

# YAIY NEWS



## Why Suffering?

Why suffering? Why does it exist? What is its purpose (if any)? How can I endure it? Or, can I endure it at all? These are questions that most, if not every person who has ever lived and who will live, has either thought or asked, because no one on earth is a stranger to suffering. These questions are not easy to answer, and some may not like, or be satisfied with, the answers we provide. But the answers, like suffering itself, are ours to bear whether we like them or not. No one wants to go through trials. And no one wants to suffer. However, those of us in the faith know we will suffer, as it was plainly declared to us by our Master Yahshua in John 16:33 (The *New American Standard* is used throughout):

*These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.*

Here, Yahshua told us that while we are in the world, we will have tribulation. Tribulation encompasses many troubling experiences. The word comes from *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*, G2347, *thlipsis* which means pressure, affliction, anguish, burdened, persecution, trouble.

The Apostle Paul encouraged those to whom he had preached to continue in the faith, saying, that "through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of Elohim" (Acts 14:22).

Contrary to popular belief, the way of righteousness and following Messiah is not easy. It is a road filled with many trials and tests, many of which are painful. The notion that a life transformed by faith is going to be sunshine and roses is a deception. Continuing steadfastly in the faith is certain to supply the trying of our faith, because for one thing, trials work patience in our lives; and patience, experience; and experience, hope that we might become perfect and whole, wanting nothing (James 1:3-4; Rom. 5:3-4).

### Suffering Patiently: A Key to the Kingdom

Our Master suffered for us and left us an example to which we have been called to follow:

*For you have been called for this purpose, since Messiah also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, Who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth, 1 Peter 2:21-22. And we will walk the same way He walked (1 John 2:6).*

He said, "The disciple is not above his teacher, nor the servant above his master. It is enough that he be as his teacher, and the servant as his master ..." (Matt. 10:24-25).

**"Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?"**

Mark 15:34

Why do You stand afar off, O Yahweh? Why do You hide Yourself in times of trouble?

Psalm 10:1 NASB

I AM FILLED WITH  
Hope  
AND  
Joy.

Romans 15:13

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## Why Suffering? ...,cont.

Yahshua's example of suffering and giving His life for us exemplifies the sacrifice and love we should supply to our brothers and sisters in the faith and even, to our family members. In speaking to His disciples, Yahshua said,

*A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another ... This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends, John 13:34-35, 15:12-13.*

Laying down one's life for another is the greatest form of love, and may also be the greatest form of suffering. The Apostle Paul commanded, furthermore, that husbands love their wives even as Messiah loved His Body, the Assemblies ... nourishing and cherishing their wives, bringing them into the knowledge and maturity of the Sovereign Savior, Yahshua.

*Husbands, love your wives, just as Messiah also loved the Assembly and gave Himself up for her, so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, that He might present to Himself the Assembly in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless. Ephesians 5:25-27.*

Sacrificial love of this sort, is seldom seen today. The Apostle Paul observes that for a righteous person, few would die (Rom. 5:7). Among brothers and sisters in the Assembly, we must be willing to suffer, even to lay down our lives, one for another. For there is no greater love that we could have, and no greater witness to the world, than to manifest ourselves as Yahshua's disciples by the sacrificial love that we have for each other (John 15:13; 1 John 3:16).

Yahshua, our Master, endured much suffering, and we must also endure suffering to enter into eternal life. For though one should be hated by all for His Name's sake, it is he who endures to the end that shall be saved (Matt. 10:22). He who endures and overcomes

- will not be hurt by the second death (Rev. 2:11)
- will be granted to eat of the tree of life which is in the Paradise of Elohim (Rev. 2:7)
- will be clothed in white garments, his name confessed before Yahweh and His angels (Rev. 3:5).

*He who has an ear to hear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the Assemblies, Revelation 3:6.*

## Enduring Suffering: The Mark of the Disciple

Suffering is a continuing theme in Scripture and which we must endure to the end of our mortal lives to be saved. The Scripture suggests that we should not be disheartened by our sufferings. In the book of Acts, when the Apostles were reprimanded by the Sanhedrin for proclaiming the Name of Yahshua (Acts 4:17), they returned to the Assembly and reported everything that had been said to them by the chief priests and elders. Upon hearing this, the brethren were encouraged to speak even more boldly (Acts 4:31).

Afterward, the Apostles were flogged for speaking about the things they had seen and heard. However, they did not complain about their suffering. Instead, they rejoiced that they were considered worthy to suffer for their Master. This is recorded in Acts 5:40-41.

How were they able to rejoice in suffering? They were prepared and had been told they would suffer for His Name:

*But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and will persecute you, delivering you to the synagogues and prisons, bringing you before kings and governors for My Name's sake, Luke 21:12.*

*If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the*

ISAIAH 53:3, NIV

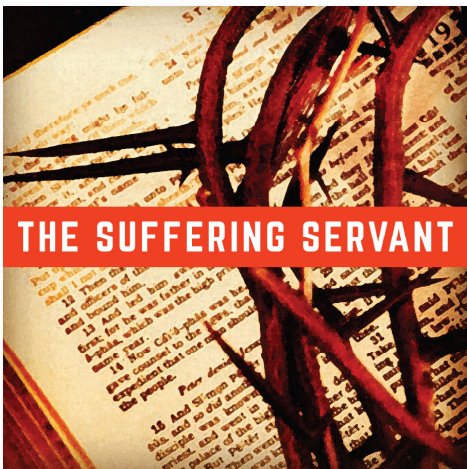
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world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, because of this the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, "A slave is not greater than his master." If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they kept My word, they will keep yours also. But all these things they will do to you for My Name's sake, because they do not know the One who sent Me, John 15:18-21.

They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time comes, that whosoever kills you will think that he does Elohim service. And these things will they do to you, because they have not known the Father, nor Me, John 16:2-3.



### In Conclusion

The Apostles knew that in speaking the truth, the world would hate them, persecute them, and even kill them. The Messiah warned them of this. But being persecuted and suffering only affirmed their faith, and manifested they were true disciples of the Master. Like their Master, they suffered. And just as Yahshua had told them, it was enough for them to be like their Master (Matt. 10:25). We, too, should approach suffering with the same mindset. We can't escape suffering; we have been called to it and to persevere, rejoicing in hope that our endurance has made us accepted in the Beloved (Rom. 12:12).

Brother Lucas Bentley

**Editor's Note:** The above article is just an introduction to the topic of why there is suffering. Brother Lucas has an additional 12 pages which we will be working into a new in-depth booklet called by the same title. We should have it ready by the next newsletter mailing, Yahweh willing.

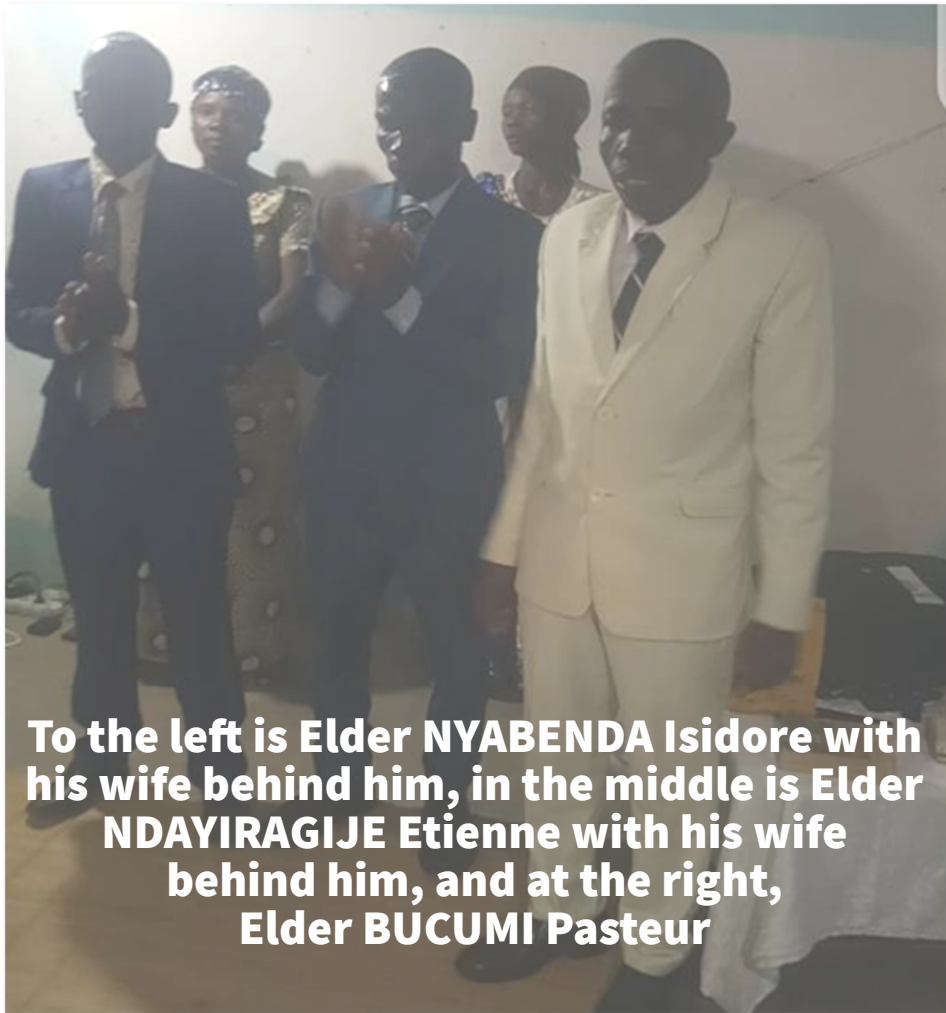
### Berundi Brethren

On June 16th, 2024, Yahweh's Assembly in Yahshua in Burundi celebrated the Feast of Pentecost. On that day, two previous deacons have been anointed as elders. They are Elder NYABENDA Isidore and Elder NDAYIRAGIJE Etienne.

Messages during the Feast focused on the truth of Yahweh's Word, showing that what is taught by mainstream Christianity is incorrect in many ways, namely they don't use the correct Names nor do they keep the rest of the Feasts of Yahweh. We have been comforted to know the Truth and no longer are believing lies.



## Berundi Brethren ...,cont.



**To the left is Elder NYABENDA Isidore with his wife behind him, in the middle is Elder NDAYIRAGIJE Etienne with his wife behind him, and at the right, Elder BUCUMI Pasteur**

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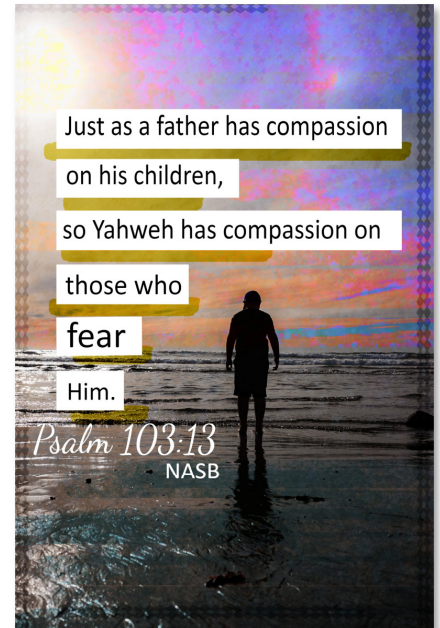
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