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Handling Problems of Life

My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of Yahweh, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed, James 1:2-6. (KJV used throughout unless otherwise noted.)

The Bible assures us that happiness can be a living reality for every believer. Through pondering and understanding of the Word of Yahweh, I do firmly believe that a believer can be triumphant and successful even in times of great trials and problems. Each time you are faced with problems, I urge you to remember at least these three things:

- 1. Every one of us face problems at one time or another. No one is free from problems. Problems are a part of our daily lives.
- 2. Problems are temporary and transitory. In other words, problems though difficult, are for a little while.
- 3. Problems bring lessons that should always be learned. After each problematic situation, problems often help shape us into better persons.



Problems are Yahweh's Purpose

James tells us that Yahweh has a purpose for us in the problems and testings we experience. He assures us that times of difficulties can be instrumental in advancing our spiritual growth.

Yahweh allows problems in your life – as gold, put into the furnace that it may be purified – He is working in your difficulties.

Be Joyful in Yahweh Elohim

We are commanded to count it all joy even when we experience problems.

No one is free from problems. The keen competition in school work; facing deadlines at work; even our daily situations at home ... all provide us with a range of problems.

Your unwavering constancy in faith, more precious than gold which is tested by fire, enduring the difficulties that face each one of us, redounds to the praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Yahshua the Messiah in us (Rom. 8:18; 2 Cor. 4:17).

Yahweh's Assembly in Yahshua

DO NOT LET YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED; BELIEVE IN ELOHIM, BELIEVE ALSO IN ME!

John 14:1 NASB





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Continue to praise Yahweh for this, even though now, for a little while, you may suffer various trials. We shall have to learn to live more positive, happy, and praise-filled lives in obedience to this commandment if we want to hear His voice saying, "Well done," on that day (Matt. 25:21).

Patiently Endure

This we may have questioned: "Why should we be happy and glad under pressure? Why do James, Peter, and others say to be happy in the midst of testing and trouble?" The Bible teaches us that the testing of our faith produces patience. Patience is a quality of enduring hardship with calmness. Patience, therefore, develops our spiritual stamina in life. In other words, the problems and difficulties that Yahweh allows each of us to experience are intended to make us more reliable and constant in our walk with the Master. To have patience means to have a quality life which makes a man able not simply to suffer things, but to welcome them and to overcome them.

The purpose is to bring us to fuller growth and maturity as a believer that we may be complete. To be complete means to be fit for the task in the world which Yahweh has sent us to do for His service and the service of our fellow men. In our daily encounters with the pressures and problems of modern living, let us seek a more positive and lively cooperation with Yahweh's purpose worked out in our lives.

Seek Wisdom from Above

By facing problems and temptations, not only is your patience developed, but it also produces divine wisdom in our lives. To have wisdom from above is to have His guidance to know how to handle life each day. The Word of Yahweh directs us to seek and heartily trust Yahweh, our Elohim, for His help when we face such testing and problems of life.

When you are down, hurt, or discouraged, and facing a tough decision, look to Yahweh for guidance, and it (wisdom) shall be given to you. To be wise in trying times is a special gift of Yahweh, and from Him, we must seek it.



Let us confess our want of wisdom to Yahweh and ask Him to bestow this gift to us daily.

We have the most tremendous encouragement to do this: He giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not (James 1:5), that is, without reproach or finding fault. Yea, it is expressly promised that it shall be given to everyone who seeks or ask Yahweh for wisdom. I am sure Yahweh will help you in this so that you may see His plan and purpose for your life.

Ask Yahweh in Faith

One thing you must bear in mind is that without faith, you will receive nothing. Faith in Yahweh is a vital element in all of life. When the storms of life come down hard on you, keep your eyes fixed on Yahshua Messiah. Yahshua can sustain you. He will keep you from falling.

Let us remember that Yahweh is taking this opportunity to shape us into the person He wants us to be. There is one thing necessary to be observed in our asking, namely, that we do it with a believing and steady mind – a mind that has but one singular, prevailing regard to its spiritual and eternal interest: the purposes of Yahweh.

As you face all the difficulties and problems today, you can be joyful that Yahweh is working to make you a better person.

But the Elohim of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Yahshua the Messiah, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, establish, strengthen, settle you. To Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever, 1 Peter 5:10-11, **HNB**.



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Continuing Steadfastly, Earnestly Contending, Standing for the Defense of Truth

One need not look far, to find examples in Scripture of men who sought the favor of Yahweh in the performance of whole duty and reasonable service, but who were felled by discouragement in their efforts to walk worthy of the vocations to which they had been called.



Oh, it should not be thought their discouragement was altogether owing to their own coming short of His expectation of them. For more often than not, it was they to whom these had been sent with the Message, who had requited their work with persecution and despised the Word that would have effected their deliverance.

Yes, we read of Moses who supposed that his brethren would have understood how that Yahweh by his hand would deliver them but instead, reviled him and put him to an open shame. Eliyah, too, couldn't find support from them to whom he had been sent, and exclaimed in his discouragement, *The children of Israel* have forsaken Thy Covenant, thrown down Thine

altars, and slain Thy prophets ... and they seek my life to take it away, 1 Kings 19:14. Jeremiah, too, at a low ebb, determined no more, to make mention of Him, nor speak any more in His Name (Jer. 20:9).

Many were the afflictions of David, and many were the times he, too, might have cried, "I am so troubled that I cannot speak" (Psa. 77:4) ... weeping until he had no more power to weep! And what of Yahshua, come to His own only to find Himself among them, that Man of sorrows, acquainted with grief, despised and rejected by them whom He would as a hen, her brood under her wings, have gathered them unto Him (Isa. 53:3; Luke 13:34).

And space fails here, to much tell of others who despite the reproach and persecution they suffered, yet continued steadfastly; earnestly contending for, and standing for, the defense and confirmation of the Message – all their lives spent, true and faithful till death. Perhaps we ought well to consider the Record of their having endured to the end was written for our learning ... and example for us, to seek to emulate.

Elder John W. Reece

Assembly World Support Network

Yahweh willing, we would like to move forward with a project that will help overseas Assemblies. This new foundation, with a separate Board of Directors not tied with YAIY or any other Assembly, will be a separate International Non-Profit Corporation.

The concept is to have cultural art and crafts be offered by participating Assemblies to those who want to provide help from around the world. Other foundations exist, but not for Yahweh's people directly.



In Haiti, India, Philippines, and other areas there are baptized brethren in Yahshua. There are rich cultural gifts from their particular regions to present, and in turn can be a form of income to help fund building projects, orphanages, outreach, etc.

This overall project has the potential to lift up Assemblies around the world, reaching out and helping to share the Word of Yahweh in their own areas. Whatever effort we put forth will not go unrewarded to help them. All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor, the very thing I had been eager to do all along, Galatians 2:10 NIV.

Contact us if you would like to provide some of your time and effort to help move this project forward.

Bible Correspondence Course



The Bible Correspondence Course has been a great resource for those wanting to dig deeper into Yahweh's Word learning of His Way of Life.

We are, through the help of dedicated brethren, working on translated forms of this 21-lesson course, into Afrikaans, Malayalam, and Spanish.

Let us know if you'd like to help us to translate the course into even more languages for others.



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2023 Excused Absence Forms

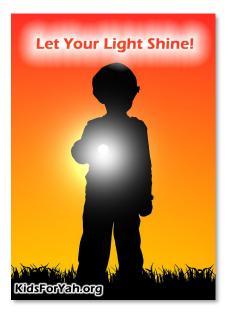
The 2023 Excused Absence forms are now available. We have had these over the years to be an aid to families and individuals who are keeping the Holy Days of Yahweh.

When applying for new jobs, it is always a good thing to let an employer know ahead of time that there are prescheduled calendar days, in which you will not be available. One can then update Human Resources each year with this form, which makes it less complicated as dates and reasons for the days off are explained on the form.

Whether an employer, university, etc., let

them know ahead of time to prevent problems when those days come around, which Yahweh commands we keep holy for congregating together before the Creator of the universe.





Prayer List

David & Barbara Creel, Robert Dorchester, Stella Rogers, Sean Rogers and Family, Loretta Reyes and Family, Michael Hutchinson, Chauncey Hargrove, David & Nancy Wilson Family/Friends, Jerry Castle, Mary Giles Family, Kenneth Faulkner, Quinnten Allen, Kat Durban, Isaiah Davis, Dulcena Tessner, Marylyn Patterson Family, David Andrews, Kenya Washington, Elder Lionel Gets Family, Joseph Miller, Adam Galvan Family, Neville & Maryke Stanton, Antionette Swart, Bertha Tidwell, Annette Heyward, Tammy Boucher, Magdalena M. Torres, Angela Bradley, Luann



Campbell Family, Dwayne Mariam, Randell Serfess, Sonja Morgan, Dianne E. Wright Family, Victor Kiiru Family, Maria Nelson Family, Hilda Driedger, David Nathaniel Malm, Susana Malm, Mike and Sheila Kemper, Susan Freeman, Paul Ingram, Elder Cornelius Kigen, Ruth Bamba, Charlie Pelton, Eric Perkins Family, Marcy Mallinson, Monica Kleb, James Penn Family, Elder Jerry Healan Family, Sheila Sendeyo, NyHuff/Thompson family, Ronald Tidwell, Eugene and Rockie Family, Robert Creech, Emma Moss, Diane Crocker, Valerie Freeman, Lucas Bentley, Nyakim Gatkuoth, Dustin Mariam, Jacqueline Maribicuro, Ryan Irving, Melissa Taylor, Elder Thomas Musekenya, Zion Gotay (11-year old with heart problems), Henry Sunderman, Eileen Pelton, Annie Pelton, Elder Victor Kiira, Bertha Tidwell, Sheree Irving, Brown and Diane Morgan.

Also include in your prayers individuals seeking Yahweh from within prison facilities and for their families, plus overseas brethren and especially for the peace of Jerusalem (Psa. 122:6). The world's leaders could also use our prayers (Jer. 29:7; 1 Tim. 2:2).

And give Him no rest, till He establish, till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth, Isaiah 62:7.