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Psa 132:8 Arise, O YAHWEH, into Your rest; You, and the ark of Your strength. vs 9 Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness, and let Your saints shout for joy.

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Greetings Brethren,
And Shalom in the wonderful names of Yahweh and Yahshua, the name above all names.

As we look at the world around us here in the second half of the Roman year 2014, we see a world that is in much decay. Violence fills the earth on every part of the globe and unprecedented weather conditions have brought untold havoc to millions all over the earth. We also see a debt ridden society that is one crisis away from total collapse and yet the powers that be only add fuel to the fire to exacerbate the situation quicker.

And yet with all this chaos around us, there is a peace and joy to the true called out elect of Yahweh because all these birth pangs show us that His Kingdom is near, even at the door.

Mat 24:32 *But learn the parable of the fig tree when its branch becomes tender and it puts out leaves, you know that the summer is near;*

Mat 24:33 *so also you, when you see all these things, **know that it is near at the doors.***

Unless someone is one of these elect it is unexplainable to the world around us how we can have so much peace and joy when there is so much chaos and sorrow throughout the world.

Php 4:6 ***Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and by petition with thanksgivings, let your requests be made known to YAHWEH;***

Php 4:7 ***and the peace of YAHWEH which surpasses all understanding will keep your hearts and your minds through Messiah Yahshua.***

This is only possible by living every day and every minute of every day for the Kingdom of Yahweh and not this wicked global world run by Satan. The only way that this mindset can be a reality in a true believer is to fully believe and be convicted that the very Kingdom of Yahweh is indeed at the doors and ready to start from Jerusalem and cover the earth as the water covers the sea. (Is 11:9) Yahweh has put this ministry based out of Jerusalem to bring this wonderful message to a sorrow filled world.

And the even better news is that when this kingdom comes it will never end. The world we live in today, that has been riddled with treason and pride against Yahweh since the Garden of Eden, will end and the Kingdom of Yahweh will be an everlasting Kingdom with no end.

Mic 4:1 *But it shall be in the end of the days, the mountain of the house of YAHWEH shall be established on the top of the mountains; and it shall be lifted up from the hills; and peoples shall flow on it.*

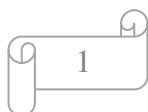
Mic 4:2 *And many nations shall come and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of YAHWEH, and to the house of the Elohim of Jacob. And He will teach us from His ways, and we will walk in His paths. For the Torah shall go forth out of Zion, and the Word of YAHWEH from Jerusalem.*

Mic 4:3 *And He shall judge between many peoples, and will decide for strong nations afar off. And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, nor shall they learn war anymore.*

As called out children of Yahweh, may we embrace this great calling and take it as the highest priority in our life and live everyday in a kingdom mentality.

B'Shem Yahshua,

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Believers Must Have Zeal



Lukewarm water has a soothing effect on a bather's nerve- it helps relax a troubled mind. But it's not good for you to be neither hot nor cold spiritually- a lukewarm Believer!

Reprint Article

Lethargy is all too prevalent in the Congregation of Yahweh today! Many brethren complain of flagging interest and drive in daily prayer and Bible study. The easy chair, television and personal pursuits entice and capture the minds of too many. Real effort at being a Believer – at setting the proper example and getting along with people- is only minimally present in some people's lives.

Does this description apply to *you*? I knew a man years ago who said, "I dread the prophesied Great Tribulation, but I think it will take that horrifying ordeal before I can stir myself enough to make it into the Kingdom of Yahweh!" Another person I loved dearly could see the rapid approach of this horrible period on earth – the Great Tribulation – but still rejected Yahweh's way of protection. The calm statement was: "*I'll just have to go through it with all the rest of the world, I guess.*" Then perhaps I'll understand and start doing something about it." I myself have often said

that it took the shock of combat in World War II to bring me to my knees, before Yahweh could begin to deal effectively with me.

How many rough knocks do we need to bring us to our senses? Can Yahweh get through to us only through violent means? Let's hope none of us have resigned ourselves to that approach in life.

The Laodicean attitude

Notice Yahshua's warning to the Laodicean congregation:

"I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I would that you were cold, or hot. So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I am about to vomit you out of my mouth" (Rev 3:15-16).

What an alarming statement, when we understand it! This is a warning about lethargy.

We are to be zealously active in fulfilling the great mission assigned to us today! The overcomers in each era – those who faithfully do their part – are promised a reward. Mere awareness of that reward is sufficient in some cases to keep those called by Yahweh striving to maintain closeness to Messiah. For some of us, however, the reward alone is not enough. Regrettably, it takes not just the offer of a reward but threats to life, health and well-being. That is the wrong attitude! Simply the promise by Yahweh of an eternal reward for our efforts today should be enough to motivate us to zeal and not only be motivated by tribulation.

If you are one of these, the Revelator continues: *“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. I advise you to buy from Me gold having been fired by fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, and your shame and nakedness may not be revealed. And anoint your eyes with eye salve that you may see. “I, as many as I love, I rebuke and I chasten.” Be zealous, then, and repent”* (verses 17-19).

Elohim created us for His pleasure (Rev 4:11). Our purpose in life is to fulfill His will and perform the commission He gives us. We should be dedicated to this goal regardless of threats. We should not have to go through the fire- that is, if we understand our calling and are dedicated to becoming converted.

A lesson from Esau

Read about Esau's tragic mistakes (Gen 25:29-34). It is recorded to warn us not to take lightly our present calling. It took some time for Esau to realize the error of his way. By then he had seared his conscience and was unable to grasp the meaning of real repentance. The same danger now faces you! Some have said they will pass up all opportunities to become converted in this age, hoping to come up in the second resurrection. They cling to the hope that Yahweh will give them a second chance. Then

they will be much more apt to overcome and apply themselves zealously to serving Yahweh, knowing it will be their last chance for life!

That approach, along with the Laodicean attitude, is not sound reasoning. Heb 9:27 clearly states *“it is appointed to all men once to die and then judgment.”* There is no second chance. Can you afford to take that chance?

Even though Esau sought to rectify his error, he failed: *“That not any fornicator, or profane one, as Esau, who for one meal gave up his birthright; for you know also that afterwards desiring to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place of repentance, although seeking it out with tears”* (Heb 12:16-17).

Don't despise the high calling you have of Messiah – don't ever take it lightly. If you have truly been called, this is the only chance you will have (Heb 10:26-27). It is worth more than all the material wealth and physical pleasures that attract you so strongly today.

Messiah's easy yoke

Yahweh desires above all things that you prosper and are in good health, now and forever in His Kingdom (3 John 1:2). Messiah has provided you with the goal, the example, the environment and the power needed to attain that great prize. Pick your tools carefully, for if you have slipped into lethargy you will require the very best ones available. Look to the superb example – Messiah Himself. Fasten your eyes on the goal. Call upon the promised power of Yahweh's Holy Spirit.

Through the Holy Spirit, Messiah will make all your burdens light. He has never broken a promise – not one. *“Come to Me, all those laboring and being burdened, and I will give you rest. Bear my yoke upon you and learn from me. That I am tranquil and I am meek, and in my heart you will find tranquility in your souls. For My yoke is pleasant, and My burden is light”* (Matt 11:28-30).

Your contract with Yahweh

You signed a contract with Yahweh at baptism. You surrendered your life to Him to use as He saw fit. Your end of that contract, the most important covenant into which anyone can enter, was to draw constantly closer to Yahweh through prayer, Bible study and practicing His way of life. He, in turn, guarantees eternal life with Him! The stakes are extremely high. They are attainable, though, if you keep your part of the contract and draw on Yahweh's power to help you do so.

At conversion you sampled Messiah's yoke and His burden. Have you forgotten? Did you not understand at that time what you had committed yourself to perform? Messiah is our Leader in all things. His way of life is not the popular or easy way. The message He brought from Yahweh the Father antagonized those of His generation, and after rejecting Him they slew Him. Messiah forewarned all who were to follow Him: *"If you were of the world, the world would love its own. But because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, because of this the world hates you"* (John 15:19). Remember that warning, and the burden that came upon you? You rejoiced that you were counted worthy to suffer for Messiah's sake!

Lifelong friends, associates and even your own close relatives turned away from you in dismay over your newfound direction in life. Some left you in sorrow; others shunned you in anger. Even your livelihood came into jeopardy and, in some cases, finding new employment and a new home became necessary. You suffered. Your children suffered, and you along with them, in their bewilderment. You counted the cost and willingly paid the price for conversion and the promise of eternal life. You accepted these adjustments in your lifestyle.

Now, years down the line, these early commitments may have grown dim – perhaps you have forgotten them. The early challenges of learning Yahweh's will- or eagerly stepping out in faith with the help of Elohim's Spirit – have faded with the routine of everyday

Believers living. Bible study is stale, less challenging and, therefore, has become sporadic. Prayer is somehow less meaningful.

How to get "back on track"

Don't wait for another major crisis- or the worldwide cataclysm of the Great Tribulation- to smash you between the eyes! Satan has an arsenal full of weapons to strike you down permanently. Let that realization sink home- let it stir you to furious, righteous anger with the devil, and revive your determination to turn wholeheartedly to Messiah. Rely on His promise of divine help – He will never leave you or forsake you (Heb 13:5).

No Laodicean is going to rejoice in the Great Tribulation to come. He may survive it and ultimately be in the Kingdom of Yahweh. Certainly, the Tribulation will straighten out most lukewarm Believers and put them back on the right track. But you don't need that remedy, nor should you want it! Go to your knees even if you must force yourself to do so! Cry out to Yahweh for help. Talk it all out with Him. Confess your lethargy, your lackadaisical attitude, to Him. He will hear and He will answer. Then stir up your interest in reading the Bible daily. When was the last time you read it through word for word? Or does that bore you? If so, try chain-referencing different subjects in your margin. Go to your minister for ideas and help.

Invite your minister to begin a regular, small Bible study in your home for friends and brethren in your part of the community. You will have helped others find solution to the same problems. Your minister will be able to fathom the difficulties you face. He can initiate ways to rescue you from the Laodicean pitfall into which some brethren have stumbled.

Rejoice in the great Work you were called to perform and help build the unity so necessary to the body of Messiah (1 Cor 1:10) Give! It's so rewarding now and will be for all eternity. Soon you can rejoice in a battle well fought and won with Yahweh's promised help. Yahweh's Kingdom is just around the corner!

Love, the binding tie of an elder of Yahweh!

(This is from a recent newsletter that Elder Don writes to the elders of Yahweh's Congregation worldwide called 'Elder to Elder'. We thought the topic would benefit all believers and decided to include it in this issue of the Remnant's Walk).

In this issue of the Elder to Elder newsletter I want to emphasize the importance of the character trait of love to be a true called out elder of Yahweh.

There are many character traits that an elder of Yahweh needs to be a true shepherd of the flock. There is courage, diligence, perseverance and let's not forget the most important character trait of loyalty.

However, there is one character trait that is central to allow all the other character traits to perform; that is the character trait of love. You could say love is the heart or pumping station of every other character trait that an elder or believer can exhibit, as without it one is left with an empty shell and no real character.

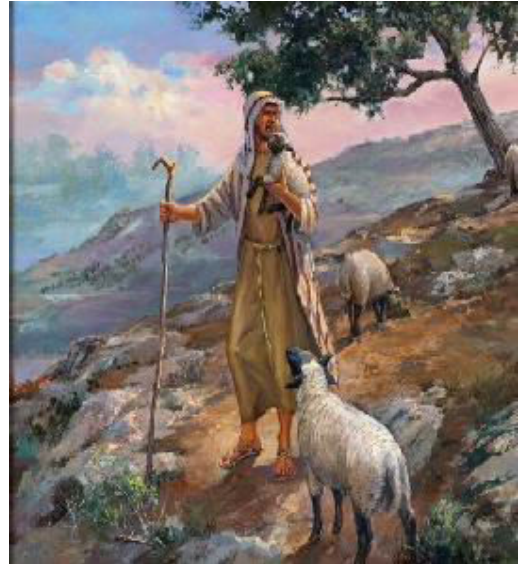
1 Co 13:2 And if I have prophecies, and know all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith so as to move mountains, **but do not have love in my heart, I am nothing.**

1 Co 13:3 And if I give out all my possessions to the poor, and if I surrender my body so that I may boast, **but I do not have love in my heart, I am not profited anything.**

Love truly is the binding tie.

Why is love so important? Because integrity, and diligence, and courage are character traits that one possesses but love is the means by which the person can possess them. Yahweh in scripture is actually defined as love, it is not just what He possesses but it is what He actually is.

1Jn 4:7 Beloved, let us love one another, because **love is of YAHWEH**, and everyone who loves has been generated from YAHWEH, and knows YAHWEH.



*"I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep and am known by my own"
(John 10:14)*

1Jn 4:8 The one who does not love has not known YAHWEH, **because YAHWEH is love.**

1Jn 4:9 By this was the love of YAHWEH towards us made known, because YAHWEH sent his only-begotten Son into the world, that we might live by Him.

1Jn 4:10 In this is love, not that we loved YAHWEH, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the atonement for our sins.

1Jn 4:11 Beloved, if YAHWEH so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

1Jn 4:12 No one has seen YAHWEH (The Father) at any time. If we love one another, YAHWEH abides in us, and His love is perfected in us.

1Jn 4:13 By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because of His Spirit He has given to us.

Someone can be trustworthy and diligent without having the Spirit of Yahweh, but one cannot have the Spirit of Yahweh without exhibiting love, because love is actually not just something Yahweh possesses but it is what He actually is. Every other character trait that He possesses comes from the main artery of love, which He is.

This is why this trait is so important to have in elders and leaders in Yahweh's Congregation today. I meet many people throughout my travels and many who desire and are seeking ordination. This is not necessarily a wrong

desire as scripture even tells us he who seeks the office of an overseer seeks a good thing (1Tim 3:1). However, if the person seeking such an office does not have an abundant outpouring of Yahweh's Spirit of love in his life and character, than he would not qualify to be ordained as an elder of Yahweh.

Through the years I have met many intelligent, personable people who were ordained without having this trait, and soon after they were ordained a spirit of control and pride overwhelmed their ministry created by the vacuum that was there due to the lack of love in their hearts and lives.

This is the main ingredient that is missing in world government today. We see everything from dictators such as in North Korea, to tyrants and self-seeking politicians in almost every country on earth. And the reason for this is that these worldly politicians without the Spirit of Yahweh lack the love of Yahweh that can only come through His Holy Spirit to truly serve the people out of a heart of love and not for self-serving reasons of their own.

Most governments see the citizens of their constituencies as pawns for their own self-ambitions and power struggles, instead of seeing them as children of the king whom they have been given the great responsibility to serve and care for. It is no different in religion in the world today also. The leaders for the most part in worldwide religions of today whether it is Christianity, Islam or Judaism, don't have a heart to serve the people they were selected to serve but they use the people as political tools for their own private agendas.

I teach our leaders quite often on judicial order and the need for judicial order in the congregation. But judicial order is not highhanded, top down government of "follow me or else". Judicial order is voluntary and reciprocal and Yahweh's judicial order is the order He created for all things at creation and it is based on love, not control.

Brethren willingly follow the judicial order of the ordained elder because they see the Spirit of Yahweh in His life and they know that it was Yahweh, and not man who ordained Him to the position He is in. However, if an elder is not respected and brethren will not follow his judicial order he must humbly seek Yahweh

and ask if maybe he is not exhibiting the love of Yahweh to the brethren as he should.

I know from my personal experience that many times when I had to bring correction to either an elder or one of the brethren it was received well because the person being corrected knew that I loved them and was only correcting them because of the true love of Yahweh and that I wanted them to overcome and be the person Yahweh intended them to be.

Of course there are times that people will not follow an elder or judicial order simply due to a rebellious spirit and a spirit of treason against Yahweh, but that is another subject. And even then when the elder must put the person out of the congregation it should be done not as an act of vengeance, but of love. Love for the person who would never repent if he was not held accountable for his actions and love for the brethren who would be affected by the sinning brother if he were allowed to stay in the congregation and continue in sin with no accountability.

So let's go to 1 Corinthians 13 and see how this spirit of love can be applied by a true elder of Yahweh in their life.

1 Co 13:4 Love has patience, is kind; love is not envious; love does not make a vain display of itself, and does not boast;

The first thing we learn about love is that it is patient. The Apostle Paul told us to judge nothing before its time. What this means is that an elder of Yahweh must not be quick to judge and quick to condemn. Just the opposite, the Apostle Jacob told us to be slow in judgment.

Jas 1:19 Therefore, my beloved brothers, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath.

Jas 1:20 For the wrath of man does not work out the righteousness of YAHWEH.

This is because if you judge wrong, then you will be affecting the lives of many people. An elder must have the maturity to gather evidence and witnesses before bringing judgment in a matter. He must also make sure that he never is making judgments out of jealousy or envy of another brother or sister. The scripture also says he must not have pride, which is the opposite of love, as pride is

giving a person a false self worth and love is lifting each and every brother and sister better than yourself.

1 Co 13:5 it does not behave indecently, does not pursue its own things, is not easily provoked, thinks no evil;

This shows that even your reputation is part of love. It shows that if you love Yahweh and the brethren you are serving, you will cherish your reputation and not give anyone any undue ammunition to assault your character.

It means that you put the widows and orphans first and don't always take the best things for you and your family. It means that a true elder of Yahweh will have to make a great sacrifice for those he serves even, at times, at the expense of his physical family.

It is also not easily provoked and doesn't over think what people say by putting words in their mouth that were never there. A true elder of Yahweh would never partake in gossip, but just the opposite; if gossip has started even about himself he goes to the source and corrects it immediately, and stops it where necessary.

1 Co 13:6 does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices in the truth.

A true elder of Yahweh doesn't cover up things even if his close friends or family or another elder is involved. A true elder of Yahweh only wants justice and true righteousness to prevail, as this is the spirit of love that Yahweh is made of and that He distributes to His chosen ones.

1 Co 13:7 Love quietly covers all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

True love doesn't try to expose the faults of others, but in love covers them over. True love takes no joy when someone is being put down but grieves over it and tries to make things right. Love is pro-active, where those without this most important Elohim trait are inactive.

Those with true love have true faith, as the love of Yahweh shed abroad in our hearts can only strengthen our faith in Him and His Kingdom and make us work that much harder for it every day of our life.

It will never give in (*compromise*) or give up (*defection*) because it is not self-centered depending on recognition or worldly gain, but it is based on the outgoing concern of others and the commitment made to Yahweh at both our baptism and ordinations.

If an elder is serving for recognition or position or any other reason than the love and dedication to Yahweh in our lives, than he will ultimately burn out and fall away. He will then ultimately start blaming others for his own perceived mistreatment and lack of appreciation, but in essence the one he is blaming is Yahweh, not man.

It is Yahweh who puts an elder in his position and it is Yahweh who rewards him, not man. It is the selfless true love and service for our Maker Yahweh and our Master and Savior Yahshua Messiah that inspires us more each and every day, not some flamboyant, perceived recognition of man.

1 Co 13:8 Love never fails. But if there are prophecies, they will be caused to cease; if languages, they shall cease; if knowledge, it will be caused to cease.

Yes, the true love of Yahweh shed abroad in our hearts never fails and is the chief characteristic and cornerstone of a true servant of Yahweh. Knowledge and even prophecies will cease because once every prophecy is fulfilled there is no longer a need for them, and once Yahshua returns He will instantaneously give us, as Spirit begotten children, all knowledge.

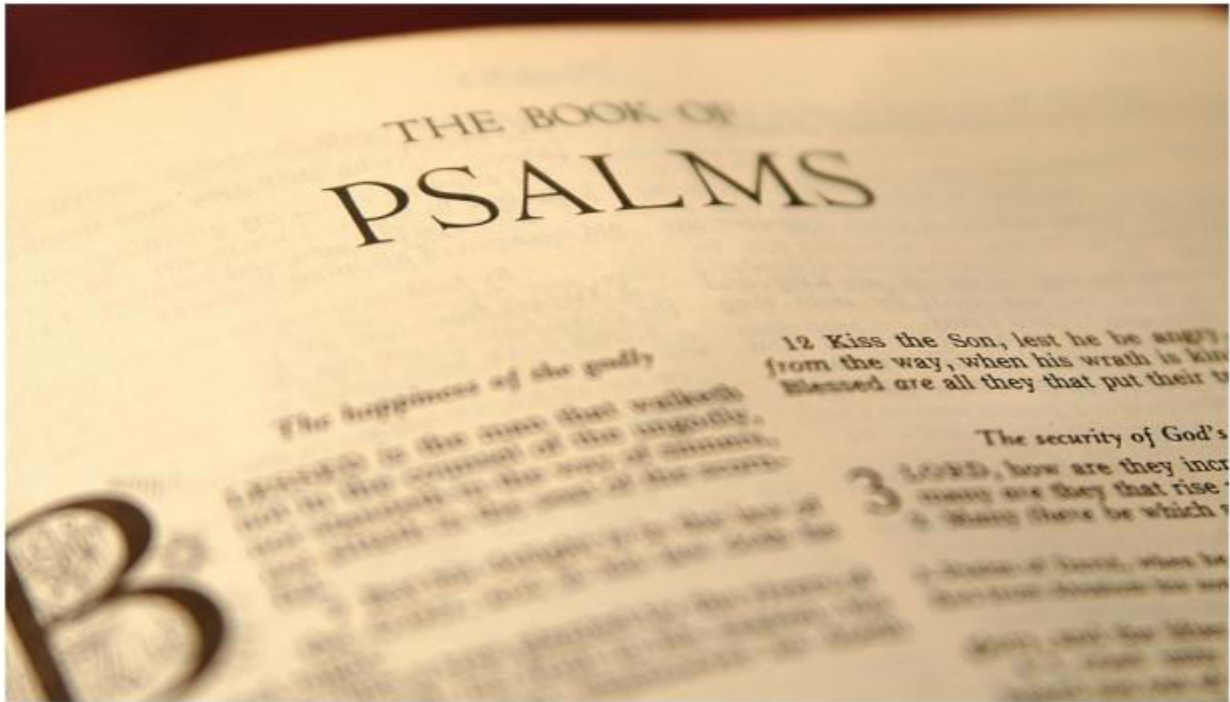
But He can't give love by instantaneous fiat. It has to be nurtured, it has to be learned, and it has to be worked on. How much love you have is a direct correlation to how much you are denying your own selfish ambitions and pride and surrendering your spirit to the Spirit of Yahweh in every decision and action in your life.

1 Co 13:13 And now faith, hope, and love, these three things remain; **but the greatest of these is love.**

As true servants of Yahweh we need to be praying daily to Yahweh for more love in our lives to serve His people. We need to give love out overflowing and it will come back to us.

Psalm 81:3 and its Interpretation

By Abe Weschler



Presented below are a number of ways in which Psalm 81:4 (81:3 in many standard Christian editions) can be translated:

- a. *Sound the shofar horn at the [time of the] New Moon, at the [time of the] New Moon (covered moon) in celebration of the day of our sacrifice.*
- b. *Sound the shofar horn at the [time of the] New Moon, at the [time of the] New Moon in celebration of our Festival of Sukkot (Tabernacles).*
- c. *Sound the shofar horn at the [time of the] New Moon, at the [time of the] New Moon (covered moon) in celebration of our Rosh HaShanah (New Year).*
- d. *Sound the shofar at the [time of the] New Moon, at the [time of the] Full Moon in celebration of our Festival.*

There are other variations on these themes, but these represent the more mainstream approaches found amongst biblical scholars of the last thousand years or older. To summarize and point out the points of agreement and the points of difference between these translations, it should be noted that all four agree that this verse calls for the shofar horn to be sounded on the first of Tishrei, while they differ with regards to whether it also speaks of the shofar being sounded at other times as well.

Translation B and C are of the view that the verse informs that the shofar would be sounded on that one day alone while Translations A and D hold to the perspective that the shofar is to be sounded at other times too; Translation A insisting that it should be sounded at the first of each and every month of the year, while Translation D is of the view that the shofar should be sounded twice, once on the first day of Tishrei and again on the fifteenth of that same month.

What allows the verses to be rendered in a multitude of ways are the various meanings which can be attributed to three words appearing in this verse – chodesh, kesse, and chag (the words being presented here without the prefixes or suffixes with which they appear in the actual verse). Let's discuss the meaning of each of these three words closely.

CHODESH Chodesh is the Hebrew for month. It is derived from the root word chadash, 'new,' so named in all likelihood due to month being a unit of time marked by the phases of the moon, a heavenly body which constantly renews itself, waning and waxing and then waning again, only to wax once more. The dark stage or conjunction of the moon is the separation of the cycle or the actual New Moon phase.

In this verse, the word appears with a bet prefix traditionally pronounced in such a way as to reflect the presence of a preposition paired with a definite article – "*at the month,*" or "*in the month.*" This could be understood in two ways – either the verse is referring to a specific month out of the twelve months of the year (Translations B, C, and D) or it is referring to a specific day of the month, namely the first day of the month. In this latter case it may be referring to that day of each and every month – "at the start of the month."

KESSE: This word's root is somewhat archaic, which can bring a bit of confusion to its real meaning. The most literal approach is that it is derived from the root kasoh, 'to cover.' This leads us to interpret this word as meaning that time of the month when the moon is "**covered over,**" when the moon is **not visible** (conjunction), as if a sheet had been drawn over it. This is obviously the first day of the month when the moon is "new," and not even the smallest part of crescent can be observed. Because this word also has a bet prefix appended to it, we know that it is likely that this word stands parallel to the word chodesh in the first half of the verse. Thus, if we understood that chodesh refers to that phase of the moon when it is being renewed, it would stand to reason that kesse too would refer to

that same lunar phase, that time when the moon is covered over, or that time of the month when the moon is least visible (conjunction), the start of the month.

Other interpretations relate this word to another root, 'prepared' or 'set aside.' Kesse would thus mean at the designated time, i.e., blow the shofar at the designated time. Well, we know from other biblical sources that the designated time for sounding the shofar is the first of the month of Tishrei. However, other verses do speak of sounding horns or trumpets on the first day of each month, as well as on the festival of Sukkot. So this would support more the first definition of Kesse being covered moon.

CHAG This word carries with it several meanings within biblical literature. On most occasions, the word means festival or celebration. Usually it will refer to one of the pilgrimage festivals – Passover, Pentecost, or Tabernacles – and in this way is cognate with the Arabic word hajj. The word derives from a root meaning circle and thus refers either to the circular (or cyclical) nature of the year, or to the personal itinerary of the traveler as he sets out on his journey to the Temple, offers his sacrifice, and returns home.

Within biblical literature, each festival will be referred to as the chag of Passover, the chag of Pentecost, etc. When the text refers simply to chag, it is known that the reference is to Tabernacles, or Sukkot in Hebrew.

The word is also used in the biblical literature to refer to the sacrifice offered uniquely on such festivals, and by extension to any sacrifice offered at the Temple. Given that some of our primary nouns in this verse can each carry more than one legitimate interpretation, it is no surprise that there would be a number of ways to translate it.

One should note that this study has reviewed the verse in question without looking at the broader context of the chapter. Looking at the larger context may yet yield even other approaches to understanding this verse.

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What Is True Humility?

Why is it valuable? How can you tell if you have it?

Reprint Article



I am humble and proud of it!” You’ve probably heard someone say that in jest at one time or another. The statement’s humor is based on the conflict between the words *humble* and *proud*. Most people understand that humility is the opposite of pride, but they might have difficulty defining any further exactly what humility is.

Just what is humility? Whatever it is, we need it to please Yahweh! Humility is one of the three great qualities Yahweh looks for in those who worship Him: *“O man, He has declared to you what is good. And what does YAHWEH require of you, but to do justice, and to love grace, and to walk humbly with your Elohim?”* (Mic 6:8).

Yahweh is supreme. He owns everything. All wealth and power and glory belong to Him. He alone has life to give. He possesses perfect righteousness, perfect character. No other creature even approaches His magnificence. And yet who is it this great Being wants to dwell with?

“For so says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, and His name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, even with the contrite and humble of spirit; to make live the spirit of the humble and to make live the heart of the contrite ones.” (Isa 57:15). Throughout the Bible Elohim puts much emphasis on humility.

An attitude

Humility is a state of mind, a way of thinking and looking at things. The apostle Paul referred to *“put on bowels of... humility”* as a positive quality (Col 3:12).

A person who is humble realizes his true worth. He doesn’t think he is better than he really is. This flies directly in the face of modern psychology, which says human beings should build up self-confidence, that we should love, honor and exalt the self and have a “high self-image.”

Yahshua didn’t have self-confidence. He said,

"I am not able to do anything of my desire"
(John 5:30)! The apostle Paul lamented, *"For I know that it does not fully dominate me, (that is in my flesh) but as far as good is concerned, the choice is easy for me to make, but to do it is difficult for me... O wretched man that I am!"*
(Rom 7:18, 24).

Of course, it is not right to have an "I'm-no-good-and-I'll-never-be-any-good" attitude either. Through Yahweh's Spirit we can become of value. That's what the miracle of conversion is all about. Without the Holy Spirit we are as worms (Ps 22:6, Isa 41:14). With Yahweh's Spirit, we can become members of Yahweh's Family.

A humble person recognizes where he is on the road to total conversion. A Believer should *"not have high thoughts beyond what is right to think. But set your mind to be right-minded..."*
(Rom 12:3).

After we yield to Yahweh, any good in us - any holy character we have, all that is of value - comes from our Creator, the Giver of every good gift.

Having a humble attitude requires a deep understanding that without Yahweh we can do nothing (John 15:5), but that through Him we can do all things (Phil 4:13).

Obedience to Yahweh's laws

In every decision we make, we either do Yahweh's will or we do our own carnal will. There is a constant conflict between the two opposing forces, *"For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are opposed to one another; so you are not able to do as you desire"* (Gal 5:17).

Whenever we do our will, we exalt the self, because Yahweh tells us to do the opposite of whatever our carnal wills dictate. However, when we exalt Yahweh and His will, we abase

the self and its will. Picture a seesaw. Your carnal will is on one end and Yahweh's will is on the other. Because they are opposite, when one is exalted, the other is abased.

Exalt Yahweh and His ways in your life by obeying His laws and fulfilling His will. In so doing, your self - which is contrary to Elohim - will be humbled.

Putting others first

"in brotherly love to one another, loving fervently, having gone before one another in honor" (Rom 12:10).

Picture the seesaw once again. You are on one end; anyone else is on the other. Exalt that other person, and at the same time you abase your own selfish vanity. This is humility in action.

"Doing nothing according to strife or self-glory, but in humility, let each regard his neighbor as better than himself; let no one be mindful only of his own things, but let each one also be mindful of the things of his neighbor"
(Phil 2:3-4).

You might say humility is giving instead of getting. It is serving others. That is the mind of Messiah.

One example of humility Yahshua gave was washing the feet of His disciples. We repeat the ceremony once a year. Why? Because brethren need the dirt washed off their feet once a year? No, their feet have already been washed and within hours of the Passover service.

We need to take to heart Peter's admonishment: *"Likewise, younger ones be subject to older ones; and all being subject to one another. Put on humility, because YAHWEH sets Himself "Against proud ones, but He gives grace to the humble." (1 Pet 5:5)*

Occasional fasting

The Bible refers to fasting as afflicting or humbling the soul (Ps. 35:13, Lev 23:27, Isa 58:3-5).

Though members of Yahweh's Congregation, we are still physical beings. When our physical flesh is satisfied and content (exalted!) over a long period, our spiritual condition tends toward complacency and even begins to go downhill. So Elohim has given us a physical tool to stir up and revive our spiritual development. The tool is fasting – temporarily abstaining from food.

Recall once again the seesaw: On one end is the body's desire for food and satisfaction, on the other end is the need for spiritual rejuvenation through a special session of intense prayer and study.

Fasting temporarily puts down and humbles the physical so as to give an occasion to exalt and fulfill the spiritual and get it back on the track.

Being receptive to instruction

Humility is the opposite of the “I-know-it-all” attitude. *“Pride comes, then shame comes, but with the humble is wisdom”* (Prov 11:2). The humble are teachable.

That's one reason *“For consider your own calling, brethren, that there are not many wise according to worldly things, nor many mighty, not many of noble birth. But YAHWEH chose the foolish ones of the world that the wise might be put to shame, and YAHWEH chose the weak ones of the world so that He might put to shame the strong things.”*

“And He hath chosen those of humble families in the world, and the lowly, and them who are insignificant, in order to belittle them who think themselves important” (1 Cor 1:26-28).

Paul later wrote: *“Let no one deceive himself. If anyone thinks to be wise among you in this age, let him become foolish, that he may become wise”* (1 Cor 3:18).

Yahweh wants us to be receptive to His teachings. We must put down our own opinions, notions and persuasions and pray like David: *“Make me know Your ways, O YAHWEH; teach me Your paths; lead me in Your truth and teach me; for You are the Elohim of my Y'shua*; on You I wait all the daylong”* (Ps 25:5).

Yahweh says, *“...But I will look toward this one, to the humbled one, and to the contrite of spirit, even trembling at My Word”* (Isa 66:2). That is teachable humility!

Modest conduct

Humility is knowing when to be inconspicuous. Yahshua said we should give alms, pray and fast anonymously – in secret. Yahweh is watching. That's all that counts. *“... And your Father seeing in secret, Himself, will repay you in the open...”* (Matt 6:1-18).

We should not be exalting the self by always trying to out dress everyone else, showing off, boasting, exaggerating, always telling the funniest joke, talking the loudest, getting ahead of the Joneses, always winning every game just for vanity's sake. *“Let us not be of vain glory, that ridicules one another, and envies one another”* (Gal 5:26). Humility must be developed.

But it will be rewarded. *“Then be humbled under the mighty hand of YAHWEH, that He may exalt you in due time”* (1 Pet 5:6).

A humble person – one whose self is abased- is the raw material the Almighty Creator can take and form into a Member of His Family. *“The reward of humility is the fear of YAHWEH, riches, and honor, and life”* (Prov 22:4).

I believe- Help My Unbelief!

Do you know the difference between real Believer conviction and mere belief? Whether you stay in Yahweh's Congregation may depend on your answer! (Reprint article)



At the time of his baptism, George (not his real name) said he would never leave Yahweh's Congregation. He would always keep close to Yahweh and walk with Him, no matter what happened. George was a student at The Ambassador Program. He had waited until his senior year to be baptized because he had wanted to be sure of himself. That was eight years ago. Today George is no longer with us.

Why? What caused him to turn away from the truth? What made him become an unbeliever? And how can you be sure that you won't follow his bad example? Are you convinced of your beliefs?

One day the father of a sick boy came to Messiah and said, "...I brought my son to You, having a spirit that does not speak. And whenever it overtakes him, it knocks him down and he foams at the mouth and gnashes his teeth and becomes paralyzed..." (Mark 9:17-18). The man further stated that Messiah's disciples had been unable to heal the boy.

"...How long a time is it while this has happened to him?" asked Messiah. The father answered, "From childhood... But if You are able to do anything, help us, having pity on us" (verse 21-22). A pathetic cry from the father, beseeching Messiah's help for his son! The man wasn't sure whether Messiah would- or could- do anything. But when he heard that "all things are possible" with Yahweh, he immediately cried out and said, "***I believe my Master. Help my unbelief!***" (verse 23-24).

Do you understand the true meaning of that request? The father wanted to believe, but needed help to overcome his unbelief or lack of faith. Every one of us at times has some doubts. We want to believe- we think we believe- But we are not totally convinced. If, for instance you were asked, "Do you believe this is Yahweh's Congregation? Your answer would certainly be, "Yes, I do." But would you give the same positive answer if you were asked, "Are you totally convinced of it?" To be totally convinced you must have overcome all of your doubts once and for all. If those who

have left the Congregation had been totally convinced that this is Yahweh's Congregation, they would never have left it.

George, the student at The Ambassador Program, only believed. He was not totally convinced. That's why he is no longer with us. There is a big difference between believing and being convinced. Once you are convinced, you have passed the point of no return. You can never go back. You have overcome all your arguments and doubts.

Requires conviction

All of us in Yahweh's Congregation need more conviction, not just simple belief. The difference between one who stays in the Congregation and one who leaves is ***the difference between believing with conviction and believing without conviction***. The Bible defines faith as “*Now faith is the substance of things being hoped, and it was the substance of things that have come to pass, and the evidence of things not having been seen*” (Heb 11:1). A major part of faith is conviction, a quality some in Yahweh's Congregation lack today. Did you know that the words ***convicted, convinced and even confute*** are derived from the same root?

In Act 18 we learn that Apollos, a Jew, used the Old Testament to prove to his own people that Yahshua was the Messiah. Eloquent in speech and well versed in Scriptures, “This one having been taught by mouth in the way of the Master, and being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things about Yahshua, but he only understood the baptism of John” (verse 25). Why was Apollos able to convince the people? The fact that he himself was totally convinced of his beliefs helped considerably.

“*For he powerfully confuted the Jews publicly, proving through the Scriptures Yahshua to be the Messiah*” (verse 28). Can you do that? Can you “confute” someone with Scriptures, as Apollos did, showing that Yahshua is Messiah? You should be able to if you are totally convinced of this truth, and if you are filled by the Spirit of Yahweh.

Notice the Bible's simple, beautiful description of Abraham's conviction: “***And he did not hesitate at the promise of YAHWEH, as one***

lacking faith; but he was strong in faith, and gave glory to Elohim; and felt assured, that what YAHWEH had promised to him, he was able to fulfill” (Rom 4:20-21).

This is faith with conviction. It opens all doors and helps you resist all temptations. It overcomes all feelings of discouragement or defeat. If you have this sort of conviction, you can be sure you will always remain in Yahweh's Congregation.

Faith in action

Do you sometimes take the truth for granted? Don't! Make the effort to check up on things, to prove and understand them. Conviction requires greater effort. You have to work harder, push harder, study and pray more. Unfortunately, some in Yahweh's Congregation are not doing that. And their belief has no conviction! Whatever you focus on becomes most real for you, and that is why you must pray without ceasing, and study your Bible every day, and let the Holy Spirit lead you daily, and not be bogged down by the cares of the world. When you read the Scriptures they must be more than just stories, but real living examples for you every day of your life and you must pray to Yahweh each and every day to show you what you are reading and how it applies in your life.

One day four men brought a paralytic to Messiah. But they could not get near Yahshua because of the crowd around Him. The men knew- they were convinced- that if Messiah saw the paralytic He would heal him. Consequently, their task was to find a way to get near Him. They were determined to do their part.

“***And not being able to draw near to Him, due to the crowd, they unroofed the roof where He was. And digging through, they lowered the cot on which the paralytic was lying***” (Mark 2:4).

Imagine! They came right through the roof. Their faith stirred them to action. Removing the roof was not an easy task. It took ingenuity and effort, but they succeeded. Messiah marveled and said, “...*Child, your sins are*

forgiven to you” (verse 5). And the man was healed. Can you neglect your responsibilities and honestly expect Yahweh to do everything for you? Conviction requires much more than folding your arms and passively waiting for something to happen.

The Bible also relates the story of a woman who had suffered from a hemorrhage for 12 years. She *“came near behind Him, and touched the fringe (tassel) of His robe. For she said within herself, If only I shall touch His robe, I will be cured”* (Matt 9:20-21). Notice! The woman was convinced in her mind that if she touched Messiah's robe she would be made well. She found her way through the crowd to Messiah and touched Him.

Messiah turned and said, *“Be comforted, daughter; your faith has healed you”* (verse 22) And she was healed. Is your faith without conviction -without action?

Yahweh's Congregation is on the right track. But each one of us needs conviction to be able to remain on the right track. It is high time we all realize this! Faith requires conviction and action!

There is a big difference between believing and being convinced. Once you are convinced, you have passed the point of no return. You can never go back. You have overcome all your arguments and doubts.... All of us in Yahweh's Congregation need more conviction...

Yahshua gave us an example in everything- in attitude, conviction and love. He knew why He was on earth. He was totally convinced of His mission and what His Father expected of Him. We, too, must be convinced of our calling and of our mission. The conviction of Messiah must be in us through Yahweh's Holy Spirit.

A positive attitude

Look how Messiah prayed before Lazarus was brought back to life. He lifted His eyes and said, *“Father, I thank You that You heard Me.”* (Jon 11:41). What a positive way to start a prayer! That's total conviction. Before asking anything of Yahweh, Messiah started, *“I thank You that You heard Me.”* How did Messiah know Yahweh heard Him? Because of His conviction: *“And I know that You always hear Me...”* (verse 42). Then Messiah added, *“but because of the crowd that stands here, I said it, that they might believe that You sent Me.”* That was Messiah's whole prayer. The only thing left for Him to do was to order Lazarus to come forth. And Lazarus came forth.

Some don't want to be convinced

Some people pass by the truth without noticing it. Others stumble on it. Still others learn something about the truth but are not willing to be convinced by it, for fear of having to change their way of life! King Agrippa was in that last group. He didn't want to be convinced. He felt he had no need of conversion.

When Festus asserted that the apostle Paul's great learning has driven him mad, Paul answered: *“Not to madness... but I speak words of truth and sanity. And king Agrippa is also well acquainted with these things; and I therefore speak confidently before him, because I suppose not one of these things hath escaped his knowledge; for they were not done in secret.”* (Act 26:25-26)

Then Paul asked: *“Do you believe the prophets, king Agrippa? I know that you believe.”* (verse 27). Yes, indeed, King Agrippa believed, but was not willing to be convinced. *“And Agrippa said to Paul, in such a short while do you try to persuade me to become a Christian?”* (verse 28).

He was happy to be the king, happy to live the way he did. No need for him to change anything- certainly not to become a Believer, which would have meant giving up many things in his life, turning away from lust and observing the teachings of the Bible; All that was too much to ask King Agrippa.

Could this be your attitude? Do you sometimes deceive yourself, hoping Yahweh will “*understand*” when you know you are neglecting your part? Do you close your mind to certain aspects of the truth such as America being end time Babylon and the need to come out of this world’s system, which would require changing things in your life that you don’t want to change? Jacob wrote, “*So also faith, if it does not have deeds, is dead being by itself.*” (Jac 2:17).

The “*deeds*” mentioned in this verse refer to your part in faith. These “*deeds*” may require changing your habits, your ways of thinking and living. It may mean, for you, praying more, studying more or being a better example. It may mean getting off the Internet or giving up worldly friends, as the people you are with is the person you will become (1 Cor 15:33), and you will never get conviction if you are surrounded by faithless, worldly influences.

Pro 13:20 *He who walks with the wise shall be wise, but a companion of fools shall be broken.*

If you're not fulfilling your part, you cannot be convinced that Yahweh will answer your prayers. “*You believe that Elohim is One (echad). You do well; even the demons believe and shudder.*” (verse 19). Yes, even demons ‘*believe*’, but they are not ‘*convicted*’ to obey Yahweh!

The disciples of Messiah, before their conversion, were not really convinced. They only believed in Messiah. Think of it! After spending three and half years with Him, after hearing Him preach day and night, they still had doubts in their minds. They were not totally convicted of the truth. They lacked Yahweh's Spirit. They could not go farther than the limits imposed by their human minds.

The disciples were indignant when Messiah told them that soon they would all fall away because of Him, and that “*the sheep of the flock will be scattered.*” Peter objected vehemently to this pronouncement. “*Even if all will be offended in You, I will never be offended.*” Peter assured Messiah (Matt 26:31, 33). Peter was sure of himself, wasn't he? Yes,

but not fully convinced, even though he thought he was! He believed with his carnal mind, without having the spiritual strength to back his belief. Messiah told him, “*Truly I say to you, During this night, before a cock crows, you will deny Me three times*” (verse 34).

Once again, Peter didn't agree with that statement. He would prove his Master wrong! “*Even if it were necessary for me to die with You, I will not deny You, never!*” he answered (verse 35). Ironically, all of the disciples said the same thing to Yahshua. Nevertheless, when the Roman soldiers came to arrest Yahshua, “***Then all the disciples ran away, forsaking Him***” (verse 56).

However, the disciples' attitudes totally changed after their conversion. They became men of courage, faith and conviction after receiving Yahweh's Spirit! Today in the Congregation of Yahweh we, too, have received this Spirit of faith and courage and conviction. We must allow it to convince us. Unfortunately, some just aren't using Yahweh's Spirit to help them grow in conviction.

Do you perhaps believe that if you personally witnessed great miracles you would be convinced? Yet, the children of Israel saw the 10 great miracles of Yahweh and even the parting of the Red Sea and still they were not convinced of His covenant promises. Humans are prone to forget – even a miracle!

If you are completely convinced and convicted of Yahweh's truth, nothing can make you turn away from Yahweh. You won't have any doubt that you are in Yahweh's Congregation and that Messiah is the Head of that Congregation.

You have read many times the parable of the rich man and Lazarus. When the rich man saw what was happening to him, he cried out for

help for the other members of his family:

“Then I beg you, father, that you send him to my father's house; (for I have five brothers, so that he may witness to them, that they not also come to this place of torment)” (Luke 16:27-28). Abraham answered, *“They have Moses and the Prophets, let them hear them”* (verse 29). The rich man wanted a miracle, hoping it would help his five brothers to be convinced. *“No, father Abraham, but if one should go from the dead to them, they will repent”* (verse 30). That is human reasoning! That's what the world wants to believe. Believers, today, think they would repent and believe if they saw Messiah return with power and glory! But they are mistaken. Miracles by themselves cannot convince anyone permanently, as Abraham said, ***“If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, they would also not listen and believe him if a man from the dead should rise they still would not believe him”*** (verse 31). Likewise, if you cannot be convinced with what is already revealed in the Bible, no miracle can ever convince you! Actually, conviction requires that you do something- not that a miracle or anything else be done for you.

The miracle of your calling

The greatest miracle in your life took place when Yahweh called you and gave you His Spirit after your baptism. As John wrote, *“Then remember how you received and heard, and keep, and repent”* (Rev 3:3). Yes, indeed, remember the way you were called, how it all happened, the miracle of being among the very few chosen ones! Read and study the Bible with this in mind. Learn how the men of Yahweh fought, how they endeavored to overcome their doubts and difficulties.

Yet, in the final analysis, it was always Yahweh who led them to victory. They didn't win their battles- Yahweh did. He wins all of our battles. But we must be convinced of it and do our part – Fulfill our obligations. If you are completely convinced and convicted of Yahweh's truth, nothing can make you turn away from Yahweh. You won't have any doubt that you are in Yahweh's Congregation and that Messiah is the Head of the Congregation. You can trust Him

implicitly!

Some come into the truth and are baptized into the covenant, and then, through pride they think they know more than the ordained set apart elders of Yahweh. They want to do things their own way, or they get caught up on a false doctrine that they have been hoodwinked by Satan with, and a spirit of doubt creeps in and they lose their conviction. Some will blame the ministers or attack the doctrine of Yahshua and leave in bitterness, yet the doctrine they denied and the minister they attacked were no different than the day they came to the truth.

The reality is that they never had true conviction of the truth and through their own pride allowed Satan to deceive them into some false belief, and into losing their faith, and maybe even their salvation if they never repent from such a horrid state. As where do you go after you have come to the truth and true fellowship of Yahweh's Congregation? There is nowhere else to go for such prideful people, but into perdition.

Once you have come into the truth and have been convicted through the Holy Spirit of the one true doctrine, faith, baptism, and Congregation of Yahshua, there should be nothing that should be able to take you out of Yahweh's Congregation but your own pride through a lack of conviction in the truth. As Paul wrote: ***“Who shall separate us from the love of Messiah? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ...But in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him loving us. For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor cherubs, nor rulers, nor armies, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other thing created will be able to separate us from the love of YAHWEH in Messiah, Yahshua, our Master”*** (Rom 8:35-39).

This is full conviction. It is living faith! Pray for it, embrace it and meditate on it daily so that it will only grow more day by day.

The Kingdom of Yahweh is moving ahead with force!

By Don Esposito



How excited are you about the Kingdom of Yahweh being set up on this earth in our lifetime? Do you live, breathe, eat and sleep the Kingdom of Yahweh? In other words, is it the first thing you live for everyday of your life? Is it truly your first priority?

The answer to that question will revolve around how involved you are in the very end time work of the living Elohim of the universe in preparing the set up for that Kingdom. Are you actively involved in the end time work of Yahweh from Jerusalem?

Do you pray daily for me as the leader of this work from Israel and for all the hundreds of elders around the world who are partnering with me for the growth of Yahweh's Congregation and the bearing of fruit of each disciple of Yahshua on this earth?

Do you pray daily for the thousands of brethren worldwide who live in third world countries and are suffering from harsh weather conditions and severe economic times that we live in? The fact of the matter is that the Kingdom of Yahweh is moving ahead in force and this very work from Jerusalem is a living proof of that.

Mic 4:2 *And many nations shall come and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of YAHWEH, and to the house of the Elohim of Jacob. And He will teach us from His ways, and we will walk in His paths. For the Torah shall go forth out of Zion, and the Word of YAHWEH from Jerusalem.*

The fact that Yahweh has restored His presence in Jerusalem through this work is a living proof that all the prophecies that He spoke several thousand years ago about Israel being a nation again have come to pass, and all the scriptures about His soon coming Kingdom will also in like manner be fulfilled.

Yahweh, through the Matthew 24 program, in fulfillment of Matthew 24:14 has blessed His end time work starting in Jerusalem and going around the world in leaps and bounds. This work that started with such humble beginnings is now a worldwide work with congregations, elders and brethren flourishing around the earth.

Yahweh's blessing upon us has been magnificent and the results have been amazing, as we are now getting around 90,000 to 100,000 hits per day (3 million a month) and around 2,500 to 3,500 visitors a day (75,000 to 100,000 visitors per month) to the site. We are getting around 250,000 hits

on the bible each month alone. I would have never imagined the way that Yahweh would have blessed this end time work from Jerusalem so abundantly for all of our efforts of working together in unity.

Psa133:1 *Behold! How good and how pleasant it is, for brethren living together, even in unity.*

The results have been thousands of brethren who have sacrificed their own personal lives and have come and been trained here in Israel and now are being true trained Ambassadors for Yahweh all over the world. This is how the true Congregation of Yahweh really works with judicial order and people surrendering their will to Yahweh and submitting themselves under the Elohim guided leadership that Yahweh Himself has ordained, and all of us working in love and unity to finish His end time work on this earth and prepare for that soon coming Kingdom.

In a world where so many selfishly want to do their own will and create their own doctrine (heresy) it is a testimony to the one and true living Elohim, Yahweh, that a group of people with elders and leaders worldwide can work together in such harmony for the common goal of the Kingdom.

This is why the training here from Israel under my leadership is so important. For how can one bear fruit if they do not even recognize what spiritual gifts they have? And how can they understand the working of those gifts without the proper training of an elder to teach them doctrine in spirit and truth?

Rom 10:13 *For everyone, "whoever may call on the name of YAHWEH will be saved."*

Rom 10:14 *How then may they call on One into whom they have not believed? And how may they believe One of whom they have not heard? And how may they hear without a preacher?*

Rom 10:15 *And how may they preach if they are not sent? Even as it has been written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news of peace, of those preaching good things." (Isa. 52:7)*

This scripture is so true and Yahweh has judicial order on this earth and a trained ordained elderhood, and those who do not learn this lesson will disqualify themselves from being in the soon coming Kingdom of Yahweh on this earth.

Some blindly think that because they have some money or physical talents that they can merely go and do their own work and feel self-righteous and think that it is acceptable to Yahweh. However, Yahweh is a unified body where we must all first and fore-most submit to Him in all things and also submit to His ordained leadership that He set on this earth and also to each other where there may be a need. In the Laodicean congregation (Laodicean means ruled by the people) they cannot understand the need for communal integration as they are self-centered on their own wants and desires.

Here at the Hayahad program in Israel the brethren truly learn the beautiful experience of communal living and how each person has a responsibility that if he/she does not perform everyone will be hurt. If one person had the job of milking the goat and did not perform it, then no one in the community would get milk and all would suffer.

This is the way that the Kingdom of Yahweh will work. Each person will use his/her spiritual gifts given by the Holy Spirit to work collectively for the fulfillment of everyone in the Kingdom. We have a whole course on Kingdom Principles explaining exactly what it is to live in a kingdom mindset. Yahweh tells us in many parables that when Yahshua returns we will be rewarded by the fruit that we are bearing now in this life (Math 25). People go to school in Satan's society for 5 or 10 or even 15 years to learn a profession that many times will not even be useful in the Kingdom of Yahweh.

Don't you think it is worth 2 months of your time to be trained in bearing fruit that will bring an eternal reward? To be part of this great end time work of Yahweh and apply for the Goodwill Ambassador program, please see all information in the school section on the website at www.coyhwh.com

Answers to your Questions.....

Q) I had never heard Lev 19:19 regarding a garment of mixed fabrics. Can you please expand on this as to what this means for believers today?

A) In Genesis the first chapter Yahweh sets out a very simple standard:

Gen 1:11 *And Elohim said, Let the earth sprout tender sprouts, the herb seeding seed, the fruit tree producing fruit according to its kind, whichever seed is in it on the earth. And it was so.*

Gen 1:12 *And: the earth bore tender sprouts, the herb seeding seed according to its kind, and the fruit tree producing fruit according to its kind, whichever seed is in it. And Elohim saw that it was good.*

He created everything within judicial order according to "their own kind." He did not intend to mix different kinds of seeds such as watermelon and tomato to make a waterato. If He wanted to, then He could have created such a food.

When someone mixes things unnaturally against Yahweh's directive, then in case they are stating that not everything Yahweh created was good and they are indeed adding to creation.

In **Gen 1:1** it states "Elohim created", the word in Hebrew for create is "*borah*", and this word in scripture is only used for Yahweh as creator but never is used for a human being as only Yahweh is a creator.

In the scripture about mixed clothing it states not to mix wool and linen. Wool comes from an animal and linen comes from a plant, so it would be going against Yahweh's judicial order. Believers should wear clothing made of one fabric, such as cotton, or wool etc. There is nothing wrong with wearing a cotton shirt and a wool jacket.

Q) Can you please explain the many inconsistencies in details in the OT and NT. Ex. Acts 7:14-16, the 75 people of Jacob's family who went to Egypt and the 66 in Gen 46:26-27. Who are the 9 unaccounted for?

A) The fact that an answer may not be evident to a reader does not constitute an inconsistency. On the contrary, to think that the bible was originally written about 3,500 years ago when writing and alphabets were just beginning, and was an ongoing project inspired by the Holy Spirit for more than 1500 years ending with the Apostle John's writings at the end of the 1st century A.D., one would be quite amazed at the accuracy and consistent correlation of all books.

As far as the difference in numbers from Genesis 46 and Acts 7, it is very simple. The scripture in Genesis stated the number of people who went into Egypt from Israel from Jacob's loins was 66. However, the very next verse shows all of those from his loins including Ephraim and Manasseh and their children were 75. Remember in Gen 48:5-6, Jacob claims Ephraim and Manasseh as his own children, so that is why they are included in his lineage with their children.

Gen 46:26 *All the souls belonging to Jacob coming into Egypt, those springing from his loins, besides the wives of the sons of Jacob, all the souls were sixty six.*

Gen 46:27 *And the sons of Joseph which were born to him in Egypt, two souls. All the souls belonging to the house of Jacob coming into Egypt were seventy-five.*

Gen 48:5 *And now your two sons, those born to you in the land of Egypt before my coming to you in Egypt, are mine, Ephraim and Manasseh, like Reuben and Simeon, even they shall be mine.*

Gen 48:6 *And your offspring which you father after them, they shall be yours. According to the name of their brothers they shall be called in their inheritance.*

Q) If the RuachHaKodesh is not a person, then how come one can commit a sin against the RuachHaKodesh? The so-called unpardonable sin. Can one commit a sin against a non-person?

A) Sometimes by the very question itself we can start to conclude the proper answer. If the Holy Spirit was a person then by being able to blaspheme and sin against Yahweh the Father and Yahshua the Son, but not against the Holy Spirit, then in essence they are putting the Holy Spirit above Yahweh and Yahshua, which we never ever see in scripture. Also, if the Holy Spirit was a being why would it not have a name like Yahweh and Yahshua have? Clearly the Holy Spirit is not a separate being from Yahweh, but His eternal power emanating from Him.

So what does it mean then to blaspheme the Holy Spirit?

Scripture tells us that there will be a judgment day in which every human being will be judged before the throne of Yahweh by Yahshua.

2 Cor 5:10 *For we all must appear before the judgment seat of Messiah, so that each one may receive the things done through the body, according to what he did, whether good or bad.*

We are also told in scripture that Yahweh looks at the heart and will only judge unconverted people by how much they understood and knew at the time.

Rom 2:14 *For when pagans not having the Torah do by nature the things contained in the Torah, they not having the Torah are a law unto themselves,*

Rom 2:15 *who show the work of the Torah written in their hearts, their conscience witnessing with them, and their thoughts either accusing or even excusing one another*

Rom 2:16 *in a day when YAHWEH judges the hidden actions of men, as my good news teaches, through Yahshua Messiah.*

Luk 12:10 *And everyone who shall say a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven Him; but the ones blaspheming against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven.*

Luk 12:47 *But that slave knowing the will of His Master, and not preparing, nor doing according to His will, will be beaten with many stripes.*

Luk 12:48 *But he who does not know and does the thing that is worthy of stripes will be beaten with fewer stripes. For anyone who is given much to him, much is required from him. And to he whom they have committed much to him, much more they will require by his hand.*

Can we see that to those who do not have the Holy Spirit and are being led by only their wicked human nature and have never had their eyes opened to Yahweh's truth by His Holy Spirit, they have less accountability because they are not willingly rejecting the truth, but are doing so in blindness as the Apostle Paul was in his unconverted state. So when Yahshua returns, Yahweh can pour His spirit on these unconverted people (Joel 2:28) and their mind will be opened to Yahweh's truth and they can obey.

However, if the Holy Spirit (power of Yahweh and spirit of truth) opens up a person's mind to the truth of Yahweh now and they reject it, then, there is nothing more to give them in the resurrection

and they will go to the Lake of Fire for they have committed the unpardonable sin, which is **consciously and knowingly** living a lifestyle of sinning even after having the Holy Spirit reveal Yahweh's truth..

Joh 9:39 *And Yahshua said, I came into this world for judgment that the ones not seeing may see, and the ones seeing may become blind.*

Joh 9:40 *And those of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these things, and said to Him, Are we also blind?*

Joh 9:41 ***Yahshua said to them, If you were only blind you would have no sin, but now you say that, We see. Because of this your sin is unmovable.***

Yahshua clearly told them that if they were truly spiritually blind to what they were doing their sin would not be held against them in the judgment, but since they had the Holy Spirit reveal who He was to them and they rejected it, they would be accountable to blaspheming the truth by rejecting the truth of the Holy Spirit.

Look at what Yahshua said about the unconverted Romans who were crucifying Him?

Luk 23:34 *And Yahshua said, Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing. And dividing His garments, they cast a lot.*

Yahshua said this because the soldiers had no idea that they were casting lots for His garment simply to fulfill scripture, they did so in ignorance. However, look at what Yahshua says to the scribes and Pharisees who knew that He was the Messiah and purposely crucified Him simply to try to retain their own power.

Mat 8:11 *But I say to you that many will come from east and west, and will recline with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of Heaven,*

Mat 8:12 *but the sons of the kingdom shall be cast out into the outer darkness. There shall be weeping and gnashing of the teeth.*

The Holy Spirit is the power and very mind of Yahweh that leads a person into all truth, and if the person will surrender to it, it can transform the way that he thinks and acts into the very mind of Yahweh.

Joh 14:15 *If you love Me, keep My commandments.*

Joh 14:16 *And I will petition the Father, and He will give you another one which will end the curse, that it may remain with you forever,*

Joh 14:17 *the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive because it does not see it nor know it. But you know it, for He dwells with you and shall be in you.*

Clearly, blaspheming Yahweh's Holy Spirit is having Yahweh send His Holy Spirit to a human being and opening his/her mind to the truth of Yahweh, and then rejecting that truth and choosing the ways of Satan's society. People at the resurrection can receive the Holy Spirit and it can open their mind to truth, but to those who have already received the Holy Spirit in this life and have rejected it, there is nothing more for Yahweh to give them, for they have blasphemed His redemptive changing power through His Spirit and they will go to the Lake of Fire. This in no way proves that the Holy Spirit is a person or separate being from Yahweh.

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS.....

Dear 'congregation of YHWH,
Jerusalem'!

I have discovered your website while searching for Hebraic translation of the bible, I downloaded your PDF and I was surprised and delighted to find it used the true sacred names.

Since leaving the Worldwide Church of God because they reverted from keeping Torah to conform to orthodox Christianity and although we used the King James Bible, I did not know about the Sacred Names at that time, since learning about the Sacred Names I have tried many fellowships who have been composed of very nice people, but because most use King James Bible or other translations based on the King James Version and hymn books that refer to and praises to Jesus or God I end up feeling convicted, because I know the origins and meaning of these substituted names.

As a result I keep the weekly and annual Sabbaths or Shabbat on my own in my little flat and I keep the Tabernacles alone in a caravan. Although the experiences very deep it is lonely and often focused on repentance.

I thank you for the free

download of the HEBRAIC ROOTS BIBLE!

Scotland

Brother Don,
Our Hebraic Roots Bibles are such a blessing.
Thank you for following the Almighty's leading.

May Yah's blessings be upon you,
KY, USA

Greetings in Yahshua's name!

I feel as if I brought the Ark of the Covenant home because I purchased a Hebraic Roots Bible today!

Shalom.
FL, USA

Dear Don

Ever since I came across your ministry online by Chance over two years ago, I have been drawn by your teaching like a magnet. I am a Sabbath Keeper current serving member of an offspring of the World Wide Church of God, I came to the faith in 2010. I am a subscriber to your mailing list and Must say I find myself drawn more to your teachings than the teachings of my present congregation. You have opened

my eyes to a greater understanding you cannot imagine, comparing your teachings and what I have been taught there are a lot of similarities but your explanations and walking through the scriptures helps to draws me into the pages of the bible. I have a the Hebraic Roots bible on kindle and when listening to your sermon I used your bible which helps me to connect better to the sermon as I am on the same wave length in understanding what you are talking about.

I did once ask if you had any intention of setting up a congregation here in the United Kingdom, You eventually deployed a team to Ilford United kingdom but unfortunately I was unable to attend.

I have been baptized in the Name of Jesus but from your teaching am I right to say once come to the truth of baptism we should be re-baptised if this is the case I would like to have this done. One of my dreams it is to visit Israel but this is something I need to pray and fast about as I am restraint financially at this time. I am aware of present unrest in the Middle East and that the enemy is slowly drawing a closer every day to circle Jerusalem but that does not deter me for Yahweh is in the making

of all things. I watched your sermon on the Lessons in the Wilderness, spying out the land this morning, it was interested to learn this could well be the place of refuge, the caves of Sela I have never heard of this place before but after watching your sermon and researching this place it makes a lot of biblical sense.

Your sermon again Who is Endtime Babylon and again your identifiable location the United States makes so much sense as Rome is truly known as the city of Seven Hills and the bible refers to mountains not hills.

I watch your sermons over and over and I cannot express how many times things I have heard you spoke about is unfolding before our eyes.

I am thankful to YAHWEH to bring you to the faith, revealing the truth to His flock, He has changed your direction to lead His flock into the Wilderness, You are certainly an exceptional teacher doing wonderful things in the Congregation of YAHWEH, reaching out the most deprived and vulnerable of our civilization this is certainly the remnants walk.

YAHWEH Bless you always,
UNITED KINGDOM

Feast of Sukkot (Tabernacles) 2014

It is truly one of the most exciting experiences that you will have in your life, to be blessed to spend a feast in Israel and take a Pilgrimage in the land. After reading the Holy Scriptures for so many years, to be able to see it all with your own eyes will be a life changing experience. We are trying to truly encourage representatives from countries all over the world to come and experience this rare blessing, and represent their given nation as **Zech 14:16** states. After spending the feast in Jerusalem you will never want to spend it anywhere else. As it states in

Eze 36:38 Like a holy flock, like the flock of Jerusalem in her appointed feasts, so the wasted cities shall be filled with flocks of men. And they shall know that I am Yahweh.

We are living in these times where Yahweh has brought Judah back to the land of Israel after 2500 years of Diaspora. Come and share what Yahweh is doing in His land Israel in these end times. Before Sukkot you will arrive in the **Old City** and we will build our Sukkah before the opening night of the feast. Then, during Sukkot we will travel several days around the **Old City of Jerusalem** and you will get to see the **Mount of Olives, The City of David**, as well as **David's tomb** and the **room of the last supper**, and also the remains of the **House of Caiphas** where they still have today the remains of the scourging room where Yahshua would have been held the night before His crucifixion. We also hope to possibly go to a biblical park that will teach you everything there is to know from a Hebrew perspective on the harvest fruits of Sukkot and the land of Israel. We also hope to see Samaria during Sukkot.

After Sukkot we will have the blessing to start out by taking the road to Emmaus where Yahshua met the 2 disciples after His resurrection. Then we will continue to Gezer to see the ancient tel and continue to Beit Shemesh where the Ark of the Covenant came back from the Philistines and visit Lachish the summer palace of the kings of Israel and also Tel Keyafah a most amazing new tel from the time of King David overlooking where David fought Goliath. Then we travel south to Ashkelon for overnight.

The next day we will have Sabbath services in our hotel.

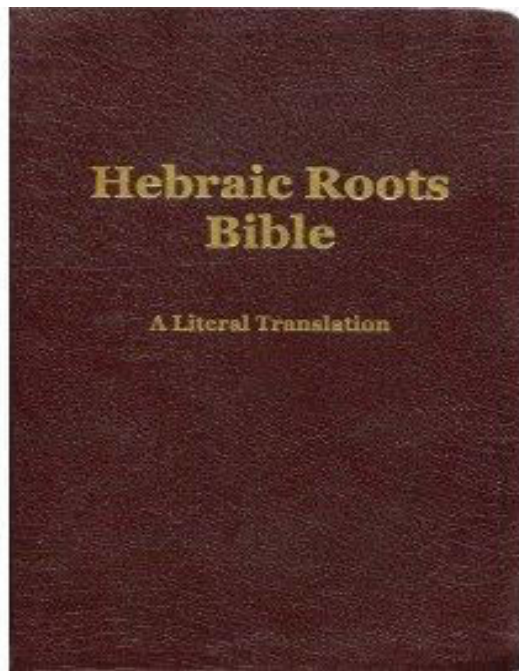
The next day we will visit Beersheva where Abraham made covenant with Yahweh and the well that he dug remains until today. After that we will visit the ancient city of Arad where they there is an ancient altar that they found with the sacrifice still on it. We will continue to the famous fortress of King Herod called Masada and sleep at the Dead Sea.

The next day we will go up north through the Jordan Valley to Jericho, and the Jordan River and then continue north to Gilgal and Beit Shean and sleep on the Sea of Galilee.

The last day we will be blessed to see **Capernaum**, the very village where Yahshua lived during His public ministry, and also ancient Magdela where they recently found the remains of a 1st century synagogue that Yahshua would have taught in. Then, we will take **a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee**, the very water that Yahshua walked on. Also we will visit Bethsaida, the fishing village where Peter and Andrew were from, as well as being the ancient Old Testament city of Gesher where King David's son Absalom's mother was from.

This would include **15 days and 14 nights** during the feast and the tour, **NOT including airfare, but including** all touring costs during and after Sukkot with two meals daily. We have been given a very good price of **\$1499 per person based on double room occupancy**. Children under 2 are free and Children between 2 and 11 are **25% off**, and children 12 and over are full price. You can download all feast information and applications at www.coyhwh.com in the feast section. **The price is \$1499 per person based on double room occupancy.**

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