

TRANSCRIPT – Your Greatest Character Trait

Alrighty, Shabbat Shalom and Shabbat Shalom to all those who will be watching with us. I have a message today called, *Loyalty - Your Most Important Character Trait ... Loyalty - Your Most Important Character Trait.*

And I wonder when someone would just see a title, Your Most Important Character Trait, what they might think it might be. Some people might think its love; which is really, really important ... maybe perseverance? And all these character traits are very important but as we're going to see today if you don't have loyalty toward Yahweh really nothing else matters because there's a lot of loving people out there. There's even loving atheists and loving homosexuals. But without a loyalty toward Yahweh, it's not going to bring them entrance into the Kingdom.

And in **2nd Timothy 3**, you know we go here a lot because we're living in these times where it talks about men being lovers of themselves, lovers of money, braggarts, arrogant, blasphemers and all kinds of things ... slanderers, without self-control; but the one today I want to focus on is **traitors**. You they're traitors and hasty, boasters, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of Elohim. And when you look at the world today as a whole, I wouldn't say that every human being out there has every single trait that's here. But when it comes to things like boasters and lovers of self and lovers of pleasure, wow, you could probably get it up into really, really high numbers over the world and especially in western society today.

And the key to it is that people who love self, who are addicted pleasure seeking and love self, they will never be loyal. They will never be loyal because it's actually ... the love of self becomes an addiction. And once you get into that you're only loyal to yourself, you'll never be loyal to anything else.

When you look at Facebook and social media and all these things today and it's important, that's why it's amazing how sometimes even big people in sports, in politics, in movie stars are even getting off of that, not for the right reasons but because they're unmercifully mocked and put down and criticized because that is what's bound to happen in the kind of world we're living in. That sure, it may start out as fun. Then oh, everybody can make their comments. But when you're looking at a world of evil and a world of self-pleasure and a world of self-seekers, ultimately it's always going to come to evil and selfish desires. And that's why loyalty is **so important** as we're going to see.

And like I said we can talk about many things. I can give hundreds of sermons on all kinds of topics, which I have ... doctrines, which are all important to be a first-fruit and being obedient to Yahweh. But if we're looking at the **main reason** that Yahweh is performing His plan, and especially His 6000 year plan as it is, it's really to see if we'll be loyal to Him. That's basically what it is. And like I always say life is a test! And Yahweh gives each person, some He gives thirty or forty years. On average He gives people sixty or seventy years to live on this earth. Either way, it's a short time. It goes very quick. But it's enough time for Yahweh to look and see our character because what we're going to see is **loyalty is a character trait**. It's not a feeling. It's not just something you do. It's basically ... it's a character trait.

So **that's the reason for the test of life is to see will we be loyal to Him for eternity?** Because we're going to see that eternity is a long time and He's got to make sure that a hundred thousand years, a million years, a billion years, a trillion years, a zillion years down the line that He's not going to have another satan the devil that's going to decide they know better than Yahweh and be disloyal.

And that's why many times people wonder why does Yahweh put us through trials and we don't understand. Why doesn't Yahweh always answer us right away? And this is the reason, because He's testing our loyalty. He wants to see ... it's easy to always do the right thing and have faith when everything is going your way. But when it's not going your way and you're not understanding it ... and maybe you're not getting an answer from Yahweh that you're looking for ... that's the test to see, will we still be loyal to Him?

Will we still be **faithful and straight forward** and not change, or go to the right or to the left? So like I said, life is a test of loyalty. Unfortunately Adam and Eve ... we'll talk about them a little later ... with the fruit tree, again was a test of loyalty. Two trees there, both I believe were the same tree. Nothing different, Yahweh doesn't tempt somebody. So it wasn't a really good tree and a rotten looking, maggot infested fruit tree. No, **they were both exactly the same, looked the same.** It was simply a matter of loyalty. Are they going to believe Yahweh or are they going to believe the adversary?

And I think the biggest one that we look at, that's the scariest one when we're looking at loyalty is satan himself. Because remember there was a time where satan was Lucifer. Lucifer literally means the light-giver; like luciferase, what they're putting in the vaccine. It makes it illuminate. So Lucifer at one time ... he's a created being and he wasn't created to be evil. He was created to actually guard the Ark of the Covenant. He was one of those covering cherubs.

And for me, a human being that knows very little and knows my time is limited on the earth, I think that's the scariest thing to me in the world; more than anything else I look at in Scripture is that a created being that was before Yahweh. Again, like as humans on the earth no man has ever seen Yahweh face to face. We know Him through His Word. We know Him sometimes He may have audibly even spoke to us. We might have seen a cherub. But no one has seen Yahweh face to face. And yet, Lucifer stood before Him and knew Him and still became a traitor ... still showed disloyalty. And if that doesn't scare you then nothing will ... how Lucifer the light-giver could become satan the life-taker.

So we're going to talk about that today. It's an extremely important subject because like I said, it's the most important character trait that you could have. So let's go to Numbers 30 in verse 2 ... Numbers 30 in verse 2, it says:

Numbers 30:2 *When a man vows a vow to YAHWEH, or has sworn an oath to bind his soul with a bond, he shall not break his word; he shall do **all that has gone out of his mouth.***

And when you're living in a world of truce-breakers, you're living in a world where this is what the end time says. People don't look at it as such a big deal. If somebody gives you their word and they say, "I'm going to help you move this Sunday." And then at the last minute it's not convenient or whatever ... could be any reason ... it could be a good reason, maybe somebody is really sick or something; or had to be rushed to the hospital; or their car broke down. So there could always be a reason why someone can't do it. But for the most part, people will just take a simple reason, just that they don't want to do it; or there's something they feel they have to do more and just say, "Ah, I know I promised you I can do this, but I can't do it."

And you know there's a saying, I've said this in other sermons – **my word is my bond.** What is a bond? A bond is something, its security that somebody puts up as collateral for something else. So if I want to borrow a million dollars to build whatever, I'm going to put a bond up because that bond is going to secure that loan.

So when people say, and this is what they're saying ... in olden days ... my word is my bond. That means that your word cannot be broken. So whatever you say, even if it was more than you can chew ... and I've done it myself. There's times I made promises that were more than I can handle, but if it was in my realm, I would suffer to myself and try to keep my promise that I made. So this is what happens and it's all a part of loyalty because **not keeping your word is being disloyal.** And like I said I don't think a lot of people see it that way, but it is that way.

So whether it's a little thing, *he who is faithful in little is faithful in much.* If it's the littlest thing that your teenager is saying, "Yes mom and dad I'll clean my room today" or it's the biggest thing where you're making a vow before Yahweh. And like I said, there's people that have come up to me and said they're going to donate this money, I say, "Don't even say it, if you're going to do it it's between you and Yahweh. It has nothing to do with me. I don't get a penny of the money. I don't need to know. If you want to do it, donate. If you don't, you don't. But don't say it." Because **once you**

say it and you don't do it, now you've become disloyal to Yahweh. So not keeping word is an act of disloyalty.

Proverbs 17 in verse 9 it says:

Proverbs 17:9 *He who covers a transgression seeks love, but he who **repeats a matter** separates friends.*

It's happen to us in our life. I'm sure everybody hearing this it's happened to you one way or another. *A revealer of secrets walks around as a gossip ... oh no, I'm sorry ... He who covers a transgression seeks love, but he who repeats a matter separates friends.*

So **how can you be trusted if you're a gossip?** And **you have to watch who you're giving your loyalty to.** Because there's times before where somebody in the Congregation, who has become a dissident and either they left already or they're on their way out the door and they're gossiping about a doctrine we have. It could be about me personally. And somebody will come up to me and they'll tell me that this is being said about me; or this is being said about a doctrine and I'll ask them, "Well, who is saying it?" And they won't tell me. They'll say I can't tell you that. So it's a matter ... everybody has a loyalty, but **who do you give your loyalty to?** Are you giving your loyalty to your pastor and the elders in the Congregation; or are you giving your loyalty to a dissident that's doing something that's taking them out of the Congregation?

So loyalty is something that is tested all the time. And like I said **everybody is loyal to something.** We're going to see that in this message. There's nobody who is not loyal to anything. The problem is **most people are just loyal to themselves.** They're loyal to themselves. They're loyal to their addictions. They're loyal to something but it's not Yahweh. And **if you are loyal to Yahweh then you have to make choices sometimes that may not be easy.** And I've had it happen to me where somebody's come up to me and they said something about somebody else. And what I do is, I won't go behind their back and just tell that person. I'll tell the person to their face to say, "You either have to tell this person what you just told me, or I'm going to tell them."

And if they won't do it, I will tell them because I know where my loyalty is. My loyalty is to Yahweh. My loyalty is to my family. My loyalty is the brethren and my loyalty isn't to dissidents. That's not my loyalty. So we have to make that choice sometimes. That who do we trust? Proverbs 11 in verse 13 it says:

Proverbs 11:13 *One going with slander is a revealer of secrets, but the faithful of spirit keeps a matter hidden ... One going with slander is a revealer of secrets, but the faithful of spirit ...*

And one thing we're going to see today with a traitor, somebody who is disloyal, a lot of times they try ... it's like what satan does. Like you look at the world today, satan has deceived the whole world. Every single thing you see out there has been twisted.

Look at Covid, most people in the world will tell you, even doctors, will tell you take that vaccine. That's not a vaccine, when it's like it's going to kill you, why? Because **they've been deceived** ... they've been deceived. So he's deceived the whole world. And that's what traitors do. That's what disloyal people do, they're deceivers. So **they don't come out and make themselves look like a traitor or a deceiver. They make themselves look like something good ... you know I just want to warn you ... I just want to warn you about brother so and so.**

There was one time years and years and years ago that a lady was putting a rumor around the Congregation about somebody who she was claiming was child molester. Now was it because this person actually did it, or there was evidence of it, or he was arrested? No, she had a vision. She had a vision that this person possibly could have been that way and was actually telling other people to be careful ... ooh she's helping people. Nope, what she was doing was lying and maligning somebody's character over a lie ... over a lie.

So we have to be careful when people come up with some of this gossip, which is gossip if they're telling something about somebody else that you don't need to know and trying to make it sound like they're doing it for your own good.

One going with slander is a revealer of secrets, but the faithful of spirit keeps a matter hidden. So that's the people that are loyal. The people that are faithful, the people that you can trust that you could share something with personally and they're not going to be five minutes later blabbing it around to everybody that they see.

So **this is all part of loyalty, being able to be trusted to keep a confidence.** And like I say to the elders, if you can't do this as an elder then you're not an elder. If an elder can't keep a confidence then he's not an elder. And there is a time where you do have to give information where it really could be dangerous. But that's something completely different. I'm talking about personal information that a gossip would go around and say that doesn't have to be. 1 Corinthians 13 in verse 7 ... 1st Corinthians 13 in verse 7 says:

1st Corinthians 13:7 *Love quietly covers all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things ... Love quietly covers all things.*

So this is where loyalty ... when there's a problem with somebody else, you know two people could have a problem, it happens all the time. I deal with probably ... and no exaggeration ... at least probably thirty to fifty times a year or more, I deal with a problem between two people. Sometimes it's even elders. But a problem that's coming to me and I always think of this, *Love quietly covers all things.* If you're disloyal then when a problem comes up you're going to say, "Ah, I don't want nothing to do with that person. He's a bad person." And you just walk away. But if there's a loyalty there between people - *Love quietly covers all things.* That the two people can get together privately ... that's what **Matthew 18** is about ... they could discuss their problem, they could end it and that's the end of it.

So **loyalty will convict you to work out differences,** especially when it's within the Congregation; because in the Congregation ... even if it's somebody who may not be the best person and may be disloyal ... you don't want a problem with anybody that you don't have to. So you always try to work out a situation no matter what. It can't always be done because it has to be both parties working on it.

But *Love quietly covers all things* and loyalty will convict you to work out your differences. And I have to say overall in our Congregation, praise Yahweh, that over the years I've heard more new people say that they've come into the Congregation because they really see true love from the brethren. And I think the vast majority of our brethren are like that, that they're loving, they're caring, they're helpful and they look to help each other out in these situations but we want to make sure we're looking at these things because we don't want something to creep in. Proverbs 17:17 says:

Proverbs 17:17 *A friend loves at all times, but a brother is born for distress ... A friend loves at all times, but a brother is born for distress.*

So it's interesting that a lot of times people join the ministry for all different reasons. Over the years we've had tens of thousands and tens of thousands of different people. I can't tell you of how many different people have come and gone in the ministry, maybe even up to a hundred thousand ... I don't know, fifty thousand? But I do know it's tens of thousands of people that have come and gone. And at times, and it's usually pretty evident, Yahweh has given me a pretty good discerning spirit, there's people that will come into the Congregation and when they come in they try to put on a false spirit of humility. And they act like they'll serve and they'll help and anything I can do, sometimes even give money, almost like a bribe. And a lot of times, at least with the men, not a lot of times, but sometimes I should say, not a lot ... but there have been times ... where they're looking for ordination. They're looking for power.

So they're just putting on this game. They're putting on this act so that they can get the power they want. They can be ordained and then once they're ordained, then that's it. Then they become almost like little dictators and then it's, *well, we don't need leadership anymore*, and these other things. So there's people that join for self-ambition and they put that on. Especially myself, I have to care for that and that's why under most circumstances we will not ordain somebody for at least five years in the Congregation ... a senior elder at least ten years; and internally on the Board with me, at least fifteen years serving in the Congregation because you have to show your fruits.

And then when they don't get what they want, they leave. I've had even people threaten me where they played this game like this and they actually came out and said, "You know you're not the only game in town." But when they saw that they were not going to be ordained because they didn't qualify as an elder then they would just look to leave. And of course they would want collateral damage. So they would try to lie or descend from it.

So I've seen it even a lot of times with people and I can't tell you how many times throughout the years ... and there are a lot of good people that have come in the Congregation and I do appreciate many of the good letters we get. We get a lot of good letters of sincere people but there's also through the years been the letters of somebody, they'll write you a wonderful letter because they liked a certain sermon, maybe it's on the Temple Mount. *I never heard anybody preach like that! Oh and this is wonderful!* And then the sermon you preach, could be on divorce and remarriage, also from the same Scripture, the same Bible and then you get a letter from the same person, *take me off your mailing list ... take me off your mailing list!* I try to tell them we don't have a **mailing list**. We're not Sears and Roebuck. We're not Walmart. But that's the way people look because that's commercial Babylon we're living in.

But that all comes down to loyalty. And actually what the Bible says is, **we should actually appreciate the hard words we're getting more than the good words because it's the hard words that are going to help us to change**. It's the hard words that are going to look into our hearts. And like a message like today you might be 90% loyal, but if there's still 10% of a problem there you want to get it out. And that's why for me, I've always been this way since the time I become a believer; I look at **any sermon** no matter what it is, it could be sermon on child bearing, and I'm not to say, "Oh well hey, you know what? I'm not a woman. I'll never bear a child. I don't need this. I could go to sleep." No, because maybe there's a lesson from that, that I could learn in my life. So **there's always something we could learn from everything and that's what we have to look for**. Proverbs 18 in verse 24:

Proverbs 18:24 *A man of friends may be broken up, but there is a Lover who sticks closer than a brother.*

So loyalty of spouse, and through the years I've done much marriage counseling. I've done it in seminars where we had actually courses on this at the Bible School. I've done it privately. And I could say, not in every case, but I would say close to ninety percent of the time when you ask a woman, what's the main thing what she wants out of marriage? She'll say love. And the **main** thing that the husband will say is loyalty. So those are the two things that come. And it's extremely important because we are the bride of Messiah. So we want to make sure that we're loyal to our spouse. Because if we're not loyal to our physical spouse how could we be loyal to Yahshua who is our eternal Spouse.

1st John 2 in verse 15 ... 1st John 2 in verse 15 ... again a Scripture we read many times ...

1st John 2:15-17 *Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him, because all that which is in the world: The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.*

Comment: And what is the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life? All of it is **selfishness**. People will be lovers of self, braggarts, boastful, lovers of self. And like I said right in the beginning, people who love self will

never be loyal. They'll never be loyal to **anything** but what they want at the time. And they're not even loyal to themselves. Because like I said, today it might be here, today it might be there. But they will be loyal to whatever they want at the time, whatever they're lusting for. And like it says here, *If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. And the world is passing, and its lust. But the one doing the will of YAHWEH abides forever.*

And this is loyalty. When you're loving the world ... and there's people that will make decisions over their job over Yahweh, will make decisions over a house. I've had people literally tell me in Babylon that the reason why they would never leave is because of their house. They would never leave their house. Can you imagine? That if a cherub came at night like with Lot, and said, "C'mon you got to go. The place is going to burn." They wouldn't leave because they wouldn't leave their house.

So these are things that people sometimes put before Yahweh. And if you're putting the things in the world, and like I said it includes all the stuff with internet and social media and artificial intelligence and all the gadgets that are out there, **if you're putting all these things before Yahweh then you're being disloyal**. It's that simple. So this scripture, although we use it many times because of the world we live in and we talk about coming out of the world, which is fine. It really comes down to loyalty because **if your loyalty is to Yahweh you're not going to be part of a world** where His arch enemy is the leader of. Can you imagine that?

It's like ... think about you have a family business right? And your family business is selling cars and you've had this business from your great, great grandfather from 1915, when cars first started with Henry Ford. Your great, great grandfather was one of the first ones to do it. And now there's another guy who's made a car lot ten years ago across the street and he's selling junk cars. He's taking old parts of cars and putting them good cars and they're not running good and they're cheap and they're terrible, but he's trying to undercut you and put you out of business, right?

So he's become basically your enemy because he's trying to do everything wrong, everything to undercut you. He's lying about your business. He's putting false advertisement, false commercials on line about you and how would you feel if your son who's supposed to be taking over that business for you in 'x' amount of years, if he quit you and went and worked with that other guy.

I mean talk about a traitor, talk about disloyalty but this is what it is. When you go into the world and you're working these jobs that are not righteous before Yahweh at all and you're doing everything in the world and all the pleasure seeking things in the world that are of satan and you're part ... like I said Facebook can't be more evil ... Facebook is an evil thing! The guy who started that is not a good person. And now with this changing the name to this Metaverse, which is all weird stuff and changing your mind and all that. And there will be people that will stay on it ... there will be people that will stay on it. You know why?

Because they love the things of the world more than the things of Yahweh and they want to be part with all those people. They want to have these likes and dislikes. And it's not of Yahweh. And you really have to think where your loyalty is because if your loyalty is with Facebook even though **they'll ban**. They would ban me for what I'm saying today. **They would ban me! They would ban me when I tell the truth about the vaccine that it's not a vaccine and it kills people. They would ban me when I'm trying to save lives of people. They would ban me because I'm telling truth.**

And there's people out there that say they're brethren. They would still be part of it. They would still be on there and you're being disloyal to Yahweh. You really are. And these should be little decisions. They're not big decisions. Not coming with the mark of the beast where you might have to starve to death, right? Like the children of Israel in the wilderness when they didn't have water for three days or food for a week. These are simple things, getting rid of a

Facebook account or getting off of social media, or things that are part of the world. Proverbs 1 in verse 19 ... Proverbs 1 in verse 19 it says:

Proverbs 1:19 *So are the ways of everyone who gets unjust gain; it takes away its owner's soul ... So are the ways of everyone who gets unjust gain; it takes away its owner's soul.*

So you look in the world today and this just happened recently with Covid, right? Because they locked down around the world and what happened? All the remaining small business mom and pop operations, 70% of them wound up going out of business because you can't be paying your rent and paying all your things when your business isn't open. But you know who's making profit over fist? The pharmaceutical companies, Amazon, all these big corporations are. And my question is: where is your loyalty? Is it to who is giving the best price? Or is it to the mom and pop operation that's been there since you were a child that is trying to keep their business going?

I heard about ... I forget where it was ... but it's a small town somewhere in the USA where these people have a pharmacy and they're losing money and they can't survive and they're to keep it open because there's not another pharmacy for like ten miles. And a lot of people depend on them but because of what's happening here and because of the shut downs and all these other things, they've been pushed to the limit.

So where is your loyalty? Is it with Walmart? Is it with just getting the best price or is it helping the people, the mom and pop businesses in your town that have been there, the bakeries, and the cleaners and the tailor? Like when I was a child we had all these. It was all an individual person. So when you get Walmart come along and they can make this super store and everything could be in one store, what do you think is going to happen?

The small person they can't compete with those people and they put them out of business. But this is where we are today. Where now, this is why you could have corporations running the laws. And corporations like the pharmaceutical companies even running what's happening to people's lives and their medicines. It's not the doctors making the decisions. It's CEO's of pharmaceutical companies and people like Bill Gates because people have allowed it to get this far.

If people would have said back then, "You know what? No, it may cost me a little more money but I'm going to be loyal to Mr. Smith. He's been there since my grandfather was a boy and he helped the town. And he's helped this and he's helped that." Then we wouldn't be in the situation we get today. But back then you knew all the business owners personally. I know I did. And if you went into a store and there was something there that you needed and you didn't have the money, they'd just say bring it in later.

And we just had this recently where Petra had to get glasses and the woman in the store ... because she wasn't sure if these glasses would be the right ones. She said, "No, no you don't have to pay. Take them." I said, "I might be back here for maybe even a month. I'm not sure." And she said, "Don't worry, take them and you see and if you don't need them bring them back." This is where it's personal. And this is where **it's not only loyalty, it's trust** because if people do that and people don't come back with the things that are taken then what's going to happen.

But if they can trust you and you're loyal then it's going to keep that relationship because that's all business is. It's a relationship. It's a relationship to wants and needs of people with the environment around them. But when you're looking at Walmart's and Costco's, it might be good prices and there might be cheap stuff but in the end it brings the world we have today.

So even with work, it used to be you get a job, it could be anywhere. You could get a job in a factory like a car factory. You can get a job doing whatever and you would work that job. You'd work it for twenty-five, thirty years. Every couple

of years you get a raise and then after twenty-five years you get a gold watch maybe. You get retirement. Not today. Today work a job one year; if they can't move up real quick, they'll stab somebody in the back in that place to move up. They'll lie about them, do whatever. Then they're going to move somewhere else. People jump from job to job. And the business owners, they're not protecting the people either. So it's not just the workers. It's also the bosses. The bosses have no loyalty to their people anymore because there are no private owners. Corporations ... you know a corporation like Walmart, a corporation like McDonalds, a corporation like whatever – these corporations, who are they loyal to? Their loyalty is to the corporate profits. That's all their loyalty. They're not loyal to anything else.

So it's sad to say, it's just the way society goes; people always wanting more and more. And like I said once you have corporations running the world ... and it's interesting, if you go back to WW2 you had people like Dwight Eisenhower who was a great general and then a president in United States warning about this. John F. Kennedy was warning about this! That what would happen to society if corporations wound up taking over? And artificial intelligence is only an arm of corporations because it's not dealing with people. It's not dealing with souls. It's not dealing with hearts. It's not dealing with any kind of feelings or emotions. It's just dealing with profit and loss and that's about it.

So unfortunately the attitude of disloyalty it is in some members today, some brethren. Not a lot but it's in some. Not necessarily our Congregation but in general there's a lot of people out there in the Laodicean era that don't want to be part of a congregation. So I'm talking about now, not people in our Congregation, but just people that are brethren, people that may be Sabbath keepers let's say. Maybe you don't consider them brethren depending on who they are, but they could be a Sabbath keeper. They may know the name of Yahweh.

In Israel we met hundreds and hundreds, thousands probably over the years, but you ask them, "well, what congregation do you belong?" "Oh, I don't belong to a congregation. I'll never follow a man!" And these are people that are disloyal. Because like I said, their loyalty is to whatever it is that week! One week they're jumping here, one week they're jumping there. And one year they just happen to jump to us, to the Feast of Tabernacles because in those days we had an open Feast. So they would come to the Feast with us because they just wanted to see, or see Israel or whatever; but then the next week they'd be somewhere else. So there's no loyalty to anybody or **anything** except the selfish desires they want at the time.

And again if you can't be loyal ... one thing about Yahweh and His plan of salvation, **it's about people! It's not about you!** It's not just about you doing something or liking something! **It's about you sacrificing yourselves and becoming more of a giving, loving, caring person;** but you need other people around. It's a family business is what it is. And that's what Yahweh is doing. **He's creating us to be part of that family and part of that business of saving souls.**

And if Yahweh can't trust you to be loyal to the eldership and the leadership that He put in the Congregation then how are you going to be loyal to Him? Like it says, *how can you love Yahweh who you haven't seen if you don't love your brother who you have seen?*

So **loyalty takes commitment. It takes discipline and it takes sacrifice.** Loyalty; it doesn't just happen. It's not just something that you do, but real loyalty ... I'm not talking about being loyal because like I said everyone is loyal to something. The alcoholic is loyal to the bottle; the drug addict is loyal to his drug. So everybody is loyal to something. **But true loyalty, righteous loyalty to Yahweh; it takes commitment, it takes discipline and it takes sacrifice.** And that's what our whole calling is about. Proverbs 3 ... Proverbs 3 in verse 1:

Proverbs 3:1-6 *My son, do not forget my Torah, but let your heart guard and keep my commandments, for they shall add length of days and long life and peace to you. Mercy and truth will not forsake you, tie them on your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart, and you shall find favor and good understanding in the sight of Elohim and man. Trust in*

YAHWEH with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

Proverbs 3:7-10 *Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear YAHWEH and depart from evil. Healing shall be to your navel and marrow to your bones. Honor YAHWEH with your substance, and with the first-fruits of all your increase, and your barns shall be filled with plenty, and your wine vats shall burst with new wine.*

Comment: And here's people, they don't even tithe. Talk about disloyalty! Stealing from Yahweh when everything belongs to Him and He's only asking for ten percent and someone is going to steal off the Boss.

Proverbs 3:11-12 *My son, do not reject the chastening of YAHWEH, and do not hate His correction; for whom YAHWEH loves He corrects, even as a father corrects the son with whom he is pleased.*

So this is why Yahweh corrects us. **He corrects us so that we grow in commitment, discipline and sacrifice.** And we should be thankful for that because that's where He tests our loyalty; by putting us through trials He's testing our loyalty. Hosea 6 in 6 and 7 ... Hosea 6 in 6 and 7 says:

Hosea 6:6-7 *For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and knowledge of Elohim more than burnt offerings. But, like Adam, they have transgressed the covenant; they had acted like traitors against Me there.*

Like Adam they had transgressed the covenant. Wow, isn't that interesting in Hosea He's talking about that. So **Yahweh is looking for faithfulness, not sacrifice or knowledge.** Yahweh is looking for faithfulness. And **it is disloyal to Yahweh to allow heresy because Yahweh's Torah is part of His character,** the same way loyalty is part of somebody's character; or disloyalty is part of your character. So Yahweh is not looking for sacrifice, doing hundreds and hundreds of sacrifices like He says, He's not pleased with that; or knowledge, people are so smart. They know the Bible; so smart. No, Yahweh is looking for loyalty. And like I said, **going against His doctrine is a form of disloyalty.** But it's interesting that they would mention it in Hosea "like Adam".

So let's go to Adam now because this is really where disloyalty started. It's the first case of it in Scripture. It really is I think a good lesson for us to learn from on what not to do. So Genesis 3 we read it many times. I'm not going to read the whole thing. The serpent is cunning, right? That's what **we got to watch because satan is very cunning and he is deceitful.** And like I said, **disloyal people can be very deceitful and trying to make you think that they're being loyal when they're being disloyal.** And that's what's happening here. Satan is trying to make it sound like he's the loyal one; he's trying to bring truth to Adam and Eve. And Yahweh is the disloyal one, when he's asking them, "didn't Yahweh say you could eat of every fruit of the trees?" And then what is Eve saying, "No, Yahweh said we can eat of all the fruit but not the tree that's in the middle." And what does satan say?

Genesis 3:4 *The serpent said to the woman ... because Yahweh said they'll die if they eat of that fruit and the serpent says ... surely, you will not die.*

Wow, the beginning of the immortal soul doctrine that's fake, **the soul that sins it will die.** And now satan is not only lying to them but he's accusing Yahweh of being a liar. So he's accusing Yahweh of being disloyal. No, Yahweh doesn't want to give you this good tree because you're going to be like Him when you do that. He's lying to you. And unfortunately that's what some of these disloyal people do. And you got to be careful for it and you can't allow it, to even listen to a word of it. Eve at that point should have said, "Get thee behind me satan. You are but an offense!" So what happens?

Genesis 3:6 *So the woman sees the tree was good for food, it was pleasant to the eyes, and desirable to make one wise.*

Just like **1st John 2** ... remember? The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, the pride of life; it's the same thing here. So her lust for self, her lust for things; people will be lovers of self and lovers of things and the desire to make one wise. Like people today want to be wise. They want to be smart. She took of it and she eats it. She believes the lie, right? And she gave to her husband, he ate. And then what happens?

This is not only just a sin; it's traitorous. It's **traitorous** because **they actually believed the enemy over Yahweh** if you could believe it or not. Like I said with the guy who has the car business and the son who leaves his father who was working at that for three generations, to across the street because he could make more money with the guy who is **lying** and he's deceiving people and how he's selling. This is what they went through. But then what happens? Their eyes are open, Yahweh comes and what does He say?

Genesis 3:9-13 *He calls the man and He says: Where are you? And he said, I have heard Your sound in the garden, and I was afraid, for I am naked, and I hid myself. And YAHWEH said, Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat? And the man said, The woman whom You gave to be with me, she has given to me of the tree, and I ate ... Right so, and now what does the woman say ... And He asked the woman, The serpent deceived me.*

So here it is this is something that you see with disloyal people. **Disloyal people will never take responsibility for their actions. They just blame somebody else. They simply blame somebody else because they could never be wrong.**

So this is where Adam should have taken responsibility and say, "You know what? I was wrong. I should have never let my wife to be there. I should have been the one there and I should have taken control of this." He didn't and he blames the wife and then the wife blames the serpent. And in one way, they had legitimacy in what happened. They're not lying when they say that. Eve did deceive the husband and the serpent did deceive Eve. But at the same rate, that was not the problem. The problem was with what they did. And neither of them took responsibility for what they did. And this is what we see that it's an act of treason. But **disloyal people will always look to blame somebody else.** They won't take responsibility.

If we look at **1st Samuel 15**. We see a good example of this; or a **bad example** we should say. An example to **learn by; a bad example to learn by** with the first king of Israel, King Saul. So chapter 15 of **1st Samuel**:

1st Samuel 15:1 *Samuel says to Saul, YAHWEH sent me to anoint you king over His people, over Israel. And now listen to the voice of the words of YAHWEH ... its pretty simple. Yahweh tells him go to Amalek and came against Israel when they left Egypt and He says in verse 3:*

1st Samuel 15:3 *Now go, and you shall strike Amalek and destroy all that he has. Have no pity on him, put to death all from man to woman, from little to suckling, from ox to sheep, from camel to donkey.*

Everybody, why? Because if he doesn't the little ones are going to become bigger ones and just like we saw with Baal Peor, with Balam, they're going to grow up and they're going to deceive the Israelites into serving other deities. So Yahweh says get rid of all of them! He's got to start all over. So what happens? It's pretty simple. He's the General of the Army; he's the leader of the country, he's the King of Israel. Does he listen? No ... drop down to verse 9:

1st Samuel 15:9-10 *And Saul and the people had pity on Agag ... the leader there ... and the best of the flock, and of the herd, and the seconds, and the lambs, and all that was good, and were not willing to exterminate them. But they exterminated every despised and worthless thing.*

Comment: And this is why I said **when you get a disloyal person, he will twist it and then make it sound like he's being obedient**. But the command was kill everything. So they kill all the worthless stuff that they couldn't use anyway and then they're going to take the good stuff and then you know what they're going to try to say? That they'll use it for Yahweh. So the disloyal person is very, very cunning like the devil to try to make it sound like they're obedient when it's the total opposite. They're only loyal to themselves. And that's the way Saul was. He was only loyal to himself.

1st Samuel 15:11 *And the Word of YAHWEH was to Samuel, saying, I repent that I made Saul reign as king, for he has turned back from following Me, and he has not risen to do My Words.*

So **when Yahweh gives us a commandment, it's not for us to decide which part of it we'll do and which part we won't**. No, He gives the commandment. We follow the commandment. That's how He tests our loyalty. And like I said, life is a test. Life is a test and it's to see will we be loyal; or won't we be loyal? So then what happens? Samuel rises up. He goes to Saul and Saul says, "Look I've done exactly what Yahweh said." Verse 13:

1st Samuel 15:13-16 *Samuel came to Saul. And Saul said to him, Blessed are you of YAHWEH. I have risen to do the Word of YAHWEH. And Samuel said, What then is this noise of the flock in my ears, and the sound of the herd that I hear? ... Weren't they all supposed to be dead? And you're sitting here telling me you did exactly what Yahweh said, when I'm hearing the voice of these animals in my ear ... And Saul said, They have brought them from Amalek, because the people had pity on the best of the flock, and of the herd, in order to sacrifice to YAHWEH. And the rest we exterminated ... and look what Samuel says to Saul ... Stop ... Stop enough of it. Stop, stop with your lying words. Stop with your justification. Stop lying, not only to Yahweh but to yourself. Stop it! And he says ... I will declare to you that which YAHWEH spoke to me tonight. And Saul says, Speak.*

1st Samuel 15:17-20 *And Samuel said, Were you not, even you, little in your own eyes before becoming leader of the tribes of Israel? And YAHWEH anointed you as king over Israel. And YAHWEH sent you on the way, and said, to Go, and exterminate the sinners, Amalek; and fight against them until they finish them. Why then did you not listen to the voice of YAHWEH? But did fly upon the spoil, and did the evil in the eyes of YAHWEH ... and look at what Saul says. Does he still repent then? No ... I did obey the voice of YAHWEH, and I went in the way which YAHWEH sent me, and brought Agag the king of Amalek, and I exterminated Amalek ... well part of it was to exterminate the king too. So he didn't listen and still is justifying himself. And then look what Samuel says in verse 22:*

1st Samuel 15:22-23 *And Samuel said, Does YAHWEH delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of YAHWEH? Behold! Obeying is better than sacrifice; to give attention is better than the fat of rams. For rebellion (bitterness) is as the sin of divination (witchcraft, sorcery) ... rebellion is sorcery, witchcraft ... and stubbornness is both iniquity and idolatry.*

Comment: This is where sometimes disloyalty comes from. It comes from the prideful person, the stubbornness that comes there. And **Yahweh says that stubbornness is iniquity, sin and idolatry because you will actually put yourself before Yahweh**. And that's all disloyalty is. **Loyalty is putting Yahweh before everything**. And He says here ... *stubbornness is both iniquity and idolatry ...* and drop down to verse 32:

1st Samuel 15:32-33 *And Samuel said, Bring near to me Agag the king of Amalek ... so then Samuel goes and gets Agag ... Agag comes cheerfully. And he says, Surely the bitterness of death has passed ... because he sees Samuel the Priest. He thinks maybe he's going to do a sacrifice to him ... And Samuel said, As your sword has bereaved women of children, so shall your mother be bereft among women. And Samuel cut Agag in pieces before YAHWEH in Gilgal.*

Wow, the same way he was cutting a sacrifice, he cut this evil king up. So we see here that like I said, **going against Yahweh's judicial order is treason and disloyalty**, anyway you cut it. It's treason and it's disloyalty. And **loyalty is a character trait; and so is disloyalty. Loyalty and disloyalty are character traits. They're not feelings. They're character traits.** Life is a test like I said. Yahweh only has us living in satan's world to see where our loyalty will be and whether He can trust us to give us eternal life. Eternal life is a **long time** and believe me, if you look in this world every single person that has ever lived has been a sinner. And Yahweh is not going to take the risk of having billions of satan the devils out there. He has to see if He can trust us.

So as humans, yes we will sin, we will falter like King David. But will we be loyal? Will we be loyal? Matthew 27 in verse 3 through 5, right? Because loyalty is a character trait and so is disloyalty. Matthew 27 ... and this is with Judas, right? After Judas was the traitor to Yahshua, look what happens. Then Judas ... Matthew 27 in verse 3:

Matthew 27:3-4a *Then Judas, the traitor, seeing that He was condemned, repenting, returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, saying, I sinned, betraying innocent blood.*

Comment: What good was it doing then? So again, it's about the money. Like he's thinking returning the silver, he's justifying himself. So again he lies to Yahshua. He goes and deceives Him behind His back for money. And then when Yahshua is being crucified, he actually thinks that bringing the money back is going to justify him. Wow, what a traitor ... what a traitor.

Matthew 27:4b-5 *And they said, What is it to us? You see to it. And tossing the silver pieces into the sanctuary, he left. And going away he hanged himself.*

And what did Yahshua say? That it was **better** for him to never have been born then to do this. And why was that? Why couldn't he really repent? Because he didn't have a heart of repentance; because that's not repentance what he did, thinking I'll bring the money back and now that's it ... now we're even. No, no way. That doesn't make it even. And **his heart was not right before Yahweh because he had a spirit of disloyalty.** Can you imagine? He was with Yahshua for more than two years. He's with Him. He travels with Him. He went with Him. He did everything with Him; even was there at the last Passover night, right? Even to the point where he comes with those soldiers to kiss Him on the cheek to show the One I kiss ... because they all look the same, right? And what does Yahshua say? *Friend, do you betray Me with a kiss?* Friend He calls him, right? For all that time they were together and even then, even then the disloyal spirit was still there. Wow, I don't think you can get a worst example of disloyalty than this. And disloyalty will keep you out of the Kingdom. Without a doubt, there will not be one disloyal person in the Kingdom.

1st Samuel 24, let's see with King David ... a good example of loyalty. 1st Samuel 24 ... now this is one what's happening, David already knows he's been named King. He's already been anointed by Samuel. He already knows Yahweh is behind him. But yet, King Saul hasn't been taken out yet. So now Saul is coming trying to kill him and Yahweh put Saul right in David's hands so David can get rid of Saul, but doesn't. Let's look at what happens. 1st Samuel 24:

1st Samuel 24:1-2 *And it happened, when Saul returned from after the Philistines, they told him, saying, Behold, David is in the wilderness of En-Gedi. And Saul took three thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and went to seek David and his men on the front of the rocks of the wild goats.*

Comment: Look how evil this guy is. He takes 3000 men to go to kill David, knowing that David was always loyal to him, **only** because he didn't want to lose his position as King. What an evil person. And he wouldn't just go himself and fight David. He's got to take 3000 men because he knows he couldn't fight David. What an evil person that Saul is **simply** to hold his position.

1st Samuel 24:3 *And on the way he came in to the folds of the flock. And there was a cave. And Saul went in to cover his feet ... he went in to relieve himself, go to the toilet ... And David and his men were staying in the recesses of the cave.*

Comment: Wow, Yahweh is so good. And sometimes humorous that here it is they're hiding in this cave and he happens to go relieve himself in this cave where David is right there. And remember when you relieve yourself you're going to put your sword down and you got to get in a certain position.

1st Samuel 24:4-6 *And David's men said to him, Behold, the day of which YAHWEH said to you, Behold, I will deliver your enemy into your hand, and you shall do to him as it is good in your eyes. But David rose up and quietly cut off the tassel of Saul's robe ... the tassel is the sign of authority and he wanted to show Saul something, but what happens ... And it happened afterward, the heart of David struck him, because he had cut off Saul's tassel. And he said to his men, Far be it from me, by YAHWEH. I shall not do this thing to my master, to the **anointed of YAHWEH** ... the anointed of Messiah. The word is Mashiach ... I will not do this to the Meshiach of YAHWEH to put out my hand against him. For he is the **Mashiach** of YAHWEH.*

Comment: So David was here saying, "Okay, I know I'm going to be King. Yahweh said it. I know he put him into my hand but you know what? As long as he is still King, there is judicial order here." I don't think there's a greater example of judicial order in the Bible than this! "That I will not touch him as long as he is in the position that Yahweh has him in.

1st Samuel 24:7-10 *And David held back his men by words, and he did not allow them to rise up against Saul. And Saul rose up from the cave and went in the way. And David rose up afterward and went out from the cave and called after Saul, saying, My master the king! And Saul looked behind him. And David was bowing face to the earth and prostrated ... Can you imagine? Not only didn't he kill him, he prostrated himself and was **bowing** to him ... And David said to Saul, Why do you listen to the words of man, saying, Behold, David seeks to do you evil? See, this day your eyes have seen how YAHWEH has delivered you today into my hand in the cave. And one said to kill you, but I had pity on you. And I said, I shall not put out my hand against my master ... against my adon, against my master ... for he is the anointed of YAHWEH.*

1st Samuel 24:11-12 *And my father, behold! Yes, see the tassel of your robe in my hand. For that I cut off the tassel of your robe, and did not kill you, know and see that there is neither evil nor transgression in my hand, and I have not sinned against you. Yet you are lying in wait for my soul, to take it ... who's the righteous and who's the evil one? Who's the loyal one, who is the disloyal one? ... YAHWEH shall judge between you and me, and YAHWEH shall avenge of you. But my hand shall not be on you.*

Wow, can you imagine King David saying that? The faith he had to have in Yahweh and the **loyalty in Yahweh** to know that Yahweh would not allow something to happen because of the promise He made him.

1st Samuel 24:13-16 *As the proverb of the ancients says, Wickedness proceeds from the wicked. But my hand shall not be on you. After whom has the king of Israel come out? After whom are you pursuing? After a dead dog? After a flea? Yea, YAHWEH shall be judge, and shall judge between me and you. Yea, He shall see and contend for my cause, and shall deliver me out of your hand. And it happened, when David finished speaking these words to Saul, Saul said, Is this your voice, my son David? And Saul lifted up his voice and wept.*

1st Samuel 24:17-19 *And he said to David, You are more righteous than I. For you have done good to me, and I have rewarded you with evil. And you have today shown that you have dealt well with me, in that YAHWEH shut me up into your hand, and you did not kill me. For if a man finds his enemy, will he let him go on his way well? And YAHWEH will repay you good for that which you have done to me today.*

1st Samuel 24:20-21 *And now, behold, I know that you shall certainly reign, and the kingdom of Israel shall be established in your hand ... so he says the obvious which he knows but what's the very next thing he says ... And now, swear to me by YAHWEH that you shall not cut off my seed after me, nor shall you destroy my name from the house of my father.*

Wow, so of course, just like again, just like the disloyal person – not enough that he takes responsibility for what he did, he's only doing it to try to save his own skin. Wow, loyalty and disloyalty and this is why, why is David a man after Yahweh's own heart? He's a man after Yahweh's own heart not because he killed Uriah the Hittite and with what happened with Bathsheba, it's because of this. It's because of his loyalty. And throughout the Bible he was always loyal to Yahweh. He was always loyal to Yahweh no matter what.

And David's friends were loyal to him. The friends of David were also loyal to him. When David was fleeing from Absalom and you had these people, these older men that came there ... I'm not going to read it but it's in **2nd Samuel 15** ... and what happened? These old men were ready to go with him and die! They were ready to go with him and die because of their loyalty to David. And David said, "No, don't do this." He was also loyal back to them. But they were willing to die with him because of their loyalty.

And loyalty and friendship go hand and hand. **You can't have friendship without loyalty.** And like I said, sometimes it's not always easy but **you have to choose your loyalties at times and you better make the right choice.** And I think the greatest example of loyalty in the Bible is the book of Ruth. We'll show the example in Ruth, the first chapter ... Ruth, the first chapter. Because here it is, Ruth is from the tribe of Reuben. She's from the tribe of Reuben. She marries into Judah and after her husband dies and the other ladies husband died, the brothers, her sister-in-law. Naomi is going back to Judah and she's trying to leave Ruth behind with her tribe so that she could remarry and have a life. She's a young lady. And what does she say? No, she's showing loyalty to her mother-in-law and loyalty to that. So let's read it starting in verse 8:

Ruth 1:8-10 *And Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, Go, each return to the house of her mother. May YAHWEH deal kindly with you, as you have done with the dead, and with me. May YAHWEH grant to you that you find rest, each in the house of her husband. And she kissed them, and they lifted up their voice and wept. And they said to her, Nevertheless, we will go back with you to your people.*

Ruth 1:11-13 *And Naomi said, Turn back, my daughters. Why should you go with me? Are there yet sons to me in my belly that they should be husbands for you? Turn back, my daughters, go. For I am too old to belong to a husband. Though I should say, There is hope for me, and I should be tonight with a husband, and also I should bear sons; Will you wait for them, that they might grow up? Will you shut yourselves up for them, not to belong to a husband? No, my daughters, for it is much more bitter for me than for you, for the hand of YAHWEH has gone out against me.*

Comment: So now though Naomi she's going to left alone. She's going to have no seed. She's going to have nobody to carry on their name and this is why Ruth will not leave.

Ruth 1:14-17 *And they lifted up their voice and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother in law, but Ruth clung to her. And she said, See, your sister-in-law has turned back to her people, and to her elohim. You turn back after your sister-in-law. And Ruth said, Do not beg me to leave you, to turn back from following you. For where you go, I will go. And where you stay, I will stay. Your people are my people, and your Elohim my Elohim ... Wow, what a great act of loyalty ... Where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. May YAHWEH do to me, and more so, if anything but death part you and me.*

And this is vow she didn't make rashly but it's a vow she kept and Yahshua winds up ... King David winds up being born from this lineage, and Yahshua of course, because He's from the lineage of King David. So wow, what a reward that was given, but what an act of loyalty for this young woman.

And you know what? You could read ... she's a young woman; she seems like a very simple woman. It wasn't out of a power play. It wasn't that she was scared to be alone. It was simply because **that was her character**. It was simply her character that she loved her mother-in-law. She had loyalty to family and nothing was going to depart them period.

And that's the way people are. **If people are loyal to their family then there's nothing that's going to separate that loyalty to your family.** And yet, you have an evil world today. You'll even see in cases like the government will try to get families to be against each other and give witness against each other in families. And it's real evil what they do. Because in government in this global world today and in corporations, like I said, there is no loyalty to nothing. The only loyalty is to the almighty dollar and power. But Ruth was totally loyal to the mother-in-law and the memory of her late husband to raise up seed and **never once thought what was best for her, but what was best for her family.**

John 6 in verse 51 ... John 6 in verse 51 and we see this with Yahshua and His followers ... John 6 in verse 51.

John 6:51-53 *I AM the Living Bread that came down from Heaven. If anyone eats of this Bread, he will live forever. And indeed the bread which I will give is My flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. Then the Jews argued with one another, saying, How can this One give us His flesh to eat? Then Yahshua said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, Except you eat the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink His blood, you do not have life in yourselves ... can you imagine? They don't understand what He is saying. They think this is cannibalism. What on earth is He talking about? And He goes on to explain it. He's the Bread that came down from Heaven ... in verse 60:*

John 6:60-63 *Then many of His disciples having heard, they said, This Word is hard; who is able to hear it? But knowing in Himself that His disciples were murmuring about this ... so this is His disciples ... Yahshua said to them, Does this offend you? What if you see the Son of Man ascending to the place where He was before? ... going up to Heaven ... It is the Spirit that gives life. The flesh does not profit, nothing! The Words which I speak to you are spirit and are life.*

John 6:64-66 *But there are some of you who are not believing. For Yahshua knew from the beginning who they were, the ones not believing, and who was the one betraying Him ... Judas ... And He said, Because of this, I have told you that no one is able to come to Me unless it is given to him of My Father. Because of this saying, many of His disciples turned their backs and did not walk with Him.*

Comment: Wow, talk about loyalty. There was no loyalty there. There was loyalty for the moment. Like I said, one sermon you give on the Temple Mount, people love it. The next sermon on divorce and remarriage, take me off your mailing list. So this is what Yahshua's going through. When they don't understand something, it's not, well you know what He's the Son of Elohim, He's the Messiah, I just have to trust in Him. It's nope, they turn back. And look what He says:

John 6:67-68 *Because of this saying, many of His disciples turned their backs and did not walk with Him Therefore, Yahshua said to the Twelve, Do you also wish to go? ... and look what Peter says ... Simon Peter answered Him, Master, to whom shall we go? **You have the Words of everlasting life.***

Comment: And that's what I say. **Once you've come into Yahshua's Congregation, where do you go from there?** How on earth can anyone who's been baptized and had their minds opened by the Holy Spirit and they come to the doctrine, they come to the truth and they come to all these things and then they leave because they didn't get their way. They

leave because of pride. They leave because of disloyalty and they leave because of selfish ambitions. They're not true called ones because like Simon Peter said, *Where do we go? Where do you go when you got to the top of Mount Zion?*

John 6:69-71 *And we have believed and have known that You are the Messiah, the Son of the living Elohim. Yahshua answered them, Did I not choose you, the Twelve? Yet one of you is a devil ... talking about Judas ... But He spoke of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, for this one was about to betray Him, being one of the Twelve.*

So here we see that even some of Yahshua's own disciples were disloyal and turned back. Why did Yahshua speak in parables? **To test the loyalty of the people; that's why He spoke in parables.** He could have explained, but why He didn't? Because He wanted to test their loyalty. And like I said He didn't look for the most educated. He didn't look for the most wealthy. **He looked for the most loyal.**

So He spoke in parables or this kind of situation here, *My body ...* He's not talking about physical cannibalism. He's talking about the Passover that the bread and wine represent His body. And He's doing this to test them! He's doing this to test their loyalty. And just like our life, there's times in our life that things happen that we don't understand. And that's where loyalty to Yahweh has to take precedent. **You have to trust in Him, have faith in Him and be loyal to Him no matter what even if you don't understand something that's going on.**

Psalm 15 ... Psalm 15 ... one of the greatest Psalms about the Kingdom and loyalty. It's a Psalm of course that King David wrote and praise Yahweh, almost 3000 years later we still have this Psalm, he says:

Psalm 15:1-5 *O YAHWEH, who shall sojourn in Your tabernacle? Who shall settle on Your holy mountain? He who walks uprightly and works righteousness, and speaks the truth in his heart. He does not backbite with his tongue, nor does evil to his friend, nor lifts up a reproach against his neighbor. In his eyes, the reprobate has been despised, but he honors those who fear YAHWEH: He has sworn to his own hurt, and he will not change it. He has not given his silver at interest; nor has he taken a bribe against the innocent; he who does these things shall not be shaken forever ... he who does these things shall not be shaken forever.*

Wow, so this is the person that Yahweh looks to rule with Him forever. We're called to be Melchizedek priests with Yahshua. It's the highest order in the universe and this is the kind of people He looks for. **He looks for people that are loyal, people that are going to be trustworthy.** And look what He said right before that last Passover, what He said to the twelve apostles or eleven at that point, Judas being gone. In Luke 22 in verse 28 He said:

Luke 22:28-30 *But you are continuing with Me during my trial. And I appoint a kingdom to you, as My Father appointed to Me, that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom; and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.*

Wow, this is the reward that Yahweh gives us for being loyal. The reward is that we will be with Him forever and be kings and priests and judging in His Kingdom. Like I said before **the decisions you make and the priorities you set declare your loyalties to Yahweh.** Every decision you make, the priorities you set in your life. **If you're getting your own things done but you're not getting the work of Yahweh done, then you're not loyal to Yahweh. If you're getting His work done, that's your loyalty.** How committed are you to the work of Yahweh and how loyal are you to Him? Last scripture Romans 6:16 he says:

Romans 6:16 *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? ... 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?*

You are the servant of what you obey. And like I said in the beginning **everybody is loyal to something.** It's just that most people are loyal to themselves; a drug addict is loyal to drugs, a lustful person is loyal to money, alcoholic is loyal to alcohol. **Our loyalty has to be to Yahweh in everything.** And if we're loyal to Yahweh, we'll be loyal to the leadership that He put on this earth. We'll be loyal to the Torah. We'll be loyal to His doctrine. We'll be **without compromise** in doctrine and the work of Yahweh will be the most important thing in our life and we'll do everything to further that work because that's our great commission. We will be without compromise to Yahshua who shed His blood and paid the penalty of our sins.

And you know like I said I can teach the calendar. I can teach all things on the Torah. I can teach the 25 lessons on doctrine but I can't teach loyalty. You can't teach it. It's a character trait. And you can help do it by example; each of us can by example. Just like we went in the Bible today we saw bad examples of disloyalty by Saul. We saw good examples of loyalty by King David. But **loyalty is a character trait and it's the greatest character trait that you need to get in the Kingdom of Yahweh.**

So I pray that you really meditate on this. I pray that you think about that. And I pray that each of us will give 100% devotion and loyalty to Yahweh and the Kingdom. Yahweh bless. Shabbat Shalom.