



Remnants Walk

The one claiming to rest in Him, ought to walk, himself, even as He walked. (1 John 2:6)



Behold, I am sending you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of YAHWEH. And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the sons, and the heart of the sons to their fathers, that I not come and strike the earth with utter destruction. Malechi 4:5-6

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**The Good
Old Days?**

... is a Worldwide Ministry aimed at restoring the Faith once delivered by Yahshua of Nazareth to the Congregations at its inception close to 2,000 years ago. This restoration needs to take place in order to reach those with ears to hear and eyes to see the truth from the lies, so that the good news of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations. (*Matthew 24:14*)

We encourage all those who consider themselves to be true believers to ask: "which congregation do I belong to? The true faith our Savior Yahshua the Messiah set down in the year 30 CE, or the false doctrine, drenched in paganism and sun worship, as set down by Constantine in 325 CE?" The two are vastly different and we cannot serve two masters. (*Matthew 6:24*)

One was a Hebrew Congregation with a Hebrew Savior that was completely Torah observant. The other was and still is a counterfeit, lawless church, sealed by the decrees of Constantine and implemented for the sole purpose of deceiving and enslaving mankind. (*Revelation 12:9*)

The articles contained in this publication are motivated by the Word of Truth, the Holy Scriptures, inspired by our Almighty Father Yahweh and Yahshua Messiah, His Son. Words made manifest through the power of the Holy Spirit. (*2 Timothy 3:15-17*)

May this free gift bring you closer to our Father Yahweh through His son, our savior and soon returning king, Yahshua the Messiah. In His wonderful name. Shalom...



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Personal

by Don Esposito

Greetings Brethren,

And Shalom in the wonderful names of Yahweh and Yahshua; the name above all names. Another calendar year has come to an end and another one has begun in this most important time in the history of mankind and in Yahshua's end time congregation.

This January 2016 also marks the 10 year anniversary of the Remnant's Walk Magazine. It is hard to imagine that a decade could go by so quick, but we continue to get only positive feedback on the importance of the Remnant's Walk Magazine in the spiritual lives of Yahshua's remnant.

When I started this publication 10 years ago, I felt led by Yahweh to create a resource that would help Yahshua's true remnant prepare for His imenent return and to assit the congregations around the world with the process of removing every spot and wrinkle from our garments that we need to get clean and white in order to be the Bride of Messiah.

In doing this we always try to focus on articles that are primarily based on helping the true believer grow in character and mature as true remnant believers. Many of the articles in the Remnant's Walk over the years have been spiritual edification written by myself and inspired by Yahweh, and as I have written before, some articles are 40 to 70 year old reprint articles from the old Good News Magazine of the Church of God and other publications. It is amazing that many of these articles are still so timely that you could think they were written today.

With this year 2016 being most important, as it is the first properly revealed Shemita year in maybe close to 2,000 years we need to reflect and see what are the priorities that Yahweh would have for us in this most critical time we are living in. We need to realize and invest the time in the true commission that we have been called in this life.

That is why Yahweh has inspired me to dedicate the year 2016 -2017 "***The Year of the Family***". Family values have deteriorated greatly and many parents are even estranged from their children and vice versa. We see divorce still growing and co-habitation for the first time ever in the USA over 50%. This issue of the Remnant's Walk and other projects this year will be dedicated to building the family structure.

It is truly the time to start to turn the hearts of the fathers back to their children and the hearts of the children back to their fathers. Our society is so abnormal and imbalanced and Yahweh's marriage covenant and also biblical child rearing techniques have all but diminished in the dark world we live in today. We truly need to "***redeem the time as the days are evil.***"

B'Shem Yahshua,

Don

What do you think about this article?

We are living in a world that has never existed before. Yahweh created the earth and all things with Yahshua roughly six thousand years ago and since that time mankind worked from his home with mostly agriculture, cared for his family and schooled his children, and probably never went more than 50 to 100 miles away from his property in his whole lifetime. Whatever you focus on becomes most real to you, and the focus for almost 5900 years was simply planting and harvesting one's food, caring for his family and worshipping his Creator.

That all changed about 100 years ago with the bringing in of the Industrial Revolution, World War 1, and also the invention of the train and the automobile. This changed the world dramatically and for the first time ever in the history of mankind people started changing from working from an agrarian society from home to traveling away from the home to work in factories in an environment that is unnatural.

Then, starting in the 1950's and 60's came the computer age and the invention of the television set and completely changed everything in such an abnormal way it would be impossible for humanity to last even one generation in these completely unnatural surroundings.

And, to add to that, in the 1990's the Internet has come, and now 24 hours a day 7 days a week people all over the world are infatuated with texting, Internet, tweeting etc. The world has become so unnatural with people working and sitting on a chair behind a computer screen that most people in this world are so falsely conditioned they do not even know what is normal any longer.

Normal to most is the infanticide, the murdering of millions unborn children, homosexuality, the progressive public school system, and reality TV, which is anything but true reality in a Kingdom mindset. And every human being on this planet has been affected by this abnormal change in lifestyle to one degree or another. And the biggest affect is in the mind. Maybe you don't agree with abortion or homosexuality, but your mind is indeed being perverted by the totally abnormal society around you because most are not home schooling and raising their own children, or working from home and growing their own food, but are working in this abnormal world and, again, "*whatever you focus on becomes most real to you.*"

If you were locked in a room for one month, that room would become your reality. You would start to see things in that room you never knew before, because you would be only focusing on that room day after day. In the same way, by living in this perverted, abnormal world day after day, and living and working in a totally perverted society, it is indeed infecting your mind and affecting your thoughts as this world is not the mind of Messiah. It is the mind of the Devil!

Also, and of most importance, is that in this electronic fast past world of reality TV, talkback to every article read on-line and simply having an opinion to everything whether it affects you or not has developed a world of gossip, dissatisfaction, and false perception that affects almost every aspect of life in western society today. And this is the crux of the problem; A BIG PROBLEM! A problem that is not realized by most because it is so normal; but in reality it is a problem that will keep you out of the Kingdom of Yahweh.

Yahweh's word says in Proverbs 10:19 "*In the abundance of words sin does not cease, but one restraining his lips is prudent.*"

Also, in the book of Jacob 1:19 it states "*Therefore, my beloved brothers, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath.*"

In the western society today people have an opinion on everything, and many times brethren are falsely accusing other brethren simply because someone is doing something different than they would have done. Western society and end time America/Babylon has so conditioned people to have an opinion on any matter whether it concerns them or not, and this winds up many times not only falsely judging a brother or a sister but being outright sin, as Yahweh tells us we should not be judging matters that don't pertain to us.

Pro 26:17 One passing by, crossing himself over strife that is not his own, is like one who grabs a dog's ears.

If someone was given the job to decorate a room for a Sabbath meeting why do you need to have an opinion on how they should do it? Or why would you need an opinion on how the Remnant's Walk is formatted, or how the Israeli Intelligence Report is outlined or for that matter on anything that does not pertain to you? I can tell you as the leader of the Congregation of Yahweh Jerusalem, and someone who has traveled worldwide and met many brethren from all over the world, that third world brethren simply don't think this way. They just accept things for what they are '*not what they want them to be*'. They follow instructions in matters that are not under their judicial order without always trying to figure out a better way. But westerners always want to look at every situation through their own eyes and make things right by their own false perceptions and standards.

There are many rules we all have in life from hygiene, to health, to work ethic, to cooking choices, and simply because someone doesn't have the same standard we do we should not have an opinion about it. Our only standard should be the Torah, and if something does not violate the Torah and is not our responsibility, then we should learn to keep our mouth SHUT!

I will give you another example. Many times when westerners meet third world brethren they feel sorry for them because they have less money and material things than they do. They, in turn, will try to privately give them tithe money, instead of sending in the tithe through Jerusalem, thinking with a wrong perception that it is money that these third world brethren lack, when it is not money, but bibles and other spiritual materials that they desire.

In reality, it is this wrong faulty perception that has corrupted good third world brethren, and even elders, by tempting them with money that they never had nor needed. And it is these false Laodicean brethren who are blinded to their own false belief system and perception by their pride and Babylonian conditioning to always have an opinion, who many times have even caused some of these third world brethren to fall away.

It is these same Laodicean opinionated people that will be highly offended if you even lovingly give them the smallest part of constructive criticism, or even worse, correction. They are highly offended because they are highly opinionated, it's that simple. And these same false brethren will take no shame in telling everyone else where they are wrong, even if they are falsely accusing someone, and many times inaccurately. Some have even come to the feast in Jerusalem, and instead of being thankful and blessing Yahweh for allowing them to be in His set apart city, they will complain about the music, the food, the rules etc, when in reality the only problem was their over-opinionated perception of how they thought things should be like.

Titus 1:15 Truly, all things are pure to the pure, but nothing is pure to those being defiled and faithless, but even their mind and conscience has been defiled.

Titus 1:16 They profess to know YAHWEH, but by their works they deny Him, and they are abominable and disobedient, condemning every kind of good work.

The problem is that they can only see things through their own eyes because they have been hypnotized and brainwashed by the system of Babylon and the Laodicean prideful spirit. And although they have an opinion for everything, their pride simply can't allow them to see where they are wrong. Many times they will also think they know more than Yahweh's ordained elders who have been handpicked by Him for the last 2,000 years, and also the doctrine that has been handed down in a line of succession for the same time period. They will boldly, and many times disrespectfully, want to tell a true ordained elder of Yahweh where they are wrong on doctrine, and pridefully want to explain how they know better, even though it is the priest or elder who has been given the position of responsibility in matters of doctrine in the congregation.

Mal 2:7 For the lips of the priest should guard knowledge, and they should seek the Torah from his mouth; for he is the messenger of YAHWEH of Hosts.

Eph 4:11 And indeed He has assigned some to be apostles; and some prophets; and some evangelists; and some shepherds and teachers;

Eph 4:12 for the perfecting of the saints for the work of the ministry, for the building up of the body of Messiah,

Eph 4:13 until we all may come to the unity of the faith and of the full knowledge of the Son of Elohim, to a full-grown man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Messiah,

Eph 4:14 so that we may no longer be children, being blown and carried about by every wind of false doctrine of men, who through their craftiness are very skillful in deceiving the people;

Quite frankly, it is not the responsibility of members to form doctrine, but the elders in the congregation. The members should prove all things and study to see if the doctrine is true, but then, once it is proven in faith of where Yahshua's congregation truly is, then they should be following the elderhood set in place by Yahshua Himself; and not be questioning every decision to whether it meets their personal standard and opinion, which again is rebellion, disloyalty and sin. And when one is acting in such a treacherous way, they are not being disloyal to man, but to Yahweh, who has ordained and placed the man in his position.

Ex 16:2 And all the congregation of the sons of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron in the wilderness.

Ex 16:6 And Moses and Aaron said to all the sons of Israel, At evening you shall know that YAHWEH has brought you from the land of Egypt;

Ex 16:7 and in the morning you shall see the glory of YAHWEH, in His hearing your murmurings against YAHWEH; and we, what are we that you murmur against us?

Ex 16:8 And Moses said, When YAHWEH gives you flesh to eat in the evening, and bread in the morning, to satisfaction; when YAHWEH hears your murmurings which you are murmuring against Him, you will see. And what are we? Your murmurings are not against us, but against YAHWEH.

Likewise, when we judge a brother or sister for how they are doing a particular job in the congregation or ministry in the body of Messiah because they are not doing it as we would, we are also brokering on disloyalty, gossip and sin.

Brethren, Revelation 18:4 states '*Come out of her My people*'. This scripture is primarily speaking of coming out of the physical land of Babylon, but is also speaking of coming out of its culture. A culture of immorality, and laxity, and a culture of opinionating on every subject, whether it pertains to the person or not. We need to cleanse our minds of all filth and gossip, and start to only have thoughts that are of encouragement, love and support.

Philip 4:8 Finally, my brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honest, whatever is just, whatever pure, whatever lovely, whatever of good report, if there is any virtue, and if there is any praise, think on these things.

Philip 4:9 And what things you learned and received and heard and saw in me, practice these things, and the Elohim of peace will be with you.

This is a serious matter and will keep some out of the Kingdom of Yahweh. We must search deeply into our hearts and minds and daily ask ourselves if we are partaking in such a spirit of Laodicea/Babylon. We must be putting on the mind of Messiah and not allow commercial Babylon to affect our mind and thoughts.

We must have a spirit of appreciation to Yahweh in all things that is filled with true humility, which will help to eliminate pride and a position that always thinks it knows better than everyone else. We must also get rid of the Babylonian mindset that always has an opinion on everyone and everything in life, and learn to enjoy life, and things, and people simply for what they are and not what we think they should be.

So, now I can ask; **"So what do you think about this article"?**

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

Have you ever heard people speak about the good old days? You know the days gone by when everything seemed to be better and life seemed less complicated, and people seemed nicer and the world, a more moral place.

by Don Esposito

Well to be honest there really is no such thing as 'the good old days'. Every generation from Adam and Eve until this very day was evil and manipulated by human nature, Satan the devil, and the world around us. However, in our world today, mankind has used modern technology and a very liberal biased agenda to radically change the thinking of human beings and the indoctrination of the children of each upcoming generation to create the worst time that man has ever known or ever will know. This generation can be called many things but certainly it is **NOT** 'The Good Old Days.'

Mat 24:21 *For there will be great suffering, such as has not happened from the beginning of the world until now, no, nor ever will be.*

Mat 24:22 *And except those days were shortened, not any flesh would live.*

So throughout history there were better times of morality and lesser times of morality, but the Bible is very clear that the times we are living in NOW are THE WORST that WILL EVER BE! So bad are these days that if Yahweh did not shorten them NO FLESH (NO ONE) would LIVE! The Apostle Paul also writes about this last generation in his epistle to Timothy.

2 Ti 3:1 *But know this, that in the last days disastrous times will be upon us.*

2 Ti 3:2 *For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, braggarts, arrogant, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, wicked,*

2 Ti 3:3 *without natural feeling, addicted to lust, slanderers, without self-control, savage, haters of good,*

2 Ti 3:4 *traitors, hasty, boasters, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of Elohim,*

2 Ti 3:5 *having a form of righteousness, but denying the power of it; even turn away from these.*

Now to most, all of the some odd 18 adjectives named in the above scripture are simply words that do not have a good connotation as the meaning of words have greatly changed over the last 2,000 years. Many words take on new meaning as time passes such as the original meaning of the word 'nice' was to be simple minded or even stupid, but today it means something totally different.

Also, since the liberal progressive movement has infiltrated the US educational system as early as the 1930's and 40's modern educators have not only changed the meaning of words, but also most important topics such as the meaning of morality, the meaning of religion, and even the meaning of family and life itself.

If you went back 100 years the overwhelming majority in society would look at abortion, homosexuality and even divorce as prohibited actions. One could even be marked by the society around them and ostracized for any of the above actions.

If we go back 100 years ago almost all women wore modest skirts and dresses down to their ankles, and men wore their hair short and neat and even would remove their hat when a lady walked by or came into a room. The morality of society was at a totally different level. Neighbors trusted each other and helped each other and in many places people did not even see a need to lock their doors at night.

My point to you is to show that morality and the immorality that society is blatantly displaying today was not just a product of some sort of evolutionary cycle, but was a planned, calculated, agenda by the liberal progressive anti-Bible Illuminati movement.

Starting in the 1930's and 40's they used the newly vetted Hollywood and Television, and in our modern time the Internet. They started with nice family oriented shows such as 'Father knows best' but then, progressively changed the conservative views decade by decade for a liberal bias that defamed fatherhood, showed a total dysfunctional family, and today, even airs shows that have homosexuals and lesbians as a normal natural and accepted lifestyle.

And with the invention of the internet and iPods and iPhones they can now consistently brainwash most people day and night around the clock to create an illusional society that in reality is nothing but a facade. A society that is not real and cannot exist for more than a short period of time as Mathew 24:21-22 showed us. To some of us out there who have seen some of the good old days and have had parents and grandparents who some were even born in the 1800's and instilled a deep level of family and morality into our lives it would be extremely hard for the progressive liberal movement to sway our beliefs, which are grounded in the Bible and our family histories.

But as I write this article 2/3 of the people living on this planet were born after 1950 into this last generation, and more than half have been born after 1970. Which means that many of the people alive today and in particular western society have grown up in the post moral age, have went to roughly 20 years of schooling (including college) and have been totally immersed and indoctrinated with the liberal satanic New World Order agenda.

And every day that passes thousands will die who were born before 1950 who come from that old generation of morals and family and thousands of new generation X babies will be born into Satan's New World Order Society.

Whatever you focus on becomes most real to you, and as human beings we are creatures of habit and can be trained like Pavlov's dogs.

Ivan Pavlov was a Russian physiologist known primarily for his experiment where dogs were conditioned to be hungry, and then, when a bell was rung the dogs got food. Then the process was repeated, condition them to be hungry, ringing the bell, giving the food. And after doing this over and over, Pavlov simply had to ring the bell and the dogs would look for the food without even having to be hungry.

Today the sinister Dr. Jeckel's of our day at not only using neuro-associative conditioning to brainwash the vast amount of society through TV, Internet and social media, but they are also using many modern mind altering medicines to keep people mind controlled and conditioned to the liberal ringing of the liberal bell of a new sinister and absolutely unreal morality.

This is a version of morality that allows anything that feels good to direct the lives of this new generation of youth who wear tattoos and body piercings everywhere, use sexual gratification like candy, and mock and smear even the idea of an Almighty Creator who has purpose and a plan in their lives.

Luk 17:26 *And as it was in the days of Noah, so also it will be in the days of the Son of Man.*

Luk 17:27 *They were eating, drinking, marrying, giving in marriage, until the day Noah went into the ark. And the flood came and destroyed all.*

Luk 17:28 *And likewise, as it was in the days of Lot, they were eating, drinking, buying, selling, planting, building;*

Luk 17:29 *but on the day Lot went out from Sodom, YAHWEH rained down fire and brimstone from the heaven and destroyed all of them.*

Yahshua said that our days would be like the days of Noah and like the days of Lot. In the days of Noah violence filled the earth, and in the days of Lot the whole area was destroyed due to homosexuality and the perversion of Yahweh's marriage covenant.

The problem today, even for believers, is that many think they are alright because they simply don't believe in these practices and believe in the word of Yahweh. Yet Yahweh cautions the Laodicean who has this very attitude.

Rev 3:14 *And to the messenger of the congregation of Laodicea, write: These things says the Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Head of the creation of YAHWEH:*

Rev 3:15 *I know your works, that **you are neither cold nor hot**. I would that you were cold, or hot.*

Rev 3:16 *So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I am about to vomit you out of My mouth.*

Rev 3:17 *Because you say, I am rich, and I am made rich, **and I have need of nothing, and do not know that you are miserable and a wanderer and poor and blind and naked**.*

Yahweh rebukes the Laodicean for the very thing I mention above. They think they are good simply because they don't believe like the liberal agenda around them. Yet they are lukewarm and still live around in this vile environment, and work with people who are immoral, and vile, and maybe even play bad music, and curse all day while they are working.

Many have friends and fellowship with the wicked unconverted society around them and go to the movies made by Hollywood, who are the very architects for the Satanic liberal agenda, and partake in the same practices of the unconverted world around them like Facebook and every evil form of social media. There is a reason why Yahweh says in Revelation 18:4

Rev 18:4 *And I heard another voice out of Heaven saying, leave the land of her, My people, that you may not share in her sins, and that you may not receive of her plagues;*

Rev 18:5 *because her sins joined together, even reach up to Heaven, and YAHWEH remembered her unjust deeds.*

2 Cor 6:14 *Do not unite in marriage with unbelievers. For what partnership does righteousness have with lawlessness? And what fellowship does light have with darkness*

2 Cor 6:15 *And what agreement does the Messiah have with Satan? **Or what part does a believer have with an unbeliever?***

2 Cor 6:16 *And what harmony has the sanctuary of Elohim with idols? For you are the sanctuary of the living Elohim, even as it is said, "I will dwell in them and walk among them, and I will be their Elohim, and they shall be My people."*

2 Cor 6:17 *Because of this, "Come out from among them and be separated, says YAHWEH, and do not touch the unclean thing, and I will receive you."*

2 Cor 6:18 *"And I will be a Father to you, and you will be sons and daughters to Me, says YAHWEH Almighty."*

And this is the crux of the problem; many in western society think they are different from the world, yet in reality they can only live among such evil because in many ways they are not really much different, for if they were they would have heeded the word and would have changed their lives and environment.

If this world's lifestyle and immorality was that appalling to us we simply would change our environment and protect the Holy Spirit that is dwelling within us. Whether many in the west today want to admit this or not if people are that uncomfortable with something they will do anything to change it, but the daily indoctrination of Television, the Internet, and the media constantly changing the Biblical standard of morality according to the Torah and brainwashing the people daily will have an effect on your life no matter who you are. Human beings can only withstand so much brainwashing until it will affect you.

If you hear a song or see a commercial over and over again there is going to be a mental picture in your mind of that circumstance and if you hear and see the New World Order social agenda with story after story on how homosexuality and fornication and abortion are good, it will affect you!

There is only one answer to protect your mind and your soul and even your eternal life. It is time to sanctify ourselves and come out from this wicked evil society completely. Come out of its educational, commercial, economic, entertainment and social pulls and clothe ourselves with holiness for without no one will see Yahweh (Heb 12:14).

The answer to America's Divorce Problem!



Here is the vital answer to a problem affecting nearly every third home in America. You need to know the real CAUSE of this problem - and the permanent CURE!

Reprint from The Good News Magazine. This Reprint article was written in the 1950's but is also very true today.

America is the most divorced nation in the world today. More than *one in four* Americans have been involved in divorce! The divorce problem is *growing* in nearly every "civilized" nation on earth today. The trend is viewed with concern by ministers and officials everywhere. *But the problem continues to grow!*

The tragic *results* of divorce soon make themselves known. In California, Superior Judge Lewis Drucker states: "The by-products (of divorce) find refuge in our State mental hospitals, prisons and alcoholic wards.

It is estimated here that *two-thirds* of the persons appearing in psychiatric court come from broken or divorced homes. *Seventy-five per cent* of juvenile delinquents come from such homes! And a large number of unwed mothers are themselves the product of broken homes.

For the couple involved—and most of all the *children*—the *results* of the divorce are nothing short of TRAGIC! But the question remains—WHY divorce, what are its causes, and what can be done about the problem?

Why Divorce?

Although *many* factors enter in, two *basic problems* are at the bottom of nearly every divorce. The first of these is the misunderstanding and misuse of *love* and *sex*. The second—which is directly related to the first—is ignorance of or disregard for the proper *organization* and *purpose* of the home and family. *Bear these two factors in mind*—for nearly EVERY conceivable problem in marriage falls into one of these two categories!

Now let us consider the first of these basic problems. Actually, the misunderstanding of love and sex can place a marriage in jeopardy before the vows are even spoken. A marriage entered into because of *lust* or through *fear* of the results of premarital sex has a poor chance from the start. Yet how many *thousands* of such marriages take place every year?

Two generations ago, a major problem among prospective marriage partners was the lack of technical knowledge about the various function.

But today, the situation has changed radically. Modern young people are bombarded with information about the purely technical aspects of sex from almost every quarter. In America particularly, society has become almost OBSESSED with sex as a form of amusement and self-gratification.

This selfish, perverted sex appetite is constantly stimulated by its emphasis on the television and movie screen, in newspaper and magazine advertisements and illustrations, in widely read novels and short stories. In lurid detail, it is splashed on the covers of paper-backed books and through the pages of comic magazines.

Young people today are exposed to sex in its rawest form before they have the faintest idea of its total meaning in life. By adult example, they are taught that sex is something to “take”, to “get” from others in order to satisfy the self. The selfless expression of LOVE in sex is completely ignored and misunderstood. And in doing so many couples are engaging in perverted sex acts, such as oral sex, that actually degrades the marriage covenant and brings perversion into the once undefiled bedroom. Thus, one of the very things which should help bring happiness in marriage is very often a basic cause of divorce.

The Right Attitude Toward Love and Sex

There is a great difference between the selfish, infantile emotion so many young people think of as “love” and the mature Elohim-like love which every happily married couple should understand and experience. One of the problems young couples have whose marriage is based upon infantile love is that each is expecting to receive all and give nothing. Each is so concerned with his own wants that he is scarcely capable of recognizing the needs of his mate, or of fulfilling them.

On the other hand, mature love is based upon the Bible principle: “It is more blessed to GIVE than to receive.” It seeks not primarily its own satisfaction, but wants to serve the beloved, to contribute to the fullest happiness and good of the other. And it is willing to work and to sacrifice to achieve this goal.

Mature love does not make sex an end in itself. Rather, our attitude toward sex should be based upon the understanding that it was ELOHIM who made us male and female—it was Elohim who *created* sex. Sex is Elohim-given and worthy as speech, sight or hearing and like these should be used properly—as the Creator intended.

In marriage, sex should be the highest expression of physical LOVE. As the apostle Paul commands, husband and wife should each regard his or her body as the property of the other (1 Cor. 7:1-5). Their relation should be based on an outgoing *love* and *concern* for the beloved’s happiness and welfare. Their attitude should be one of *giving* and *servicing*.

Every young couple should know and *understand* the two great PURPOSES of sex. First, that it is to propagate the race—“be fruitful and multiply” (Gen. 1:28).

Secondly, as indicated by the passage in 1 Corinthians 7, it is to be that *complete* sharing of two personalities in which each considers that he belongs to the other—a relationship and a sharing designed to *protect* and to *increase* the love of husband and wife for each other. *Any other reason* for sex either in or outside of marriage is SIN—and will ultimately bring sorrow, retribution and shame upon the parties involved!

If young people in dating, courtship and marriage would understand and abide by these two great purposes of sex, their behavior would alter radically. First, there would be no more of the kind of “necking” that all too often leads to premarital sex. And, realizing the true meaning of love and sex, young couples would marry out of LOVE—*not lust* or various desires to please the *self*.

A knowledge of the technical functions of sex in the human family is important to every young couple. Once this is mastered, understanding and PRACTICING the “giving” and “sharing” principle in love and sex will practically guarantee continued happiness in this vital phase of married life.

Organization and Purpose of the Home and the Family

It has wisely been said that the very *foundation* of all decent civilization is the *home* and *family*. The continuing disintegration of modern family life is cause for deep concern over the world. In their desire for sexual satisfaction, and their insatiable thirst for “hired” entertainment in the form of nightclubs, movies, and TV, today’s young married people seem to give very little thought to the building of a permanent, stable, happy home and the begetting, feeding, clothing, training and teaching of children. For the most part, they are in ignorance of the *purpose* and proper *organization* of the home and family.

Again, people forget that it is *Elohim* who created the sexes, and that ELOHIM ordained marriage and the family! At least *two* of the ten great spiritual laws of life summarized in the Ten Commandments relate *directly* to marriage and the family. One command—the one against adultery—protects the family from outside invasion, so to speak. The command to honor one’s parents has to do with the teaching, training and conduct inside the family.

From the very first chapters of the Bible, we find the proper organization of the family definitely indicated. When Elohim first made man and knew that he should not be alone, He said: “I will make a HELPER suited to him.” (Gen. 2:18)

From the very beginning, woman was intended to be man’s partner and help—not *his boss* or *his competitor*. This may sound trite or old fashioned to some who apparently think they have “progressed” far beyond the wisdom of their Creator. But the application of this one principle would save thousands of homes from the state of WRETCHEDNESS in which they now exist!

Who is the Head of the House?

A nation divided against itself CANNOT stand! In like manner, a home that is divided—a home without a head, will NOT endure! In modern homes, one of several things takes place.

In many instances *both* parents simply submit to their rebellious children and let their whims and fancies dictate the family policy. In a prophecy which in a dual sense refers to our English-speaking peoples *today*, Elohim said: “And I will give *young boys* to be their rulers, and a *tyrant* shall rule over them... the *boy* will be insolent against the elder... *children* are their oppressors, and *women* rule over him” (Isaiah 3:4-5,12). We can SEE this prophecy taking place all about us today!

As the prophecy indicates, when parents let the children have a free hand it usually involves *mother* doing any other ruling that she thinks necessary. And, of course, another widespread practice is for the wife to just take over and act as the head of the family herself. In this case, the husband is usually squelched and humbled like a whipped dog, and the children are usually rowdy and imprudent because of this topsy-turvy state of affairs.

Any of these situations is sure to bring *unhappiness* and TROUBLE because they are in *direct defiance of the Divinely ordained pattern of authority which Elohim set in the home*. It is *Elohim* who made us male and female. It is ELOHIM who installed the home and family.

Whether it appeals to human reason and desires or not, here is what *Elohim* says about who is to be the head of the house: “*Wives, SUBMIT yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto our Master, because a husband is HEAD of the wife, as also Messiah is Head of the Congregation, and He is the Savior of the body*” (Eph. 5:22-23).

Speaking of the qualifications for ministers, the apostle Paul said that such a man must be one: “*RULING his own house well, having children in subjection with all purity*” (1 Timothy 3:4).

IF he will only use it, man has been given the potential *understanding, determination, self-control, physical strength* and many other qualities, which best fit him to act as the provider, the protector, the leader and the HEAD of the family.

The Right Estimation of Wifehood

Although many women won't admit it because of their own VANITY and because of the perverted teaching of modern psychology, every normal woman secretly *wants* her husband to rule her, *in love*, and to take his rightful place as the head of the house. She can find her greatest HAPPINESS only as a wife and mother who can rely on the protective leadership of a loving husband who is STRONG in *character* and in *purpose and following the will of Yahweh*.

If marriages are ever going to be successful, young women need to be TAUGHT and *schooled* in the Elohim-given principles of marriage. Instead of learning to *compete* with men in business, industry and society, they need to train to become a real HELP to their future husbands, and an efficient *mother* to their children.

Discussing the *reasons* for the terrible divorce problem, a prominent jurist recently declared that American women just don't know how to be wives. "Why do so many American GIs marry German and Japanese girls?" he asks. Then answers, "Because these women are *taught to be wives*. They perform the historic function of a wife. And they don't try to wear the pants!"

Most modern women have an entirely FALSE concept of what constitutes a "success" in life for a woman. By training and example, they are either taught to become a "career woman" and *compete with men* in the business world, or else they are encouraged to become "dominating" wives who argue loud and long that marriage is a "50-50 proposition", but who in actual fact always end up in *bossing* their husbands. And women of this group nearly always have many "outside interests"—women's clubs, book clubs and innumerable contacts with other women like themselves—partly to smooth over the inevitable doubts and frustrations that arise as a result of this unnatural situation.

In either case, the woman is taken *outside of the home* a good deal of the time. The husband has only a "part time" wife who wants to wear the pants.

And the children end up with a part time mother who undermines the father's authority in front of their eyes and who *cannot*—by her very nature—replace him as the strong, wise guiding hand which every home MUST have to be completely happy and successful.

Instead of the *false* modern concept, Elohim COMMANDS older women: "That they might train the young women to be modest, to *love their husbands, and their children*, to be discreet, chaste, good HOMEMAKERS, good, OBEIENT to *their own husbands, so that the Word of Elohim may not be blasphemed*" (Titus 2:4-5). Is that CLEAR? That is ELOHIM speaking! The only question is—are we going to argue and "reason", or are we going to OBEY?

The Right Balance

But there is another side to this coin. Husbands should not only understand but RESPECT the high calling of their wives. They should give Elohim *thanks* for their help, and for their co-operation and obedience.

Every man should *drive himself* to provide a decent living for his wife and children—and should then keep his wife *at home*, where ELOHIM says she belongs. Instead of encouraging his wife to go outside the house and work to bring in money he should be encouraging her to stay home and be the woman Yahweh intended her to be, THE HOMEMAKER!

And he should pray for *love, wisdom, and self-control* in leading and guiding his family, and in being the kind of father that his wife and children can look up to with the right kind of pride.

Every husband must use his "backbone" and *will power* to take his rightful place as the head of his house. But to have a happy and successful home, he must do this in the *right attitude*. He must not be swelled up with pride and begin to "lord it over" his wife and children as a tyrant or dictator. Rather, he must strive to *give* and to SERVE his family as its leader and provider.

In humility, he should realize that he is *best qualified* to do this, and that he is held RESPONSIBLE for *doing it properly*. Elohim commands: “Husbands, LOVE your wives, even as Messiah also loved the congregation and gave Himself up on its behalf.” (Eph. 5:25). He must also be the spiritual provider as well the physical one. A woman can never fully respect a man that doesn't respect Yahweh and His Torah.

Both men and women need a new concept of marriage and of *wifehood*. They need to realize the great IMPORTANCE of a woman taking her place in the home as a *good cook*, an *efficient housekeeper*, a *good mother* who will not only care for but will *teach* and *train* her children in the right way, and a *loving wife* and companion for her husband.

Such a wife and mother merits the very *highest* respect and honor of her husband, her family, and of the whole society. In describing such a woman, Solomon wrote: “Who can find a woman of virtue? For her value is *far above jewels*. The heart of her husband trusts in her, so that he has no lack of gain” (Prov. 31:10-11).

Bring ELOHIM into The Marriage and Family

Men and women have left *Elohim* out of their thinking about love, sex, marriage and the family. Yet it is ELOHIM who has ordained and instituted all of these! Parents and friends, educators, books, movies and TV all present what is usually a FALSE concept of the meaning of love, sex and marriage to our young people.

As we have discussed, real LOVE is seldom understood and only the physical and technical aspect of sex is taught—and the implied motivation is that of “getting” instead of *giving* and *servicing*.

This selfish concept then becomes the attitude toward the entire marriage relation, and the modern wife proceeds to *demand* her “rights” to take over many responsibilities for which she was never equipped by Elohim to perform. And—all too often—the husband is too lazy or sluggish to be the sole *provider* and *leader* of his family, or else he becomes a selfish “brute” of a

husband to exercise his responsibilities with *wisdom* and LOVE.

Almighty Yahweh must be brought into our thinking—not only about the limited aspects of sex and marriage as such—but about the entire *meaning* and PURPOSE of the home and family. We need to realize that Elohim ORDAINED the home and family relationship as the basis of all decent society!

Part of the very *purpose* of the family relationship is to give men and women the opportunity to OVERCOME the very difficulties in marriage which we have already outlined—plus many, many more. By building the right kind of home, men and women can achieve their greatest *happiness* in this life.

But even more important than that, they are making use of an Elohim ordained opportunity to build the *highest* type of CHARACTER for *all eternity*! That is why any type of sex relation outside of an Elohim-like marriage is SIN and is punishable by DEATH in the lake of fire! It is *cheapening* and *degrading* any future marriage in advance. And remember your spouse now is only temporary, a test to see how faithful you will be, the real bridegroom is Yahshua!

Adultery is WRECKING the very basis of all decent society! And that is why our modern practice of *divorce* and *especially* of divorce and remarriage—is such a crime and a SIN in the eyes of Almighty Yahweh. This damnable practice teaches young people at their slightest whim to cast aside the RESPONSIBILITY Elohim laid on them as husband and wife to learn the lessons of *patience* and *faithfulness* and *self-sacrifice* in marriage, and to build the kind of CHARACTER for which Elohim placed them on this earth.

The Almighty commanded: “Therefore, what YAHWEH has yoked together, man can NOT put apart.” (Mark 10:9). If you do not yet fully understand the scriptural truth on this entire subject of divorce and remarriage, then please download and study Lesson 18 on the Marriage Covenant in our study section at www.coyhwh.com

The Real Answer

The real ANSWER to our divorce problem, then, is to teach young people that love is something we GIVE and *share* with others. **LOVE IS A CHOICE, NOT AN EMOTION!**

Teach them Elohim's pattern of organization in the home—that the father is the *leader* and the provider of the home—and that he is the *Head* of the house. As Judge Samuel S. Leibowitz said in "*Reader's Digest*" proposing his solution to the problem of juvenile delinquency: "Put Father back at the head of the family."

Then we must *teach* our young women to prepare for wifhood as their *highest* and most *honorable* calling. They should learn to cook, to sew, to properly care for and train their children, to be a loving help—a crown and glory to their husbands. We need to reinstate Elohim's PURPOSE in marriage and the home—that it is a place to build both *happiness* and character.

Young people will then follow a *new concept* in courting and picking a mate. They will realize that sex is only a part of the entire expression of love in marriage and the home. Husband and wife will then learn to give and share in the entire marriage relation. Each will know his Elohim-given place in the *home*, and will take it with humility. Together, they will *teach, train* and *discipline* their children in Yahweh's Torah.

From babyhood, Father will teach his children *respect for authority as laid out by Yahweh*—SOLVING the juvenile delinquency problems before it even starts. Yet all of this will be carried out in an atmosphere of LOVE and *consideration* for the ultimate good of the entire family.

Realizing and following Elohim's PURPOSE, the home will become the center of family life and recreation. There will be real family *fellowship* and *fun* at mealtime when *everyone eats together* under Father's watchful and kind eye.

Instead of all "canned" entertainment through TV, radio or movies, many evenings will be spent around the fireplace, in family games, or in reading scripture and talking about Yahweh's Kingdom together.

There will be family outings, sightseeing trips, hikes, picnics and camping trips all centered around Kingdom principles. There will be special dinners and all-day occasions with relatives and friends. An atmosphere of *unity*, of "togetherness", of LOVE will permeate the entire family.

All this will be possible because of the *giving* and *servicing* attitude in love, sex and marriage will be understood and practiced. And because there will be good *organization* and *direction* in all family affairs with the Father as the recognized *Head* of the family—and with the Mother gladly and proudly backing him up and helping in every way. And it will be possible if YAHWEH is recognized as the real founder of marriage—and as the Head and Father of all the human family, to be *served, honored* and *obeyed*.

In spite of the temporary trials and problems inherent in this physical existence, a marriage based on these principles will yield great *peace* and *happiness* throughout this life and eternal life in the Kingdom of Yahweh.

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THE MARRIAGE COVENANT

What is True Liberty?

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Most do not know what real freedom is. Read here the surprising answer which some Congregation members have yet to understand and apply.



Paul said: “Then stand firm in the liberty with which Messiah made us free and do not be harnessed again with a yoke of slavery” (Galatians 5:1). Just what is this liberty? Does this mean that Yahshua has made us free to do as we please? The world interprets this to mean that we are free to follow the inclinations of our own will – in plain words, to sin! Yahshua said: “*Everyone practicing sin is a servant of sin*” (John 8:34). What did he mean? The world has been completely and totally deceived by Satan (Revelation 12:9).

As a result the world speaks of “liberty” and “freedom”, and yet the world is in slavery! “While promising them freedom, though themselves being slaves of corruption; for a man is overcome, by whatever it is that enslaves him” (2 Peter 2:19).

Everywhere we hear of people wanting freedom. They do not want to be told what to do, or when to do it. They do not want to be restrained by law or government. Every man wants to be a law unto himself and not under the authority of law. Each man wants freedom, and by seeking Satan’s pseudo freedom he becomes enslaved to sin. He becomes enslaved since he disobeys the spiritual and physical laws of his Creator. By breaking the laws of our Creator, we bring upon ourselves death.

Slaves to Lust

Most of mankind is a slave to wrong habits and desires. They are enslaved by passion, and lust, anger, drunkenness, drugs, and everything vile and unclean. Others are slaves to society, or to the thoughts, ideas or opinions of others. Such people are in real miserable bondage to such desires and passions. They think they are wise while rejecting the Creator Yahweh. “*Professing to be wise, they became foolish*” (Romans 1:22).

Instead of serving the true Elohim, they have served things which they have made. Therefore, Elohim has given them up to uncleanness through their own lusts and as a result they have become abject slaves to their own passions and lusts. Yes, the whole world is in slavery today. Satan has deceived the whole world into thinking it is free! Yet the whole world is in slavery, only free to do evil—to harm the self—to destroy the self.

This same slavery to sin and to Satan is expressed by the Apostle Paul. “*Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves as slaves for obedience, you are slaves to whom you obey, whether of sin to death, or obedience to righteousness*” (Romans 6:16).

The word in this scripture that is translated “servant,” is ‘*doulos*’ in the Greek. This word means to be “**enslaved, enthralled, and subservient.**”

As a noun it refers to a “slave, a servitor, or person of mean condition”. This is the same word which is usually translated into the word servant in the New Testament. In fact it was so translated 120 times. With this in mind let us read the next verse?

“And having been set free from sin, you were enslaved to righteousness” (Romans 6:18).

Slaves of Yahshua

The way to become free from sin is to become the slave of righteousness. This may seem to be a paradox. Freedom and liberty in Yahshua is freedom from the penalty of sin. We are either slaves of sin, or slaves to righteousness. Those who are slaves to sin are slaves to Satan the Devil. Those who are slaves to righteousness are slaves of Yahshua Messiah.

But, the yoke of slavery that Yahshua puts on us is joyous and light (Matthew 11:29-30). Paul also mentions the principle of our being slaves of Yahshua in 1 Corinthians 7:22-23. In order to make this more clear, the word “slave”, which is a correct translation, is being used instead of the word “servant”.

“For the one called while a slave in our Master is a freed man of our Master. And likewise, the one called while a free man is a slave of Messiah. You were redeemed with a price; do not become slaves of men”.

Since we are the slaves of Yahshua Messiah, we should not submit ourselves to become slaves of man. He is not speaking about being subservient to our elders, but being enslaved to unconverted mankind such as our boss at work, an unconverted mate, or peer pressure from unconverted friends.

Neither should we come under the spiritual slavery of Satan the Devil. The fact that we are slaves of Yahshua Messiah is also mentioned in several other places by the Apostle Paul. He also referred to himself as a slave of Yahshua Messiah several times.

Responsibility of Masters

In the strict sense, a master is totally responsible for his slaves. He is responsible to provide their lodging, their clothes, for food and other necessities. This is assuming that the slave serves well. If not, the master may have the power of life and death over his slave. It is because of this authority that many masters have dealt cruelly with their slaves. Many masters have had their slaves cruelly tortured or put to death when the slave was not worthy of such punishment.

As slavery was practiced during New Testament times it was necessary for the Apostle Paul to write to Timothy concerning this very important point.

“Let as many as are slaves under a yoke count their own masters worthy of all honor, so that the name of YAHWEH and His doctrines may not be blasphemed. And those having believing masters, let them not despise them, because they are brothers, but rather let them serve them more zealously, because they are believing and beloved ones, those receiving of the good service in return. Teach and exhort these things” (1 Timothy 6:1-2).

Christian slaves must have proper respect for their masters, otherwise they blaspheme Elohim. The master is supposed to serve the slave, and to take care of his needs. As a result the slave partakes of the benefits of the master.

Yahweh is Ruler and Master over all, and yet He is the one who serves the most. According to Yahweh’s commands, the one that serves is the greatest. Therefore, Yahshua is our servant, even though He is over us as our Master and Elohim. That is exactly opposite to the masters and rulers of this world, they exercise authority and dominion over those that are under their authority (Luke 22:24-26). How contrary to Yahweh’s just and good ways!

What is a Master?

In one inspired prayer recorded in the Bible the people lifted up their voice to Yahweh with one accord and said "YAHWEH *you are the Elohim*" (Acts 4:24). In our English translations this does not appear unusual, but in the Greek there is a difference. Usually the word kurios is used and translated into an English word "Master." In this particular place the word is '*despota*'. This Greek word refers to Yahshua Messiah as a despot. Actually this same word is used several times referring to Yahshua (2 Peter 2:1 and Revelation 6:10).

This seems strange to us today. We only know of despots as those who are cruel and inhuman. A despot is "an *absolute ruler*." In other words, a despot is a ruler who has the power of life and death over his subjects. Most of the despots of this world have been tyrants and oppressors. They have ruled with harshness and force. However, there have been a few which have been termed "*benevolent*". Yahshua Messiah is a benevolent despot. In other words, He is an absolute ruler, having the power of life and death over all His subjects, but He rules them in love and kindness and serves them continually, providing for their needs and necessities.

Since Yahshua Messiah is a benevolent despot, our Master and Elohim, we should expect Him to supply our needs. Many of Yahweh's people do not realize their correct relationship with their Ruler and Creator. That is why some of them are not as happy as they ought to be. They do not realize that they are totally and completely in the same status as a slave. They do not realize that their Master is a benevolent despot having the power of life and death over them, but at the same time one who has the responsibility of providing all the necessities of life. If we had a benevolent master according to the flesh, we would surely expect Him to provide these things.

Since our Master and Elohim is not visible, we sometimes do not think that He has the power or the interest to supply us our needs. Some of Yahweh's people are unhappy with their circumstances or station in life.

They are not satisfied with their home, their food, their clothing or position. They are not happy with their health. The trials and tribulations they have to endure sometimes discourage them, even though the "burden" and "yoke" they have been given by Yahshua is light (Matthew 11:29-30). Why is this? It is because such people are dissatisfied with what their Master has provided. They are unthankful!

Did you give your Life to Yahshua?

Let's go back to the beginning of the disciple's life and examine briefly the agreement that we have made with Yahshua Messiah.

When we were baptized, we agreed (according to Luke 14:26-33) that we would love Yahshua more than even our own life. We agreed to bury the old self, to be willing to give our life completely, totally, and without reservations, to Yahshua Messiah. He was then to become our Master (Despot), our Elohim and our Ruler. **By such an agreement**, we were making a solemn contract with Yahshua Messiah to give our lives to Him in slavery.

Yet in spite of this, some people say that they did not know that the Believer's life was going to be quite like this. Apparently they expected a life of ease and plenty. The Bible states that the life of a true disciple is going to be filled with trials and tribulations, but Elohim has promised to deliver us out of them all (Psalms 34:19).

Since we have agreed to give our life to Elohim, nothing that Elohim would require of us could be greater than this. After all, what do you value more? Your life, or the physical assets you might have. Your own life is of more value to you than dollars and cents. It is worth more to you than reputation, friends, houses, lands or cars! Since you have agreed to give your life to Yahweh you have no complaint, no matter what happens.

Yahweh will not require of you more than you have agreed to give. The question is, did you really give your life to Yahshua?

If you really did, then you should not be unhappy whatever your present state. You should not be unhappy about your situation in life. You are being continually filled with more and more joy, which is one of the fruits of Yahweh's Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22). But have you really given your life to Yahshua? Do you live to Him every day? Is your every thought, and action toward your commitment to Him? Are you filled with joy every hour of every day of your life because Yahshua is your shepherd who cares for you, loves you and has give up His life so that you can live righteously before Yahweh?

Is Yahshua Your Master?

Some of the people of Yahweh are just like some of the people in the world. They call Yahshua their Elohim and Master, not realizing what these words mean and their relationship with Yahshua Messiah. They call Him their Elohim and Master and yet they don't do the things He says to do (Luke 6:46-49). In this regard Yahshua Messiah has said that we are to seek the kingdom of heaven first and all these physical things are going to be added for us. Notice Matthew 6:24.

"No one is able to serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and he will love the other; or he will cleave to the one, and he will despise the other. You are not able to serve YAHWEH and wealth."

Since we are serving Yahshua Messiah, we should not take anxious thought about the necessities of life. "If YAHWEH so enrobes the grass of the field, which is today, and is thrown into the furnace tomorrow, will He not much rather you, little faiths" (Matthew 6:30). Yahweh is our Master and Elohim. He is our Supplier. Therefore, He instructs us:

"But seek first the Kingdom of YAHWEH, and His righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33).

These are promises for Yahshua's slaves. Those who are obedient to Yahshua Messiah, and are doing the things that He says to do, are seeking first the Kingdom of Yahweh. They are receiving the necessary things of life.

Since Yahshua provides these things, we need not be overly concerned about them. We should not fear or worry. We must do our part, be industrious, and be profitable servants or stewards, working diligently at whatever He has given us to do.

Then He will provide these things for us. When trials, tribulations, or other difficulties come, when we may be in lack or in need, our Master knows our state of affairs and will provide these necessities in His own time.

Do You Have Faith?

Some who consider themselves a part of Yahweh's Congregation do not believe that their Master will provide for them? They do not have faith that Yahshua Messiah is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.

By this lack of faith they are not in complete subjection to their Master, Yahshua Messiah. Yet the Bible states that without faith it is impossible to please Yahweh. Do you have that kind of faith? The kind that believes that Yahweh means what He says, and that He will supply such needs?

Or, are you in rebellion and disobedience to Yahshua Messiah and harbor doubts that He will take care of these needs? You have agreed to give your life to Yahshua. He has agreed to supply all your needs if you seek His Kingdom first.

Therefore, you should have complete confidence and trust in Yahweh. You should have complete joy and happiness, realizing that Yahweh cares for you and will supply your needs even beyond what you may ask or think.

Yahshua supplies our Needs...

"Now to Him being able to do exceedingly above all that we ask or think, according to the power working in us" (Ephesians 3:20).

Having this knowledge, we certainly can have joy exceedingly. Realize, even though we may have trials and tribulations, they all happen for our good (Romans 8:28).

Realize fully that our Master knows our need even before we ask. Realize also that He will not bring upon us more than we are able to bear (1 Corinthians 10:13).

Therefore we need not worry. We need not be over-anxious for the affairs of this life, but can accept with joy anything that happens to us, knowing it is for our good. Knowing in full confidence that everything is going to turn out alright. We can have supreme confidence in Yahweh, knowing that He does everything for our good and will treat us as benevolent servants, providing for our needs and helping us in the time of trouble.

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Why is Yahweh the Father called a Father?

Why should Believers call Elohim “Father”? Why should we pray, “Our Father which art in Heaven...”? Is Elohim called Father because He’s the collective Father of all mankind by virtue of creation? Is Elohim REALLY OUR FATHER?

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The glory intimated by the fact that we are to be called the sons of Elohim is too glorious for us to comprehend the depth, nay the height, of its meaning. Every analogy is magnified, examined in detail, verbalized: Elohim is the Creator, the Beginner, and the One who caused us to have life – and so is called our Father. He is Benefactor, Provider, and Protector. He is Love-giver, law-giver and forgiver, Punisher of sins, Rewarder of virtue, Maker of angels (and so their Father by creation), true and actual Father of Yahshua the Son of Elohim.

Elohim the Father is our Father in every way, and we are His sons in every way...

EVERY WAY BUT ONE!

That one? TO BE Elohim AS Elohim IS Elohim. That Elohim is our Father because He is actively and presently in the process of begetting and bringing sons to birth, sons to be born in His image, spiritually perfect as He is perfect, ever living as He is ever living, Elohim as He is Elohim—the purpose of all creation, the goal of human life, the plan of Elohim!

Blasphemy?

Don’t be too hasty in your judgment. Don’t be as ancient Israel did before you – don’t limit Elohim! (Psalms 78:41.) Read on. See what the Old and New Testaments of your bible have to say on this most important question: Why is Elohim the Father called a Father?

Read what prophets and apostles of Elohim alike tell us is the plan of Elohim. Read what Yahshua said, says and will say!

Yahshua had this problem when He was here on earth some two thousand years ago! The way He answered the scribes, Pharisees and Sadducees of His time- the scriptures He used are still there. They still mean the same thing today that they meant in that yesterday, and they will mean the same thing forever!

(Hebrews 13:8.) No, they were NOT scriptures that just applied to Yahshua alone!

Remember when Yahshua said, “Has it not been written in your Law, I have told you, you are Elohim? [Yahshua here quoted from Psalms 82:6.] If those people He called Elohim because the Word of Elohim was with them and scripture is not able to be broken. To Him whom the Father sanctified... say, You blaspheme! Concerning that I had told you that I am the Son of Elohim”(John 10:34-36.) What got everyone upset was not that He taught His disciples to pray, “Our Father who is in Heaven...” (Matthew 6:9). All the people of the book, Israelites and Jews alike, considered Elohim as their Father. “... My son, My firstborn is Israel” (Exodus 4:22). “...O foolish and unwise people? Is He not your Father who bought you? Has not He made [created] you and established you?” (Deuteronomy 32:6).

They knew the scripture which says, “For You are our Father, though Abraham does not know us, and Israel does not acknowledge us; You, Yahweh are our Father, our Kinsman-Redeemer; Your name is from everlasting” (Isaiah 63:16).

Also, “But now, YAHWEH, You are our Father. We are the clay, and You are our maker; yea, we all are Your handiwork” (Isaiah 64:8). The beautiful analogy was accepted by everyone. The idea of thinking of Elohim as Father-like was everyone’s doctrine. It was much like today—Hasting’s Bible Dictionary says, “... Yahshua taught His followers to think of themselves as Sons of Elohim.” The common thought of the day was not what Yahshua had in mind when He taught them to pray, “Our Father...” Neither did Yahshua at any time in His life teach His followers to conjure up the nice spiritual feeling of thinking of themselves “As IF” they were Sons of Elohim!

What stirred people up was that Yahshua literally meant what He said. And what He said was, “I and the Father are One” (John 10:30). That is what triggered the charge of blasphemy! That is what drove His listeners to attempt to stone Him! And people have not changed in two thousand years. People still get stirred up and snort, “Blasphemy!” when they hear a follower of Yahshua and His Father say that he literally believes Yahshua’s prayerful statement to His Father, spoken on that day He was sacrificed for us, when He said, “Holy Father, keep them in Your name, those whom You gave to Me, that they may be echad (*united*) as We are echad” (John 17:11).

Yahshua, the ONLY Begotten

The Apostle John, explaining about Yahshua, the Word of Elohim, pointed out that He was Elohim from the beginning and had always existed before His human birth (John 1:1). John went on to point out that everything that we see around us in creation was made by that one we call Yahshua (John 1:3).

And further, that Elohim was made flesh and dwelt with human beings on the face of the earth—referring to Him as “*an only begotten one from the Father*” (John 1:14, 18). That Yahshua Messiah was and is the Son of Elohim is a cardinal point of doctrine upon which all doctrine rests. No one who calls himself a Believer can at the same time deny that Yahshua was and is the Son of Elohim.

The One who was Elohim became man! That Yahshua of Nazareth, “Who, existed in the very form of Elohim, thought it not robbery to be the equal with Elohim, but emptied Himself, [of His glory] taking the image of a servant, having become in the image of the sons of men and being found in form like a man, He humbled Himself, having become obedient until death, even the death of the torture stake” (Philippians 2:6-8). That same Yahshua who was Elohim, yet also was with Elohim from the beginning, was also the One who confounded His fellow countrymen by saying, “Before Abraham existed, **I AM**” (John 8:58). And by explaining to them that He was both Yahweh the Son and yet also the Son of David (Matthew 22:41-46), Yahshua Messiah was actually telling them that Elohim became a human being. This was the same Yahshua who emptied Himself of the glory of being Elohim (John 17:5) and became a human being, fleshly, subject to death.

That Elohim could become a human being, subject to death, subject to all of the manifold temptations of physical man (as Yahshua was) was and is totally unacceptable to Jewish thinking – so they rejected outright the claim of Yahshua of Nazareth that He was the Son of Elohim. Now, before you judge that rejection too harshly, let us remember that the vast majority of those who call themselves Christian reject outright as blasphemy and consider unthinkable the fact that human beings can become Elohim! So we have on the one hand a great body of people who deny that Elohim can become man and, on the other hand, a greater body of people who deny that man can become Elohim!

In fulfilling the prophecies which looked forward to the coming of the Son of man, the Messiah in His first coming, His humble, rejected –of-men coming, Yahshua became the Only begotten Son of His Father in heaven. He fulfilled what Isaiah prophesied (Isaiah 7:14). What so many of the other prophets looked forward to as well—that is: a human baby was formed by the power of the Spirit of Elohim (Matthew 1:18) in the womb of a virgin, and so was the only human being who ever had or ever will have the Father in heaven be the one who engendered Him in the womb. In this way Yahshua is the only begotten Son of Elohim the Father.

Yahshua, the Firstborn

Regeneration—new birth—being begotten—being born again into the Kingdom of Yahweh are all principles with which every bible scholar is familiar. Yahshua explained to Nicodemus that in order to gain entrance into Yahweh’s Kingdom human beings have to be born again. He very patiently explained to him that it was not a physical rebirth that He was talking about, but a newborn spirit being (John 3, especially verse 3).

There are so many scriptures going over the details of this doctrine as Yahshua explained it to Nicodemus that it is difficult to pick any one to explain this spiritual change, regeneration, new birth. Yet of any chapter in the bible, perhaps Romans 8 best explains how it is that human beings become the Sons of Elohim in every sense of that expression.

This chapter begins by showing that as physical human beings with carnal minds in our present fleshly state we cannot obey the Laws of Elohim and please Him. First of all we have to have a sacrifice to pay for the sins which demand our death, and then, receive a new mind, a changed mind, a spiritual, rather than a physical, oriented mind so that we can begin to think and act and live like Yahweh our Father in heaven, or as Paul better puts it, “For as many as are led by the Spirit of Elohim, these are Sons of Elohim” (Romans 8:14).

The Father’s Spirit, Yahweh tells us, joins with our spirit and proves to us that we are the Sons of Elohim (verse 16). It goes on to show that by joining His Spirit with ours, Yahweh does not immediately bring us into His Kingdom, His Family, but that we have to live through experiences, which in many cases are painful, to develop character, to bring us to maturity (Matthew 5:48) so that we can finally be born as the Sons of Elohim.

Comforting advice is given to show us that despite all the trial and difficulties we have to endure while we are still human beings,

“...we know that to the ones loving Elohim all things work together for good, to those being called according to purpose” (Romans 8:28).

Paul goes on to explain in verse 29 that we might be Sons of Elohim as Yahshua is a Son of Elohim, born into the Kingdom and Family of Yahweh as Yahshua was born into the Kingdom and Family of Elohim! And so it is that Yahshua, the Captain of our salvation, is called the **“Firstborn among many brethren.”**

That is, Yahshua the Messiah of Nazareth, the only human being to be begotten in the womb of a woman by Yahweh the Father in heaven, is the first human being to become a Son of Elohim by the resurrection from the dead (Romans 1:4)!

BUT ONLY THE FIRST!

Any human being, by exercising the power of the Spirit of Elohim, can join that Firstborn Son in Yahweh’s kingdom once he is called by Yahweh the Father.

It was from the beginning that the plan of our great Elohim who is the source of outgoing concern, the source of love—to share His eternal life, with all its joy and majesty!

Speaking of Yahshua, Paul quoted the book of Psalms and wrote, “What is man, that You are mindful of him; or the son of man that You look upon him? You made him a little less than the cherubs; You crowned him with glory and honor; and You set him over the works of Your hands. You subjected all things under his feet. For in order to subject all things under him, He left nothing not subjected to him. But now we do not yet see all things being subject to him” (Hebrews 2:6-8).

Certainly we recognize that all things are in subjection to Yahshua our Messiah! We all remember the scripture quoting Yahshua, after His resurrection explaining to His disciples, “*All authority in Heaven and on earth was given to Me*” (Matthew 28:18).

Notice in reading this quote that Paul cites from Psalms that it is not just the Son of Man (Yahshua) who is being talked about, but mankind. That Yahweh created mankind with the ultimate purpose of sharing His rulership of all things is manifest by these verses. Yahshua is not the only one to have sonship in the kingdom of Yahweh—all of mankind was created with that purpose in mind.

“But we do see Yahshua, who humbled Himself to become a little lower than the cherubs through His suffering and His death, but now is crowned with glory and honor, so that He tasted death for the sake of everyone except YAHWEH. For it was fitting for Him, because of whom are all things, and through whom are all things, having brought many sons to glory, so that from the very beginning of their salvation they are made perfect through sufferings” (Hebrews 2:9-10).

Yes, Yahweh the Father intends, it is His will and purpose to add many sons to His Kingdom, His family to have the same glory that the captain of their salvation Yahshua Messiah, now enjoys. It is in this context that Yahshua refers to called-out human beings as brethren (verse 11). Really brethren – not just called brethren.

“In the Beginning...”

In the first verse of the Bible, Genesis 1:1, Yahweh introduces Himself to mankind as the Almighty Creator.

In the English translation of the Hebrew it is unfortunate that the term “Elohim” is not fully described because in the Hebrew from which it is translated the word it is not singular! Yahweh introduced Himself to mankind with a plural name! Yahweh uses this plural name exclusively over and over throughout the first chapter of Genesis and through verse 3 of chapter 2. That plural word in the Hebrew is “**Elohim**”.

In English we use “s” as a pluralizing letter on words. In Hebrew they use “im” as a pluralizing form. In some cases this is confusing. One example of this is in Genesis 3 and verse 24 where the Hebrew word “Cherubim” is transliterated from the Hebrew. In order to make people understand that there is more than one individual involved, this word is Anglicized and spelled “cherubim's”! Although this conveys the idea to English-speaking people that there was more than one cherub involved—and so helps us understand the original language in which the bible was written – it is also misleading in the sense that this practice is not consistently exercised throughout the bible.

If the translators had been consistent with this form of translating, then the first verse of your bible would read, “In the beginning Elohim...” So the word translated Elohim in Genesis 1—Elohim in the Hebrew—means the ever living, Eternal Creating, All Powerful, Governing Family—Kingdom of Yahweh. Elohim does mean one Elohim not many Elohim – but that one Elohim is a family and Kingdom! It is similar to Yahweh’s Congregation. There is but one true Congregation—one Congregation, but many members (1 Corinthians 12:20)!

The Greatest Creation

As far as is revealed in your bible there are only two beings presently in Yahweh's Kingdom—the ones we call Yah Yahweh the Father and Yahshua Yahweh the Son. Those two, in that beginning chapter of Genesis said, “*And Elohim said, let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness*” (Genesis 1:26.)

Mankind at that time was created physically in the form of Elohim—“*And YAHWEH Elohim formed the man from the dust of the ground, and blew into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living soul*” (Genesis 2:7). He did not have eternal life, or immortal life, at that time, but, as Yahweh said to him, “*For you are dust, and to dust you shall return*” (Genesis 3:19).

Physical creation was completed in the record we read in Genesis 1, but the greatest creation—the very purpose for the physical creation—was not complete. The great process of spiritual creation was just begun with the creation of two human beings to produce the entire race of mankind which was to be offered Sonship in the Kingdom of Yahweh!

The Purpose of life is that in us Yahweh is really re-creating His own kind—reproducing Himself after His own kind—for we are, upon real conversion, actually begotten as sons (yet unborn) of Elohim; then through study of Yahweh's revelation and His word, living by His every word, constant prayer, daily experience with trials and testing, we grow spiritually more and more like Yahweh, until, at the time of the resurrection we shall be instantaneously changed from mortal into immortal—we shall then be born of Yahweh—we shall then be of the Elohim family!

The Father Greater than the Son

When Yahshua Messiah was here on this earth as a human being He constantly referred to the Good News of His Father—the Good News of the Kingdom of Elohim—constantly turned people's attention to the fact that there was a Father.

He revealed the Father. He never hesitated to show that He could do nothing except the Father guide, lead, support and sustain Him (John 5:19, 30). He said, “*My Father is greater than I*” (John 14:28).

Just as some human beings have greater jobs, responsibilities and authority than other human beings, so it is that that great Yahweh called Father has the greatest responsibility of any being—is greater in every way than any other being.

Yahshua Messiah, who is next in responsibility, authority, and office to His Father is joyfully, willingly, and properly submissively fulfilling His responsibilities as second in command in the great Yahweh family.

Yahshua gladly admits the Father's superiority. He focuses all His called-out ones' attention to that fact. He does not chafe under that authority but lives in perfect harmony with it.

It was through Yahshua the Messiah in a total unanimity with His Father that all things were created—the invisible things as well as the visible, that is, Great Spirit beings such as cherubim. It was that Yahshua who by living His perfect life example through the power of the Holy Spirit showed us, manifested to us, made visible to us what the invisible Elohim is like! It is that same Yahshua whom Yahweh has made the Head of the body He calls the congregation. That same Yahshua who is the firstborn from the dead—the first to receive total sonship in the Kingdom of Yahweh (Colossians 1:15-18).

Yahshua Messiah, who is the word of Elohim, was the one who spoke, and all the great universe we see came into being. It was He as well that created the vast world of spirit beings that we do not see. It was He who called out Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

This was Yahshua who came, born of a virgin, begotten by Elohim, who lived an entire lifetime perfectly within the Spirit of Yahweh's Torah, died as a perfect sacrifice, shedding His blood, pouring out His life—having already emptied Himself of being Elohim, He now emptied Himself even of His human life. He gave His life's blood to pay for our transgressions, our spiritual sins, He gave His body, beaten, pummeled and bruised as a payment for our physical sins, so that we might be healed.

(Have you ever wondered why the sacrifice of Yahshua can pay for the sins of all the world? Well obviously, if all the world and all that are in it and all of the created spirit beings and everything we know about was created by that one life, then the payment of that life was certainly sufficient!)

This same Yahshua, Yahweh the Father in heaven, by the power of the Holy Spirit, resurrected from the grave to be His Firstborn Son.

This same Yahshua began Elohim's one true Congregation on the day of Pentecost in 30 A.D. This same Yahshua has been with that same Congregation all these years, and death and the grave have not prevailed on that little flock, as He promised.

This same Yahshua is coming again as King of Kings and Master of Masters to rule, on this earth, all the nations in the wonderful world tomorrow, which is just around the corner!

If Yahshua, then, did all of these great things and fulfills these magnificent prophecies—what greater things is it that the Father does? The Father begets and brings to birth very sons of Elohim! Yahshua Messiah does not beget us as the Sons of Elohim, The Father does. Of course it is only through Yahshua Messiah that we know about the Father, that we can go before the Father, our sins paid for by Yahshua's blood.

Father and Son = Perfect Unison

Yahshua Messiah, with His father, in a perfect unison, works out the purpose for which creation was made. But only Yahweh the Father can beget sons! And so Yahweh the Father is greater than Yahshua Messiah. And Yahshua Messiah, as any true Son of Elohim, is the first to admit that His Father is greater than He—the last to want it to be any other way!

Listen to this statement from the Apostle John as translated by J.B. Philips in his New Testament in modern English: “See what manner of love the Father has given us, that we may be called ‘sons of YAHWEH’” – and that is not just what we are called, but what we are. Our heredity on the Elohim ward side is no mere figure of speech—which explains why the world no more recognizes us than it recognized Yahshua (1 John 3:1.)

Continuing "Beloved, now are we the Sons of YAHWEH [begotten now, but not yet born] and it was not yet revealed what we shall be [that is, the manifestation of the Sons of Elohim, the time in which they will appear, has not yet come—Romans 8:23]. But we know that if He is revealed [that is at the second coming of Yahshua Messiah to be King of Kings and Master of Masters], we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is" (1 John 3:2). No human being can see Elohim as He is and live. Even Moses, who was permitted to see Elohim, saw Him only from behind, and Elohim in His mercy would not allow Him to see Him as He is!

But at the time of the resurrection—when the promise of Yahweh the Father comes to pass and we are born from the grave—when our mortality puts on immortality and our corruption puts on incorruption—when we are changed from flesh to spirit and we become the living sons of the living Elohim—when we become Elohim as Elohim has willed—then we will be able to see Yahshua Messiah just like He really is in all His spiritual splendor and glory!

The Example Oneness of Father and Son

That perfect unison that Yahweh the Father and Yahshua the Son work in by the power of their Holy Spirit is fascinating to behold. Yahshua said,

“No one is able to come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him” (John 6:44). And yet Yahshua also said,
“I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life: No one comes to the Father except through Me” (John 14:6).

Yahweh the Father on His throne in heaven—active, living and in charge of His entire family – decides whom He wants to call when He wants to. He causes those individuals to be drawn to Yahshua Messiah, His Son. Yahshua Messiah in turn directs them to the Father in heaven! What Beauty! What Unity!

We do not see here any conflict between Father and Son. We do not see a Yahshua Messiah who this world teaches rebelled against His Father and recommended some different way. We see total agreement and unity, peace and the perfect work of spiritual creation of which the Father is in charge.

Believe it or not, the time of your salvation is in the hand of Elohim the Father. Yahweh the Father and Yahshua the son [the Elohim of creation] have established a seven-thousand-year plan to bring mankind from the human level to the divine level (2 Peter 1:4)!

Six thousand of those years allotted for mankind to rule himself, for Satan to have free reign.

Then comes Yahweh’s Sabbath rest. The thousand-year term of His Kingdom here on this earth ruling mankind under His Government, His way. Each week that passes bears a foreshadowing of that plan. And finally a resurrection of all who have ever lived—who will be judged by their works according to Rev 20:11-15.

We see human suffering around us. We see a history of human suffering for thousands of years. Only here and there throughout that history did the Father intervene in the lives of a few human beings. The Son followed that lead in perfect harmony as always, working with, guiding, leading, prospering, educating, blessing certain individuals whom the Father had chosen out of a world living in rebellion, led by Satan the devil, against Yahweh’s Government!

It was to that rebellious world that Yahweh the Father sent His Son Yahshua Messiah to live in the flesh and, *“...As many as received Him, to them He gave authority to become sons of Elohim, to the ones believing into His name, Those who neither by blood nor by the will of a man, rather were begotten by Elohim”* (John 1:12-13.)

Why haven't you heard before that your true destiny as a human being is to become a true child of Yahweh and part of His very family?

The disciple Apollos, back during the early days of the New Testament Congregation, was an enthusiastic and eloquent speaker whose zeal at first exceeded his wisdom and understanding. He had heard, and he repeated certain things he had heard about Yahshua Messiah and John the Baptist, about the message they preached.

He preached it himself and convinced many of its merits. Thus many were baptized, believing in the message Apollos had taught. But when Paul came to question the people who had been taught and instructed by Apollos, he found there was a key ingredient missing in Apollos’ teaching. He had failed to instruct them regarding Yahweh’s Holy Spirit!

His mind, His power, His very essence which He grants and gives to us to beget us as His children, to give us the power to overcome our human tendencies. The power that will raise us from human beings to Elohim beings!

Apollos himself needed further instruction and got it from a dedicated couple in Yahweh's Congregation, and from the ministers in the Congregation. And, of course, those individuals to whom he preached needed further instruction, which they received from Yahshua's ministry of that day and were all rebaptized! (Read this in Acts, Chapter 19.)

Surely you can see that there have been great areas left out of the Christian instruction from the ministers you have heard in the past—no matter how zealous and sincere they may have been. In fact, it seems that in preaching the Father and the Son they have left out—perhaps vociferously rejected – the most important reason why Yahweh is called our Father, and why Yahshua is called His son!

For a fuller understanding of this subject. If you have any specific questions don't fail to write them to us. If you feel you would like to talk to one of Yahweh's representatives about this most important of subjects—or any other subject of importance to you—don't hesitate to ask!

You've heard it said, I'm sure, that Yahshua Messiah promised the Holy Spirit to His followers, but have you ever heard it said that Yahshua, in giving that very promise, labeled it the promise of His Father in Heaven? Read Luke 24:49 and Acts 1:4, and see it there with your own eyes!

Yahweh is called a Father because He is a Father. And it is His will, purpose and plan to become the Father of untold millions – to become your Father to share in His life, His glory, His majesty, His Kingdom—Yahweh as He is Elohim!

In these last days Yahweh is turning the hearts of the children back to Him as the Father.

He is calling the lost scattered tribes of Israel that have been scattered throughout the earth back into covenant relationship with Him.

He is calling His children out of pagalized religion and into covenant relationship to become a very child and member of His very family. □

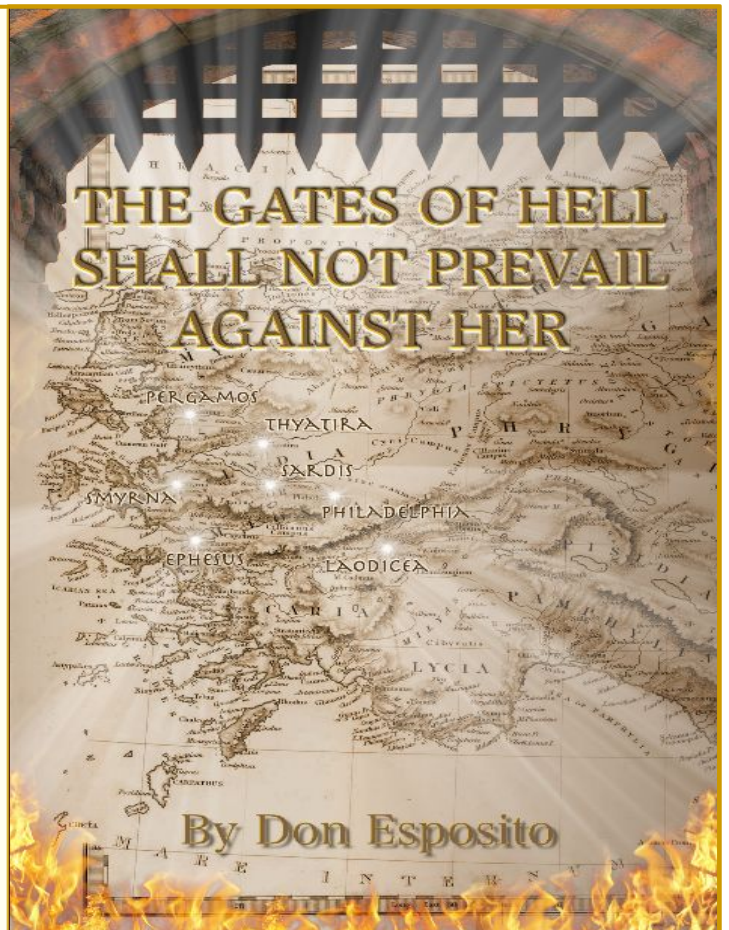
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Obedient children are not Enough!



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Some parents are making a fatal mistake in their child rearing and heading for heartbreak in the years ahead. You could be one of them. If merely making your children OBEDIENT is your only goal, you will probably find yourself with an uphill battle for 10 – 20 years, ending with great disappointment and a tremendous “generation gap.”

What do you wish to accomplish in training your child? Have you ever stopped to consider? What overriding goal do you have in mind as the ultimate end point of approximately twenty years of feeding, clothing, protecting and teaching your offspring from infancy on through babyhood, childhood, teen-age? Unless you can see, and consciously work toward the right goal, right results cannot be guaranteed.

What is the right goal?

The overall purpose of your child rearing should be to develop your children into balanced, happy, mature, well-adjusted, RIGHTEOUS ADULTS. They will need to become capable, reliable persons prepared for the responsibility of adulthood. Ideally they should be able to take their place in society without the hang-ups and complexes you have had to fight all these years! That should be your overall goal! So how would you approach such a goal? Obviously the best of all examples to look to is that of your spiritual Father. Elohim the Father is doing a great deal of child rearing Himself. He knows how to do it. He has already SUCCEEDED – having “reared” Abraham, Moses, David, Daniel and many others. His system works!

More Than Just Punishment and Obedience

Some parents seem to think their only job is to discipline. They seem to feel the only thing that counts is obedience. Why? Actually it's often just because they are so selfish themselves. Such parents just want their children to stay out of their hair – not to “bother” them. Others may strive to have obedient children for vanity sake. When friends or relatives visit, they will show off as they bark “Sit down!” “Go to your room!”. Their children obediently trot off to bed. Guests are supposed to be impressed.

But what if the only way Yahweh worked with you was through discipline? What if every error received a sound whack?? What if every wrong thought, selfish act, foolish mistake resulted in so many swats? What if not one sin passed “unnoticed” and there was no warmth, no love, no evidence that Yahweh was “concerned” FOR YOU, except for a constant negative “NO” booming in your ears?

You would become so discouraged, so despondent and terribly UNHAPPY that if you didn't openly rebel, you would turn inward, and shrivel up within your own personality. You would feel that you could never really accomplish what your Father expected of you. And so you would probably quit trying! Except – you would keep trying enough, just to keep from getting “swats”. Your children will react the same way if treated that way! And you will someday wonder why your children who seemed so obedient as youngsters have become so distant, so heartless and unfeeling, as adults.

Discipline alone WILL NOT WORK! Some parents have tried it and ultimately have actually come to say something like this “I have spanked him till I am blue in the face and he still doesn't obey me”. Something more important was lacking.

Your spiritual Father is known for His love and mercy.

Even when He punishes, He doesn't give you what you really deserve. Rather, His heart is turned toward you. He forgives. Do your children think of you as merciful, like your heavenly Father? Is your heart turned toward them and their heart towards you with warmth, trust and affection?

A characteristic of Yahweh's true Congregation, bearing to the world the last warning message before the Messiah's return, and preparing the way for His appearance, is expressed in the prophecy of Malachi 4:6 “And He shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers...”

Is your son's or daughter's heart turned toward you? Is yours turned toward him or her? If not, your basic approach to child rearing is wrong!

Yahweh gives you more than mercy. He constantly works to encourage you. He makes you laugh, He rewards your efforts with blessings. Even though you had much to unlearn as a newly baptized believer, but with good intention, He blessed you, leading you gradually along the right way. This is the way you must do with your children.

Child rearing is synonymous with LOVE and character building. Discipline is a part of both. But so are encouragement, affection, listening and positive instruction. If temporary obedience is your goal, and you use only discipline to get it, your children may flee from you when they are able, just as the inmates of the ISIS camp fled from their evil persecutors whenever they had a chance.

Many children have run away from home because of the intolerant behavior of parents. Each week 10,000 American children run away- or over half a million a year! Don't push your children into making a similar mistake, which they'll regret later.

DON'T MAKE DISCIPLINE YOUR ONLY FORM OF CHILDREARING!

Training in Making Decisions

When your child is a baby, you must totally dominate him. You decide what he will eat, what clothes to wear, where he should be and when. As he gets older, you can give him more freedom in these areas. Still maintaining overall supervision, you gradually widen the area in which you let him make decisions. Let your child decide what colors to use in his coloring book. Then, what clothes to wear.

Still later, give him a chance to decide how to spend part of his savings or allowance. Let him even decide to buy something, occasionally, that may be a waste of money. Better for him to waste a little when he is young and learn from it, than to lose much more when he is older, with the responsibility of a wife and child of his own.

Unfortunately, many have not learned the right use of money until the stakes are too high that permanent damage is done to their marriage and financial security! Yahweh is teaching you to decide – on your own. He calls it building character. He guides you, gives you the principles involved – warns you that obeying His laws brings blessings, and not obeying them brings curses. He gives case studies in His Word. He even commands you to choose His way. But the final decision is in your hands. As Yahweh’s son, you must decide – and bear the consequences of your decisions.

So teach YOUR CHILDREN TO MAKE DECISIONS. When they start school, they will have to decide what friends to spend time with, what books to read, and later whether to allow peer pressure to engage in worldly behavior. YOU may not be there to guide them at each crucial, decisive moment. They will have to go and decide by THEMSELVES. Equip them for that time ahead of time! Give them practice now in making sound decisions.

The key is to have areas in which your child can feel free to make up his own mind. You decide whether he should put his hand into the fire. You dictate to him about going into the street. Those areas are not for him to decide for himself. But is it really so critical which play suit he wears? Or what toys he takes to services, as long as they are suitable for the time and place?

Your daughter may feel she has invented a new way to sew. You know it won’t work. Explain it to her. Show her why it won’t work, without mocking her for coming up with such a childish idea. If she doesn’t feel you know what you are talking about, let her try it! When it doesn’t work for exactly the reason you said, she will learn more than sewing!

And she will see you aren’t as dumb as she might have thought – which will be crucial for her when she is seventeen and deciding if she should follow your advice about avoiding fornication before marriage – or drugs – or whether to marry Freddie anyway when you tell her it would be a bad match. But leave off the I TOLD YOU SO’S, which only serve to tickle your vanity and widen the gap between you and your child.

Main Principle Of Relationship

You are the ruler of your child. But you need to realize the cornerstone principle for rulership Yahweh’s way.

“And Yahshua called to them and said to them, You know that the rulers of the gentiles are their masters and their nobles are in authority over them. But it will not be so among you. But whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your servant” (Matt. 20:25-27).

Have you ever thought of it this way? You are your child’s servant. You are to SERVE him by preparing him for adulthood. Not like a demagogue who will not tolerate any difference of opinion, nor any delegating of decision making, but like a wise teacher, teaching your child the way to make proper decisions. He can only learn that by PRACTICE. And PRACTICE implies some MISTAKES. Your job is to make sure they are little mistakes, not life shattering ones.

How much better it is to serve the children that Yahweh has given you by helping them to learn that they do need their parents’ advice as they do walk the road of life. How much better that they learn that when their mom and dad say “no”, there is usually a very good REASON. They have seen the proof. Let them be used to admitting, “I was wrong”, without shame or jeering.

If you rule your children Yahshua's way, they will want your rule. They will learn it is for their own good. They won't feel fettered by it, as bound in straight-jackets. They will be free in it. They will respect you for it. And Yahweh will guarantee them along, happy life for respecting their parents (Ex 20:12).

What To Teach Your Child

There are many other things to teach your child to prepare them to be a righteous adult. First, teach him to express himself. You can do this by letting smaller children go over the day's events before bedtime. Sure, listening to him recount an event that happened while you were at work can be tiring or boring – but it's profitable to the storyteller. It's something similar to Spokesman's club, where the men of Yahweh learn to put their thoughts, opinions, questions, doubts and fears into words. They receive a diploma AFTER they can speak from the heart!

You should also teach your child to express himself by LISTENING to and ANSWERING his questions – not squelching them. Treat his bold or heretical questions with respect. A question that sounds terrible to you must have been in His mind before it comes out of his mouth. And if it is there, it needs an answer! Also, one question lays the ground work for others. Sometimes the proper answer to one of those questions, if heeded, will save him untold trouble. Too many parents squelch the “silly” questions. So they never get to hear the “big” ones!

Third, teach your child to DO THINGS - Ever see a young boy standing awkwardly aside a swimming pool while all his friends are enthusiastically in it? He can't swim. He is self-conscious, an outsider and very unhappy. He is also losing valuable leadership training. Avoid allowing inferiority and other personality complexes to develop - teach him to swim. If possible, give him or her opportunity to go horseback riding. Teach him or her to make things, such as cookies and doll clothes for girls and model airplanes and boats for boys. Go on hikes, picnics, buy a kite and help him fly it, teach them to draw and paint.

Fourth, develop your child's interests as fully as you are able. His whole life will be richer. He will be able to mix with all kinds of people and realize his full leadership potential. Did you ever notice that the leaders in Yahweh's congregation have a broad range of interests and well rounded personalities? Help your child to become like Messiah in this as much as in other ways.

Fifth, teach him the proper use of power. Money is a form of power. Your child should learn how to use it wisely. A car is a power. So is a boat, roller skates or a bicycle. Children will misuse these unless trained.

Sixth, teach your child to face trials BRAVELY. A broken toy can be a major crisis if you're four. So can a dead pet. Take time to put these “trials” into perspective. A broken toy can open the door for you to explain the importance of buying quality items, or proper care of possessions. Or even principles of maintenance and repair. The dead pet is different from a dead human. Teach your child the difference. Just your sitting down and explaining the overview will take much of the sting out of the trial. It also narrows any potential “generation” gap.

Your own example in facing YOUR trials is also important. If you are dressed to go out and your child spills milk down your best outfit – YOU have a trial. If an otherwise gentle mother becomes a screaming witch, hurling abuse at a glass-shattering pitch, your child learns BY EXAMPLE not to face trials bravely. He will also tend to fly apart in the face of trials. Actions speak louder than words. To expect your child to stand firm in a crisis, you must stand firm first.

Teach Them to Face the World

You should also teach your children that there are problems in the world – horrible, heartrending problems. Then demonstrate that Elohim HAS THE ANSWERS. If someone becomes ill or involved in an accident, THERE ARE REASONS – usually easily defined. Teach your child. Show him the cause and effect principle. Show him how to avoid the effect, by following Yahweh’s way of life in the first place. Older children will see girls drop out of school, pregnant. Show them the effect on the girl, her family, the boy and his family and even on the unborn child itself.

But take care! All children are idealistic. They view the world through rose colored glasses, and it’s a good thing they do. If any of us could see all the evil, and all the trials and problems ahead of us, at once we would feel defeated before we start. The rose-colored glasses gradually have to go. But remove them gently; don’t rip them from their faces. If you tell your child how rotten the world is, he will likely not believe it is this bad. And there is no purpose served by shouting, “You wait till you have to earn your own living, it’s tough out there!” What you say is true. But you will make more progress by positive instruction. Show the fruits of the right way. Point to the FRUITS of the wrong way. When all the facts are presented, in an atmosphere of reason, few children will knowingly and imperiously choose the automatic curses of the wrong way.

It is up to you to maintain an atmosphere of reason. If you continually discourage your child, he will become bitter and resentful. Then Satan can more easily influence him. You must keep an atmosphere of reason by being reasonable and fair yourself. Yahweh tells us – and let’s always remember it – “Fathers, do not provoke your children, that they may not be discouraged” (Col 3:21).

How to teach obedience

Finally, you should teach your children obedience mainly by setting them an example of respect for the laws of Elohim and man. As Yahweh is doing with you, teach them to respond quickly when instructions are given. Be sure you have your child’s attention, then tell him what you want him to do. Back up your words with discipline if necessary – in love.

Above all things, don’t use the phrase, “How many times do I have to tell you...”? Or “Do you want a spanking?” (talk about ridiculous questions – no wonder there is a generation gap!) or “If you don’t do as I said, I’m going to..” – That is not effectively teaching obedience. Instead, you are encouraging delayed response, the psychology of last minute escapes, the deathbed repentance syndrome.

You should also teach your children the principle behind obedience. In your regular bible studies, point out the clear lessons of what happened to those who obeyed Yahweh and those who disobeyed. Always stress this vital principle so that the lesson is always driven home.

Remember your real goal is long term, willing obedience. It is not something short term like getting your child to go to bed. You certainly cannot expect real lasting obedience to Yahweh or man if you take such a short sighted approach. Keep your long term goal in mind.

Solomon described it: “My son, if your heart is wise, my heart shall rejoice, even mine. And my reigns shall rejoice, when your lips speak right things” (Prov. 23:15-16). Solomon saw the proper goal was more than temporary obedience.

When your child, no longer a child, reaches maturity and enjoys a life of happiness, balance, wisdom and sound judgment, without the cares and kickbacks of disobedience, then you can say that your child training, has been a success. You will have accomplished the real goal of child rearing and one of the most important purposes of your life.



Answers to your Questions

Question: How does one become an ordained elder?

Answer: An elder in Yahshua's congregation is not a title that one goes to seminary school for to receive a certificate to put on the wall, but an elder is a job description that someone is fulfilling in the Congregation of Yahweh.

1Ti 3:1 Faithful is the Word: If anyone desires the office of an Elder, he desires a good work.

1Ti 3:2 He who becomes an Elder must be blameless, the husband of one wife, alert mentally, sensible, of good behavior, hospitable, and able to teach;

1Ti 3:3 not a drunkard, or one whose hand is quick to strike, but humble, not contentious, not loving money;

1Ti 3:4 ruling his own house well, having children in subjection with all purity.

1Ti 3:5 But if anyone does not know how to rule his own house, how will he care for a Congregation of YAHWEH?

1Ti 3:6 He should not be a new disciple, lest being puffed up he may fall into the condemnation of the devil.

1Ti 3:7 But he must also have a good witness from those outside, that he not fall into reproach and into a snare of the devil.

If one is fulfilling these requirements in the congregation than the elders will recognize this before the congregation and lay hands on him and anoint with oil for elderhood.

Question: Why do you sometimes write the words 'B'Shem Yahshua' at the end of the brethren letters? What does this term mean?

Answer: The words B'Shem Yahshua means '*in the name of Yahshua*', but when this phrase is used it is showing an Elder is not only writing in Yahshua's name, but with "*His Authority*". This is why Elder Don does not always put this phrase at the end of everything he writes; only when he is writing on Congregational matters that show that he is making a decision with the full authority of Yahshua who is the head of the congregation behind him.

One must be extremely careful when using this term as it is given mostly to the elders in the congregation to have the authority of Yahshua for loosing and binding.

Mat 16:18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My assembly, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against her.

Mat 16:19 And I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of Heaven. And whatever you bind on earth shall occur, having been bound in Heaven. And whatever you may loose on the earth shall be, having been loosed in Heaven.

The loosing and binding is in making decisions according to scripture in the congregation. A member would rarely use this authoritative phrase except if he maybe writing to an unbeliever and showing the authority of scripture as laid out by Yahshua in the word.

For more information on Yahweh's Judicial Order in scripture please study lesson 14 in our Bible Lessons online at www.coyhwh.com

Letters From Our Readers...

Brother Don and Fellow Believers,

Thank you for the sermons you have been giving these past several months. They seem to me to get more and more focused and have genuinely been a lifesaver to me. I so look forward to the Sabbath every week for the replenishment of my spirit. I can't imagine missing even one Sabbath.

Things have not been going well lately and when I examine my life I can see that many of the problems I have are self-induced I really hate it and I know I need to give them up to Yahweh. It seems that every message you give drills right to the core of what is happening to me during the week. Either the things you say in the sermon are exactly the conclusion I came to that week, or you have advice for the very thing I'd been praying about that week. Believe me, I am not trying to focus on myself, but it's uncanny how personal the sermons have been to me. And I know that you're right, at least for me, that the Shemita is a "**last chance**" that Yahweh is giving to me to turn and give my burnt offering to Him.

I have been given a few chances to do something for Him in the two years since I have been baptized, and in my selfishness I either couldn't surrender to Yahweh, or I'd let the adversary convince me that I was just unworthy to be serving the Elohim of all creation, or the Congregation of Yahweh is a large organization and I'm just an insignificant cog in the machine I mean, after all, why would Yahweh need me to do anything for Him? Just who do think I am anyway?

Well, I'm tired of spinning my wheels! I want, to the bottom of my soul, to do something significant for Him. I feel the Shemita is that opportunity. I am joining a public speaking club to develop skills of public speaking. I've talked to Yahweh about some projects I can give to the congregation website, and I've laid out and printed five different booklets of those fliers from the Matthew 24 project on the website. Of course when I distribute them locally, they aren't exactly met with glowing reviews! But you've said that a witness can work one of two ways, right?

I've started an elderly assistance project in a couple of the retirement homes here, and I've dedicated each New Moon to providing dinner to at least one family here in town. Please – I'm not trying to brag myself up, but I want to show you that your sermons have had a powerful, lifesaving influence on me. Thank you!

I pray nearly every day to please allow me to go to Jerusalem this year, and am praying earnestly to let me go to the school. I am not afraid of the clouds on the horizon of Israel. As the time draws closer to the Feast next year, I pray to Yahweh, and I beg you, to please allow me to come. I have this Shemita year to release some issues from my former life that tend to follow me if I forget to walk in the spirit. But I am working on it.

I know you're a busy man, but will you please pray for me? I ask Yahweh to give me strength to overcome my failures and to identify my gifts so that I can be a more effective servant for Him. Hebrews 11:6 says that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. My greatest reward would be to hear Yahshua say "Well done, faithful servant". Looking towards the Kingdom, yours in Yahshua! (From USA)

To whom it may concern:

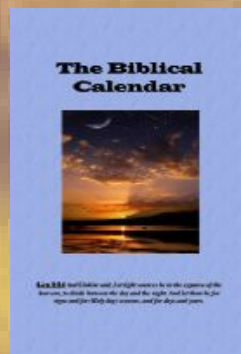
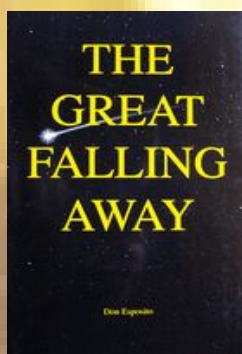
Thank you so much for your ministry. I have been praying for several years that Yahweh would show me His ways that I would walk in His truth and that He would unite my heart to fear His name. I know He has answered my prayer through your teaching of His word.

I have listened to almost all of the teachings on your website and studied the lessons 1 – 22. I am so thankful to Yahweh that He has opened my eyes and my heart to believe and to desire to walk in His ways.

I have repented of my sins and want to be immersed as Yahshua commends us to enter covenant with our Heavenly Father and have hands laid on me by an elder of Yahweh for the receiving of the Holy Spirit. Thank you so much for your time and I pray Yahweh will continue to bless you and His word as it goes out from Jerusalem. (From Canada)

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