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House(s) of Worship

Anciently, when the temple was standing, it was called the House of Sacrifice and Prayer (2 Chron. 7:12; Isa. 56:7), and where Yahweh had placed His Name (1 Chron. 22:19, 29:16).



Today, individually and corporately, we are being built as the temple of Yahweh (Eph. 2:20-22). To this end, the Pastoral Epistles of 1 and 2 Timothy and Titus supply us, as members of the Assembly, with guidance on how to behave ourselves in the House of Yahweh (1 Tim. 3:15), Whose House we are (Heb. 3:6). Yahweh's praise, therefore, should be continually in our mouths (Psa. 34:1).

Nevertheless, there are corporate worship and prayer places where the presbytery engages with members and arranges for the sites of holy convocations every Sabbath and during the three sojourning feasts. (Request the free In-Depth study, entitled **Biblical Holy Days**).

And because Yahshua promises to be in our midst (Matt. 18:20) – whether we are few or many, or even alone – when at all possible, we should be in attendance with brethren at an Assembly of Yahweh (Heb. 10:24-25). (Visit our **International Assemblies** online to find a location near you.)

Indeed, our affections should be directed toward gathering in the place where He has established His Name:

- *Yahweh, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells, Psalm 26:8, (New American Standard Bible, 1995, used throughout);*
- *One thing I have asked from Yahweh, that I shall seek: that I may dwell in the house of Yahweh all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of Yahweh and to meditate in His temple, Psalm 27:4;*
- *How lovely are Your dwelling places, O Yahweh of hosts! My soul longed and even yearned for the courts of Yahweh; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living Elohim, Psalm 84:1-2;*

and, as well, provide for the continuing maintenance of a central place for worship and prayer,

*Moreover, in my delight in the house of my Elohim, the treasure I have of gold and silver, I give to the house of my Elohim, over and above all that I have already provided for the holy temple, 1 Chronicles 29:3. (Our in-depth **Temple Tenth** booklet explains how Yahweh continues to build His spiritual temple today, specifically among and within His people.)*

I WILL BLESS
YAHWEH AT ALL
TIMES; HIS PRAISE
SHALL CONTINU-
ALLY BE IN MY
MOUTH.

Psalms 34:1, NASB

"Those
who
love Me
will keep
My Word,
and
My Father
will love
them."

John 14:23, NRSV

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The People

The Apostle Peter observed that Yahweh accepts all nations if they are willing to do His will (Acts 10:34-35). By coming into a knowledge of the Truth, the nations can become saints unto Yahweh. And though their numbers may represent a small number today, they can, and should grow – “the whole body, being fitted and held together by that which every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, caus[ing] the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love ... the whole building, being fitted together is growing into a holy temple in the Master ... Messiah Yahshua Himself being the corner *stone*” (Eph. 4:16, 2:21, 20).

Those who are with us should be for us, and we for them – being devoted to one another in brotherly love; giving preference to one another in honor (Rom. 12:10).

The Scriptures supplies us with examples of this devotion:

For this reason we have been comforted. And besides our comfort, we rejoiced even much more for the joy of Titus, because his spirit has been refreshed by you all. For if in anything I have boasted to him about you, I was not put to shame; but as we spoke all things to you in truth, so also our boasting before Titus proved to be [the] truth. His affection abounds all the more toward you, as he remembers the obedience of you all, how you received him with fear and trembling. I rejoice that in everything I have confidence in you, 2 Corinthians 7:13-16.

But we proved to be gentle among you, as a nursing [mother] tenderly cares for her own children. Having so fond an affection for you, we were well-pleased to impart to you not only the evangel of Elohim but also our own lives, because you had become very dear to us, 1 Thessalonians 2:7-8.

Let no one seek his own [good], but that of his neighbor; 1 Corinthians 10:24. Giving preference to one another means that we don’t seek what adds to our profit but rather, what accrues to the profit and interests of others (1 Cor. 10:33; Phil. 2:4). By doing so, we build rather than tear down.

Let it never be said that we played a part in tearing down Yahweh’s temple; instead, let it be known that we contributed toward building it up.

Elder David Brett



What ifs?

The ‘what ifs’ of life are often inspired by fear. But the ‘even ifs’ of life are always inspired by faith.

’Tis the difference between walking by sight (fear) or by faith. The ‘what ifs’ of life (fear) produce torment for reason of their uncertainty. The ‘even ifs’ of life (faith) find strength in trust ... trust that Yahweh will never leave, fail, or forsake one who conducts life with the answer of a good conscience void of offense ‘even if’, the outcome of a life’s endeavor, undertaking, activity, or pursuit should go awry – yes, ‘even if’ providing that opportunity to become instructed, that one may learn, whether he is full or hungry, abounds or suffers need, that he can, in whichever state he finds himself, therewith be content, confident that even little is much, if Yahweh is in it.

The ‘what if’ pessimist says, “If anything can go wrong, it will” and, “If it wasn’t for bad luck, I’d have none at all” while the ‘even if’ optimist instead, considers the possibilities and declares, “No pain, no gain.”

Yeah, the ‘what if’ pessimist undertakes a thing prepared to fail, while the ‘even if’ optimist instead, anticipates the joy in successfully completing an endeavor.

So, which of the two – a ‘what if’ pessimist, or an ‘even if’ optimist – are you, and which would you rather become?



Elder John W. Reece

Rejoice!

LET US NOT
BECOME WEARY
in doing good,
FOR AT THE
PROPER TIME
WE WILL REAP
A HARVEST IF
WE DO NOT GIVE UP.
GALATIANS 6:9

Deuteronomy 16:14 *You shall rejoice in your festival, you and your son and your daughter and your male servant and your female servant, and the Levite, and the stranger and the fatherless and the widow who are within your gates. **The Scriptures**, by Institute for Scriptural Research is used throughout.*

WE ARE to REJOICE during the Feast seasons as in all these Scriptures: Leviticus 23:40-43, Deuteronomy 12:4-18, 14:22-26, 16:1-16.

Deuteronomy 30:9 *And Yahweh your Elohim shall make you have excess in all the work of your hands, in the fruit of your body, and in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your ground. For Yahweh rejoices to do good for you as He rejoiced to do good for your fathers.*

1 Chronicles 16:8-11 *Give thanks to Yahweh, call upon His Name, make known His deeds among the peoples! Sing to Him, sing praise to Him, Speak of all His wonders! Boast in His set-apart Name, let the hearts of those seeking Yahweh rejoice! Seek Yahweh and His strength, seek His face continually!*

Psalms 5:11 *But let all who take refuge in You rejoice; let them ever shout for joy, because You shelter them; and let those who love Your Name exult in You.*

Psalms 32:10-11 *Many are the sorrows of the wrong; but as for the one trusting in Yahweh, kindness surrounds him. Be glad in Yahweh and exult, you righteous; and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!*

Psalms 33:1-3 *Shout for joy in Yahweh, you righteous! Praise is fitting for the straight! Praise Yahweh with the lyre; Sing to Him with an instrument of ten strings. Sing to Him a new song; Play sweetly with a shout of joy.*

Psalms 118:24 *This is the day Yahweh has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

Psalms 149:2 *Let Israel rejoice in their Maker; let the children of Zion exult in their Sovereign.*

Isaiah 29:19 *And the meek ones shall increase their joy in Yahweh, and the poor among men rejoice in the Set-apart One of Yisra'el.*

Isaiah 35:10 *And the ransomed of Yahweh shall return and enter Tsiyon with singing, with everlasting joy on their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.*

Isaiah 49:13 *Sing, O heavens, rejoice, O earth! And break out in singing, O mountains! For Yahweh shall comfort His people and have compassion on His afflicted ones.*

Isaiah 51:11 *And let the ransomed of Yahweh return. And they shall come to Tsiyon with singing, with everlasting joy on their heads. Let them attain joy and gladness; sorrow and sighing shall flee away.*

Isaiah 52:9 *Break forth into joy, sing together, you waste places of Yerushalayim! For Yahweh shall comfort His people, He shall redeem Yerushalayim.*

Jeremiah 31:3 *Yahweh appeared to me from afar, saying, "I have loved you with an everlasting love, therefore I shall draw you with kindness. I am going to build you again. And you shall be rebuilt, O maiden of Yisra'el! Again you shall take up your tambourines, and go forth in the dances of those who rejoice."*

Joel 2:23 *And you children of Tsiyon, be glad and rejoice in Yahweh your Elohim, for He shall give you the Teacher of Righteousness, and cause the rain to come down for you, the former rain and the latter rain, as before.*

Zephaniah 3:17 *Yahweh your Elohim in your midst, is mighty to save. He rejoices over you with joy, He is silent in His love, He rejoices over you with singing.*

Zechariah 2:10 *"Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Tsiyon! For look, I am coming, and shall dwell in your midst," declares Yahweh.*

Zechariah 9:9 *Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Tsiyon! Shout, O daughter of Yerushalayim! See, your Sovereign is coming to you, He is righteous and endowed with deliverance, humble and riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey.*

Malachi 4:2 *But to you who fear My Name the Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings. And you shall go out and leap for joy like calves from the stall.*

Luke 2:10 *And the messenger said to them [the shepherds], "Do not be afraid, for look, I bring you good news of great joy which shall be to all people."*

Luke 12:32 *Do not fear, little flock, because your Father delights to give you the kingdom.*

Luke 15:7 *I say to you that in the same way there shall be more joy in the heaven over one sinner repenting, than over ninety-nine righteous ones who need no repentance.*

Rejoice! ...,cont.

John 15:11 *These words I have spoken to you, so that My joy might be in you, and that your joy might be complete.*

Romans 12:15 *Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.*

2 Corinthians 9:7 *Let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not of grief or of necessity, for Elohim loves a joyous giver.*

Galatians 5:22-23 *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustworthiness, gentleness, self-control. Nothing in Torah stands against such things.*

Philippians 4:4 *Rejoice in Yahweh always, again I say, rejoice!*

James 1:2 *My brothers, count it all joy when you fall into various trials.*

3 John 1:4 *I have no greater joy than to hear of my children walking in truth.*

And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the Name of Yahweh shall be saved,

Joel 2:32; Acts 2:21; Rom 10:13, *ESV*

How is the Father's Name Pronounced?

Scholarship has shown the Name יהוה (YHWH) to be phonetically pronounced as Yahweh. If one wanted to say the Name in slow motion, they could argue for each letter to be emphasized and pronounced a certain way. For example, one could say that “coin” should be pronounced “co in” or that “loud” should be “lo ud,” but when a combination of two vowels occurs there is sometimes a flowing to the next when spoken at normal speed. It’s called a *diphthong* or gliding vowel as scholars apply grammatical explanation to this phenomenon.

The electronics company HUAWEI is a contemporary name which we could come up with various pronunciations (easily up to five syllables) and do a bit of grammatical gymnastics to get there. But when actually hearing it spoken, from those who know it, they are not trying to slow down their speech to make it into a multiple syllable name. It is simply two syllables when spoken (i.e., transliterated) normally.

While there have been accents with varying degrees of difference, depending on the region, most scholars agree that the Temple Hebrew (Sephardic Hebrew) is closest to the original pronunciation given to mankind.

The pronunciation of Yahweh as a transliteration of יהוה (YHWH) is well known and widely accepted. The J came from the letter I. The *New Book of Knowledge* shows the letter I (hence the J as well) derived from the Hebrew yothe (י), which is the first letter of Yahweh’s Name (יהוה), YHWH, known as the Tetragrammaton or “four letters.” Hebrew is read from right to left). It is also the first letter of Yahshua’s Name. The letter I (yothe or yod) in Hebrew carries the sound of “ee” as in “police.” This “ee” sound is then followed by an a, which is much like an “ah” sound. This diphthong is pronounced “ee-ah” or “Yah,” which is the short form of the Heavenly Father’s Name “Yah-weh.”

Let’s not try to go slow motion in our speech, since that is not how we normally communicate. *Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person,* Colossians 4:6.

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, Quinnten Allen, Kat Durban, Isaiah Davis, Dulcena Tessner, Marilyn Patterson Family, David Andrews, Kenya Washington, Elder Lionel Gets Family, Joseph Miller, Adam Galvan Family, Dianne E. Wright Family, Maria Nelson Family, Hilda Driedger, David Nathaniel Malm, Susana Malm, Mike and Sheila Kemper, Charlie Pelton, Monica Kleb, James Penn Family, Sheila Sendeyo, Robert Creech, Diane Crocker, Henry Sunderman, Eileen Pelton, Annie Pelton, David Townsend, Thomas Hunt, Valerie Freeman, Robbie Lenard, Cecil Wideman, Steven Wonderly Family, Elijah Uchenna Family, Pat Beasley, IsaYah Perkins, Linda Root Family, Karl Russell, Maria Nelson, David Salley, Richard Nesselrodt, Danny O’Connor Family, Liz Napper, William Kemsley, Henry Kipngeno Family, Richard Daniel Rodriguez, Zion Gotay (age 12), Robert Pugh Family, Ron Ayala, Tyree Jones, Ryan Irving Family, Jai Burgo, Marilyn Montague, John Laczko, Johnny Pearson, Ricardo Angolano, Vivian Wanjiru Family, Travis Handy, Janai Gé Vargas, James Emmett Jerman, Roger Kinnerson, Bertha Tedwill, John and Marcy Mallinson, Roger Kinnerson, Yuri Andrew, Oghenekaro Ugbuku, James Raum, Melodie Illgen, Jean Inman, Bobby Gruhn, Elder Heritier Bamba, and all of the Assemblies of Yahweh in Yahshua. Please 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).

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