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Exo 12:5 *A flock animal, a male without blemish, a yearling, shall be to you. You shall take from the sheep or from the goats*

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Personal.....

Greetings and shalom in the wonderful names of Yahweh and Yahshua. Here we are again, as another year has passed and spring, Passover and a new year are upon us. It seems the years are going by quicker and quicker and that time is just going by so fast, it is hard to keep up. It used to be that technology doubled about every 100 years and in the mid 1990's that figure changed to every 25 years; today technology is doubling every six months.

Dan 12:4 *But you, O Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, to the end time. **Many shall travel back & forth, and knowledge shall be increased.***

Is there any true believer who can doubt that the Kingdom of Yahweh is getting so close, even to be knocking at the door? Never has there been a society such as we have where there are airplanes, computers, TV, telephones and every sort of gadget that mankind can imagine to keep himself busy from his true purpose.

Many people will say if only Yahweh would give me a sign, then I will wake up and start to do His work and get my spiritual life going. Here at this Passover season we know that to every true believer we already received the sign we needed.

Math 12: 38 *Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered, saying, Teacher, we desire to see a sign from You. **39** But answering, He said to them, An evil and adulterous generation seeks a sign, and a sign shall not be given to it, except the sign of Jonah the prophet. **40** And even as "Jonah was in the belly of the huge fish three days and three nights," so shall the Son of Man be in the heart of the earth three days and three nights.*

Yahshua Messiah's life, death and resurrection was the only sign that we need to have 100% full faith in the coming resurrection and Kingdom of Yahweh. Yet in the end time, Yahweh gave us many more signs to know the times we are living in.

He told us in Mathew 24 that there would be a rise in earthquakes, famines and different revolutions and wars would take place. He mentioned about technology as we stated in Daniel and even forecasted about end time Babylon, who would be the greatest economic, trading nation that the world has ever seen.

He also gave an amazing prophecy and sign in Psalm 102 that reveals that Israel would become a sovereign nation again after 2520 years through a horrific holocaust. It also states that at that time, the Messiah would appear in that very generation. Yahshua confirmed this in Mathew 24:34, that all the end time would take place in one generation.

So what are you waiting for? If you are a called out firstfruit of the Almighty Creator of the universe, named Yahweh, then what on earth are you waiting for to get ready for His return?

You may wonder how can I prepare, and what should I be doing?

First of all, take a simple test to see if you are preparing for the Kingdom of Yahweh. Take a piece of paper and write down what you do every day from the time you wake up to the time you go to sleep. Then, calculate how much time each day is spent for Yahweh and how much time is spent for yourself. How much time each day do you spend working so you can feed yourself, clothe yourself and care for yourself? How much time daily is spent sleeping for

yourself, entertaining yourself with TV and internet and other things and how much time is left for the work of Yahweh? Also, remember bible study and prayer although extremely important to your relationship with Yahweh, is not the work of Yahweh, it simply prepares you for it.

There are many ministries out there today speaking about the end times. Some focus their whole efforts simply convincing you every week that we are indeed in the end times. However, I find very few ministries that are actually preparing you to be ready to take your place of rulership as a King and Priest in the soon coming Kingdom of Yahweh.

Many are called, few are chosen. If you are a true chosen child of Yahweh, called to rule in His soon coming Kingdom, then you must prepare for that job or risk being a castaway and losing out on the greatest gift that Yahweh has ever bestowed to mankind.

If you were going to go to school to be an optometrist and spend the next 6 years of your life studying this field day and night, would you do so if you knew that Yahweh's Kingdom would be here in the next short amount of years and everyone with eye difficulties would be healed?

In the same way if you had foresight 20 years ago in 1990 and knew back then for sure about the rise of computers and the internet, would you have gone to a six month computer training, which could have helped you with a computer job that could have helped millions of people today?

This is where we are at. Many people know we are in the end times and many ministries spend all their time trying to prove a point that we already know, but merely knowing we are close to Yahweh's Kingdom coming to the earth is not enough to get you into that Kingdom. You need to train and prepare and to bear fruit for that Kingdom if you are going to be part of it.

Just as the optometrist doesn't simply one day immediately open up an office and start to work on fixing peoples eyesight, you don't wake up one morning and just take a throne as a King and a Priest in Yahweh's Kingdom without preparation.

I know of very few congregations as the Congregation of YHWH that is preparing the brethren for their jobs in leadership in Yahweh's soon coming Kingdom. I know of no other program on earth, like the Hayahad program here in Israel, where you can get such training in such a condensed period of time. There is no other program where you can actually be in Israel and learn the scriptures from a Hebraic mindset in its original setting.

Most believers do not even have soundness of doctrine, so how will they be able to teach others in the kingdom that which they do not even have themselves?

Ro 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? 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."

Most have never been formally trained in leadership or soundly grounded in the true history of Yahweh's congregation, which makes up who we are today. Most have never studied or learned the difference between a democratic mindset of Babylon and a kingdom mindset of Yahweh.

The sad part is that most believers out there today do not see any need for formal training to be a servant in Yahweh's soon coming kingdom. However, what is even sadder to me is when I see brethren who came to the Hayahad training and left a totally different person, only to go back to their home and then do nothing with what they learned. To me this is the greatest travesty that I know of.

"Too much is given, much is expected, and to the more is given the more will be required."
How much has been given to you? If you have repented of your sins, and have been immersed in the name of Yahshua for the forgiveness of your sins and have had hands laid on you by an ordained Elder of Yahweh, then you have a tremendous accountability before our heavenly Father!

Yahweh did not call you and invest all the time and effort to prepare you to work for Him and be a servant in His Kingdom for you to simply go back to the world and live a good life! Yahweh is not blessing you with the fiery trials you are going through (baptism of fire), so He can build righteous character in you, so that you can make righteous judgments in His kingdom like King Solomon, simply so you can gain material pleasures.

Yes, it is once again Passover time when we are told to examine ourselves before we partake of those symbols of the bread and wine, which represent the beaten body and shed blood of our Master and Savior Yahshua Messiah. I encourage you with all my heart to truly focus this year on asking how you can be a better servant for Him. Honestly, pray to Yahweh to show you how to come out of this world and how to live a life that is Holy and acceptable to Him, as a servant of His.

I also highly encourage you to pray about applying for the Hayahad or Return to the Land program and to get the training you need to be a leader and servant in His soon coming Kingdom. I encourage you to spend a feast in Israel with us and truly learn what Yahweh has in store for those who love Him and keep His commandments. How important is that Kingdom to you? Do you eat, breathe and live for the Kingdom of Yahweh daily? If 6,000 years of man are truly just about passed and we are ready to embark on that 1,000 year millennial reign of Messiah, than what can be more important than preparing to be a functional part in that Kingdom? Remember all things will be made new and this evil system of Satan and Babylon will be completely destroyed.

If you are only living and serving yourself and family and maybe unconverted relatives, than you will wake up one day soon and realize you made the biggest mistake of your life and it will be too late. *"There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth"* (Math 25:30). Take your calling serious. Make the work of Yahweh the number one priority in your life from this Passover onward. Come to Israel and get the training you need for the wonderful high calling you have been called to.

I truly love each and every one of you and my prayer is that we will be there together in the Kingdom of Yahweh, serving His creation, but it just won't happen, the choice is yours.

B'Shem Yahshua,

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A Lamb Without Blemish

By Don Esposito



At the original Passover in Exodus 12, the children of Israel were told to take a lamb without blemish and to kill it between the evenings of the 13th of Aviv and the 14th of Aviv.

Ex 12: 5 *A flock animal, **a male without blemish**, a yearling, shall be to you. You shall take from the sheep or from the goats. 6 And it shall be for you to keep until the fourteenth day of this month. And all the assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it between the evenings.*

They were commanded to put the blood of this innocent animal on the doorpost and upper doorpost of their houses to be protected from the death angel who would come at midnight.

Ex 12: 7 *And they shall take from the blood, and put it on the two side doorposts and on the upper doorpost, on the houses in which they eat it.*

Ex 12: 12 *And I will pass through in the land of Egypt in this night. And I will strike every first-born in the land of Egypt, from man even to livestock. And I will execute judgments on all the Elohe of Egypt. I am Yahweh! **13** And the blood shall be a sign to you, on the houses where you are. And I will see the blood, and I will pass over you. And the plague shall not be on you to destroy, when I strike in the land of Egypt.*

We know from the New Covenant that the shed blood of the lamb without blemish which was put on the doorpost, represented Yahshua. The Lamb of Yah slain from the foundation of the world.

Joh 10: 7 *Then Yahshua again said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you that I am the gate of the sheep. 9 **I am the gate.** If anyone enters through Me, he will have life, and will go in, and will go out, and will find pasture. 11 I am the Good Shepherd! **The Good Shepherd lays down His life on behalf of the sheep.***

Yahshua is the eternal Son of Yahweh who always existed with Him. Scripture also tells us that every single thing in this world was created by Him and for Him (Col 1:16). Since He is the Creator of every human being that ever lived then His life is worth more than every human who was ever born combined.

This is how His sacrifice can pay the penalty for each and every person's sins who repent from their sinful nature and actions and accept Yahshua's sacrifice for the penalty of those sins.

He had to be sinless for this reason and that is why the Passover lamb which represented His sacrifice had to be without blemish. Its sacrifice

had to be “*pure innocent blood*” which would represent the pure innocent blood that Yahshua would shed on the tree of impalement. All of Yahweh’s analogies must fit the reality in the perfect fashion as intended.

This brings me to another phenomenon that has been happening as of late. For some unexplained reason it seems that many believing families have had miscarriages over the past several years.

On the surface, it seems very hard to understand why so many true believing ladies would be having miscarriages?

Until we understand about the lamb without blemish. As we mentioned, Yahshua’s sacrifice had to be pure innocent blood and the lamb which represented Him also had to be a lamb without blemish of pure innocent blood.

Very shortly Yahshua will be returning to earth and His very feet will step on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem. When He returns, the world will be in the worst chaos that it has ever seen and will see (Math 24:21).

We know that all true believers will be turned to immortal spirit beings upon His return and will rule with Him forever. Nevertheless, there will also be many millions of human beings that will have survived this great horrible time of world tribulation and the wrath of Yahweh.

They will have to rebuild their lives and have to start over in this New World that Yahshua will create for them. There will also need to be new leadership for this New World. Yahweh will not be able to use human beings who lived and thrived in satan’s system of greed and covetousness.

Yahweh will need to train new leaders, who have never had the perversions of Satan’s evil, corrupt world. That is where the lamb without blemish comes in once again.

Life begins at conception when the male sperm fertilizes the woman’s egg, life begins in the womb in blood and water (1Joh 5:6). From the moment that the sperm fertilizes the egg, life is

conceived. If a woman has the misfortune of miscarriage then the life that was conceived will be resurrected. Yahshua died to give the possibility of resurrection to all those who were given life.

These children will have the same opportunity to live again as any other human being who has lived and died. Right now sleeping awaiting the resurrection from the dead. This is proven from Isaiah 65 which shows us that in the millennium all children who did not have opportunity to live out their life will be able to then.

Isa 65:20 *There shall not still be an infant of days, or an old man that has not filled his days. For the youth shall die the son of a hundred years, but the sinner the son of a hundred years shall be accursed.*

Yahweh has allowed the miscarriages that we have been seeing today because He needs to prepare pure innocent people to be the new leaders in His Kingdom. People who have been baptized in the name of Yahshua and have received the Holy Spirit by the laying on of hands by a qualified Elder will be immortal spirit beings.

There also has to be earthly leadership and Yahweh cannot use people who lived in Satan’s perverted society for this.

Yahweh needs lambs without blemish for His perfect, pure society that is coming. Our children, who did not have the opportunity to live even one day in this wicked world, will now get to live out their full life as a pure undefiled leader in Yahweh’s soon coming Kingdom.

Our children will never have heard a lie, will have never seen perverted TV, internet or commercials and will have never been corrupted by Satan’s evil system of world democracy.

It is one of the most beautiful things in the world to see the innocence of a child. A child’s pure mind never lusts, never envies, never hates. A child can run naked with the most innocent giggles and playful nature that can be imagined.

The innocence of a child is the most beautiful thing that Yahweh has ever created and from the Garden of Eden Satan has stolen the innocence

of a child in each and every human being that has ever lived.

Our children in Yahweh's Kingdom will never need a lock on a door or window and never know what a prison is. They will have never seen a shopping mall and will only stare in wonder when they are told about this world now and the wars and fighting that went on.

They will never be able to concept the idea of why people would sell things to each other instead of simply giving away to anyone who has a need. They will never understand why anyone would lie or take more of something than what they would need as there might not be enough for someone else who would also need some.

They will be the leaders that Adam and Eve failed to be and that each and every other human being that ever lived also failed at.

They will lead in the most honest, purest, innocent way which no human being today can ever grasp to be in our defiled sinful state that we live in. We will be so happy and proud at that time to know that our children, who were spared the horror of Satan's evil world, are so childlike and blameless and have true discernment from Yahweh.

In Yahweh's soon coming Kingdom, for all of us firstfruits that persevere and overcome and will be there, we will be blessed to see the most wonderful gift that Yahweh gave to mankind restored. Yes, our children will live again and

they will lead with the innocence and purity of a child.

Mar 10:13 *And they brought children to Him, that He might touch them. But the disciples rebuked those carrying them.*

14 *And Yahshua saw it and was offended and He said to them, **Allow the children to come to me and do not hinder them. For because of those who are as these, the Kingdom of Yahweh exists.***

15 *Truly I say to you, **Whoever does not receive the kingdom of Yahweh as a child will not enter into it, never.***

Isa 11:6 *And the wolf shall live with the lamb; and the leopard shall lie with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; **and a little boy shall lead them.***

If Yahshua was not the perfect Lamb without blemish then none of our sins could have been forgiven and we would not be able to enter the Kingdom of Yahweh at Yahshua's return.

In the same way if there were no human beings without blemish to lead in the Kingdom of Yahweh then there would be no Kingdom.

Praise Yahweh for His infinite mercy and wisdom and praise Yahshua, the lamb of Yah for His great sacrifice that will give our little ones the opportunity to live in a world without blemish.

WORK! FOR THE NIGHT IS COMING

(By Brother Ephraim O. Licayan, National Chairman, Hamashiach WeHaYahudim Philippines)



Picture with some Elders during the yearly Elder meeting and youth conference Dec 09

(The following is an update letter from Ephraim Licayan the National Chairman and current leader for Congregation of Yahweh in the Philippines.)

The Philippines, an archipelagic country in the Far East, was once a colony of Spain for over 300 years. When the Spaniards left the country for good in 1898, the United States of America took over as the Philippines new colonial master which lasted for almost 50 years.

Our country was invaded by the Axis Powers in 1942 and became one of the conquered territories of Japan during World War II. We were liberated from the tyranny of the Japanese Imperial Army by the Allied Forces led by General Douglas McArthur of the United States of America. We gained political independence only after World War II.

These historical facts clearly established that in the Philippines there are millions of Filipinos who are from the seeds of the twelve tribes of Israel. No doubt, Spain and the United States of America had and have large concentrations of Jacob's biological seeds. And many of these seeds were implanted in the Philippines by the Spaniards and the Americans who married Filipinos.

So when Abba Yahweh started calling, through the sacred name message, the millions of Jacob's seeds who are scattered around the globe many Filipinos warmly responded to the call of the Father!

There are a number of sacred name groups in the Philippines right now, namely: Hamashiach WeHaYahudim, Assemblies of Yahweh, and Yahweh's Assembly in Yahshua. Numerically speaking, the biggest is the Hamashiach WeHaYahudim.

It used to be that the believers of Abba Yahweh and Yahshua in the Philippines were connected to sacred name groups based in the USA. But as our understanding of the Scriptures grow, many among us got the conviction from the Ruach HaQodesh that we should be connected to a sacred name group based in Israel, not in the USA.

For as Micah 4:1-2 says "***But it shall be in the end of the days... 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 His ways, and we will walk in His paths. For the Torah shall go forth out of Zion and the Word of Yahweh from Yahrusalem.***"

With this understanding and conviction, the Hamashiach WeHaYahudim was joyful when we became affiliated with the Congregation of Yahweh Jerusalem led by Elder Don Esposito. His visit to the Philippines, together with Elder Roland Ostendorf, on December 24-27, 2009 was a defining moment of our affiliation. At last, we are now directly connected to THE sacred name group who believes and teaches the extreme importance of the Land of Israel to true Scriptural understanding!

Our Filipino Elders, Deacons, Evangelists, Local Elders, etc. are gladly doing the Work of Abba Yahweh in the Philippines despite hard economic times. Our country is now suffering from the El Niño phenomenon which is causing untold hardships to the Filipino people: rivers are drying up, food production this year 2010 is estimated by the Department of Agriculture to decrease by 50% compared to the previous year; and rotating brownouts are becoming a daily experience especially in Mindanao.

Our government weathermen are forecasting that this severe dry spell will last until June 2010. The heat is so severe that in some parts of the country the thermometers have reached 39 degrees celsius. Many large animals – cows, goats, carabaos – already died due to heat exposure. Fishes in dams and fishponds died for lack of oxygen for as the water level recedes due to extreme heat the supply of oxygen in the water is greatly reduced.

But despite all these problems, we are praising Yahweh with all our hearts for the many blessings He showered His people in the Philippines: for January and February 2010, over 50 precious souls were immersed in baptism in the precious name of Yahshua; a new house of worship in Tagbilaran City, Bohol was blessed and dedicated to Abba Yahweh on February 27, 2010; the radio broadcast in Cebu City is going strong with many interested listeners asking for literatures and visits of our elders; a new local

congregation was organized in late January in Toril, Davao City led by Evangelist Wendell Richa and Brother Noel Villas; the work in Negros Occidental led by Elder Fred Gonzales is going strong.

We also praise Yahweh for the successful recuperation from surgery of our beloved legal counsel Atty. Celso C. Reales who is also the leader of very active local congregations in Cebu, Central Philippines.

With the dark clouds of the great time of trouble drawing ever closer, we need to work double time in the vineyard of the Father! When the night comes no man can work anymore.

Please include us in your prayers that we can acquire this year a photocopier machine for the need to distribute more literatures to the earnest seekers of Yahweh's truth; that we can overcome all the economic problems caused by this El Niño; that the entire body of Messiah will experience deeper bonding and unity in these end times. Please pray also for Elder Orly and his family – their newborn baby died!

B” Shem Yahshua, HALLELUYAH!

How You Could Be Tempted Without Knowing It!

(Reprint article)



You may right now be tempted by satan-and yet be totally unaware of it. You may even have yielded to this temptation-be sinning-and not even knowing it!

Here's how

Deceived people do not know they are deceived. Believers are warned not to be deceived. But this warning is not necessary if Believers never could be deceived. But this warning is necessary because you may be caught off guard and get into a wrong spirit or attitude without knowing it!

Before we believed, Satan had deceived each one of us in one way or another. In fact he has deceived the whole world (Rev 12: 9) and has blinded the minds of all unbelievers (2Cor 4:3-4).

Just how has he done this? Not only by the false religions of this world, which appear correct. Or by politics and worldly governments. Or by secret societies, lodges, fraternities and by “false” science”.

But above all, he deceived each of us by appealing to our vanity, to our lusts and our carnal desires. Before we believed, Satan led us

to accuse our neighbors, and to talk behind their backs to others! Or the devil let us become rejected, discouraged, and seduced us to want to quit living! Yet he made it appear to be the right thing to do. We have all done what seems right to a man, but the end result is death (Prov 14: 12).

But has Satan found out since our conversion that he is no longer able to deceive us?

No! Many of you, unaware of Satan's devices and wiles, are perhaps being caught off guard and yet you may not even know it! We need to learn of these satanic devices, and not be ignorant of them. The apostle Paul was not ignorant of Satan or his devices, as we read: "*So that Satan does not take advantage of us, for we are not ignorant of his devices,*" (2 Cor 2: 11).

Yet some believers still are!

A spiritual warfare

Everyone has problems. At times some blame Yahweh or even brethren in the congregation for these problems. We are not in a physical battle only but in a spiritual battle. The apostle Paul explains it in Ephesians 6: 12 "*For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness (that is wicked spirits) in high places.*"

The apostle Paul recognized Satan's devices and he knew when Satan hindered him. We have an example of this in 1Thess 2: 18. Here Paul mentions that "*Satan hindered us.*" When Satan hinders us today, we often blame physical conditions only. Some who are delayed or prevented from going to church on Sabbath, or to one of the holy days, blame the weather, financial problems, car trouble, or a host of other things. Satan is not recognized as a hindrance.

Yet Satan is angry with our congregation as the apostle John reveals in Rev. 12: 12. "*Here is the body of Yahshua that keeps the commandments of Yahweh, and has the testimony of Yahshua.*"

Satan is not angry with those who are still deceived by his many devices, but he is angry with you and with me. He is angry with the believers. He knows that he has but a short time left. He will do all he can to hinder this work, to hinder any of those in Yahweh's congregation. It is his desire to sift us as wheat too (Lk 22: 31), or to divide us against each other.

Signs of satan

Just what are the signs or fruit of Satan's work? We can recognize the work of Yahweh by the fruits. They are the fruits of the Holy Spirit of Yahweh. But the fruits of Satan are entirely different.

One of the "fruits" of Satan is found in Rev. 12: 10. He is here called "*the accuser*" of the brethren. He accuses the saints before Yahweh day and night. But, Satan does not stop there. He also accuses us to each other.

An example of Satan's accusation is found in Zech3: 1. And he showed me Joshua the High priest standing before Yahweh, and Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him. Satan was here, not only resisting Joshua the High Priest, but he was accusing him. Here was Satan at his annual business of accusing the brethren.

Satan does not appear in bodily form to accuse us before our brethren. If he did, believers would not be deceived by his devices. They would then know that the lies were coming from Satan. Instead, Satan puts thoughts in the mind against a brother. They appear very logical and right in every aspect. The thought of accusation seems entirely correct, and yet it has been devised by "the Father of lies." He has twisted the facts in our minds so that they may appear logical and right. Yet in almost 99 times out of 100, these accusations seem completely wrong, and without actual basis.

Here is another example of Satan and his accusations. Even back in the Garden of Eden, he said (Gen 3: 1) "*Has Yahweh said.*" Here Satan accused Yahweh. He was imputing wrong

motives to Yahweh. He wanted Eve to think that Yahweh had made a mistake, or was unreasonable, or had not given due consideration to the problems of Adams and Eve. It appeared right in every respect to Eve. She was deceived and yet she was wrong!

Has a thought ever come to your mind about a brother, “Has your brother said certain things?” Did thoughts start to come into your mind judging his motives without any solid reasoning or proof of wrong doing? If so, you were being influenced by Satan or his demons. Satan may even use scriptures as he did to Yahshua in the 4th chapter of Luke. He may twist scripture in accusing your brother before you.

You may think it is impossible for Satan to put such thoughts in your minds, but let’s see what the scriptures say about this. Notice 1 Chr. 21: 1.” *“And Satan stood up against Israel.”* He is standing up against you and me! Satan provoked David to number Israel, a great sin in Yahweh’s sight. And how did he do it? He first had to put a thought that appeared right and logical to David. It was a way that seemed right to him. There were probably 1,001 reasons why it was the right thing to do, and yet it was the wrong thing, it was sin.

Satan still does this today! Are you aware of such devices?

Another example is in Jn 13: 2, notice- *“Satan put it into the heart”* of Judas. It must have seemed logical and right to Judas, so Judas too was deceived by the lies and logic of Satan the devil.

When accusations come to our mind against a brother without cause, they appear logical and reasonable. Satan would not make them appear any other way; we may have such accusations come to our mind against a brother, against Yahweh’s ministers, or against the congregation as a whole. But they are almost always wrong.

Satan or his demons put wrong thoughts out immediately, some continue to think about it and dwell upon it. Then this idea within us grows and brings forth fruit – sin and evil. Instead of

bringing every thought into captivity, our thoughts take us captive (2Cor 10: 5).

If a thought of accusation comes to your mind against a brother, you should put it out of your mind immediately, unless you are certain and have proof that the person involved is sinning. Then if you believe that the person is sinning, you must go to him directly and point out his fault immediately. (Matt 18:15-17).

Another very effective device of Satan is discouragement. If we are obedient to Yahweh in everything and yet become hopelessly discouraged, Satan has won his battle. He has caused some to come to the point where they no longer even wanted to live, and where they felt it would be better to die, since that would give them rest from their problems, rather than to continue on under such a terrific load.

The book of Job gives us some valuable lessons on this. Notice what happened. In the first chapter it is recorded that Satan appeared before Yahweh. Yahweh asked Satan if he had considered His servant Job. Yahweh pointed out the good points in Job, how that there was none like him on the earth, a perfect and upright man that feared Yahweh and shunned evil.

Is that what we do, when we look at our brother in the congregation? Do we look at the good points, or do we follow the example of Satan? He accused Job, saying, “Does Job fear Yahweh for nothing? Here was Satan at his job of accusing!

You know the result of this accusation. Satan afflicted Job with severe boils or ulcers and this after he had taken everything away from Job. Now if you were in the place of Job. What would you say? Or would you say “Satan is hindering me?” When troubles beset you, are you quick to blame Yahweh for it instead of acknowledging that Satan and his demons are fighting against you, or that you may be suffering from your own carnal sins. Many times pride will make us try to look at any other avenue for our trials, even accusing Yahweh, instead of admitting many times that we are merely reaping what we sowed.

In the 3rd chapter of Job we find how discouraged Job became. He was sorry for the day that he was born, wishing for the day that he was born. He said that he would like to receive death, since in death there is rest.

Have you ever felt like that? If so, you can be sure that Satan is at work. But, if this has ever happened to you, did you think it was Satan that caused it, or did you blame the physical circumstances involved only? It is time to be aware of these satanic devices.

It is absolutely necessary that we recognize the works of Satan and his demons. Otherwise, how can we fight against them? Then, when we recognize that our warfare is with these unclean spirits, we should follow the examples and instructions given in the bible. Yahshua commanded Satan to get behind Him (Math 16:23).

Most of us are afraid of satan and his demons and yet the exact opposite should be so! Notice James 4: 7 *“Submit yourselves therefore unto Yahweh. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.”* Have you resisted Satan when he came against you? Or did you shrink back in fear, letting Satan win the victory?

How to fight

The apostle Paul actually says the same thing, notice Eph. 4: 27 *“Neither give place to the devil.”* In other words, don’t give in, or fall backward in your warfare against Satan. Satan is going about as a roaring lion seeking whom he can devour, and he is devouring many by his deceit, by his accusations, and by his lies. Peter tells us, *“Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.”* (1Pet 5: 9). Are you resisting, and are you steadfast in the faith?

Finally, we must put on the whole armor of Yahweh (Eph 6: 13). Do you have the whole armor of Yahweh? (Eph 6: 14-18). Do you have the truth of Yahweh, or are you still somewhat

deceived by your former teachings? Do you have the righteousness which is obedience to Yahweh? Do you have the “true gospel”, which is the gospel of peace, or one of strife and trouble? Do you have faith? You must have it in order to fight off these wicked spirits. You must have the helmet of salvation, or complete repentance of your sins, baptism, and Yahweh’s spirit. Then you must have the sword of the spirit, which is the word of Yahweh, not just by carrying your bible with you, but making Yahweh’s word a very part of your being. You must study and learn what it says and then obey it.

In addition to all of these things, you must pray always – and watch! You must watch world events, you must be ever watchful for the work of Satan and his demons. The only way that you will be able to recognize these works are by the fruits of what is happening. With this armor, and firm resistance, you will win your battle over Satan and his demons. If you lack in any of these “weapons”, cry out to Yahweh, ask Him in faith believing and He will supply what you lack or need.

You need to be aware that the accusations which may come to your mind are probably used by Satan or his demons. You need to put these wrong thoughts out immediately, bringing them into captivity. Do not become discouraged through the work of Satan. As you look back now, you may see where Satan has used you, with his lies and accusations.

You must keep reinforcing the fact that when you are being use by Satan to falsely accuse a brother or sister that you are actually being employed by Satan and you have become a servant to him. You are actually bowing down and worshipping him when you are submitting to his will and doing his work of falsely accusing.

You must also focus your mind daily on positive uplifting thoughts of Yahweh. Memorize the proverbs and psalms, and focus on and repeat them daily as King David did. Continually be

praising Yahweh all the day long, and give Satan and his demon no foothold to enter your thoughts.

It is usually through pride, or feeling that somehow we have been wronged that we allow the demonic accusing spirit to infiltrate us.

Worse than this, then when we allow Satan to manipulate and pervert our thought pattern in justifying these wrong accusations, we will then try to wrongly influence others into this wrong demonic mindset by perverting the truth and manipulating the facts, as Satan did with Job.

You may have falsely accused your brother in your mind, even possibility telling others. That is behind now. You should recognize this satanic device and not be deceived any longer. You should recognize this satanic device and not be deceived by it again.

Can you now say with the apostle Paul – “We are not ignorant of Satan or his devices? Put on the armor of Yahweh daily, praise His Holy name moment by moment every day of our lives and we too can overcome Satan’s devices.

Letters from our Readers.....

Dear Congregation of YHWH,

Recently I came across your website on a friend’s computer. I do not have computer access of my own. I am writing to see if you have a free newsletter or any other writings that you can send me in the mail? I have limited funds and cannot afford to buy much but I would be interested in a catalogue also.

I am trying to learn the Hebrew Roots of my faith and help would be appreciated.

Thank you,

New Mexico USA

Response; Unfortunately, due to the high cost of printing and shipping we no longer have our normal mailing list materials sent out in hard copy except on request. We do have all of our magazines and bible studies as well as CD and DVD messages of Don on line absolutely free of charge, as the bible is very clear that you should not sell the word of Yahweh (Math 10:8). We do gratefully accept freewill tithe and offerings that

can be sent to the NJ address. Our web address is www.coyhwh.com. Even if you do not own a computer you can go and use a computer at your public library free of charge.

Greetings Don,

Thank you so much for the new bible translation. It is so easy to read and the best translation I have ever seen. Keep up the good work. Arizona, USA

Dear Brother Don,

Thank you so much for being obedient to the Father YHWH and living your life fully devoted to Him and sharing His truths among the brethren (and sistren!) I have been listening to your teachings and have learned a great deal. More layers are coming off my spiritual eyes. I thank my Father for that!

May I please have a Hebraic Roots Bible and am enclosing a gift for your work. Please use the Father's resources as you see fit.

Shalom in Yahshua's name!

Texas, USA

Dear Don,

I Really enjoy your books. They are very easy to read and understand, and well thought out. Great job. Could you please send me ten of the Chosen People, and ten more of the Great Falling Away. I have enclosed a check to help with the cost.

AL, USA

May Yahshua bless you for the truth you are spreading. We just left our Baptist Church for a Messianic fellowship. When I spoke to our pastor about Christmas and Easter, he said that since today's culture doesn't consider these holidays pagan that it is ok to observe them. He said he doesn't want to spoil families fun at Christmas, please pray for him and any other information you can send would be appreciated.

Florida USA

Point of No Return (reprint article)



A few month ago, a Boeing 707 jet – on its way to San Francisco – developed serious engine trouble over the Pacific. In the minds of many, it was very doubtful that the plane could pursue its journey safely without having to return to Hawaii, where the flight had begun. Even some of the members of the crew expected the captain to turn the plane back. But it couldn't be done.

“We have already passed the point of **“NO RETURN”** the captain said with finality, we can't go back!

A Law

Here we find a firmly established Law in flying that no captain dares to defy. It is an extremely logical one. Once the distance ahead is shorter than that already traveled, a plane can no longer

turn back to its starting point – however serious its mechanical difficulties may be. Literally speaking, it is supposed to have severed its ties with the point of embarkation.

This Boeing jet had just passed the point of NO RETURN, therefore it had to pursue its journey, whatever the cost.

There is a great lesson here that we, in Yahweh's congregation can learn, there is a striking similarity between the plane's journey and the course we ourselves have taken in the believers' life. If we deeply believe, we too, should have passed the point of NO RETURN. We too, should have severed all ties with our point of embarkation- the world.

Have you?

Some time ago, a young man in the congregation of Yashua decided to go back to the world because his unconverted father had died, leaving him with the management of a business, which was open seven days a week. This young man had not reached the point of NO RETURN in his spiritual growth. In this case, he let the cares of this world and the delight in riches, choke the Word of Yahweh. (Math 13: 22)

“To whom shall we go?.....”

The parable of the sower shows that the vast majority of those who hear the word of Yahweh don't really bear fruit, they never reach the point of no return. This was true in Yahshua's time – and it is true in our day.

When the Jews heard Yahshua say that He was “the bread of life” and that no one could come to Him unless the Father drew him, they were astonished, vexed and outraged.

“How can this Man give us His flesh to eat?” they said among themselves, and took offense at Him. But notice! Those who got so upset and protested were not all Pharisees; your Bible says that even some of Yahshua's disciples took offense at Him.

“This is a hard saying, who can hear it?” they exclaimed (Jn 6: 60)

Can you imagine this? Had you thought of it before? These were disciples who had been called out of the world to follow Yahshua – all the way. Many of them had probably left families and friends behind. But all at once they changed their attitude before “a hard saying” – perhaps a difficult task or a responsibility they couldn't or didn't want to shoulder.

What then did they do? “From that time many of His disciples went back, and walked no more with Him” (Jn 6: 66).

Yes – they went back to the world, to its cares, its glittering lights, its lies and lusts. As you can see, these disciples had not reached the point of no return in their growth.

When Yahshua saw them walk away He turned to the twelve and said: *“Will you also go away? Then Simon Peter answered Him, Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”* (Verses 67-68)

How about you?

Have you ever wondered if you yourself have reached the point of No Return in your spiritual growth?

Meditate on this seriously because your eternal life depends upon the answer. There are “members” of the body of Yahshua who – even though they have been baptized years ago – have not even “taken off”, let alone having reached the point of NO RETURN. Consequently, their eyes, hearts and minds are still attached to the world. They are still attached to this world's fashions, its fads, still trying to “keep up” with whatever is the current “thing to do”. Some of them even wish they had never heard the truth!

Can this be your case?

Do you slumber and wait rather than keep vigilant and persevere, being determined to reach the goal? Do you realize that you - a baptized

member of YHWH' - should by now be way past the point of NO RETURN?

Not only is this true, but it is almost **TIME FOR LANDING!** Whether you think that you have just begun because you are newly baptized, or whether you feel safe perhaps in your own mind to slumber yet a few more years, the fact remains that the point of no return is way behind- that we are about to land.

Are you ready? Have you “girded your loins” with the truth-your safety belt. Have you taken the “whole armor” of Yahweh to withstand the difficult days which are yet ahead? (Eph 6: 13-18) Or do you want to act like the five foolish maidens who slumbered and slept, only to find the door shut when Yahshua returns?

Every Day Is a Special Day

Here, in California, one of the large drugstore chains advertises the following slogan: “Every day is a special day! I don’t know how true it is as far as they are concerned, but I know that – in *Yahweh* every day is and must be a “special day” for all of us.

Every day, indeed, gives us the opportunity to grow in grace and knowledge; every day allows us to drink in more of Yahweh’s word, to converse with the Creator, to pray to Him, to commune with Him, to grow more and more toward perfection. Just imagine! Every day takes us farther away from the point of NO RETURN and brings us closer to our destination. Can you now see why every day must indeed be a special day for Yahweh’s begotten children?

Do you pray daily, with all your heart for Yahweh’s kingdom to come? Do you really mean it? Would you be happy and ready if it came tomorrow? Do you feel in your heart that every Sabbath that comes and passes takes you seven days farther away from the point of no return, and seven days closer to your landing in the Kingdom of Yahweh? Do you really pray to YHWH having these thoughts and mind – or are you like those

who haven’t reached “the point of NO RETURN” or perhaps who haven’t even yet “taken off yet?”

Examine yourself

Examine yourself to find the answer. Put yourself under the test – a very simple one at that.

Frankly speaking, the day you were baptized, you should already have reached the point of NO RETURN in your life.

Ask yourself in all sincerity and honesty if you are growing every day in the grace of Yahshua.

Examine your heart to see if anyone in the world- whether it be a mother, a son, a husband or a wife – pulls you back so strongly that they prevent you from reaching the point of no return. Yahshua said: *“He that loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and he that loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And he that takes not his stake, and follows after me, is not worthy of me”* (Mat 10: 37 – 38).

Did you count this cost before you were baptized?

Search your heart to see if anything in the world - riches, glory, fame or lust-pulls you back so strongly that you cannot even “take off.”

Yahshua said: *“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price went and sold all that he had, and bought it”* (Math 13: 45-46).

Examine yourself to see whether you have severed your ties with the world, or whether you love the glittering and deceptive lights of the world more than the bright and eternal lights of the truth. Under Yahweh’s inspiration the apostle John wrote:

“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that 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. And the lust thereof, but he that does

the will of Yahweh abides forever.” (1Jn 2: 15-17).

The bible warns that there will be some in this condition at the time of the end. *“Let him which is on the house top not come down to take anything out of his house: Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes”* (Mat 24: 17-18).

Will you be guilty of this?

Again, ask yourself: Is there ANYTHING in the world that can make you yearn to go back? Is there ANYONE you miss so much, or you want so badly to be with, that you would like to go back-for his sake-to the ways of the world? Some, in Yahweh’s congregation are extremely slow in growing because they have unconverted relatives who take most of their thoughts and prayers and time.

Is this your case?

If so, then you have not reached the POINT OF NO RETURN on your journey to the Kingdom of Yahweh – even though it is soon time to land. What will it take to shake you up? What do you need to wake up?

Yahweh says: *“And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we (first) believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand, let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day, not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put on Yahshua and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof”* (Rom 13: 11-14).

Yahweh’s Great Promise

Ministers sometimes feel that the brethren’s discouragement is mainly due to lack of confidence or trust in Yahweh’s concern for them. Some people even think and act as though Yahweh were trying to make it impossible for them to enter the Kingdom.

This, of course, is utter nonsense!

Yahweh truly wants each and every one of us to SUCCEED, it is His will and desire that we be saved. He will bend backward, so to speak, to help us out.

What then is there to fear? If Yahweh is with us - and He is with us-whom shall we fear? Are your “trials” or “tests” – when the going is really tough – more than you can bear?

This, too, is impossibility. To find your life “unbearable” is to make Yahweh a liar, for it is written: *“There has no temptation (trial or test) taken you but such as is common to man: but Yahweh is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted (tried and tested) above what you can bear, but will with the temptation (trial or test) above also make a way to escape”* (1Cor 10: 13).

What magnificent promise! Take Yahweh at His word. Have courage! Live your life with a strong, cheerful and positive attitude. Yahweh does not expect of you what you aren’t able to give, do or make. But He certainly expects you to make the best and the fullest use of whatever He has given you.

Look Forward

The very fact that you know the Truth - and that you are a believer should be already a positive proof in itself that you must have passed the point of no return. Act on it then -accordingly. It doesn’t take more effort to believe than to doubt. It doesn’t take more power to go forward than backward. In fact, oftentimes, the contrary is true!

If you are constantly faithful to Yahweh’s word, then you have His absolute Guarantee that you will succeed and gain ETERNAL LIFE. Always keep your eyes on Yahshua, knowing perfectly well that He wants you-more than you can ever want - to make His Kingdom. Instead of looking back to the world behind you, look forward to the World Tomorrow and rejoice that every passing hour brings you closer to Yahweh’s Kingdom.

When you consider the reward, no sacrifice whatever can be too high a price to pay. The apostle Paul wrote under divine inspiration "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us" (Ro 8: 18). And again: "Who shall separate us from the love of Yahshua"?"

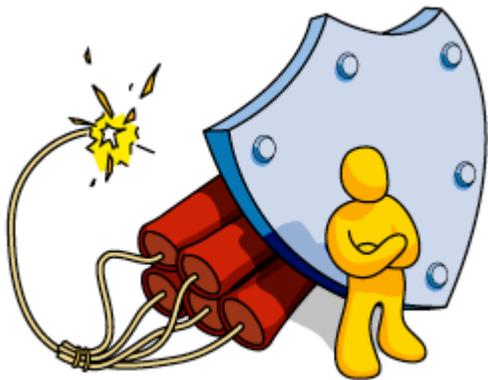
Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

As it is written, "For thy sake we are killed all the day long, we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loves us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor

angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depths, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of Yahweh, which is in Yahshua our Master." (verses 35-39).

Remember therefore that, whatever trials and tests you may encounter now, you truly have already passed **THE POINT OF NO RETURN**. Your difficulties may be compared to the "Engine trouble" of a "crippled" plane, but our journey – as true believers-is quite different from the hazardous and perilous journey of a plane. Ours is an absolutely Safe and Majestic one, and we can all anticipate, with joy, a perfect landing in the near future-not just on any field, but in Yahweh's own Kingdom!

Are You Ignorant of Satan's Devices? (Reprint)



We live in a rapidly changing world. Each day brings out another advocate of a new morality or understanding coupled with the rejection of the established ideals and principles. The truths of yesterday are the jokes and myths of today.

The world is polluted with an avalanche of contradictory information, conflicting ideas and opposing opinions. Confusion abounds. People are perplexed and frustrated. Is this the way Yahweh designed the world? No, Yahweh is not the author of confusion (1Cor 14: 33) but Satan

the devil is – and Yahweh warns us not to be ignorant of his devices (2Cor 2: 11).

Before Yahweh opened our minds, most of us thought "Satan and his demons" were the superstitious figments of primitive imaginations. Even today, many in Yahweh's congregation are still unwittingly duped by the years of materialistic propaganda absorbed from our pseudo-sophisticated society. Brethren, we tend to discount the terrifying reality of Satan – and he is quick to take advantage.

Satan is real

The myth that Satan does not exist was maliciously foisted off on a gullible populace by Satan himself. He knew that a man would easily swallow any doctrine exalting man himself as the most supreme being. Satan has deceived much of the world into believing that he is believing that he is a fictional character. Not only does this facilitate Satans work but it also gives him a perverted chuckle.

Satan realizes that every puny, insignificant human being – "stupid and ugly" – has been given the opportunity to literally become a member of Yahweh's family, while he – "brilliant and cunning" – will be banished forever. Twisted

and vindictively malicious, Satan is thus desperately striving to destroy all men – it is his all-encompassing, compulsive passion!

Who would Satan most like destroy? Some ignorant children in Asia? Some Bantu in Africa? Some politician in Europe?

No brethren, - it's us- it's YOU! Our eternal destruction is Satan's most fervent goal – because we will be the first fruits in Yahweh's family, qualifying for the high ranking jobs for all eternity.

As we draw nearer to Yahshua's return, Satan will apply even more pressure "for the devil is come down unto you having great wrath because he knows that he has but a short time" (Rev 12: 12). Satan is going to bolster his churches with great wonders – his ministers will be able to perform tremendous miraculous miracles. Yahweh warns us that we could fall pray to Satan's tricks – we can be swept away from life! ***"For there shall rise false Messiah's, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders, insomuch that, if were possible, they shall deceive the very elect"*** (Math 24: 24).

Ponder the power of Satan and his multible millions of demons: spirit, immortal, invisible, supernatural, indestructible, mobile, potent, able to manipulate objects, events, animals, people. And what about us? – Physical, mortal, visible, natural, fragile, sedentary, weak, able to manipulate nothing. Sitting ducks!

Many of us assumed that our only battle is against our own human nature. Satan is naively discarded. He is the deceiver of the world – not Yahweh's congregation" is how we like to reason. We couldn't be more wrong. Paul was writing to Yahweh's congregation when he admonished: ***"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness (wicked spirits) in high places"*** (Eph 6: 12).

Satan and human nature work hand-in hand, they are kindred spirits. Yahweh pattered mans

mind after the mind of Satan – saturating it with vanity, rebellion, covetousness, jealousy, selfishness. Satan knows every facet and nuance of human nature – and can subtly exploit it.

But we can fight back

Now, let's not immediately jump to the opposite extreme and clench our teeth, stoop over in a corner and brace ourselves for imminent destruction. Surely Yahweh has not created and then called us merely to be the "game" for Satan's hunt. Would our loving Father give Satan complete freedom and absolute authority to do whatever his perverted mind desires? Of course not.

But Satan can gain control over your life! That's entirely up to you whether you will let him.

Notice the word "may" in 1Peter 3: 8. Satan seeks whom he may devour. Who may Satan devour? This is an important question – may he devour you? That is your most important question.

We can best know who Satan may devour by first learning who Satan can not devour. ***"But he that is begotten of Yahweh keeps himself, and that wicked one touches him not"*** (Jn 5: 18). The wicked one (Satan) cannot touch a begotten son of Yahweh (you) who "keeps himself."

Do you get the point?

Can you believe this absolute guarantee from your Creator? Yahweh states that Satan cannot even touch us – so long as we "keep ourselves." If we did we are not vigilant and sincerely dedicated to Yahweh – if we "open ourselves," then Satan will have his cherished opportunity to devour us. Satan cannot attack any converted individual unless that individual "opens himself" Eph 4: 27."

Eph 4: 27 warns us: ***"neither give place to the devil,"*** or in other words, don't give Satan an opportunity or a base of operations" to launch his attack. Remember how Fidel Castro used his "base of operations" in the Cuban mountains to conquer the entire country? It's the same with Satan. Even the smallest "base of operations" is

sufficient to give him the wedge to pry us away from eternal life. Satan will search our minds to find any opening – to ferret out any “loophole” in our character by which he can take advantage of us. Once he finds the weak spot – and he only needs one – his work begins. Satan broods over our weaknesses like a mother hen over her young – protecting, encouraging and nourishing them.

In his mercy, Yahweh has given us ample ammunition to ward off Satan’s attacks. But we must do the fighting. We are told to “*keep ourselves*” not giving Satan his coveted “base of operations.” But how does Satan establish his “outpost of death” in our minds? He has many devices” and we must unmask and expose them.

Sin and Satan

You have heard that Yahweh hates sin but loves the sinners. Well, Satan is diametrically the opposite – he hates the sinner but loves the sin! Satan is the personified embodiment of all sin. Therefore every one of our sins becomes an “outpost of Satans mind” intruding into our mind (which must now be Yahshua’s mind). **“He that commits sin is of the devil, for the devil sins from the beginning”** (Jn 3: 8). As we harbor that sin, Satan establishes and solidifies an effective base of operations for expanding his corrupting influence – and this outpost does not remain idle! The longer any sin is left festering in our lives; Satan’s base of operations becomes progressively more mortified, more powerful and more active. The longer we wait to eliminate the sin, the harder it will become to destroy these outposts of Satan in our minds!

We are not trying to cleverly develop some cute analogy. This is reality! Yahweh tells us that every time we’re disobedient, Satan’s spirit works in us – it is actually invigorated by our sin. (Eph 2: 2 last part). Every time we disobey Yahweh – whether it be in the letter or in our minds – we open ourselves to Satan.

Do you realize that Satan may not want you to continuously sin? All he requests is that you conscientiously harbor one consistent sin – no matter how small. Satan is perfectly happy to let

you delude yourself into believing that you are obeying Yahweh by keeping the Sabbath, not eating unclean foods, disciplining your children, etc. He knows that if you habitually protect just one sin, you might as well be breaking every commandment of Yahweh’s law, you are guilty of all (Jm 2: 10) and you will be exterminated. This would make Satan extremely happy. Ponder that!!

Satan's favorite sins

Although any sin opens you to the wiles of Satan, there are certain varieties of sin that are particularly attractive to him. Satan surely rejoices in all sin, but is especially fond of those sins of which he himself is guilty: lying, an unforgiving nature, being discouraged, self-righteousness, accusing the brethren.

When we even start to consider to commit such sins, a beacon radiates out from us, heralding an open invitation for Satanic incursions. Satan is quite personally familiar with these sins, he enjoys working with them and has had much experience.

Will your gullible human nature fall prey to Satan? Yahweh is warning! Hear and fear!

Let’s carefully examine each of “Satan’s favorite sins” – and learn how we can avoid them in our daily lives. Remember, brethren, this is neither an academic exercise nor some pseudo spiritual sentimentality. Your eternal life – as a vibrant member of Yahweh’s family – is at stake. These words mean nothing in themselves – nor do the scriptures without applying them.

It’s the attitude of your mind which is critical. Meditate about these things. On every point, level the accusing finger at yourself. Realize that. To some degree you are guilty – and **“work out your salvation with fear and trembling”** (Phil 2: 12).

Lying

Human nature hates the truth. Lying is a reflex as natural as self-preservation. We are constantly striving to present ourselves in the best possible light, so naturally we must “*shade*” the truth.

What is a lie? Is it solely the pronouncement of false statement? No! The most diabolical “lies” are actually 100% true. Did you realize that?

Whenever you slant the truth, that’s a lie!
Whenever you hold back part of the truth to make yourself look better, even though what you actually do say is precisely true, you are guilty of lying.

Has a minister ever had to extract the whole truth from you – or have you always freely told him everything, starting with your most obnoxious sins? Be honest! Do you attempt to feed your minister “bits and pieces” of the story, hoping to satisfy him before the entire rancid truth would have to embarrassingly come out? Or have you even connived to subtly change the subject to ministerial visits in order to alleviate the pressure generated from the possible exposure of sin?

Brethren, let’s not deceive ourselves: these “half truths” are malicious, fiendish lies – hurting no one but you. When you lie, you are literally giving your mind over to Satan, transforming yourself into a child of the devil. “You are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father you will do. He was a murderer from the beginning and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it” (Jn 8: 44).

An unforgiving nature

2 Cor 2: 11 directly warns us: **“Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not (must not be) ignorant of his devices.”** Let’s not pull this verse out of context and only apply it generally. What is Paul specifically cautioning us about?

The first part of 2 Cor 2 explains why Paul had written that extremely corrective letter, now called 1 Cor. Recall in 1 Cor: 5, Paul commands them to put the fornicator out of the congregation. Well, it worked – disfellowship brought this man to holy repentance. But some of the Corinthians refused to forgive him and would not allow him back into the congregation. Paul instructed the Corinthians that an unforgiving attitude – maintaining grudges and rehashing old sins – was fertile ground for Satan’s inroads.

What about you? Do you find it hard to forgive and forget sin? When you see “*that certain person*” in the congregation, do his old sins immediately flesh into your mind? Does your unforgiveness of sin taint your attitude toward that individual? Yahweh longs to utterly blot out even the faintest memory of your sins (Ps 103: 11-12). Are you more “just” than Yahweh?

Brethren, when we rehash and harp on the bygone sins of another, we are not punishing that person – he has been totally forgiven by Yahweh – but we are severely damaging ourselves, opening our minds to Satan.

Human nature is sick. It forgets what it should remember and remembers what it should forget. Just think about this: for every sin and grudge that you forgive and forget, another avenue of possible demonical advancement into your mind is blocked.

Discouragement

We are always affected by what we see. When severe personal trials close in on us, we quickly become disheartened and dismayed. Paul knew that the discouragement resulting from afflictions and tribulations laid the groundwork for the tempter to tempt us. (1 Thess 3: 3-5).

We are commanded to live by faith (Ro 1: 17). Faith ignores the “around”. The worse the trial, the greater the potential for developing faith. Brethren, don’t give Satan an opening by becoming discouraged by trials. Rather, give thanks to Yahweh for this golden opportunity to enlarge your faith. Prove this approach by putting it to the test. (1 Thes 5: 21 Lk 14: 19 Mal 3: 10) It really works. Self-righteousness is perhaps the most cunningly insidious of all sins. It’s real easy for thieves, prostitutes or Sabbath breakers to emotionally and intellectually acknowledge their sins. But the self-righteous – by divination – do not even recognize the existence of their sins – and therefore come perilously close to death.

The book of Job was included in the bible to teach us the lesson of self-righteousness. Job, in his heart, accused Yahweh of both being wrong and dealing unfairly with him. **“I am clean without transgression, I am innocent, neither**

is there iniquity in me. Behold, he counted me for his enemy” (Job 33: 9-10).

Job felt more righteous than Yahweh. Have you ever accused Yahweh and felt He had dealt with you unfairly? Perhaps you did not outwardly sin in your lips (Job 2: 10), but yet did sin in your heart by feeling bitter and resentful toward Yahweh because of some circumstance (which you probably caused yourself).

There is another common type of self-righteousness. The individual so infected, smugly thinks that he diligently searched for, and found Yahweh’s truth. Apparently he has never read Romans 9: 16 ***“It is obviously not a question of human will or human effort, but of divine mercy”*** He also feels condescendingly proud that he gave up “a lot” to come to Yahweh, perhaps a lucrative job, friends, relatives, etc. not realizing that all he gave up was death driving sin! Obviously Philippians 3: 8 has escaped his study: “For his sake I did in actual fact suffer the loss of everything, but I consider it (all) useless rubbish (dung) compared with being able to win Yahshua. This self satisfaction because of his supposed ability to keep Yahweh’s laws. Sadly, both Isaiah 64: 6 ***“All our righteousness’s are as filthy rags”*** and Romans 10: 3 ***“They do not know Yahweh’s righteousness, and all the while they are going about trying to prove their own righteousness”*** are applied to others.

The self-righteous are not alone, they have a great champion – consoling, sympathizing, encouraging and sustaining them IN their self righteousness. Most – if not all – of the obstinate, about to be cast to Gehenna for condemning Yahweh for His inhumane ruthlessness – just as their father Satan has always done.

Accusing the brethren

Have you ever wondered why a particular individual was still attending the congregation? You “knew” (we won’t ask how) that he or she had been committing some obvious sins. “Was Yahweh blind? You wondered. “Why hasn’t Yahweh punished that person?”

Weren’t you despising the riches of Yahweh’s goodness and longsuffering?

Didn’t you realize that the goodness of Yahweh’s leads to repentance? (Rom 2: 4)?

We love to judge others – especially those in the congregation. Somehow we feel that when a brother stumbles, our status rises! In actual fact just the opposite is true (1Cor 12: 26). We are commanded ***“judge not”*** that does not mean that we can never tell whether or not something is a sin. A man selling cars on the Sabbath is obviously sinning – that’s a fact, not a judgment.” “Judge not means don’t impute motives, don’t malign the underlying attitude, don’t condemn. Only Yahweh can look on the heart, and pass that final judgment, condemnation.

All too many of us are quick to question sincerity, the intent, or even the conversation of others in Yahweh’s congregation at the slightest provocation. We never fail to give ourselves all the benefits of any doubt. Let’s give a little bit to each other also.

Satan reaches the apex of his hysterical gloating when the brethren of Yahweh’s congregation accuse each other. Satan himself is busy accusing the brethren day and night before Yahweh. “The Accuser of the brethren” Is actually one of Satans names (Rev 12: 10)! So, when begotten sons of Yahweh criticize and condemn one another, Satan is overjoyed – nothing could satisfy him more, nothing is so in tune with his thinking.

You can be sure that he immediately rushes up to Yahweh (Job 1: 6) and yells: “ Look Yahweh, you condemn me for my supposed “accusing of brethren” – but observe that your own so called sons are heatedly engaged in hurling vicious criticism back and forth – explain, if you can.” Brethren, how do you think our loving father feels when we accuse each other?

Satan is very clever. If you have uncovered certain scurrilous information about another member of Yahweh’s congregation and then used it to “judge” him (imputing evil motivations), Satan will subsequently enable you to receive additional dirty information, he will station you in just the “right place”. The more you judge the brethren, the more filthy opportunities will be given to you, the closer your mind draws to Satan’s mind, the greater his control over you.

Accusing the brethren is the fastest way to open yourself to Satan. Don't risk learning this fact the hard way-by experience!

Fight back

Our Elohim is not a negative Elohim. He goes beyond telling us what we should do in order to thwart Satan's devices. He doesn't leave us bound, blind and helpless against Satan's evil devices.

In this regard, Eph 4: 21 – 32 is an excellent section for study. The key verse (for the present purpose) is verse 27, "**Neither give place to the devil.**" The other eleven verses explain exactly how this can be successfully accomplished. We must "*put off*" the old man (verse 22) by "*putting on*" the new (converted) man (verse 23) this shows that an active process is involved, energy must be expended. We put away lying by speaking the truth (verse 25). Our anger must be Yahweh oriented, called into action when another (not self) is hurt.

Verse 28 admonishes a repentant thief to go completely in the opposite direction: work hard and then give to the poor. The application of this principle is a strategic weapon in our epic encounter with Satan whatever your character flaw, overcome it by driving yourself to do the exact opposite.

Don't just read these words, nod your head and say, "that sure is right I hope Mr. So and So does this". Eph 4 is for all of us. Right now, list your own major character flaws and determine specifically how you can go the opposite way.

Gossip – or rotten, corrupt communication (verse 29) – is another fine way to give Satan a base of operations. Gossip is not only the spreading of false information about other people. It may be 100% true – but it is always unauthorized, consistently derogatory and viciously cutting. Gossip is the most underhanded technique for accusing brethren. Sounds all too familiar!

But how do we know whether some specific information is indeed "gossip"? The latter part of verse 29 gives the basic "rule of thumb" speak only "that which is good to edify profitably, that it

may minister grace unto the hearers (which Yahweh can use to help the other people)".

Whenever you feel the "urge" to tell, pass on, or listen to some questionable material, ask yourself: "Would Yahweh use this information to help other people? If you can't positively answer "yes" – forget it!

Eph 4: 30 states: "**And grieve not the holy spirit.**" Here is an all encompassing method for counteracting Satan. But how do we "*grieve not*" Yahweh's spirit? Let's see. Yahweh's spirit does not pull or coerce, it leads and suggests by triggering thoughts in our minds. This constantly happens to everyone in Yahweh's congregation.

Whenever we ignore these triggered suggestions, and proceed to carry out our pre-arranged actions, we grieve Yahweh's spirit – and do indeed give place to Satan.

Finally, verses 31 – 32 inform us how to quickly eliminate all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, evil speaking and malice: "Be ye kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as Yahweh for Yahshua's sake hath forgiven you."

Yahweh's Armor

Eph 6: 11-18 is the classic section describing our defenses against Satan's kingdom. Yahweh exhorts us to "put on" (verse 11) and take (verse 13) "the whole armor of Yahweh" so that we will be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. Notice three points.

1 "Putting on" and "taking" are both active processes. We must consciously struggle to wholeheartedly do our part.

2. We need the whole armor of Yahweh, nothing less than full protection is necessary to repel Satan, since he will exploit any and every weakness.

3. We have no alternative but to stand against Satan, we dare not turn and run, or we will surely be slaughtered.

The two most essential parts of armor are the movable pieces – the defensive shield and the offensive sword. Our shield is faith: "**above all,**

taking the shield of faith, wherewith you shall be able to quench all the darts of the wicked (one).” (Eph 6: 16) The wicked one is Satan.

What are his fiery darts? They may come in various guises and forms from persecution and tribulation to discouragement and despondency. But so long as we have the faith of Yahshua (Gal 2: 16) as our shield, those fiery darts will be rendered harmless.

The sword is the only offensive weapon in our arsenal, the sword is the word of Yahweh (Eph 6: 17). Military strategists have long agreed that the best defensive is a powerfully sudden offense. In any situation, at any time, when we are threatened, tried, or tempted, a blistering offense thrust of the appropriate scriptures will irrevocably turn the tide. In each of the three recorded satanic temptations of Yahshua (Math 4), the immediate counterattack of the opportune verses stopped Satan cold.

Yahweh promises to bring the appropriate areas of scripture to mind in time of need (Math 10: 19-20). However, Yahweh will not do our work for us; we must do what we can do, continuously study the bible, diligently building up our scriptural vocabulary and understanding.

Finally, Eph 6: 18 shows us how to integrate and vivify all the divergent pieces of armor into one vibrantly cogent, united team: ***“praying always with all the prayer and supplication in the spirit” (in accordance with Yahweh’s will)***.

Satans Sores Spot

We have seen that the easiest way to open oneself to Satan is to engage in the same repugnant mental contortions which permeate Satan’s mind: lying, unforgiveness, discouragement, self righteousness, and accusations. Conversely, it stands to reason that the surest method of completely Thwarting Satan is to immerse oneself in whatever activity or work is most repulsively hostile to Satan – the very antithesis of his desires!

That work is the work of Yahweh.

Satan hates Yahweh’s work with an immeasurable, seething, fiendish disgust. Indeed, he has two good reasons:

1) Yahweh’s work is heralding the triumphal return of Yahshua to take the kingdoms of this world away from Satan.

2) Yahweh’s work is proclaiming the mystery of Yahweh – that every person can qualify to become a child of Yahweh, far overshadowing Satan.

Here then is the best way to decimate and destroy Satan’s attempts to penetrate your mental defenses. Participate in Yahweh’s work! Throw your whole being into Yahweh’s work. How? Get off yourself. Get on to Yahweh’s work.

When you pray, how much time do you devote to Yahweh’s work – the plans, progress, income, leaders, ministers, foreign offices, departments, coworkers, magazines and on and on? Are you spending more efforts on your own personally “spiritual problems”? Surely don’t ignore your problems, but put them where they belong – after the work of Yahweh.

The whole issue is really very simple: “Who comes first, you or Yahweh?”

Satan is very interested in your day to day answer to this question. He knows that it is utterly impossible to even confront a mind solidly committed to Yahweh’s work, much less puncture it.

Yes, we have an archenemy, but if we are wholeheartedly committed to Yahweh’s work, Satan will have no choice but to “Tuck his tail in” and, in a frustrated spasm, slink away.

Let’s paraphrase James 4: 7 submit yourselves therefore to Yahweh, this will effectively paralyze the devil and he will flee from you!

(Editor’s note: wherever you see the words reprint after an article, it is a reprint from old magazines that have been out of print in some cases for over 30 or 40 years, but the articles are being reprinted because of the powerful message that they still portray.)

Become an Ambassador for Israel



2 Cor 5:20- *Then on behalf of Messiah, we are ambassadors, as Yahweh is exhorting through us*

Rev 5: 20- *and made us kings and priests to our Elohim; and we shall reign on the earth.*

Apply for the Return to the land Program

Scripture clearly tells us that to be true believers we will be Kings and Priests of the Most High Elohim in His Kingdom and that we are now Ambassadors for Yahweh's soon coming Kingdom. To this end, we will teach and train our students how to prepare for this most important job. Ambassadors are not just sent, but they must be trained for the position and country that they are going to.

We are truly focused on training our students in leadership, young and old. What a true Ambassador does, and how he ought to behave. Whether you are just getting out of school and want to dedicate your life as a servant of Elohim or you are older and want to make that next step in your calling to a more complete role in serving our Heavenly Father and His children.

In royal families, children are trained from birth to prepare to someday take the throne. So many people will spend years of their life going to worldly learning institutions to learn secular skills that most will not even be used in the Kingdom age, don't you think it is worth a few months of your life to learn skills that you will take into our Heavenly Father's Kingdom?



(Math 24:32)

But learn the parable of the fig tree

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That struggle to regain their homeland did not come easy but took much hard work, dedication and the blessing of the Elohim of Heaven to make this a reality.

The program will be focused on helping those, in the nations to understand the struggles, hardships and perseverance that it took on behalf of our brother Judah to be the nation they are today.

We will have lectures from everything to Holocaust survivors and the starting of the Kibbutzim, who were the first ones to come back to the land, to young Israelis who are learning their place in the modern society.

In addition, we will hear from senior military officials down to everyday young Israeli soldiers to try to comprehend what they go through on a daily basis living amongst enemies that want to destroy them.

Our students will be privileged to see everything from archeological sites to military institutions and the Yad Vashem Holocaust museum to fully understand what sacrifice was required by Judah to be a nation again today. Download all information at www.coyhwh.com in the feast & school section

Feast of Sukkot (Tabernacles) 2010

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. 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.

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 **the Israeli Knesset** during Sukkot, as well as take you 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.

After Sukkot we will stop at the **Valley of Elah** where David fought Goliath, before stopping to visit **Beersheba** where Abraham made covenant with Yahweh and the well he dug with his own hands. Then we will go to the wilderness of **Kadesh Barnea** where you will get to experience life like the Israelites did when leaving Egypt. Then we will actually spend the night in Sinai and you will get to see **the original Red Sea crossing site, where Chariot wheels of Pharaohs army have been found**. The next day we will head back to Israel and see the **Timna copper mines** where Solomon got the copper for the Temple, and from there will stop at **the Dead Sea**.

The next day you will get to see sunrise at **Masada, Qumran, and the Cave of the Columns**, where the famous copper scroll spoke about, then go through the Jordan Valley to **Bet Shean**. The next day we will travel in the north and you will be blessed to see **Nazareth** the very village where Yahshua grew up. Then we will go to **Gideon's spring**, where he chose his army by the way the men drank the

water, as well as The **Jezreel valley** where Ahab's Palace was and ride through the beautiful landscape of **Mount Gilboa**. Afterward we will go by Kursi where Yahshua cast the demons into the pigs, and Capernaum where He spent most of His ministry in the north and will end the day taking a **boat ride on the Sea of Galilee**, the very water that Yahshua walked on.

The last day of the pilgrimage we will see go north through the **Hula Valley** to **Tel Dan**, which has a beautiful nature reserve and the altar that Jeroboam built for the golden calf. **Caesarea Philippi**, where Yahshua revealed himself to His disciples and also see **Mount Hermon** and the Golan Heights area, then we will head back to our hotel and an early departure in the morning for the airport if you are not coming to the bible school.

This would include **16 days and 14 nights** during the feast and the tour, **including airfare and** all touring costs during and after Sukkot with two meals daily. This also includes the excursion to Sinai Egypt and all visa and boarder crossing fees. We have been given a very good price of **\$2599 per person based on double room occupancy with your flight leaving out of JFK airport in NYC**. Children under 2 are free and Children between 2 and 11 are **25% off**, and child 12 and over are full price. You can download all feast information and applications at www.coyhwh.com. **The price is \$2599 per person is based on double room occupancy and is only guaranteed until April 1st. 2010. The price is \$1599 without airfare.**