

Transcript – Is Yahweh Like You?

Shabbat Shalom again. Hag Sameah. Here we are. Time is flying; 2015, First Day of Unleavened Bread, also a Shabbat. The message I'm going to give today is called, 'Is Yahweh Like You?' 'Is Yahweh Like You?' And I was thinking about it, you know in the world today there's more than 2 million denominations all claiming to believe in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John; to be some form of Christianity; Messianic; whatever you want to call it. So many forms of heresy and problems within congregations and I think they all stem from because people think that Yahweh is like them. And I think we all think it, right? We don't want to think Yahweh is not like us. So I want to give you a lot of food for thought today that I don't even think we should be thinking in those terms, as we'll see. So let's start first in Isaiah 55 in verse 6. It says

*Isa 55:6-9 Seek YAHWEH while He may be found; call on Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the man of vanity his thoughts, and let him return to YAHWEH, and He will have mercy on him; and to our Elohim, for He will abundantly pardon. **For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways**, says YAHWEH. For as the heavens are high from the earth, so My ways are high from your ways, and My thoughts from your thoughts.*

So I think many times when we are making decisions ... and think about it. Yes scripture does have right and wrong. It does have *Thou shall not steal, Thou shall not lie* but many times in scripture, there aren't absolutes like that. Like Yahweh gives us concepts like modesty, that He leaves it up to us to decide according to His Word, not according to our self and the problem is, we all come from different backgrounds. We all come from different mindsets and a lot of times we are not leaving that mindset.

You know I see a lot in the Messianic Movement that people come as far as they realize that Sunday wrong and they come into the Sabbath; or this meat is wrong and they come into the this meat; you know or this day is pagan and they come into this. But **they are not realizing their mindset is not the mindset of Yahweh and then all of a sudden, they're thinking that Yahweh is thinking like them.** So when they are making decisions on many things, you know ... Is this right or is wrong? Is that right or that wrong? Women wearing tassels, you know is clearly against scripture. They are thinking Yahweh is like them and that's the way they are justifying themselves because even as an Elder comes and tells them they are wrong, they are saying, "Well, I don't follow a man!" You know, "I only follow Yahweh." So in essence, it's a big problem today because people think Yahweh is like them.

So I really want to show, like Yahweh says here, **He's not like any of us.** You know, He's not like any of us and the first, like they say, the first road to recovery is admittance. So if we really want to change, as we will get into later in the message, we have to realize the first thing is, **Yahweh is not like us because if He was like us, we wouldn't have to change. The reason we have to change is, is because He is not like us.** But when we justify our self and this is where self-righteousness comes from. **Self-righteousness is the ultimate person thinking Yahweh is like them** because it doesn't matter that Yahweh didn't say this. *I said it and if I said then it's got to be right* which is simply self-righteousness. It is putting a righteousness to scripture that Yahweh never put there. If we go to Isaiah 40, Isaiah 40:12 again He says

*Isa 40:12-15 who has measured in His hand the waters and the heavens by a span meted out; and enclosed in the measure the dust of the earth, and weighed in the balance the mountains, and the hills in the scales, **who has meted out the Spirit of YAHWEH, or a man His counsel taught Him?** With whom did He take counsel, and who trained Him and taught Him in the path of justice; and taught Him knowledge, and made known to Him the way of discernment? Lo, nations are as a drop from a bucket, and are reckoned as dust of the scales. Lo, He takes up coasts as a little thing.*

So wow, Yahweh looking from the heavens and this little marble that we call Earth and all of us little ants, you know 7 or 8 billion running around. **We are all just a drop in a bucket**, you know, like a little spit in a bucket is all we are. And like I said if we really, if we are really going to be like Yahweh, we have to understand that. We have to understand how high He is and how low we are. And I always said that Yahweh is not an Elohim of vanity. **He doesn't want us to worship Him and praise Him because He's sitting up there feeding it all in; He wants us to do that because it's the only way we will humble our self.** And it's truth, you know, and if we are going to worship Him ... Yahweh is Spirit and we must worship Him in spirit and truth. **The only way to worship Him is to realize how high He is and how low we are.** And if we don't understand that concept, we will never worship Him correctly. But prideful man, we put too much emphasis on our self and we don't give the glory to Yahweh, you know. And what is pride? **Pride is simply a self-worth that is not there.** You

know, there is no self-worth to us except Him living in us; that's the only self-worth and that's the only way we are going to change as we will get into it in a little bit.

Isaiah 44, a couple of chapters over; you know a very interesting scripture He goes into here. I'm going to start in **verse 11**. It's about a man who is building an idol. And He says ... *Behold, all his companions shall be ashamed; and the craftsmen, they are from men. They shall assemble, all of them shall stand; they shall dread; they shall be shamed together. He carves iron with a tool; he works in the coals and forms it with hammers, and works it with his powerful arm; then he is hungry, and has no strength; he drinks no water and is weary ...* So he's saying, here's this guy doing all this hard work to make this idol and then he is so tired, he didn't even have food to eat.

Isa 44:13-16 *The carpenter fashions the wood, and stretches a line; he marks it with a chisel; he shapes it with a carving tool, and he marks it with a compass. And he makes it according to the figure of a man, as the beauty of a man, to sit in the house. He cuts down cedars and takes cypress and oak, and he makes the trees of the forest strong for him. He plants a tree, and rain makes it grow. And it shall be for a man to burn; yea, he takes of them and is warmed; and he kindles it and bakes bread. Yea, **he makes a god and worships; he makes a carved image and bows to it.** He burns half of it in the fire; he eats flesh on half of it; he roasts roast, and is satisfied. Then he warms himself and says, Ah, I am warm; I have seen the fire.*

Isa 44:17-20 *And he makes a god of the rest, his carved image; he bows to it and worships, and prays to it, and says, Deliver me, for you are my El. They do not know nor discern; for He has smeared their eyes from seeing, their hearts from understanding. And not one turns back to his heart, nor has knowledge nor discernment to say, I have burned half of it in the fire; and I also have baked bread on its coals. I have roasted flesh and have eaten it; and I have made the rest of it into an idol. Shall I bow to a product of a tree? **Feeding on ashes, a deceived heart turns him aside, and he does not deliver his soul, nor say, Is there not a lie in my right hand?***

I love this story because it is really prophetic of human beings, you know, that we take something that Yahweh created, the tree. We cut this tree down and half of it he is cutting up burning for wood to eat and then half of it, he's carving out himself into this idol and he's bowing down to it. And Yahweh is saying, "What vanity is this? What vanity is this?" And how much do we do the same thing? You know, **we idolize the things we make. We idolize the things we do. You know, we idolize anything that comes from us. You know, anything that is an extension of us**, that's why we love our children and our grandchildren and anything that's an extension of us. Why? Because we love our self and that's the problem, you know, a lot of times we are loving our self, more than we are loving Yahweh. And then, **in our pride and in our self-righteousness, we are justifying our self because we are saying Yahweh is like us**. You know, "Oh, I'm not like this guy out there because I'm like Yahweh." Well, maybe not so fast, maybe we are as much like Yahweh as we think, as He says. You know, how can we understand Him? Like He said to Job, "Were you there when I created the world? Were you there when I put the stars in the heaven?" We can't even begin to think what Yahweh is like, you know, and His ways are so much higher than our ways and His thoughts, our thoughts.

Jeremiah 23 because then **prideful man goes to the next step**. Then they are going to start telling you, **they are going to start speaking for Yahweh. They are going to tell you how Yahweh feels, they are going to tell you Yahweh's feelings, they are going to tell you words from Yahweh**. You know, I had a man telling me recently ... this guy was thinks he's a prophet. He's a false prophet from the United States. Of course, that's where 95% come from, from Babylon and I told him, "You can't be a prophet. Number 1, you made prophecies that you said were from Yahweh ... and he used 'God' ... that never came true." Does Yahweh ever fail? Of course not and that's what Yahweh says in His Word. That's the way you prove it, if it doesn't happen, he's a false prophet. And number 2, he prophesied first hand, "Thus sayth God ..." **Yahweh's name isn't God. Yahweh never used that name, that's the name of the pagan deity** and we are going to see Yahweh says I'm not going to give my glory. And then the person tried to say, he tried to judge me because I said he couldn't be a prophet because he is prophesying in the false name.

I never spoke in the first person of Yahweh. I don't sit here and go in a trance and say this is Yahweh speaking. I do believe Yahweh speaks through me, inspires the words through His Word but I'd never say that my words spoke that "I, Yahweh, says this ..." And many times I have had people send me things like that, writing as if they are like a prophet like Jeremiah or Isaiah ... *and the law and the prophets were until John*. What does that mean? **It means today, not that there are not New Testament prophets but those are prophets that are discerning Jeremiah and Isaiah and Ezekiel.**

They are not people writing down new books. We are not going to go to turn to 1st Don, you know, and it's going to say, "I Yahweh says this ..." Yahweh's not working that way anymore because now we have His Spirit and **His Spirit is helping us to discern what He already wrote** and until we can discern all this, it will take us a lifetime, we don't have to write new books. But I'm going to read you now of people, many people out there in Christianity today, Messianics, that are saying this. They are saying in the first sentence ... prophesies. You can go on the Internet, all over the place and look for prophesies of people talking in the first person using 'Yahweh', using 'God', using all kinds of names, you know, and Yahweh is against it. Jeremiah 23:16 He judged the cause of the poor ... oop ... I'm in the wrong verse. I'm going to start here.

Jer 23:16-17 So says YAHWEH of Hosts, Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you; **they make you vain; they speak a vision of their own heart, not out of the mouth of YAHWEH.** They say to those who despise Me, YAHWEH has said, You shall have peace. And they say to everyone who walks in the stubbornness of his own heart, Evil shall not come on you ... You know, where do you ever hear in Babylon where they preach repentance? Where do you hear about sin? Oh no, "Everything will be fine. Everything will be good."

Jer 23:18-20 For who has stood in the counsel of YAHWEH, and has seen and heard His Word? Who has listened to His Word and heard? Behold, the whirlwind of YAHWEH has gone forth in fury, even a whirling storm. It will whirl on the head of the wicked. **The anger of YAHWEH shall not turn back until He has executed, and until He has set up the purposes of His heart. In latter days you shall understand it perfectly** ... So this isn't something that is from 3500 years ago; this is something that applies to us today.

Jer 23:21-22 I have not sent the prophets, yet they ran; **I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied** ... Just had a blood moon right? How many books, how many videos, how many things going out on the blood moons from the so-called prophets? ... **But if they had stood in My counsel and had caused My people to hear My Words, then they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings** ... We need to hear a little bit less on the blood moons and a little bit more about repentance. You know, **write a book about repentance**, not another book about the blood moons; selling them and trying to get millions of dollars. If we drop down to verse 25

Jer 23:25-27 I have heard what the prophets said, those who **prophesy lies in My name**, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed ... Hear it all the time ... **How long is this there in the heart of the prophets, the prophets of lies; yea, the prophets of the deceit of their own heart? They plot to cause My people to forget My name by their dreams which they tell, each one to his neighbor, even as their fathers have forgotten My name for Baal** ... "The Lord said this, the Lord said that." What does Lord mean? Baal!

And how many times have you talked to a person about the name of Yahweh and how many times have you got the answer, "But I prayed in the name of Jesus and I was healed"? Right? You hear this, you hear these things. What is He saying here? **They plot to cause My people to forget My name by their dreams which they tell, each one to his neighbor, even as their fathers have forgotten My name for Baal.** Now I'm not saying Yahweh, in His mercy, can't heal somebody if they don't know His name but what I am saying here is, it's not going to change the name of Yahweh. **His name doesn't change because Yahweh is merciful** but I can tell you this much. Probably, at least 80% of the time they are lying especially when they are prophesying because **Yahweh doesn't prophesy in the name of 'God' or 'Jesus' or any other name. He prophesies in His own name.** You have how many examples here? At least 7,000 just in the Old Testament so Yahweh doesn't have to prophesy in the name of a false deity just because the person doesn't know His name.

But there's a lot of false prophets out there and there's times, there's stories that I have heard that I said, "Wow, this just doesn't make sense. This person doesn't seem like a liar and yet they are saying this and they are using the wrong name and in the end, I found out they were a liar. You find out they did lie, you find out they made it up and then they had to admit it when they got caught. So, is Yahweh like you? He certainly ain't like them; He's not like the false prophets that are trying to convince people of the wrong name by their false dreams and their false visions. Not the way Yahweh works.

Jer 23:28 The prophet who has a dream, let him tell his dream. **And he who has My Word, let him speak My Word faithfully.** What has the chaff to do with the wheat, says YAHWEH? ... And I have said this to people many many times, you know, I am not saying people can't have dreams. I've had dreams; some of you may have had dreams. They might

be interesting; sometime they can even have meaning but *he who has a dream, let him tell his dream. And he who has My Word, let him speak My Word faithfully.* And **I would much rather sit here and expound the word of Yahweh to you than tell you my dream** because who know what my dream may mean or may not mean but I can surely tell you what the word of Yahweh means because it interprets itself. *Here a little, there a little. Line upon line, precept upon precept.* And what we are doing today, we are going to go from scripture to scripture and put it all together.

Jer 23:29-31 *Is not My Word thus like fire, says YAHWEH, and like a hammer which breaks a rock in pieces? Therefore, Behold, says YAHWEH, I am against the prophets who steal My Words, each one from his neighbor ... They take the Word of Yahweh, they twist and they turn it for their own gain and Yahweh is saying He is against them ... YAHWEH says, Behold, I am against the prophets who use their tongues and say, He says ...* And we can think, right, going back when we were in Israel, how many times we met some of these prophets and that's exactly what they said, 'He said ...' You know they come, "He said to me, today. He said this ..." You know, "Yahweh is crying. Yahweh is upset." "Yahweh is this ..." They know all the feelings of Yahweh and He says, "Stop it! Stop it! You're not like Me. You're not like Me."

Jer 23:32-33 *YAHWEH says, Behold, I am against those who prophesy false dreams, and tell them, and cause My people to go astray by their lies, and by their foolishness ...* And it is, most of it is foolishness ... *Yet I did not send them nor command them. And they will not profit this people at all, says YAHWEH. And when this people, or the prophet, or a priest, shall ask you, saying, What is the utterance of YAHWEH? You shall then say to them, What utterance? ...* You know, when they come up and they are telling you these dreams, what utterance? What are they talking about? ... *I will even abandon you, says YAHWEH.*

Jer 23:34-36 *And the prophet, and the priest, and the people who shall say, The utterance of YAHWEH, I will even punish that man and his house. And you shall say each one to his neighbor, and each one to his brother, What has YAHWEH answered? And what has YAHWEH spoken? And you shall not mention the utterance of YAHWEH again, for each man's word shall be his burden ...* Remember, whatever comes out of your mouth; justified by your words or condemned by your words ... *But you have perverted the Words of the living Elohim, of YAHWEH of Hosts, our Elohim.*

Jer 23:37-40 *So you shall say to the prophet, What has YAHWEH answered you? And what has YAHWEH spoken? But if you say, The utterance of YAHWEH, therefore so says YAHWEH: Because you say this word, the utterance of YAHWEH; and I have sent to you saying, You shall not say, The utterance of YAHWEH; therefore, behold! I, even I will utterly forget you and cast you off and the city that I gave to you and your fathers, away from My face. And I will put on you an everlasting reproach and never-ending disgrace on you, which shall not be forgotten.*

So Yahweh is pretty serious here and this isn't something, you know, that we are talking about one or two people. We are talking about **a movement around the world today of false prophets.** You know, false prophets going around and they think that Yahweh is like them; that's why they are doing it because they think that Yahweh is speaking through them and He clearly says He's not. II Peter 3, II Peter 3 on the same subject for a minute because it's not just the First Testament

2Pe 2:1-3 *But false prophets were also among the people, as also false teachers will be among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, and denying the Master who has bought them, bringing swift destruction on themselves ...* The 'oneness' doctrine, 'Yahshua doesn't exist', 'Yahshua and the Father are the same' ... *And many will follow their destructive ways, by whom the way of truth will be evil spoken of ...* And when you come and you stand firm on the truth, they'll speak evil of you ... *And by covetousness, with well-turned words, they will use you for gain, for whom judgment from the very beginning has not ceased, and their destruction is always active ...* And we know it, it's a money market. It's a big money market business and that's why they're doing it. If we drop down to verse 10

2Pe 2:10-12 *and especially will He punish those who follow after the filthy lusts of the flesh, and have no respect for authority. Self-willed and arrogant they are and they do not tremble when they blaspheme; where cherubs being greater in strength and power do not bring against them the condemnation of blaspheming. But these men, like the dumb beasts, which by nature are for slaughter and destruction, speak evil of the things that they do not understand, and will utterly perish in their own corruption.*

The ones, “I’ll never follow a man”, they are against judicial order, against Yahweh and why are they doing that? Because they think Yahweh is like them but Yahweh’s not like them. They think that Yahweh is like them. And sometimes when we think that Yahweh is like us, we can get our self in a lot of trouble and maybe even lose our salvation because many of these people, they are not serving the body of Messiah, they’re not surrendering Yahweh. They’re serving themselves but they are thinking Yahweh is like them. I want to go to an example in the First Covenant in Numbers 16 of a group of people who thought exactly like this. **People who actually lost their salvation because they thought Yahweh was like them.** Numbers 16, starting in verse 1. I’ll only read parts of the chapter.

Num 16:1-2 *And Korah, the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, took also Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab, and On, the son of Peleth, the sons of Reuben; and they rose up before Moses, with certain of the sons of Israel, two hundred and fifty rulers of the congregation ... Rulers now, so these are, you’ve got a lot of people here ... elect men of the assembly, men of name ...* So these were tribal leaders, these weren’t just people in the audience.

Num 16:3-5 *And they were assembled against Moses and against Aaron, and said to them, You take too much! For all the congregation, all of them are holy, and YAHWEH is among them. Why then do you lift up yourselves above the assembly of YAHWEH? And Moses heard and fell on his face. And he spoke to Korah, and to all his company, saying, In the morning YAHWEH will know who are His, and him who is holy, and shall cause him to come near Him; even him whom He may choose, He will cause to come near to Him.*

So just like I’m talking about; this is the problem. The problem isn’t this people is just rebellious and they want to come against Moses; the problem is they think Yahweh is just like them. They are thinking *who is this guy? Who is this guy? You know, you’re just a man. You come here and you’re thinking your better than we are?* And yet Yahweh set that man up. **Yahweh set Moses up.** So now you’re in a quandary here because Moses is saying, “Well Yahweh is speaking through me” and these guys are saying, “Well, no. Yahweh is speaking through us.” And we are going to see the result. If we go down to verse 8

Num 16:8-9 *And Moses said to Korah, Hear now, you sons of Levi, is it too little a thing to you that the Elohim of Israel has separated you from the congregation of Israel to bring you near to Himself, to do the service of the tabernacle of YAHWEH, and to stand before the congregation to minister to them?... Remember the Levites were servants, they weren’t priests but they were servants but they were set apart in the tabernacle.*

Num 16:10-11 *Yea, He has brought you near, and all your brothers, the sons of Levi, with you. And will you seek the priesthood also? Therefore, you and all your company that have gathered against YAHWEH, What is Aaron that you murmur against him? ... See, and that’s the danger of thinking that Yahweh is like us because we get this thought in our mind and we go out and we do things thinking we are doing the will of Yahweh and actually we are doing the very opposite. We are doing the opposite of the will of Yahweh and we are fighting against the will of Yahweh and we are bringing destruction on our self. And what is the end result? Drop down to verse 28*

Num 16:28-30 *And Moses said, By this you shall know that YAHWEH has sent me to do all these works, and that not from my own heart. If these die ... Talking about these rebellious ones, Korah and them ... according to the death of all men, and are visited according to the visitation of all men, then YAHWEH has not sent me. And if YAHWEH makes a new thing, and the ground opens its mouth and swallows them, and all that they have, and they go down alive to Sheol, then you shall know that these men have despised YAHWEH.*

Num 16:31-35 *And it happened, as he made an end of speaking all these words, the ground which was under them split apart, and the earth opened her mouth and swallowed them, and their houses, and all the men who were for Korah, and all their possessions. And they went down, they and all that they had, alive to Sheol, and the earth covered over them; and they perished from the midst of the assembly. And all Israel who were around them fled at their cry; for they said, Lest the earth swallow us up. And fire came forth from YAHWEH and consumed the two hundred and fifty men that offered the incense ... Now think about it. Now if you’re there and you see this, if you had any doubts before *Is He working through Moses or is He working through these guys?* You would think at this point all those doubts would be done but yet still there was a lot of people that still thought Yahweh was like them. So let’s look at what happens next, verse 41.*

Num 16:41 *And all the congregation of the sons of Israel murmured on the next day against Moses and against Aaron, saying, You have killed the people of YAHWEH.*

They still didn't get it. I've had people say that to me. I've had people that were so evil and so wicked and it doesn't happen very often but you have to put them out of the congregation, you know. And even when people know what they did, I've had people that have complained and you really have to think, is Yahweh like you? Is Yahweh like you? If you love evilness, if you can sit around evilness, if you know that somebody is living in adultery or somebody is doing some kind of sin and you are against that person being put away from the assembly, you are not like Yahweh. You're like these people here. You're the **people that are supporting the evil**. And that's what we have to think about, are we like Yahweh? Are we like Yahweh?

Verse 41, like we said, *the people murmured against Moses*. **Moses didn't open up the ground. Yahweh opened up the ground.** That's what he said, "You're not murmuring against Aaron, you're murmuring against Yahweh." So here it is, these people are so perverted, just like Satan, that they are thinking that they are like Yahweh and they are about as far as you can get away from Yahweh as it is.

Num 16:42-45 *And it happened, as the company was called together against Moses and against Aaron, that they turned toward the tent of meeting. And, behold, the cloud had covered it, and the glory of YAHWEH appeared! And Moses and Aaron came to the front of the tabernacle of the congregation. And YAHWEH spoke to Moses, saying, **Get away from the midst of this company, and I shall consume them in a moment; and they fell on their faces** ...* Now you will see who is like Yahweh.

Num 16:46 *And Moses said to Aaron, Take the fire-pan, and put fire on it from the altar, and lay on incense, and go, **hurry to the congregation, and atone for them**, for the wrath has gone out from the presence of YAHWEH; the plague has begun ...* So here it is, Moses didn't say, "Ha, ha, good. Let me get revenge. Let them all die." No, he was like Yahweh, he looked for mercy. He looked for pity and he realized, they don't know what they are doing here and he sends Aaron to intercede and atone for them.

Num 16:47-49 *And Aaron did as Moses had spoken, and ran into the midst of the assembly. And, behold, the plague had begun among the people! And he laid on the incense and atoned for the people, **and stood between the dead and the living, and the plague was stayed. And those who died by the plague were fourteen thousand and seven hundred, besides those who died for the matter of Korah***

So just think about it because if you don't think like Yahweh, what's going to happen? In the end of the day, they don't see Yahweh but they see Moses and Aaron. What are they thinking? They killed all these people! Just like they said, why did you bring us out to this wilderness to kill us? Because they weren't thinking like Yahweh and it's going to happen in the end time, you know. Because things will happen in the end time, even like I said, most people don't believe America is Babylon. **Even when Babylon falls, they're not going to believe it.** They will have another reason why it fell because they think Yahweh is like them but Yahweh isn't like them. And that's why I hope you are seeing as we go along why it is so important to have the mind of Yahweh because like I was saying, it's the only truth that's truth. You know, and you've got to surrender yourself and you have to believe in it at face value. And when you're wrong, you've got to repent and you've got to change but if you're prideful and you won't and you stay on that hard spot, you're going to end up just like this. You're going to end up like these people who wound up losing their eternal life.

Next point I want to go over is Jacob 3. Jacob the 3rd chapter because you know, we know that life is in the tongue and the words of the tongue and when you think about it, **there is no greater power that you have than your tongue.** You know that we have the ability that Yahweh has given us not only to speak but we don't speak like a robot. It's not like you press a button and you have 10 things you can say; "Mama ... Papa ... Get me water ..." No, **we have a mind that Yahweh allows us to take millions of words and concepts and phrases and put them all together with His Spirit and let words of life come out.** He gives us the ability on our own not from rote, not from just repetition to praise Him; "Yes, Yahweh we love you..." No, but **to think about how we love Him**, think of everything He does for us and just let words come flowing out through His Spirit of praise and glory and honor to Him and to each other. And yet, how does mankind use that wonderful gift? Let's read it.

Jas 3:2-3 For we all stumble in many ways. If any one does not stumble in word, this one is a mature man, also able to subdue the whole body. Behold, we put bits in the mouths of the horses, for them to obey us; and we turn about their whole body ... We know that's the way you turn a horse.

Jas 3:4-6 Behold, the ships also, being so great, and being driven by violent winds, they are directed by a very small rudder, wherever the one steering wishes. So also the tongue is a little member, and boasts great things. Behold, how a little fire sets ablaze large forests! Now the tongue is a fire, and the world of sin is like a forest. **And this very tongue, while it is among our members, can defile our entire body** ... Can you imagine, you know, that tiny little piece of flesh there can defile your whole body ... and rolls down like a wheel and set on fire the course of our entire life; and in the end it is consumed by fire.

Jas 3:7-12 For every species of beasts, both indeed of birds, of creeping things, and of sea animals, is tamed, and has been tamed by the will of man; but **no one of men is able to tame the tongue; it is an unrestrainable evil, full of death-dealing poison**. By this we bless Elohim, even the Father; and by this we curse men having come into being according to the image of Elohim. **Out of the same mouth comes forth blessing and cursing**. My brothers, it is not fitting for these things to be so. Does the fountain out of the same hole send forth the sweet and the bitter? My brothers, a fig tree is not able to produce olives, or a vine, figs. So neither can a fountain produce both salt and sweet water.

Jas 3:13-18 Who is wise and knowing among you? Let him prove his works by his good behavior, in meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and contention in your heart, do not boast and lie against the truth. This is not the wisdom coming down from above, but is earthly, sensual, and devilish. For where jealousy and contention are, there is confusion and every foul deed. But **the wisdom from above is firstly truly perfect, then peaceable, gentle, obedient, full of mercy and of good fruits, not partial and without hypocrisy**. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for the ones making peace.

If we go to the next chapter, verse 11 and 12 ... **Jas 4:11-12** Do not speak against one another, brothers. He that speaks against a brother, and is judging a brother, he speaks against the Torah, and judges the Torah. But if you judge the Torah, you are not a doer of the Torah but a judge. For there is One Lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy. **Who are you who judges your neighbor?**

So here it is, like I said, **Yahweh gives us a tongue. He gives us a mind to be able to bring encouragement, to bring love, to bring praise and glory** and what does man use it for? They use it for gossip, they use it for maligning, they use it for putting people down and then they say they are like Yahweh. They want to think they are like Yahweh, their self-righteousness. "Oh, his tassel is an inch shorter than mine. Ah, I would never do that!" "Could you believe so and so had a mixed tie on? Oh, I'd never wear a mixed tie! I'm just like Yahweh." And Yahweh sits there and is disgusted by it. He's disgusted by it because, like I said, all of us are in the same boat. All of us are down here and He's up there. And when we get this self-righteousness, when we get this spirit of maligning, this spirit of gossip, when we use one of the greatest gifts He has given us, the gift of our mind and our tongue together for evil instead of good, we are not being like Yahweh. You know who we are being like? Revelation 12, I'll tell you who you're like when you do that.

Rev 12:9-10 And the great dragon was cast out, the old serpent being called the devil, and, Satan; he deceiving the whole inhabitable world ... Like we said, **because everybody thinks Yahweh is like them, they are all deceived** but you don't have to be ... was cast out onto the earth, and his cherubs ... Or his messengers ... were cast out with him. And I heard a great voice in heaven, which said: Now is come the salvation, and the power and the kingdom of our Elohim, and the dominion of his Messiah: because **the Accuser of our brethren is cast out, the one who accuses them day and night before our Elohim**.

You know and I have had people before come up to me with maligning to a brother or sister in a certain way and I'll ask them, I'll say, "Well did you go up to the person? Did you share it with them, did you tell them?" "Oh, no, no. I wouldn't do that." Hmm, that doesn't make sense. So you won't go up to the person and share with them what they may be doing wrong discretely without you knowing but you certainly go around and tell everybody else what they are doing wrong. Is Yahweh like you? Is Yahweh like you? Because when you do that, like I said, you have put yourself, not only in Satan's army, you become his general. **You become his general when you take his spirit of maligning and gossip**. And like the scripture says here, you know, **when we speak against a brother or sister, we are speaking against the Torah**.

And it doesn't mean, you know, that there's not a process. If someone's in error, knowing or unknowing, you go to the person. **You go to the person and you try to restore them in love.** It's not that you just want to tell everybody else behind their back what they are doing that you would never do.

And they say one way to know if you have the spirit of self-righteousness is if the words ever come out of your mouth, "I would never do that!" That is clear-cut. If you say that, "He did what? Oh, I'd never do that." Even though you may never do that, if those words come out, you're self-righteous because don't be too sure you may never do that. You know, because **you never know things you may do until you're in those situations and what may happen in those situations.** But again, we are not to compare each other to each other; we're to compare each other to the Messiah. So when I look at myself to Yahshua, wow, my mouth shuts pretty quick. So, it doesn't make any difference how I'm compared to this one or that one. Like the Bible says, that's not wise. You know, **all that matters is how do I compare to my Messiah? Am I living up to Him.**

Num 23:19 *El is not a man that He should lie, or a son of man that He should repent. Has He said, and shall He not do it? And has He spoken, and shall He not make it good? ... See Yahweh never has to repent or lie because Yahweh is always faithful to the truth. Yahweh is always faithful to the truth.*

Ecc 5:1 *Guard your feet when you go to the house of The Elohim, and draw near to hear, more than to give a sacrifice, as do the fools. For they do not know that they are doing evil ... See they think all they have to do is give the sacrifice and that is great. I have seen people that have been blessed by Yahweh financially and they think by just throwing money around, that's going to cover all their sins. I had a man actually tell me that, who had a problem with adultery and he said, "But all the money I'm giving and helping, doesn't that equal out?" It's like, wow, what do you think Yahweh is? What on earth do you think Yahweh is? Any money we have, He gave us anyway and we are going to money back so he can go out and justify adultery or any other sin? Of course not.*

Ecc 5:2-6 *Do not be hasty with your mouth, and do not let your heart hurry to bring forth a word before The Elohim. For The Elohim is in Heaven, and you are on earth; on account of this, let your words be few ... Like I said, He is so far above what we are, you know, so far above ... For the dream comes through the greatness of the task; and the voice of the fool is known by the many words. When you vow a vow to Elohim, do not wait to fulfill it. For He has no pleasure in fools. Fulfill that which you have vowed. It is better that you should not vow, than that you should vow and not fulfill it. **Do not allow your mouth to cause your flesh to sin; do not say before the Messenger of YAHWEH, that it was an error. Why should The Elohim be angry over your voice, and destroy the work of your hands?***

And in the world we are living in, one of the problems we have is we just have too many words. And the Proverb says that *where many words are, sin is not absent.* And we're really, we're not thinking enough because with the Holy Spirit **we should be giving the Holy Spirit time to put in our mind what we should say** instead of just quickly, quickly, quickly always coming out with words and then always having to take them back. But very clearly like He says, guard your feet when you go to the house of Elohim. We want to make sure we are not allowing our mouth to cause our flesh to sin.

Mat 19:16-17 *And, behold, coming near, one said to Him, Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I inherit eternal life? And He said to him, Why do you call Me good? No one is good except One, YAHWEH! But if you desire to enter into life, keep the commandments ... So, wow, even Yahshua while He put His divinity aside and He came here in the flesh said, "No One is good but Yahweh." And yet we want to think a lot of times we are good and we are not. We don't want to recognize our state. If we go to Romans 3, we clearly see it and this is why we don't judge each other to each other because we are all in the same state. **We are all in the state of a fallen nature.***

Rom 3:10-15 *According as it has been written, "There is none righteous, not even one! There is not one understanding; there is not one seeking YAHWEH." All turned away, they became worthless together, not one is doing goodness, not so much as one! Their throat is a tomb being opened; they used deceit with their tongues; the poison of asps is under their lips; whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness. Their feet are swift to shed blood; ruin and misery are in their way; and they did not know a way of peace; there is no fear of YAHWEH before their eyes." ... Which is a big problem because the people who think Yahweh is like them when Yahweh is abhorring what they are doing, have no fear of Yahweh*

Rom 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of YAHWEH ... So all of us are in this state and this is called repentance. **This is the state that brings us to Yahweh so it's not a bad thing; it's a good thing.** We don't want to stay in this state as we are going to get into here in a couple of minutes but this is the state you have to get to if you really want to change. You have to get to this state that he is talking about.

Psalms 50, Psalm 50, because many things we are seeing where clearly, Yahweh is not like us. There is many people you meet that will tell you the name of Yahweh doesn't matter. You could call Him anything, some of them even pastors. Yahweh is not like them because Yahweh says, **"My name is Yahweh. That is My name for all generations. I will not give My glory to graven images."** That's what Yahweh says and for man to come and override that, the Creator of the universe, and say it doesn't matter, who do we think we are when we speak for Yahweh when it is not from His Word? Now we should speak for Yahweh but it is out of the Word and that's why, sometimes, if you go up to somebody that is living in adultery and you show him the scripture and they say, "Don't judge me!" you're not judging them, you know like Yahshua said, *the words of this book* ... You're going out of love because you know if someone is living in adultery and they don't repent, they are going to go to the Lake of Fire. So you go in humility, lest you can get puffed up and fall too ... but it doesn't mean we don't approach each other where we have to when somebody is living in sin ... but **let the Word do the judging**, not each other. Let the Word do the judging; let it come from Yahweh.

Psa 50:7 Hear, My people, and I will speak, O Israel, and I will testify against you; I am Elohim, your Elohim ... Drop down to verse 12 ... *if I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world is Mine, and the fullness of it* ... You know, Yahweh doesn't owe us anything. He doesn't have to inform us of what is going on.

Psa 50:16-21 But to the wicked, Elohim says, **What is it to you to proclaim My statutes, and to take up My covenant on your mouth? And you hate discipline and toss My Words behind you. When you saw a thief, you were pleased with him; and with adulterers is your part. You give your mouth to evil, and your tongue frames deceit. You sit; you speak against your brother; you give fault to the son of your mother. You have done these things, and I have kept silence** ... Remember what we said? That why does Yahweh sometimes not immediately judge us? Because He has all time in the world and **He is not accepting what we are doing, He is giving us time to repent but the evil person that is thinking that Yahweh is like them, they are thinking His silence is giving credence to what they are doing.** But look what He says ... *You have done these things, and I have kept silence; you thought that surely I would be like you; but I will rebuke you and set in order before your eyes.*

So very clearly, Yahweh is not like them; Yahweh is not like the people that are doing these things. You know Yahweh is not like the people that are not only doing the wrong things but fighting against Him, sinning, accepting sin in the congregation; Yahweh's not like that. So how do we become like Yahweh then? We go to Genesis 26 ... 1:26

Gen 1:26-27 And Elohim said, Let Us make man in **Our image**, according to **Our likeness**; and let them rule over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the heavens, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over all the creepers creeping on the earth. And Elohim created the man in His own image; in the image of Elohim He created him. He created them male and female.

So like we said, Yahweh said, *"Let Us make man in Our image and Our likeness."* And then it says, *"He created them in His image."* Why is that? Because **we can look like Yahweh** as far as Yahweh has eyes, Yahweh has ears, Yahweh has a nose, Yahweh has a mouth; He says that in scripture. But **to be able to be in His likeness is to be His character.** That's not something He can just 'poof' on us; that is something that we have to grow into. That's something that takes time, that's something because we have free will that you have to **surrender to the Holy Spirit to do that.**

So like is said in the beginning, the question 'Is Yahweh like you?' is off right from the beginning because it says Yahweh made us in His image but we have to grow into His likeness. And what did man do? Man has created Elohim in his image.

So that's why **people think Yahweh is like them because they have created an Elohim that's not the Elohim in the Bible**. And that's what we have said, you know, if you're divorced and you want to remarry ... even though the scripture says if you have a living spouse, it's adultery. You come up with an Elohim that is so merciful that He doesn't want you living alone ... "Yahweh would never want me living alone." And then you get divorced again and divorced again and the same thing. You know, **so you create an Elohim in your image that accepts whatever you vice is** and that's why people think that Yahweh is like you. So the question isn't, 'Is Yahweh like me?' The question is, 'Am I like Yahweh?' and you get a whole different answer. So the question isn't really, 'Is Yahweh like me?' The question is, 'Am I like Yahweh?' So that's what I want to go into now.

How can, then, we be like Yahweh because Yahweh shouldn't be like us. We already saw in the first part of the sermon what we are. **We are fallen, we have a fallen nature**; Yahweh shouldn't be like us but **we certainly should change and be like Yahweh**. Let's go to Galatians 5 because if we want to be like Yahweh, we don't have to do it through telling people dreams we had or saying that Yahweh is speaking through us in the first person. No, if you want to be like Yahweh, let's look how you can be like Yahweh.

Gal 5:22-26 *But the fruit of the Spirit is: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, meekness, self-control. Against such things there is no instruction. But the ones belonging to Messiah crucified the flesh with its passions and lusts. Let us therefore live by the Spirit, and surrender to the Spirit. Let us not be of vain glory, that ridicules one another, and envies one another ...* See, it's pride that is going to lift us up making us think we are something when we are not, making us think that Yahweh is working with us in a way that He is not working with anybody and really we need to humble our self. **We need to humble our self and focus on these 9 fruits and then you will be like Yahweh because this is His character**. This is His character. I'd like to very briefly go into each one, the first one being **love**, the binding tie of who Yahweh is.

1Jn 4:4-5 *Little children, you are of Elohim and have overcome them, because He that is in you is greater than he that is in the world ...* And as we will see here in a minute or two, that **it is the Spirit of Yahweh that transforms us**, that what a miracle that Yahweh is doing. How can we be like Him? He is going to take His mind, His thought pattern of all these 9 fruits and He's going to put it in our life, in our spirit if we allow Him to ... *he that is in you is greater than he that is in the world. They are of the world; because of this they speak of the world, and the world hears them ...* So we've got to make a difference. Do you want to be like the world or do you want to be like Yahweh?

1Jn 4:6-8 *We are of Elohim; the one knowing Elohim hears us. Whoever is not of Elohim does not hear us. From this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error. Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of YAHWEH, and everyone who loves has been generated from YAHWEH, and knows YAHWEH. The one who does not love has not known YAHWEH, because YAHWEH is love.*

And that's the problem when you see the people, the false people that think Yahweh is like them, you don't see any love. **The false prophets that are just judging and condemning and "everyone's going to hell", you don't see any love of Yahweh coming in these people**. The people that separate themselves from the congregation because "It's between me and Yahweh, I'm not having anyone over me!" Who are you serving? Is that love? If I'm by myself, that's not love. That's why there has to be Yahweh and Yahshua. The greatest scripture, one of the greatest, **John 3:16** *For Yahweh so loved the world, He gave His only son. There has to be two to love* and for a lot of these people thinking Yahweh is like them, it's only them. So they might say, "It's only me and Yahweh" but Yahweh is saying, "No, it's you and you. You're alone out there because I'm not like you." And **if we want to be like Him, the very first thing is this concept of love, unconditional love**. Even like Moses, when somebody hurts us, we don't get back railing for railing but we have pity and we have mercy and we have love.

1Jn 4:9-10 By this was the love of YAHWEH towards us made known, because YAHWEH sent his only-begotten Son into the world, that we might live by Him. **In this is love, not that we loved YAHWEH, but that He loved us** ... Right? It's not that, 'Is Yahweh like me?' but is, 'Am I like Yahweh?' See, He loved us first because we didn't even know what love is. In this world, man's love is only pride most of the time and selfishness but Yahweh's love is true agape. It's true unconditional love ... *and sent His Son to be the atonement for our sins.*

1Jn 4:11-13 Beloved, if YAHWEH so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has seen YAHWEH (The Father) at any time. **If we love one another, YAHWEH abides in us, and His love is perfected in us.** By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, **because of His Spirit He has given to us** ... So like is said, that's the binding tie. Yahweh is love. It's what He is made of; **His Spirit is the Spirit of love.** It's outgoing concern for others and if we love others we are never going to back bite them or malign them or talk bad about them. We are going to try to help them because of our concern for them.

The second one is **joy** which is **full of cheerfulness**, to be full of cheerfulness. So again, if our life is depression, if we are always "Woe is me", if everything is just New World Order or if it always how bad the world is; then we are not filled with cheer. Because even though it's a reality we have to live with, we know Yahshua said, *"I came to give life and to give it more abundantly."* If we looked at without joy in your life, what will it lead to? It will lead to murmuring and it's one of the main things that kept the Israelites out of the kingdom. So **in any situation, you can be joyful** because it doesn't matter what the situation is, **you can find blessings in any situation no matter how bad it is.** We have great examples in the Bible of King David, of Joseph being in prison, of guys that kept their focus and they were always joyful. That's why I really like Joseph and I really like Daniel, you know because these are guys that you never really see them depressed and they were in some horrible situations. As young men being taken captive, out of the Promised Land, both of them, being under pagan kings and yet they were very very positive and joyful in all things and Yahweh blessed them for it.

Peace, which is the **absence of war and strife**, calmness of soul, and you know, of course, faith brings peace. Do you have peace in your life? Do you have peace in your life or is there always strife? Is there always friction?

Patience, patience which is fortitude, endurance ... you know because without patience we get our self in trouble a lot. And think about our human nature, our fallen human nature; **without patience how quick we will jump to conclusions, how quick we will make the wrong decisions, how many times we will do the wrong thing.** But with patience like Yahweh has, it helps us not to prejudge somebody; it helps us to forgive somebody when you are being wronged. It really keeps you out of a lot of trouble to have patience.

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Kindness, which is moral excellence, compassion ... One of Yahweh's great characteristics, is kindness. You know, or do we just when someone does something wrong, even if they just did it, you're ready to just pounce on them, "I can't believe he did this!" You know, or do we have kindness, moral excellence, always keeping above ... and compassion, really having compassion ... **trying to understand** maybe why somebody did something wrong and helping them.

Goodness, which is having proper virtue and a mindset for actions because think about it, all us make decisions, like we say, every day of our life but by having goodness, by having proper virtue we're **doing it for the right reasons.** And how many people that don't have goodness you know, will make all the wrong decisions and when you have virtue, you will **never compromise on the word of Yahweh.** So many times, I would say probably at least 30% of the time the questions, that either through the web site or people writing in, have to do with virtue. You know, they have to do with a moral issue that even though if you think about it, you can come to the right decision but the Bible doesn't exactly say it. You know, do you think it's wrong to smoke cigarettes? You know, the Bible doesn't say it but you can clearly put scriptures

together showing why you wouldn't ever want to smoke cigarettes. So, it's having proper virtue and a mindset for action.

Faith, talked about that many times, which is simply conviction, belief, full belief in Yahweh and full assurance without ever wavering. How great that is, how much that helps because you know in **Hebrews 11:6** *Those who come to Yahweh must believe He is and He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him*. So there is no way that you could be like Yahweh if you don't 100% even believe He is! And believe it or not, not a lot but way more than once or twice, that I have had people that I have counselled that in the counselling that they have actually said, "To be honest, I don't even really 100% know if Yahweh even exists." And they were honest enough to say it but ,wow, maybe there are a lot more people that actually think that in the back of their mind and just aren't saying it. But you have to have faith, you have to have that full assurance because like Yahweh says, how on earth can you expect anything if you don't even 100% believe that He exists?

Meekness, which is the opposite of pride; you know, it's **humility**. Like I said, pride is the most stupidest, the most sinister thing in the world because all it is, is a false worth and since we are all evil and we give our self a false worth, we are only going to make everybody else's life around us miserable. So that's one of the things to really separate who we are and who Yahweh is, is to have **humility to realize nobody is any better than anybody else**. People sometime misinterpret judicial order, the fact that somebody may have a more prestigious position or maybe more responsibility but like I always say, a policeman, although we respect him and he has a great responsibility to protect us, it doesn't mean that he is better than you. It doesn't mean that his worth to Yahweh is more than you. No, it's just that he's in a position where he has more responsibility. So **meekness is humility and gentleness**. There is also a gentleness that when we deal with people at times like I said, we may have to go to our brother or sister and correct them but you want to always do it with gentleness.

And the last one is **self-control** ... extremely important one because without self-control you'll never do any of these things; you'll never stick to them and stay to them. **Self-control is temperance; it's control of one's will and mind**. You know, and again this will stop you from compromising. It will stop you from falling into sins, you know. There's many times I have counseled with people that said, "I can't overcome this. You know, I'm doing the same thing." You've really got to pray for self-control; temperance and control of one's mind; taking every thought into captivity and obedience of Messiah.

So how do we do these? These are character traits of Yahweh and Yahshua and if you want to be like Them, you have to exhibit these because this is what Yahweh and Yahshua are. John 14, because **you can do this**; this is the exciting part that in the world, they can't do it because they haven't repented, they haven't submitted to Yahweh. But Yahshua gives us the promise that **we can do this in our life, that we can overcome our self**, that we can change our nature and we can become like Yahweh.

Joh 14:10-12 *Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me? The Words which I speak to you I do not speak from Myself, but **the Father who dwells in Me, He does the works**. Believe Me that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me; but if not, believe Me because of the works themselves. Indeed, I tell you truly, the one believing into Me, the works which I do, that one shall do also, and **greater than these he will do**, because I go to My Father ...* So very clearly we see again **faith**, that if we have that faith and you truly believe this, what does He say?

Joh 14:13-14 *And whatever you may **ask in My name, this I will do**, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it ...* Wow, that's a great powerful promise. Drop down to verse 26.

Joh 14:26 But the Redeemer, **the Holy Spirit**, whom my Father will send in My name will teach you everything. And it will remind you of everything that I said to do ... **Verse 17** ... If we go back here ... **the Spirit of Truth**, whom the world cannot receive because it does not see Him nor know Him. But you know Him, **for it dwells with you and shall be in you.**

We know, each one of us that have been immersed in His name, we have that Holy Spirit living in us. So this is the miracle, this is the mystery, the good news. You know we are sitting here for 40 minutes talking about the fallen nature to get us in the right perspective but now Yahweh is saying, "You don't have to stay that way though. That no, I'm not going to be like you but you can be like Me. You can be like Me but you have free will, **you have to make that choice.**" You know, Yahweh puts before us life and death and He will never force us. He's not going to possess us the way Satan possesses but **He will gently guide and lead.** And if we surrender the human nature that we see is no good to us anyway, and **in humility** you know, **we clothe our self with love, joy, peace patience, kindness, goodness, faith, meekness and self-control; we literally can be like Him.**

You know, because there is only one Spirit and like He says in **John 17** *I in You and You in Me and Us in the.* So the same Spirit that makes Yahweh and Yahshua the same mind, that makes one and think the same way and united, is living in us and **the only thing stopping us from being like Them is us**, that we're not submitting to it. You know, that we are allowing the deception of this world, one way or another, to stop us from being fully like Him. And we are being like Him in little ways but there is so much more potential that each of us can be doing.

Matthew 10:32, Matthew 10:32 and that's what makes Passover such a great time of the year because it really, it **magnifies the supremacy of Yahshua, the sacrifice that He did, not just to pay the penalty for our sins, but so that the Holy Spirit could live in us.** That's what He said, "Unless I go to the Father, the Comforter won't come." So it's not just the matter of your old fallen self being, you know replenished. It's like a plate that has a hole in it, while you can keep putting that water back in but it's going to keep going out but now you can get a new plate. Now, you can get the hole fixed, now you can get yourself that you can literally you become a new person in Messiah.

Mat 10:32-33 *Then everyone who shall confess Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father in Heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I also will deny him before My Father in Heaven ...* And don't think this is just someone coming up to you and saying, "Do you deny Yahshua?" ... Put a gun to you head, you know ... "Curse Yahshua!" Although that happens in the world today and that's happening more and more, especially in the East but do you know, **every day of our life that we are not clothing our self with these 9 fruits of the Spirit and we are living to the fruits of the flesh, we're denying Him.** You know, when we attack our brother, we deny Him. You know, when we compromise in the Torah, we deny Him. **Every single thing that we reject of this word, we're denying Him.** And that's what He's saying, "If you deny Me, I'll deny you."

Mat 10:34-36 *Do not think that I came to bring calm on the earth. I did not come to bring calm, but a sword. I came to divide a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a bride against her mother-in-law. And the adversaries of a man shall be those of his own house ...* So again, when we put our wife or our daughter or our parents or our friends or our boss at work; **when we put anybody before Yahshua, we're denying Him;** we're denying Him and people do it all the time. You know, when we say, "Oh, I can't do this because I have to do this and sometimes it's a violation directly of the commandment, you know, "Well, my boss told me to do it." But remember, we have a bigger boss in heaven. So whenever we make a decision and we are putting a human before Yahshua or Yahweh's word, we're denying Him.

Mat 10:37-39 *The one loving father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And the one loving son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And whoever does not take up his staff and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. The one finding his life shall lose it. And the one losing his life on account of Me shall find it.*

We deny Yahshua when we quench the Spirit by doing our own will. So this is something ... like He says, "Daily, we have to take up the torture stake." **Whatever it is in our personality that we are fighting because, again, the fight isn't against somebody else, the fight is against our self because no one can take your free will.** Even Satan ... sometimes people will, "Oh that devil ..." and "This devil that ..." Everyone wants to blame Satan and, yeah, we have a lot to blame Satan for but the one thing you can't blame Satan for is, he doesn't have your free will.

So when we make mistakes and we sin, you know it's us that made that decision. He may have tempted us, he may have tricked us but only because we we're surrendering to Yahweh. If we fully surrender to Yahweh, he would have no authority in our life. I've said it many times, "Do you have anger? Do you have lust? Do you have greediness?" These are all things that Satan owns and if they are in your life, he's going to come and get them and you're going to be in trouble. But if your life is filled with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, meekness, self-control; he has no authority there. He has nothing to come from; the door will be locked and the power from Yahweh will come.

Ephesians 1, Ephesians 1 and this is ... this is the new believer in Messiah. This is the miracle that Yahweh gives us opportunity.

Eph 1:3-5 *Blessed is the Elohim and Father of our Master Yahshua Messiah, who blessed us with every spiritual blessing in heaven through Messiah, even as He elected us in Him before the foundation of the world, for us to be holy and without blemish before Him in love, And He marked us with His love to be His from the beginning and adopted us to be sons through Yahshua Messiah, according to how it pleased His will ...* And if you go through Paul's epistles and you look at these 9 fruits and you see how many times they're mentioned to believers, they're amazing, you know. Because this is what we are doing ... just like I said, once you have repented and you have the Spirit living in you and now you are surrendering to that Spirit daily and you're letting the old person die, He'll build something new in you and you're going to get these things. You're going to get them.

Eph 1:6-9 *to the praise of the glory of His grace in which He poured upon us by His beloved one, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the remission of sins, according to the riches of His grace which He caused to abound toward us in all wisdom and understanding, making known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself ...* And what's that? **Messiah in you**, the hope of glory, that now there is a difference between you and that person in the world. In the flesh there is no difference; both have the same nature but in the Spirit there's a big difference because **the Spirit of Yahweh will allow us not to partake in those bad evil things of the flesh** that He said. Let's drop down to verse 16.

Eph 1:16-19 *I also do not cease giving thanks on your behalf, making mention of you in my prayers, that the Elohim of our Master Yahshua Messiah, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the full knowledge of Him ...* Exactly what we are talking about today ... *the eyes of your mind having been enlightened, for you to know what is the hope of His calling, and what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us, the ones believing according to the working of His mighty strength ...* And what is that? Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, meekness, faith, self-control; that's the power, **that's the power of the Spirit.**

Eph 1:20-23 *which He worked in Messiah in raising Him from the dead; and He seated Him at His own right hand in heaven, far above all cherubs, and authority, and power, and dominion, and every name having been named, not only in this age, but also in the coming age; and "He put all things under His feet" and gave Him to be Head over all things to the Congregation, which is His body: the fullness of the One filling all things and everything ...* So literally, Messiah is the head and we are part of that body and when we glorify Him and when we magnify His sacrifice, not only does it humble us, you know, and gives Him the proper glory but then it enables us to ... for His Spirit to grow in us. But when we are all focusing on our self and on my dream and on this and making me up here instead of the Messiah, you know, maybe

pulling on, like I said, self-righteousness; all we are doing is, we are playing into the hands of Satan and we are only diminishing our own calling. Colossians 1, Colossians 1, another great chapter here about the same, verse 3

Col 1:3-6 *We give thanks always to YAHWEH, the Father of our Master, Yahshua Messiah, and we always pray for you, hearing of your faith in Messiah Yahshua and the **love toward all the saints** ... Here it is again. Love is always the foundation; love is always the basis that the people have ... because of the hope which is preserved for you in Heaven, which you heard before in the Word of the truth of the good news, which has been preached to you, as also in all the world, and **it is bearing fruit even also among you**, from the day in which you heard and knew the grace of Elohim in truth ... So again, if these 9 things are abounding in your life, what will happen? You're going to bear fruit to Yahweh too. There's going to be fruit which he commands us to do.*

Col 1:7-9 *even as you also learned from Epaphras our beloved fellow-slave, who is a faithful minister of Messiah for you, he also showing to us your love in the Spirit. For this cause also, from the day in which we heard, **we do not cease praying on your behalf**, and asking that you may **be filled with the full knowledge of the will of Elohim** in all wisdom and spiritual understanding ... Just like we said, having those 9 fruits and what does he say? They never stop cease praying. That's another thing, the more we are praying for each other, the more we are praying for each other to be filled with these gifts, the more our focus will be on being like Yahweh and not being like the world.*

Col 1:10-13 *That you may live a righteous life pleasing YAHWEH and bearing fruit in every good work and growing into the full knowledge of Elohim; **being empowered with all power according to the might of His glory**, to all patience and long-suffering with joy ... Here he is, getting back to the 9 fruits ... So that you may **joyfully** ... Right, joy, the second fruit ... give thanks to YAHWEH the Father, who has enlightened and made us a worthy inheritance of the saints, and has delivered us out of the authority of darkness, and brought us into the kingdom of His beloved Son ... Just like we talked about, Romans 3; we were all in that terrible state but Yahweh doesn't want us to stay there. He wants us to come into this kingdom mentality where we are living with love, joy, peace, patience and all these things and it's causing us to be like Him and to bear fruit.*

Col 1:14-20 *in whom we have obtained salvation, and the forgiveness of sins; who is the image of the invisible Elohim, the right of the First-born of all creation. For all things were created through Him ... Including our self ... the things in the heavens, and the things on the earth, the visible and the invisible; whether imperial thrones, or dominions, or angelic orders, or authorities, all things were in His hand and have been created by Him. And He is before all things, and by Him all things are sustained ... He is the supremacy of all ... And **He is the Head of the body, the Congregation**, who is the Beginning, the First-born of the resurrection of the dead, that He be preeminent in all things ... Praise Yahweh! ... because it pleased Elohim to complete all things in Him, and through Him making **peace** ... You know, another one of the 9 gifts ... by the blood of His crucifixion, to reconcile all things to Himself; through Him, whether the things on the earth, or the things in the heavens.*

Col 1:21-23 *And you then being alienated and hostile **in your mind** ... Right? So everything gets back to your mind. That's what Yahweh and Satan are fighting against, the free will of your mind ... And you then being alienated and hostile in your mind by evil works, but **now peace has been given**, through the sacrifice of His body, and His death, so that He may raise you before Him holy and without blemish and blameless, if indeed you continue in the **faith** ... Faith, another one of them ... grounded and settled and **not being moved away from the hope of the good news** which you have heard and which has been preached in all the creation under Heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister*

Col 1:24-27 *and now rejoice in my sufferings on your behalf and fill up in my flesh the things lacking of the afflictions of Messiah on behalf of His body, which is the Congregation, of which I became a minister, according to the stewardship of Elohim given to me for you, to preach the Word of Elohim everywhere, even **the mystery** having been hidden from the ages and from the generations, but **now is revealed to His saints**; to whom YAHWEH willed to make known what are the*

riches of the glory of this mystery among the nations, which is **Messiah in you**, the hope of glory ... That's the mystery! The mystery is that before we were tortured by our fallen human nature and there was no answer but now, now **if we surrender that nature which we all should do gladly and give it up to Yahweh, that He can put a new nature in us, that His Spirit can grow**, that all of a sudden you have all these things in your life because the Spirit of Yahweh is growing in you.

Col 1:28-29 *Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may cause every man to become perfect in Messiah Yahshua, and to this end I also labor, **struggling according to the working of Him who works in me in power.***

So even the Apostle Paul was struggling; I'm not saying it's easy. I'm not saying it's some magical pill; the opposite. It is a struggle and a fight for your life but you have to be aware of it and you have to do it every day of your life. **You can't give in to the fruits of the flesh. You can't give in to anger, envy, to gossip; you can't give in to lust, to covetousness.** You can't give in to those things; you have to fight it tooth and nail. Your spirit, remember the spirit in you is greater than the spirit in the world. That's all the spirit in the world. You have a spirit that can quash all that but you have to fight it. **You have to fight it and you have to allow all these 9 fruits of the Spirit to grow in your life and then that's the miracle.** That **your greatest testimony is you**, that there's the old you that was a burned out hunk of junk that's worthless, that you said let Yahweh take this; now there is a new you. There's a new you that's a different person because it's not you; it's Messiah in you in the hope of glory.

So we don't have to sit here saying, "You know how great I am and do you know what I did?" No, it's what Messiah did in me; it's what Yahweh did. That's why he says, "Where is the boasting?" Because there is one Spirit and it's the Holy Spirit that is bringing us to this truth. A couple of quick scriptures and we'll end. Psalm 15, Psalm 15, because this is the person that will be in the kingdom of Yahweh. **This is the person, if you want to be like Yahweh, this is the person you want to become.**

Psa 15:1-5 *[A Psalm of David.] O YAHWEH, who shall sojourn in Your tabernacle? ... Right? The tabernacle of David just found ... 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** ... You know, we don't want to bring the sinner in, we want him to repent but we don't want to accept those bad actions ... **but he honors those who fear YAHWEH** ... You know, if someone doesn't have the fear of Yahweh, run in the other direction because that person will be a misery in your life ... *In his eyes, the reprobate has been despised but he honors those who fear YAHWEH. He has sworn to his hurt, and he will not change it* ... You know, what comes out of our mouth even if it's going to ... It's not "Oop, I know I said I'm going to help but ... " No, it comes out of your mouth, you have to perform it. This is the person that will dwell in the tabernacle of Yahweh ... *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.**

So this is it, if we want to be like Yahweh; this is the person we have to strive for. And the last scripture is Matthew 5:48 because, like I said, it doesn't happen automatically, it's not a magic pill we take; **it's a life long journey of picking up our torture stake every day and surrendering to Yahweh.**

Mat 5:48 *Therefore, you become perfect ... or complete ... even as your Father in Heaven is perfect ...* And this is why it's so dangerous. **The Laodicean** who thinks he's rich and increased of goods and in need of nothing because he has separated himself from the body of Messiah. He doesn't need anybody. Because he is very rich, he can do what he wants. He can travel over here, "I'm going to go to Hawaii for the feast and have a great time" and he thinks in his mind that he is like Yahweh and yet like we read in Psalm 15, Yahweh says, "No, I'm not like you. If you're separated from My body, if you don't want to follow the leadership that I put in place, if you don't want to serve My people, if you don't

want to have humility and love one another” and you have to surrender yourself to love one another ...Yahweh says, “No, I’m not like you. I’m not like you.”

We must become like Yahweh to be in the kingdom. We have to surrender our fallen nature; the nature to His nature of the 9 fruits through the Ruach haKodesh. It will not just happen, like I said, **you have to fight yourself everyday of your life**, everyday reading His Word, daily praying without ceasing , asking Yahweh for guidance in all things, fasting often and allowing the Holy Spirit to lead you. Take every thought into captivity to the obedience of Messiah, think before speaking to give the Holy Spirit a chance to speak through us. Listen to that small still voice of Yahweh and deny yourself because, no, Yahweh is not like you but you can be like Yahweh.

Yahweh bless, Hag Sameah.