the conscience, and we'd rather not be reminded of our own mortality.

The philosophy is, why worry about it? Just live a decent life, be an honest citizen, do your share, and it will all work out in the end. You'll get to heaven, they believe. But is that true?

scrip: and he that hath no **sword**, let him sell his garment, and buy one. For I say unto you, that this which is written must yet be accomplished in Me, And He was reckoned among the transgressors: for the things concerning Me have an end. And they said, Master, behold, here are two swords. And He said unto them, It is enough, Luke 22:35-38.

Here we see that there is a so-called contradiction between Luke 9 and Luke 22. But we must understand that these are in two totally different circumstances.

Many people accuse parts of Paul's writings, saying that they are full of contradictions. We do understand that there are difficult passages in his writings. Even Peter mentioned this, but he gives us the reason why!

*And account that the longsuffering of our Master is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; **in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.** Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness. But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Master and Saviour Yahshua Messiah. To Him be glory both now and for ever. Amen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 3:15-18.*

## Parables

We often hear of ministers telling their congregations that Yahshua spoke in parables so as to make the message clearer, but read for yourself His Own Words:

*And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in **parables**? He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given. For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath. Therefore speak I to them in **parables**: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand. And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive: For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them, Matthew 13: 10-15.*

So few Biblical scholars have truly understood the message Yahshua was giving in the case of when children came up close to Him for blessings, while He was speaking to His disciples. The disciples were upset about this. But Yahshua made a statement which is very well known, yet very misunderstood by so many.

*And they brought unto him also infants, that he would touch them: but when his disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Yahshua called them unto Him, and said, Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of Yahweh. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of Yahweh **as a little child** shall in no wise enter therein, Luke 18:15-17.*

Read that again, Yahshua is telling us that, unless we, **that is you, and I, approach Yahweh's Word as a**

**little child** there is **NO WAY** of entering His Kingdom. (We must understand a young child has no preconceived teachings or agendas in his or her mind to be confused)

In coming to Yahweh's Word as Yahshua instructs us, the true obedient believer will see all those so-called contradictions fade away! And Messiah will say to you,

*But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear. For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, s, and Guide you in your study of His Word through Yahshua the Messiah.*

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be His followers. For the majority it has been 'business as usual.' As the flood eventually came, so one day Yahshua will surely return in the way He has said, and it will be proved conclusively that He was right all the time. It will be too late then for earth's inhabitants to change their way of thinking or for preachers to correct their false theology. You do not have to wait until Yahshua returns to heed His message. Noah and his family escaped the final destruction by obeying the words of Yahweh. Will you escape the final damnation by choosing to give priority to, and to live by the words of Yahshua before it is too late? Be not deceived! His word is truth. Choose it.

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# The Dilemma of Sin

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There is a bona fide reason why we, Spirit-filled believers, can't afford to teach, as a general rule, that "we will always sin in this life." The Bible doesn't teach it as much as many believe this often taught aberration of inspired Scripture.

The real question we should ponder as individuals is "Have we genuinely given Yahweh a fair chance in our lives?" We often put stumbling blocks in our own path while Yahweh steadily works toward liberating us from the bondage of sin through His sanctifying Spirit and "by the washing with water through the Word," Ephesians 5:26 NIV. We all stumble in many ways because of our own double-mindedness at times. We want to grow in "grace and knowledge," but we all too often hinder the process through faulty thinking, a dangerous view of sin and a lack of understanding how to be washed by the engrafted Word.

Consider how carnal new believers may perceive such a statement that "we will always sin in this life." First, we can't afford to accommodate the sinful nature, assuring it that sin will always have its way in us because some will always view occasions to sin as a state of hopelessness at best. As believers we must maintain an attitude of striving to steer clear of sin and to keep our hearts and thoughts in check by yielding to the prompting of the Holy Spirit living in us. As Paul says,

*Beating [our] bodies and make it [our] slave so that after [we have] preached to others, [we ourselves] will not be disqualified for the prize, 1 Cor. 9: 27 NIV.*

The Apostle Paul offers much for us to consider as believers. He says we must "press on toward the goal," Philippians 3:14, and "all of us who are mature should take such a view of things," V. 15. Nevertheless, "[only] let us live up to what we have already attained," V. 16. Yet,

*It is Yahweh's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and*

*honorable, not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know Yahweh; and that in this matter no one should wrong his brother or take advantage of him. Yahweh will punish all such sins, as we have already warned you. For Yahweh did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. Therefore, he who rejects this instruction does not reject man but Yahweh, who gives you His Holy Spirit, 1 Thess. 4:3-8 NIV.*

So we see the Father has always set a higher standard in Scripture, as any loving father would, while encouraging His children to focus on striving not only to hear the Word, but to both respond and live out the purpose of one's salvation.

*Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says, James 1:22 NIV.*

Our part is to realize that we, who have not accepted the high calling, have something at work in us greater than our sinful nature—the Set-Apart Spirit. We are able to overcome sin as much as we are willing to give up and as much as we would recognize a hindrance to conforming to Yahshua's image.

Matthew 4 and Luke 4 show how Yahshua dealt with direct confrontations of temptation to sin by the devil. On each occasion He would fire back at Satan with His sword [the Word]: "It is written..." He could do this effectively because His Father's Word was engrafted in His very being in that He was the "Word of Yahweh." So we are counseled in Scripture to "receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls," James 1:21.

The power of Yahweh's Word to conquer or overcome sin and obtain moral impunity is also emphasized in Psalm 119:9-11:

*Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. With my whole heart have I sought thee: o let me not wander from thy*

*commandments. Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee.*

We are to meditate on Scripture day and night, Joshua 1:8. Meditation involves the process of engrafting Scripture in our minds and thoughts and applying it directly to the sin that Yahweh wants us to conquer in our lives, just as Yahshua used it when tempted and confronted by false religious leaders of His day. Some fail to realize that Yahshua is our literal example. He taught us how to fight against sin by His scriptural example. Our part in the matter of overcoming sin is to learn from His example and put our faith in His instructions and walk in them.

The knowledge that we are dead to sin must be first discerned by the professed believer and then understood in the mind. Scriptural discernment comes by “the hearing of faith” (Galatians 3:2) and by the Holy Spirit confirming we are in Messiah. The understanding of the mind comes by reckoning the fact to be so.

The word “reckon” is an accounting term that confirms the facts of record.

*Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto Elohim through Yahshua Messiah our Master,* Romans 6:11.

How would a dead person respond to the temptation we are facing? Here’s an example or application to answer this question: a Believer who had been trying for several years to overcome the habit of smoking suddenly said to himself, “Say, dead people don’t smoke!” This awareness together with the process of engrafting the word in his heart, led him to freedom from the habit. Importantly, the first step is to discern and then understand in the mind that we are to “reckon [ourselves] to be dead indeed to sin,” Romans 6:11, then know and believe “sin shall not have dominion over [us].” v. 14. Thus, the way to overcome sin is about believing and applying the Word in our living; for “it is written.”

It is probably difficult for many to comprehend the fact that believers are dead to sin when we are still very much

alive to temptations. The problem is the “law of sin” that Paul describes in Romans 7:21-24:

*I find that a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. For I delight in the law of Elohim 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. O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from this body of this death?*

The law of sin is like the law of gravity. It is always operative, but it can be overcome. An eagle that soars in the air overcomes gravity, but if an eagle draws in its wings, the law of gravity will take over and it will plummet to its destruction.

The law of sin is always operative in our members; however, when we walk in the Spirit we will not fulfill the lusts of the flesh. If, however, we draw away from Yahweh, the law of sin takes over and we began to plummet to spiritual defeat. The Apostle James writes: “*Draw nigh to Elohim, and He will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded,*” James 4:8. What an encouragement to seek out the guidance of Scripture in our pursuit to overcome sin.

Another often overlooked state of human nature is that we humans have this area of our lives where we classify some as being neither good nor bad—this is called “amoral” — and we think such things are not subjected to the scrutiny of Yahweh’s light. This is a condition the Scripture refers to as an “uncircumcised heart.” But 2 Corinthians 5:10 cautions that we must all appear before the judgment seat of Messiah to receive of things done, whether good or bad.

The Apostle Paul further explains that the perfection of Spiritual maturity cannot be attained without the continual exercising of our consciences to discern what is good or what is evil.

*For every one that useth milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age,*

*even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil,* Hebrews 5:13-14.

If we want the perfection of spiritual maturity that leads to overcoming sin, we must scrutinize everything in our lives and decide whether it is of Elohim or not. If it is not of Him, we must reject it by personal preference.

In conclusion, I pray that what I have conveyed encourages the Household of the Faithful to draw nearer to Yahweh, through His Son, Yahshua Messiah, with a renewed confidence that there can be victory over sin in this life. If this not be so, Father Yahweh would not be commanding His people: “*Be ye holy because I am holy,*” 1 Peter 1:16. Yahshua also said: “*Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect,*” Matt.5:48 NIV. He further says: “*If you love me, you will obey what I command,*” John 14:15 NIV. Obedience motivated by love is a beautiful relationship. I will leave you with many scriptural citations that will have you realize that Yahshua died and was resurrected so that we can have victory over our sins, and that Scripture is straightforward about instructing us to “*go now and leave your life of sin,*” John 8:11 NIV.

- “*For David had done what was right in the eyes of Yahweh and had not failed to keep any of Yahweh’s commands all the days of his life—except in the case of Uriah the Hittite,*” 1 Kings 15:5 NIV.
- “*Both of them [Zechariah and Elizabeth] were upright in the sight of Elohim, observing all Yahweh’s commandments and regulations blamelessly,*” Luke 1:6 NIV.
- “*Yahshua replied, ‘I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed,’*” John 8:34-36 NIV.
- “*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from*

all unrighteousness,” 1 John 1:9 NIV.

- “...Yahshua...said to them, ‘...stop sinning or something worse may happen to you,’” John 5:14. (See also 1 Corinth. 15:34)
- “My dear children, I write to you that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Yahshua Messiah, the Righteous One,” 1 John 2:1 NIV.
- “...Aim for perfection...” (2 Corinthians 13:11 NIV)
- “To this you were called, because Messiah suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in His steps. ‘He committed no sin and no deceit was found in His mouth.’ When they hurled their insults at Him, he did not retaliate; when He suffered, he made no threats. Instead, He entrusted Himself to Him who judges justly. He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls,” 1 Peter 2:21-25 NIV.
- “I have hidden Your Word in my heart that I might not sin against you,” Psalms 119:11 NIV.
- “Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Yahshua, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the [stake], scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of Yahweh. Consider

Him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart in your struggle against sin, you have not resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And you have forgotten the word of encouragement that address you as sons” (Hebrews 12:1-5A NIV)

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Sam 10:6, prophesy; and (4) Jephthah, Judges 11:29-32, winning a battle.

In New Testament times, Yahshua received Yahweh’s Spirit, first to be tempted by Satan.

And Yahshua, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of Yahweh descending like a dove, and lighting upon him, Matt 3:16.

Then was Yahshua led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil, Matt 4:1.

When one is baptized and the elders lay hands on them and pray, Scriptures tell that they shall receive the Holy Spirit.

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Yahshua Messiah for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, Acts 2:38.

Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of Yahweh, they sent unto them Peter and John: Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit: (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Master Yahshua.) Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit, Acts 8:14-17.

What we have seen is when Pentecost was made a high day in the list of high days, how that day was found in the Old Testament and in the

New Testament, and what it should mean to us today.

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Elder Roger G. Meyer

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screenplay writers. Yahweh did NOT say He would write a covenant upon our hearts. He said He would write His Law upon our hearts!

“The time is coming,” declares Yahweh, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke My covenant, though I was a husband to them,” declares Yahweh. “This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time,” declares Yahweh. “I will put My Law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their Elohim, and they will be My people. No longer will a man teach his neighbour, or a man his brother, saying, ‘Know Yahweh,’ because they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares Yahweh. “For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more,” Jeremiah 31:31-34

Yahweh is the Elohim of Love. His Spirit breathed life into existence. His Word was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. His Word, His Law, was made manifest in His Son, who appeared to us in the flesh, so we could see, so that our blindness could be taken away. A Spirit-filled life is one in which the Law of Yahweh is made manifest. Yahshua is the embodiment of Yahweh’s Law, placed in the mind and written on the heart. Knowing the Law is knowing Yahweh.

May we sacrifice our moral frailty, our flesh, to the consuming fire, to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, and may we choose, this day, to serve Yahweh, according to His will.

HalleluYah!

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Elder John Fisher



"I enjoy reading the articles in the Beacon and I have been sharing my copy of the Beacon with others that are becoming interested in the true Names of our Heavenly Father Yahweh and His Son Yahshua Messiah..."

—**G.G., California**

"I'm so glad we can get back to fellowship and the publishing of your important material...I know it will take time to repair and reprint the material...We are five strong here and we meet every Sabbath. So we look forward to hearing from you."

—**R.A., Kentucky**

Just wanted to say this is my second magazine and really have enjoyed them both. Can't wait for the DVD's too. I felt like I was there on the Sabbath with the Assembly. Thank you so much." (E-mail)

— **S.K., Tennessee**

"...Many thanks for the magazine (YAIY Beacon) which I have started receiving again. Honor and glory be to Yahweh as everything has come back to normal...Keep up the good work you have been doing..."

—**S.A.,Nigeria**

I have been learning a lot from your broadcasts and from your magazine which I receive every two months. Keep up the good work, spread the good news. — **P. P., New York**

My beloved brethren, I am writing to request the mini-study of Yahweh's great doctrine for mankind on earth. The mini-study as I know contains the mind of Elohim, the condition of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. I will be happy receiving as you will send the mini-study booklet to me with other useful magazines. HalleluYah.

— **A. A., Nigeria**

I want to thank yo so much for my Beacon magazine and for your prayers.

— **D. A., MA**

I want to thank you so very much. I am so very blessed to receive the Beacon again. I have really missed it. And it came in a time when I was feeling that no one cares.

— **M. M., TN**

Greeting in the name of Yahshua Messiah. I am writing to thank you for sending me YAIY Beacon magazine bi-monthly. There is always something in the Beacon to help lift my spirit.

**G. G., CA**

I want to first thank you for all the mini-studies that I have received from YAIY. They have been a great help to me in my study of the Bible.

— **J. G., TX**

In receiving the YAIY Beacon I know that it was not by coincidence. Without thought my Father had a hand in it. I thank my Father for blessing me with more of His Truth.

— **B. E., KY**

I recently received my first issue of the Beacon, and couldn't be more pleased with its contents. I thank you for your service and dedication that you spend on spreading the Good News and its true meanings to all who wish to be closer to the Father and Son.

— **J. F., GA**

Warmest greetings! I really appreciate the acknowledgment you gave to my letter and request. Thank you very much for sending me your published magazine and mini-study. I have enjoyed reading it and I am deeply grateful.

— **A. F., Philippines**

I first must say that your assembly is wonderful and has provided me with a lot of info to help me and people that I have shared the info with. I appreciate all your help and definitely all your love which I wish there was a way I could reciprocate.

— **D. F., KY**

Greetings in the name of Yahshua. I have just finished reading "The Beacon" and it was very informative.

— **O. F., PA**

Thanks for the mini-studies you sent. They have truly helped my studies. Plus, I have been able to share them with a friend. They were real enlightening for both of us.

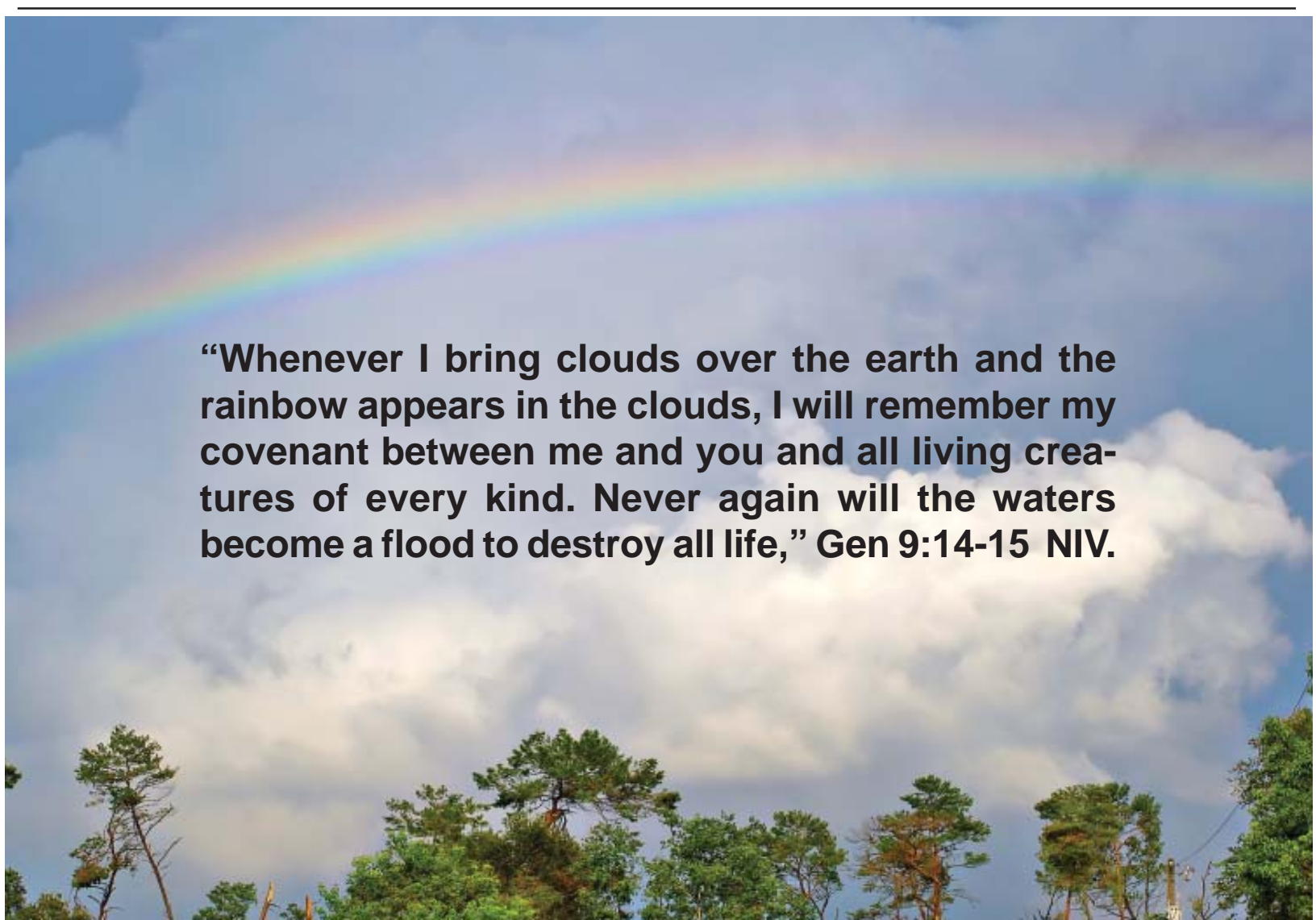
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