

Transcript — Take Every Thought Into Captivity

Almighty, Shabbat shalom and Shabbat shalom to those who will be watching with us today. We are having our almost live service here from the sea of Galilee.

I have a very important message today to give. It's called *Take every thought into captivity*. And I think in the times we're living in, it's extremely important because **Revelation 12:9** talks about in the end time *Satan has deceived the whole world*. Now, *we know* from the Garden of Eden that Satan has always deceived the world, but if you look in chronological order, **Revelation 12** comes right before **Revelation 13**, when Satan is going to set his government on this earth, which is right around the corner.

So, it's not talking in *general* that Satan has always deceived everybody. It's talking about in the time we're living in *right now*, with *all* these things we know that are *coming*, that Satan has *deceived* the whole world. And the way he *does* it, is through your mind—through your mind. Because think about it, when the Kingdom comes you're not going to take your fingers, you're not going to take your toes, you're not going to take your head, you're not going to take anything of your body into the Kingdom. The only thing you *may* or *may not* take into the Kingdom is your mind. If you have the mind of Messiah you're going to take it into the Kingdom, if you have the mind of *Satan* and the mind of the *world*, it's going to be burned up like everything else and then you're not going to be there.

So, *right now* is the greatest battle of the history of the world going on, between Yahweh and Satan for your mind. That's really what it comes down to. Because your *mind* is where *everything* comes out of. That's where all your *thoughts*, your actions ... Why does one person dress *modest* and read his Bible every day and try to serve Yahweh and why is somebody else out there, who is *evil* and *sinister* and filled with *tattoos* and *pierces* all over his body and *cursing* and bad music? They're both human beings, they both come from the same *mold*. It's because *one* has the mind of Messiah and *one* has the mind of Satan. It's that easy.

And that's why when Yahweh talks in scripture about the *spirit* of Satan compared to the Spirit of Yahshua, this is what He's talking about. He's talking about the *infiltration* of your mind. And I know in the truth ... I've had people say it to me, you've probably had it said to you, "You're being brainwashed!" And I say, "HalleluYah! Yes! Yahweh is *washing* our brain." I *pray*, He's washing our brain. He's washing our brain *away* from the brain of Satan, the prince of the power the airwaves, *into* the mind of Messiah. That's what we *have* to do. If we don't have a *brainwashing*, if we don't have a *washing* of the mind ... which we're going to read the scriptures, which is a *washing* of the *regeneration* of your *soul*; and the mind is where all the thoughts come out of ... you're not going to be in His Kingdom. Because what you're going to do is, you're going to take the *fleshly* mind which is not going to make it.

So, like I said, Yahweh wants our mind. And the difference is you think, "Well, isn't Yahweh stronger than Satan?" Of course He is, but He gives us free will because that's love. Yahweh didn't *make* billions of rubber pencils. He could've, He could've made us without free will and just to *automatically* do something, but then we wouldn't become His children, we would be robots. So, in order for *Him* to create children, He *had* to give us free will. He *has* to put before us life and death, like it says in **Deuteronomy 30** and He has to *give* us the choice to *make* those right ways.

And **every single choice you make is coming from your mind**. Every single choice! If you think about it, *every* invention in the world, whether we look at the *telephone*, we look at the *internet*, they didn't just *happen*. One *day* Alexander Graham Bell didn't all of a sudden start digging something up and he found this *wire*. And then all of a sudden, the end was a *telephone*! No, something in his mind said, "You know something? If you look at how echos and how sound reverberates, I *bet* you that somehow you could put sound *in* a vacuum and then you could be talking over here and you can talk to somebody over there." And as kids, I don't know if you ever tried it, we used to do this with cups. We'd take cups and you put a rope and you'd listen to each other. And it's the basic concept, but **everything starts with your mind**. Every *thought* starts with your mind.

So, what I'm going to talk about today, it's *really*, it's revolutionary, *taking every thought into captivity*. Because if you can take every thought into captivity then Satan can't touch you! So, we're going to talk about the importance of it and then we're going to talk about how to put this into practicality.

But when we're talking about the mind of Messiah, it's not a sermon, it's not a "I'll give you ABC, do this and you could ..." it's not like that. The *mind* of Messiah, it's not something you *teach*, it's something you *clothe* yourself with. It's something that *literally*, you *surrender to every day of your life 24/7*. You *live in* that mode of the mind of Messiah.

So, it's not like, okay, you're going to hear a sermon, then all of a sudden we're going to do the mind of Messiah. No, what we're going to talk about is, *what* you have to do in your *life to surrender your human will*, which is coming from Satan, to put on the mind of Messiah. Because *each* of us in this room, except for maybe the little one, *each* of us in this room *already* have the Spirit of Yahweh in us, because we've already been baptized.

So, the mind of Messiah is already *there*, it's just not being utilized. It's not being utilized why? Because Satan has deceived the whole world. Because *Satan is tricking* you into *thinking* that it's *your* thought. And he's giving you the easier way and you're *following*. A lot of people are doing it. You're *following* those thoughts instead of *fighting* it and taking every thought into captivity.

So, like I said, it's a 24-hour, seven-day-a-week mindset of *submission* and love and service to Yahweh—and that's what it comes to. That you *literally*, you *become* the mind of Messiah and that's where *death* has no *power* over you. Because like I said, you're not taking your body into the Kingdom anyway. This body is going to go. Whether that means that you're going to die and you're going to be in the earth, or it means, that Yahshua's going to come, you're going to *shed* your mortal bodies—but we're going to get a *glorified* body. We're going to be *spirit* beings in that day. But you *are* going to take your *mind*. You are going to take ... because your mind is your *character* and like I said, *every thought* comes from your mind. Every thought comes from your mind and *as a man thinks so he is*.

So, *everything* starts in the mind or the *heart*. Not the *organ*, the muscle that's pumping *blood*, but the heart is *related* and it's really the mind, it's where your thoughts are coming from. And like I said, *every single* invention, the TV, the airplane, the radio, the car, everything *started* in the mind. And even bad things, when you look at *smoking*, how would smoking come from? *Who* would *think* of taking this big, big tobacco leaf and you have to *dry it out* and then you have to *crumble* it and you have to make it a certain way and then you got to roll it up. Who would think about that? But somebody did. And then somebody smoked it, and [cough] "Oh, that was good!" And today you have millions of people that are hooked on that kind of stuff.

But even coffee ... if you look at coffee. Coffee beans, you have to actually cut out the bean and then you have to roast it and then you have to do this. It's a *process*. But *somebody* thought about it. And in that process there was trial and error. And trial and error, because it doesn't *start* to become as something that's perfect. It starts as, "Oo, that wasn't so good, let's try it this way." "Well this wasn't so good, let's try it this way." But *every single thing* that we have today in life comes that way. It comes from it *started* with a thought. And the carnal mind, we all *start* with a carnal mind. It can be transformed, good or bad.

So, that's the key to it. That people don't really *think* about that. They're just thinking it's normal—that it's just normal. You have a mind, you think this way. But it's not. Because *every single person* since Adam in the Garden of Eden has gone the way of Satan, the way of the world, the way of *rebellion* and what Yahweh is doing is He's trying to call us *back* to the way of *love* and *submission* to the mind of Messiah. And that's the *key* to it, is your *mind* is the key to ***absolutely everything***.

So, let's go to Ephesians 2, in verse 1. Because first we'll talk about the problem and then we'll get into the *solution*. Ephesians 2 says:

Ephesians 2:1-2 *And He has quickened you also ... Ephesians 2 in verse 1 ... He has quickened you also who were **dead** because of your sins and trespasses in which you **formerly** walked according to the course of **this** world according to the*

will of the ruler ... or the Prince ... of the authority of the air ... the airwaves ... the spirit which is active in the sons of disobedience.

So, he's saying, *before* we came to Messiah, *this* is what we were doing. We were *following* the prince of the power of the airwaves—Satan. How does he work? Because, again, *each* of us have electronic pulse to us and he works through radio magnetic waves that come through *internet* and *television* and *all* of these different things and he *transforms thoughts* into our mind. And I've *seen* it. I've *seen* it in Babylon. That you can see these *beautiful* little children, at two and three years old, that are the creation that Yahweh made them and by the time they're seven and eight, they're already having *spiked* hair, they're already having *piercings*, all this *evil* stuff—and it's not *natural*. It didn't come from *natural* ... becoming that way. No, it came from the prince of the power of the air. It came from somebody *infiltrating* their mind with a false belief system. And that's why when you come into the truth, what a lot of people do is, they stop *so short* of becoming perfect and then Satan has them right where he wants them.

So, they realize, “Oh, it's *Saturday* that we have to worship, not *Sunday*. Oh, we have to eat *beef*, not *pork*. Oh, we have to wear *this* clothes, that's a hundred percent cotton and not *this* clothes that's mixed.” Which are all tiny things. *Yes*, they're points of sanctification but they're *small* things. But the *real* thing is, you have to *continue* to grow in the grace and the knowledge of our Master Yahshua Messiah and *grow* into the mind of Messiah.

So, you have to look at *every single thing* in your belief system. We do this in the Bible School. That *every single thing* you believe, is it coming from Satan, the prince of the power of the air, or is it coming from Yahweh? And people really, they *have* a lot of *baggage* in their *life* from different things. And usually when you hear somebody saying, “Well, I'll never follow a man. I'm not going to follow ordained *elders*.” They went through things in their life. Maybe they had a bad father, or maybe they went through *abuse* as a child, maybe they were in a church, the Baptist Church, and some bad thing happened. But that's a bad belief system, because now what are you going to be? You're going to be rebellious to every single thing of Yahweh. And it's not the mind of Messiah.

How on earth can you be a *hundred percent submissive* to Yahweh in *all things* and say, *I'll never follow a man*? Well, look in your Bible, *every single leader* was a man, from *Noah* to *Abraham* to *Moses* to *Joshua* to *Samson* to *Peter* to *Paul*, to *everybody*. I don't see anybody following *angels*. I never see a *cherub* being the leader of the congregation. It's always a man. It always is.

So, again this is coming from the mind of *Satan*, because that's what Satan is instilling. He's saying, “Follow yourself, don't ever follow a man. Do your own thing. Be by yourself. Don't be part of a congregation.” These are all evil, evil thoughts that are coming *in*, that are thoughts of the world and thoughts of the *flesh*. Because you know what? Satan's thought is, “Is it going to *benefit* you? And if it's not going to benefit you, then *don't* do it.”

When we were kids, I used to be very close with one of my cousins and I had an uncle that was like that. Like, we would ask, “Can we go to the park? Could we do this?” And my uncle would think, “Hmm, can it benefit *me*? No, no, no, you just *sit* there. Just *sit* there and don't move.” So, how long can you have a child sit there? He would do it for *days*, as long as it wasn't going to benefit him, you'd just *sit* there. And that's the thoughts of Satan that he wants to give. He wants you to *only* think, “Is someone going to ... is it going to *benefit* me? Am I going to get *pleasure* out of this? And if not, then don't do it.” With Yahweh it's the complete *opposite*.

It's *surrendering* to that *Spirit* and putting on the mind of Messiah. And the mind of Messiah is 24/7. It's a mindset that you don't even have to *think* about it, because the Holy Spirit *living* in you. Once you die to the spirit of Satan and the prince of the power of the air, once you get *rid* of the TV, the internet and all the stuff, get it *out* of your *life*—spiritually and physically—*now* what do you have? You have the Holy Spirit transmitting those waves every day of your life and that's what you're listening to. And that's why you have to *guard* what's coming into your *mind* because it's 10 times harder to get it out than to bring it in.

You have to *guard* it. And this is eternal life, what we're talking about here. In a *nutshell*, this is eternal life because anybody who is a true covenant person *knows* that the *only* thing that will change your life is the mind of Messiah. We all

know. I know, where it came from 32 years ago. I know what was *in* me. I know what was *there* and I know where I am now. And I know the *only thing* that has *changed* me, is surrendering to the mind of Messiah. It's *fighting* Satan and fighting the prince the power of the air, *every day of my life* and *turning off his wavelength* and keeping on the wavelength of the Holy Spirit.

So, when something comes up, I'm not asking myself, "Does this benefit *me*?" I'm asking myself, "Is this going to serve Yahweh and His people?" And then I'm going to *sacrifice* whatever it is of me. I'm not *thinking* of *my* will. Like Yahshua said, "*not My will be done but Your will be done.*" [Mat 26:39] And this is what we have to see. In verse 3, of the same chapter he says:

Ephesians 2:3 *in those very deeds in which we also were corrupted from the very beginning through the lusts of our flesh doing the things willed of the flesh and of the mind and were by nature the children of wrath even as the rest.*

So, that's the point. *Lust* is in all forms, pleasure seeking is lust. It can be *food*, it can simply be wanting to *relax* and not wanting to *do* anything. A lustful mind ... it's something that you want, an abundance of something that Yahweh's not giving you. So, lust can come in *all* different ways, but that's what the prince the power the air is going to do. He's going to *instill* these thoughts in your *mind*. And to your human nature ... your human nature is *happy* with these thoughts. If somebody comes and says, "You don't have to work. We'll just give you free money. Sit in your house and watch TV, relax and enjoy yourself. Here's another bottle of alcohol." Come on, the human nature's going to be like, "Great! Bring it more, bring it more." But it's not the mind of Messiah. The mind of Messiah is going to say, "*No*, that's over abundance. *No* this isn't the will of Yahweh." The mind of Messiah is going to fight these things.

So, you have to realize—you have to realize—when Satan is bringing these thoughts *from* your human nature they're not good ... they're not good. And the way you know the difference is through the Torah as we're going to see. And that's the point, *if* you have a faulty belief system you're going to *think* that all these things *are* right. Because it's like, you could sit here, you could talk to a *Catholic* and say, "Oh, it's *so* bad with this homosexual marriage." "Oh, yeah, it's *so* bad that homosexual ..." Now you're on the same wavelength. Why? Because in your belief system the Catholic *also* believes homosexual marriage is bad and *you* believe homosexual marriage in bad. And then when you say, "Yeah, even the *Torah* says in Leviticus 18 ..." What's their response going to be? "Oh, no, the law is nailed to the cross."

So they just happen to *believe* that. Why? Because *their* grandmother taught it and *their* grandmother taught it and *their* grandmother taught it. It's just a human *belief* that happened to be right. But it doesn't make it the mind of Messiah. And that's the point what I'm trying to say. What believers do is they're *taking their* belief system that's coming from *school*, it's coming from their *parents*, it's coming from here ... and there's good and bad, it's the tree of the knowledge of good and evil ... and they're *thinking* that this is *Yahweh's* thought pattern and it's *not*. It's *not* Yahweh's thought pattern.

What you have to do when you [be]come a believer, you have to get rid of *everything* and start from scratch. And that's why you've got to read this Bible *over* and *over* and *over* and *over* again. Read it every day of your life, *listen* to sermons every where you're going. Listen to the Bible, listen and then everything that's filling your mind is not going to be the prince the power of the air waves. It's going to be *Yahweh* filling your mind. Because again, your *mind* is a master computer. Your mind has an ability greater than *any* computer man can *ever* create or make or whatever. And if you notice, about every six months, they come up with a better computer with more memory, and more of this. They'll never come up with a computer that's greater than your mind. Because Yahweh *created* it that way.

But you *have* to look at your *belief* system and you have to *see* what in your belief system is contrary to the Torah of Yahweh. Because this is why Paul says, "I wish you all speak the same thing. I wish that you all *believe* the same thing." How important, believe in the doctrine that we've given you from the Apostles and *follow* it. Because there's one Yahweh and there's one doctrine and there's one Savior and there's one mind of Messiah. And you have to *surrender your* mind and *your* will to the mind Messiah. That is the *only* way it's going to work. And if not, you're going to be stuck with your *human* mind and you're going to be one of those that Satan has deceived the whole world in. You're

going to be *thinking* you're following Yahweh when really you're just following yourself. 1st Corinthians 2 in verse 11, he says:

1st Corinthians 2:11 *For who among men knows the things of a man, except the **spirit** of a man within him? So also no one has known the things of Elohim except the Spirit of Elohim.*

Comment: See, you have the *mind* of the flesh, your human nature, and you have the spirit of Elohim. So, now you're *born* with this human nature and like I said, *each* of us are different. We all come from different backgrounds, different schooling, different parents, different training, different mentors. So, we all have this mind that's *filled* with all these things, good *and* bad, the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. But now you come to truth, you have the Holy Spirit of Yahweh, which is the Tree of Life. You have the truth that comes in and like I said, you have to *clear* the mind of the flesh to let the Spirit of Yahweh fill you up. So, *who knows the things of a man, except the spirit of a man?*

1st Corinthians 2:11-12 *So also no one has known the things of Elohim except the Spirit of Elohim. But we have **not** received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit from Elohim, so that we might know the things that are freely given to us by Elohim ... Got to know the difference. Like I said, you have to *test* and check your belief system ... *for the things which we discuss, are not **dependent** on the knowledge of words and man's **wisdom**, but on the teaching of the Holy Spirit, thus explaining spiritual things with the spiritual minded.**

And what are people searching for today? They're searching for *knowledge*. They're searching toward the *physical* things. They don't *want* to hear this. The people of *Yahweh*, they'll hear a sermon like this and say, "Wow, I want to hear this 20 times. *This* is going to change my life, because *every* time I hear this I'm going to be closer to Yahweh and putting on more of the mind Messiah." But the people that are looking toward *knowledge* they're not going to want to hear it.

We've had in our Bible, out of a *thousand* responses I'd say, nine hundred and ninety of them have been positive. But every here and there, you'll get somebody that will say, "Well, Don Esposito, he's not a scholar." So they're not criticizing the translation, they're not saying I'm *wrong* anywhere, they're simply criticizing because I'm not a scholar. Praise Yahweh, I'm not a scholar. Yahshua picked 12 ordinary men. He didn't pick the scribes and the Pharisees and the scholars. You know what I'm a scholar in? I'm a scholar in this Book. That's what I'm a scholar in. And I'll stand toe-to-toe with *anybody* in the world, including the Pope, when it comes to this Book, because I know it inside and out.

You know why I know it? Because the Holy Spirit *in* me, is the one who knows it and the Holy Spirit *in* me, is the one who's giving me the answers to it. And the only way that that can happen is I've read this book a hundred times over and over and over, maybe 500 times. I read it *every* day of my life and I just keep *reading* it and *reading* and *reading* it. And *every* time I read this book now the Holy Spirit will *tell* me where to go. Go to this scripture, go to this scripture, go over here, because it's in my mind. But if I never put it in my mind I couldn't do that. If I'm reading all these worldly books, by human beings, you know what's going to come to my mind? This guy's book and this guy's book or this false website or whatever. It isn't going to work that way. And then again, I'm going to have a *faulty* belief system. So, it's *got* to come from scripture. Here a little, there a little, line upon line, precept upon precept.

1st Corinthians 2:14-15 *But the material man **rejects** the things of the Spirit, for they are **foolishness** to him, and he is not able to know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But the spiritual man discerns **everything**, and yet no man is able to discern him.*

Comment: Like I said, we've all said it, people come up to us, "Who are you? Where did you come from?" They can't understand us, because they can't discern it. *The spiritual man discerns everything but no one is able to discern him.* Because they don't have the mind of Messiah. They have no idea, they can't understand it.

1st Corinthians 2:16 *"Who has known the mind of YAHWEH that he will instruct us?" But we **have** the mind of Messiah.*

So, it's *not* about *me* or a *person*, it's about *all* of us. We *all* have the same spirit. There's *one* spirit. The same spirit in *me* is the same spirit in *you*, and the same spirit in *you*, and the same spirit in *you*, and the same spirit in *you*, and the same

spirit in you. All we have to *do* is, *die* to the human spirit and *purposely*, everyday of our life *reject* it and let the Holy Spirit build in the mind of Messiah. And that's what I'm going to tell you. Before we're done today, I want to teach you *exactly* how to take every thought into captivity.

But we have to understand it first. We have to *really* understand what we're about here. We have to understand what our mind is doing every day. Let's go to Romans 7, because without understanding this, you might read Romans 7 and saying, "Wow, Paul's a schizophrenic. What's going on with this guy?" I *can't* do this, but I *want* to do this. But he's *not* a schizophrenic. He only understands exactly what I'm telling you right now. Romans 7 in verse 14:

Romans 7:14-23 *For we know that the Torah is spiritual, but I am fleshly, having been sold under sin. For I do not know what I do. For I do not do the thing that I want; But I do the thing I hate, this is what I do. But if I do what I do not wish to do, I agree with the Torah, that it is good. Now then, it is not I who do it, but the sin which dominates me. For I know that it does not fully dominate me, (that is in my flesh) but as far as good is concerned, the choice is easy to make, but to do it is difficult. For it is not the good I desire to do, that I do. But the evil that I do not desire, I do. But if I do what I do not desire, it is no longer I that do it, but the sin that dominates me. I find therefore that the Torah agrees with my conscience, when I desire to do good, but evil is always near, distracting me ... like we said, your human nature and the spirit of Yahweh ... For I delight in the Torah of Elohim according to the inward man; but I see another law in my members having warred against the law of my mind ... right, it comes back to your mind ... and taking me captive by the law of sin being in my members.*

Comment: So, *one* scripture we're going to read is taking every *thought* into captivity, *here* he's saying that *human nature* will take you into captivity by the prince of the power of the airwaves. And I say it, *over and over and over*, you can go online, you could hear *all* the sermons I give *all* the time on the *internet*, on *television*, on *all* these different things, **don't put this wickedness in your mind** because you're not going to get it out. You're not going to get it out. And this is life and death—this is life and death. Because *without* it you're going to *die*. Without it, Satan, the prince of the power of the air, is going to *deceive* you and you're not going to make His Kingdom. You *have* to be able to *die* to yourself daily and put on the mind of Messiah.

Romans 7:24 *O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this mortal body? I thank YAHWEH through Yahshua Messiah our Master! So then I myself with the mind truly serve the Torah but with the flesh the law of sin.*

Because your flesh is not going to go to the Kingdom, like we said. Your fleshly body is going to *burn*, your *mind* is going to go in the Kingdom, *if* you have the mind to Messiah. Because there's only one spirit—there's one Spirit. And Yahweh's Spirit is certainly going to be in His Kingdom. So, if that Spirit is *growing* in you, then you'll *be* there in your mind, in that Spirit, but if you're *not*, if you're growing with the spirit of the prince of the power of the air, you're not going to make it.

So, human nature is *prideful* and *self-serving* and it's *easy* for Satan to tempt. By changing our human nature to the mind of Messiah, is the answer. That's the only answer. It's so *easy* for Satan to tempt us because we're creatures of human nature. We're *creatures* of the flesh, right?

So, it's just like, we're going to do a fast here, shortly. Now what if you fasted for two days or three days or seven days, we're human beings face it. *All* of us can fast for prolonged periods of time, but nobody can fast for *good* because we're flesh. After a while when ... you can only go so many days without water, so many days without food, you're going to *die*.

So, that's the *point* of it is. That we're in these fleshly bodies but we're trying to *serve* a spiritual mind and that's what makes it *harder*. And that's why I say, *if* you can get your body under control, the rest is easy. Because your body is your trouble. It's not your mind, it's not the mind of Messiah, it's the *body* and that's why once you start to fast you're going to get hungry. Don't feel bad about it, it's a normal thing. But get discipline in your life. *Discipline* yourself. And that's what we're going to learn how to do today. Because without discipline you're never going to overcome the flesh and put on the mind of Messiah.

But what a great *feeling* it is when we get *past* the flesh and we're walking in the Spirit. What a great feeling it is all away around. And that's why I say, you could look in history, read Fox's Book of Martyrs, read *all* of the book I did on The Gates of Hell Will not Prevail Against Her and you will find out that *all* throughout history: has Yahshua's congregation been a *beaten* congregation, a *martyred* congregation, a *suffering* congregation? *Absolutely!* But every time they died with a smile on their face. They didn't ... they weren't *afraid*, they weren't *shivering*, they weren't *giving in* to the enemy. Nope. They *died* with a smile on their face because they *knew* that life is not in *this* [the flesh], life is in *this* [the mind]. It's in your *thoughts*, it's in your *mind* and that's what you're going to take into the Kingdom of Yahweh.

Jeremiah 17:9, you don't have to go there, but what does it say? *The heart is deceitful above all things and incurable.* The *heart* is the *mind*, your thoughts. So, here it is. We're not *looking* to do a *mind transplant*, like they're talking about, within the next two years they're going to be able to do *head* transplants. No, what they're looking to do is, we're looking to do a *spiritual* mind transplant. We're not looking to *rebuild* Satan's ... the human nature that he's given us and your human mind, you're looking to *put on* the mind of Messiah. Like we said, *The heart is deceitful above all things.*

Satan will *manipulate* you through feelings. Because, like I said, *every* thought comes from somewhere, right? Right now someone may be thinking, "It's a little cold." Someone else may be saying, "It's a little hot." It all comes from your belief system. Your *belief* system ... and your belief system comes from your *nervous* system. Your *nervous* system is what tells your mind the command and then you do the action. It's like, "Oh, I'm hot. Let me turn on the air." "Oh, I'm cold, let me turn *off* the air." One may be turning it on, one may be turning it off. It's your belief system. *Everything* comes from your belief system. So, Satan will *manipulate* your *feelings* to take you away from the mind of Messiah.

And if you have a woman—we've had this happen just recently—you can have a woman that's a 30 year old, divorced woman and she's *rebellious* and saying these things against leadership and this and that. And what'll everybody say? "Oh, she's rebellious, get rid of her." But if you take that same lady and she's 80 something years old, with white little hair and looking really nice, everybody's going to feel sorry for her. "Oh, she doesn't really *mean* it." Oh, she *doesn't*? Why not? She *said* it, she never repented, she never apologized. What do you mean 'she doesn't mean it'? What it really means is, I feel sorry for her.

The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked. Are we going by *our* human feelings or are we going by the Word of Yahweh? *The Torah is a lamp to my feet [Ps 119:105]. Believe me, I know*, because it happens to me *all* the time. There's situations that come up and my heart says, "Be easy on the guy, you don't have to do this." But the mind of Messiah says, "Nope, that's not going to help him." That's not going to *help* him when this person is sinning, to say, "Don't worry about it." What's going to help him, is to help him to *overcome* or put him away from the brethren. One or the other.

And I have to fight it like anybody else, but *to much is given, much as expected, the more is given, the more is required.* And the fact that I'm in this position I'm *in*, I don't let my feelings get involved. I *really* don't. I *can't* let my feelings get involved, because I know I have responsibility to Yahweh. And that's why I *have* to read this Book every single day, because I *have* to have the mind of *Messiah*, so I can make and discern the proper things. If not, I'm going to be doing the same thing. It's going to be coming out of my *heart* instead of coming out of my *mind*. And where is your mind? Are you putting on the mind of Messiah or are you putting on the mind of the world?

So, Satan will manipulate us through feelings. I have a great message I've done on this, on spiritual maturity. If you haven't heard it, *listen* to it. Because *feelings* are there, *emotions* are there, as trigger points. So, we don't want to *ignore* them, but we don't want to be *led* by them either. You don't want to *ignore* your emotions, but you don't want to be *led* by them. And your *five* senses—touch, taste, smell, hear and see—they're all toward the flesh. They're *all* toward the flesh. So, *Satan*, through the internet—like I said, radio, advertising, television—he *constantly* will tempt us through the five senses, right?

You're trying to ... your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit ... you're trying to get off of *sugar*, because sugar will destroy your body. It's a total *contrary* thing to saying that your body is the temple the Holy Spirit and then you're going to take sugar—something, that's going to kill your body. Something that's one element away from cocaine. *Yet*, what happens?

You haven't had sugar in a month, you're doing really good, you walk in the house and you smell cookies. "Oh! Chocolate chip cookies! Like Grandmother used to make them. Oh!" And you falter through *smell*, or through *touch*. Or maybe you have a covetous spirit with *buying*, and what do they do in the stores? They put *all* of the new jackets in the windows so you can *see* it. Satan will *tempt* us through that.

Look in the supermarkets, *all* the candy is at eye level of the children. It's *all* at the checkout counters, right? This isn't all coincidence, this is all on *purpose*, **because he is a roaring lion, always going around, looking who he can devour.** And he does it through your senses. He does it through your *emotions* and he does it through *touch, taste, smell, hear* and *see*.

And if you think about food ... and food is a good thing, nothing wrong with food ... there's something to food that *smells* good, that *looks* good, that even can *feel* good and can *taste* good. All of your senses in the right environment can really appreciate something. But you could also see in the wrong environment Satan can tempt you really easy. Because in the spirit we don't have these, *touch, taste, smell, hear* and *see*. In the *spiritual* realm you can't be tempted in them.

So, again, if you can *discipline* your body, if you could take *every thought into captivity*, **wow, you have become a warrior for Yahweh. Satan can't tempt you. He has nothing else. And you know what he's going to do? He's going to go to the next guy, because there's a lot of people out there.** And like we said, with the club ... that little club on your car, if somebody *really* wanted to steal your car, they could figure out a way to cut it off or something else, but if there's 100 cars in that parking lot and *you* have the one with the club, they're going to go the path of *least resistance*. It's that simple. And Satan is the same way. **Once he sees he's got nothing on you**, he's going to the next guy.

And that's why I say, you *sanctify* your life. You keep him *out* of it and *don't* give him *anything* in your life to come for. Because *jealousy*, if you look *lust, greed, anger*, these are *all* things that belong to Satan. These are *his* spirits and if they're in your life, you know what he's going to do? He's going to come knocking on the door, "You got something that's mine! Open up, I'm coming in there." But if there's *nothing* in your life that he *has* then what do you say? "Get thee behind me Satan, *you* are but of an offense!" Don't give him *anything*. Take *every* thought into captivity to the obedience of the Messiah.

Everything in life is vanity. You have to realize it. I *marvel* that even when people *die* ... when people die, what do they do? They dress them up in nice clothes, they put *make-up* on them. I don't know how many funerals I've been to and I've heard my relatives say, "Hey, he look pretty good, didn't he?" Looked pretty good? He's *dead!* What do you mean he looked pretty good? He's dead. But it's the *vanity*. It's the *vanity* that comes out, that even in *death* it's like people *never* want to admit that this flesh is *not* something good, that we have to *die* to the flesh, daily. We have to *live* to the spirit, but we have to die to the flesh. We work 8 to 14 hours a day to *feed* our flesh, *clothe* our flesh. We build big houses that we don't *need*, to satisfy our *egos*, to say, we '*deserve*' this. And we allow Satan to instill these thoughts of vanity within us.

The only thing we deserve is death. **Romans 3:23** *all have sinned and fall short of the glory of Yahweh.* We can't allow Satan to hoodwink, thinking our thoughts are *good*, when in reality, most have the mind of Satan. And like I said, *even* when we *do* good things, we want to be patted on the back, we want everybody to know. We do it for the wrong reason. "Yes, I was the one who gave that million dollars to build that wing of the hospital and *without that wing* they would *not* be able to do these *ultrasounds!*" "Oh, you're doing something so good." "And do you see, they put *my* name on the wing? It's the *Don Esposito Ultrasound Wing.*" Now granted, it might be a good thing. There might be people getting ultrasounds, but it's *vanity*.

So, *even* when people do good things, a lot of times they do it for the *wrong* reason and we have to realize this. And that's why I keep saying, over and over, **check your belief system.** *Check* your belief system. *Why* are you doing something? *Why* do you believe something? And if it's not part of the mind of Messiah, you want to get rid of it. You want to get rid of it. Isaiah 55 in verse 8 says:

Isaiah 55:8-9 *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 are My ways high from your ways, and My thoughts from your thoughts.*

We have to realize that. That we *don't* think like Yahweh. We don't think ... like the message I gave at Pesach, 'Is Yahweh like You?' People want to *think* He's like *them*, but He says, "No, I'm *not* like you." His ways are not our ways and that's why, what do we do then? We have to get *rid* of *our* ways and we have to get His ways. We have to get rid of our ways and get His ways. Genesis 6 in verse 5:

Genesis 6:5-7 *And YAHWEH saw that the evil of man was **great** on the earth, and **every** imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only **evil** all the day. And YAHWEH **sighed** with **sorrow** that He made man on the earth, and He was **grieved to His heart**. And YAHWEH said, I will wipe off man whom I have created from the face of the earth, from man to beast, from creeping thing to the birds of the heaven; for I repent ... I **regret** ... that I made man.*

And when you think about this, *this* happened in the days of Noah. *Exactly* like it is in the end time. And *believe* me when I say it, when Yahweh *looks* at the Earth *today*, He is grieving as much as He was grieving over here in **Genesis 6**. When He looks at the *abortions* that are being done, that *never* in the history of mankind were the amount of abortions, infanticide, *killing* of babies systematically, worldwide, like you're seeing today—legal homosexuality. People *mocking*. ... mocking anything dealing with the Bible. People being so *rebellious* and just even *denying* a Creator. Before you had Paganism, but at least they feared *something*. They feared something. Today you don't have any of it.

We are living in the most *vile, evil, wicked* time that man has ever known, leading us right into **Revelation 13** and the setting up of Satan's system, right around the corner. And that's why in **Revelation 12:9** He says, *Satan has deceived the whole world*. He's deceived the whole world and this is why your only *hope* is to *fight* Satan's advances every day of your life and put on the mind of Messiah.

Because the other thing people want to believe is, just *somehow* in the end Yahweh will work it out. *Everybody* will be in His Kingdom and we'll all hold hands and sing kumbaya. It isn't going to work that way. *Read* your Bible. Read Revelation, 99% of the people living in the world today, will be dead for the very reason I'm talking about. Because of the *pride*, the *selfishness*, the *arrogance* and *refusing* to want to submit to Yahweh. You have *no idea* how many times I talk to people, non converted, sometimes brand-new, that *simply* want to say how their way is still right.

I'll say, "Well, why do you want to be baptized?" "Oh, I just have a feeling." "But you're not repenting." "Well I, you know, if I *did* anything, I guess I'll ..." If I did anything? What are you talking about? You don't repent for just what you did, you repent for what you *are*, our *nature*. Our nature is *evil* and **100% against the nature of Yahweh**. And it should *crush* us when we look at how wonderful, how great He is, what He's done in our lives, how, for six thousand years, He's put up with all of this evil, simply so that *we* could make His Kingdom. He could have stopped it a long time ago. He said to Moses, "Let Me wipe them all out, I'll make of you a greater nation." [*Num 14:12, Deut 9:14*] And He didn't do it then and He hasn't done it now.

And *each* of us, *have* His Spirit, are called to His truth are part of that remnant, because of *His* mercy, because of His *discipline*, because of His *patience*. But how do we think about that? Are we putting on the mind of Messiah? Are we *realizing* how *sinister* Satan's world is? Like I said, how we're tempted through the five senses, the only thing that can change it, is putting on the mind of Messiah. Admittance is the first step to repentance. Admittance is the first step to repentance and we *have* to sanctify our lives. It is *so* evil out there. You have to put a *hedge* around your life. John 8 in verse 34, says:

John 8:34-36 *Yahshua said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, **Everyone** practicing sin is a servant of sin. But the servant does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. Therefore, if the Son sets you free, you are free indeed.*

And do we *realize* that? You have *no idea* how many *brethren* I counsel with a *year*, that are in *bondage* to sin, all different kinds of sins. And it's because they're not putting on the mind of Messiah—it's that simple. Because there's no different spirit in *me* than *you* or *them*. And it's ... they're *loving* the sin. They're not *seeing* it as something that is *taking*

a piece of their *soul* and ripping it away, every time they give in to that sin. Instead of taking every thought into captivity to the obedience of Messiah. Yahshua came to free us *from* our sins, not *in* our sins. And you *don't* have to be *captive* by these strongholds any longer. You have to *reject* the *wiles* of Satan and you have to put on the mind of Messiah. Romans 12 ... or ... Romans 8:12 and 13 says:

Romans 8:12-13 *So then, brothers, we are debtors, **not** to the flesh, to live according to flesh, for if you live according to flesh, you are going to die. But if by the Spirit you put to death the practices of the body, you will live.*

*But if **by** the spirit you put to **death** the practices of the body you're going to live.* The problem, like I said, it's not a *spiritual* problem, it's a *physical* problem. It's a *physical* problem and you *have* to see *how wicked* sin is—all sin! You have to see how wicked it is. Galatians 5 in verse 24:

Galatians 5:24-25 *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.*

You have to think about it, that your human nature is like the worst *flu* that ever went in the world. There's something now, I forgot what they call it, there's a new flu that's out there and there's *SARS* and all these different things that are *killers*. So, *think* about this. *Think* of your human nature as this *flu-1216*. This new flu that came out that can *absolutely kill* you within a week. And think of the Holy Spirit as the antidote. Think of the *Holy Spirit* as the *medicine*, the *antidote* that's going to heal this flu. You *have* to see how wicked your human nature is in order to really put on the mind of Messiah. Because if not, you know what you do? You'll be right back to square one. You'll think, "Well, it's really not that bad. Well, I'm really not that bad. Well, I *know* I need to get a *little* better, but it's not really that bad." No, it *is* that bad.

It *is* that bad because, if the *world* has gone this far to the left, then that means *all* of us are moving that way. That's the problem today in politics, we said that. That the Republican Party, because of how the *world* is all shifted to the left, even the right wing Republican Party now is in the middle. And it's the same with human beings, they're *all shifting* toward the left and if you *don't* think it affects the body of Messiah, then Satan has deceived the whole world. It *does* affect us and that's why more than *ever* now, we have to be sanctifying our lives. John 12 in verse 24, He says:

John 12:24-26 *Truly, truly I say to you that a grain of wheat, except it fall and die on the ground, remains by itself. But if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever **loves** his soul will destroy it, and whoever hates his soul in this world will keep it to life eternal. If anyone serves Me, let him **follow** Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. And if anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.*

Whoever loves his soul will destroy it, whoever hates his soul in this world will keep it to eternal life. How much do you love your soul in this world? How much do you *love* your soul in this world? I can tell you, I *love* life. I *love* life, I want to live forever, I can't *imagine* ceasing to exist, but at the same rate, I *hate* this world. I can't stand it. And the *more* it's going on, the thing that makes me think, "Ah, how could I get through to the end?" It's not *physically* thinking of what's going to happen to *me*, I could care less about that, it's physically **thinking about surviving and having to live through this. Live through this horror, live through this immorality and particularly live through a world that is void of Yahweh.**

Even in Israel, we know it. Go out here, talk to people on the streets. They're *void* of Yahweh. They have *no* idea. No idea of the Torah, no idea of Yahweh, no idea of *any of it*—and that's what crushes my spirit, because I don't *want* that. I want to be around people that are *filled* with Yahweh's Spirit. Be around people that *praise* Yahweh, day and night. Be around people that have the *mind of Messiah*, because again, it *feeds* on each other. It feeds on each other and that's what Yahweh wants. 2nd Corinthians 10 in verse 3:

2nd Corinthians 10:3-5 *For though we **do** live an earthly life, yet we do not **serve** worldly things ... For though we do live an earthly life, we do not serve worldly things; for the weapons of our warfare are not fleshly, but of the power of Yahweh to the **demolition of strongholds** ... Praise Yahweh! That's what I was just saying, whatever stronghold has been in your life, that's holding you back, whatever sin, now you could break it down ... *for the weapons of our warfare are not fleshly,**

but the power of Yahweh to the **demolition** of strongholds, casting down imaginations and every false thing lifting up itself **against** the knowledge of Elohim, and bringing into captivity every thought into the obedience of Messiah.

So, here you have it. *Casting down imaginations and every false thing lifting up itself against the knowledge of Elohim.* That's your false belief system. That's what he's saying, that **through the mind of Messiah, every false thing that Satan is trying to throw at you, you could cast down.** You could *break* every stronghold ... *demolish* every stronghold and cast down every imagination *and bringing into captivity every thought into the obedience of Messiah.*

It takes patience. It takes patience, it takes self control. It doesn't happen overnight, but what you *have* to do is, you have to *saturate* your life with the Word of Yahweh. You have to *saturate* your life. And I know we all have to work in the world, we have to, maybe go to the supermarket, you have to do whatever, but you have to *limit* how much time a day that your *mind* is given over to outside influences, from the mind of Messiah. You have to limit it—and it's not always easy. Because sometimes you have to work in the world. Sometimes you have to do this, but the *more* you could *limit* the outside influences, the more you're going to have the mind of Messiah. And that's why I say, the more you can be *reading* your Bible, the more ... you have to travel in the car, two hours each way? Listen to a sermon; listen to the Bible on tape. *Saturate* your mind. *Saturate* your mind with the mind of Messiah.

And if you're *bringing into captivity every thought into the obedience Messiah* ... like I said, your belief system. You *have* to have the proper belief system. That's the only way your belief system *has* to be based on the Torah, which is a lamp to your feet. So, in a visual way, I like to say, it's like if *darts* were coming at you. Think of every *thought* like a dart, zooming at you. So, there's a dart of jealousy coming, that here it is, you buy a new suit and then all of a sudden, you go somewhere and somebody has the *same* suit. And they're *all* telling the other person, wow, how great their suit looks and nobody's noticing you have a suit and a thought of jealousy starts coming. So, here it comes at me, right? While, the thought comes, I've got to grab it, I've got to package it, and I've got to throw it away. Physically think about this, taking *every thought into captivity.* Don't let it even *get* there, because once you *think* about the *thought*, it's too late. Jacob 1 verse 19 says:

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

Swift to hear slow to speak. So, another thing, taking every thought into captivity, is not *reacting* that quick—not *jumping* on it. “You know you look like this!” “Well, you look like that!” No, it's being *slow*. Slow to speak and taking every thought into captivity. If we go to Jacob, chapter 1 in verse 12, he says:

Jacob 1:12-15 *Blessed is the man who endures temptation, because having been approved he will receive the crown of life which YAHWEH promised to the ones loving Him. Let no one being tempted say, I am tempted from Elohim. For Elohim is not tempted by evil, and He tempts no one. But each one is tempted by his own **lusts**, he covets and is seduced by them ... See? So, it's the mind of the flesh, it's your lust, it's your **pride** that's going to tempt you, not the mind of Messiah ... Then having conceived lust brings forth sin. And sin being fully formed brings forth death.*

So, *everything* starts in your mind. The *thought* becomes an action, the *action* becomes sin, *sin* becomes *death*. So, the fact of something come in your mind, is not sin, because it even happened with Yahshua. We could look here Matthew 4 verse 8 says:

Matthew 4:8-11 *Again the Devil takes Him ... Yahshua ... in a very high mountain, and shows to Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he says to Him, I will give **all these things** to You if falling down, You will worship me. Then Yahshua said to him, **Go, Satan!** ... **get thee behind me Satan!** ... For it has been written "You shall worship YAHWEH your Elohim, and Him only shall you serve." Then the accuser left Him. And behold! Cherubs came near and ministered to Him.*

So, *don't* think it any *great thing* when the temptation comes. That's not the problem. Everybody *will* be tempted because that's the way we grow. The problem is when you *think* on the temptation. And that's why, by bringing *every thought into captivity*, it *stops* you from *ever really* being tempted.

So, like I said, maybe you're walking up the aisle ... you just gave up sugar, but you were addicted to ice cream ... and you're walking up that aisle and there's fifty different ice creams. And the thought might be coming in your mind, "Ooh, buy some ice cream!" Don't dwell on it. Grab the dart and package it, get rid of it. Take *every thought* into captivity into the obedience of Messiah. Because all of a sudden, in my mind, you know what's going to come in? Before I'm *thinking* on the five senses, "Ooh, that looks good. Ice cream!" No, before I get to that point, I'm thinking. "My body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. Sugar is going to *ruin* my liver, sugar is going to ruin my ... give me diabetes, sugar is going to do this." So, when the temptation starts to come, "Like a piece of cheesecake?" "No, thank you." Take *every thought* into captivity into the obedience of Messiah.

Because *this* is what will happen. Like it says, *lust* becomes action, action become *sin*, *sin* becomes *death*. And we have to be *able to stop* it. We have to be able to stop it. Sin is a state of mind ... sin is a state of mind. The same way *righteousness*, is a state of mind. And remember in **Matthew 5**, what did Yahshua say? "The Law said you shall not murder. I say, if you got *angry* with your brother, you murdered [Mat 5:21-22]. The Law says, you shall not commit adultery, I say, if you *think* lust, you've already committed it [Mat 5:27-28]." Same as we just read in Jacob, *thought* becomes action, *action* become sin, *sin* becomes death.

But if you can take *every thought into captivity* into the obedience of Messiah, then what happens? *Thought* becomes righteousness, righteousness becomes *fruit*, fruit becomes *eternal life*. There's an opposite of everything. But the only way to do this is through discipline in your life and putting the hedge around yourself. And like I said, the day may come where you might be in a prison ... we know it's happened before, we know there's brethren today that are in prison ... where you may have *no* control over your life. Richard Wurmbbrand talks about this. That for whatever it was, 20 hours a day, they made them stand on a plank and do these things when they were in prison during the Holocaust. But that *may*, or *may not* never happen, but today for most believers, you're *not* in prison. You know what prison you may be in? You may be in a *spiritual* prison of your *mind*, because you're *not* taking everything into captivity. Because you're *allowing* your flesh to take over your spirit. But like Yahshua said, *this* is what will break down *every stronghold in your life*. **All you have to do is, take control over it.**

Take control over it. When somebody is coming and saying, "Hey, did you hear *this*?" and it's going to be gossip ... [catch the dart] gossip? [package it] get rid of it. "No, I didn't hear it and I don't want to hear it. If it's not something edifying, I'd rather not hear it." **Stop being afraid to offend human beings and start being afraid to offend Yahweh**—which is part of the problem. We're so afraid sometimes we're going to *offend* this one or *offend* that one. And we don't want to purposely offend anybody, but at the same rate, I don't want to offend Yahweh. And when I take every thought into captivity into the obedience of Messiah, the Holy Spirit is going to tell me when to speak and when to keep my mouth shut.

I told you recently what happened when we were in Caesarea. That we were over there in the very place where Paul was in prison, giving his testimony. We started reading the scripture and this group came ... somewhere from Asia, wherever they were ... they started in the most *demonic* tongues you never want to imagine. Ninety-nine out of a hundred times, I'll just move on. I don't want to deal with that. But I prayed and Yahweh said, "**Stand your ground. This is a place that's sanctified to Me. Stand your ground!**" And I went there, they were holding hands, I broke those hands apart and started commanding them to the name of Yahshua for those demons to leave. And I'll tell you something, it wasn't an easy battle, because they got *angry* and *mad*. And Petra can tell you, it was the most demonic thing you ever want to hear in your voice. And if I *didn't* have self-discipline, and if I didn't have the *will* through the Spirit of Yahweh, *not* to give in ... because my flesh couldn't take it. I felt my body was going to go down. But my *Spirit* was stronger because the Spirit in us is greater than the spirit in the world. And *finally*, *at once* they *all* stopped together. As they were all were screaming ... all this gibberish, *demonic* gibberish ... *at once*, *all* of them stopped at the same time because they were defeated. They were defeated because *Satan does not have control over us*. And that's what He was trying to show, "Hey, this place is holy to *You*? This is *sanctified*? I don't care! You know what? *You* leave, I'm taking over." and Yahweh said, "Enough, **stand your ground!**"

And that's what I'm saying today. **Stand your ground! Stop giving in to him.** Whether it's *internet*, *television*, whether it's bad *music*, whether it's a *job* you know you shouldn't have, whether it's *friends* you need to maybe move on from, **stand**

your ground. Take *every thought* into captivity to the obedience of Messiah. And it's only going to happen if you're *putting* on that every day of your life. That's why I say, this isn't something I can teach you, it's something that *you, with* the Holy Spirit, *you* have to make a *conscious effort*, 24 hours, seven days a week, to say, "I am *not* going to lose my sanctity over anything. I'm not going to risk it. I don't want to *risk* taking the mind of Messiah and *giving* Satan a stronghold to get over me. I'm not going to risk it." Mark 4 in verse 24 ... and this is the parable of the sower of the field:

Mark 4:24-25 *And He said to them, Watch what you hear with what measure that you measure. It will be measured to you and it will be increased to you, those who hear for whoever may have, more will be given to him; and the one who does not have, even what he has will be taken from him.*

Watch what you hear ... watch what you hear. Like I said, don't feel you have to *stand* there and listen to gossip that somebody's *telling* you, because you don't want to offend them. You know what? Maybe they *need* to be offended. Maybe you *need* to tell them, "I *really* don't want to hear gossip and really *you* shouldn't be hearing it either." **Watch what you hear ... watch what you hear.** As you measure out, it comes back to you.

This is the law of nature. Like I said, put a thousand people in a room, the two Jezebel spirits will find each other, the two alcoholics will find each other, the two rebellious spirits will find each other and the two Spirits of Yahweh will find each other. The Spirit testifies against itself that we are children of Yahweh. That's the way it works, that Yahweh's Spirit testifies against itself.

And that's why ... like I gave in the message several years back, on the gift ... there'll be a time where we *may* not be *able* to physically speak and yet, through the mind you'll be able to communicate to each other. Remember the movie, "China's Cry"? And it was showing ... because it was *illegal* for them to have meetings there ... and what they would do is, *all* the believers would get together and they would be praising Yahweh in their *mind*. And *all* of them *thinking* about the song and the music and the words, without a *word* being said. Because the Spirit testifies against itself that we are children of Yahweh. Take *every thought* into the obedience ... every thought captive into the obedience of Messiah.

Yahweh made our minds to instill a belief system through our nervous system, like I said. We get these neuro-associations. *Everybody* has them. From your *life*, you have associations that are connected to something else. And that's why sometimes you can get up and you say, "Wow, I don't know why, I just felt depressed today." There's *some* kind of neuro-association, it could be a *song*, it could be something you *saw* that *reminded* your brain, even in the subconscious, of something else. And that's why, when you become a believer, *realizing* this, you have to *break* those negative patterns. There's negative things that happen to *all* of us.

So, in a perfect world, Yahweh made us this way, that our *nervous system* would give the commands to mind and it would be so *strong* that once you get the Torah ... train a child in the way he will go when he's young and when he gets old, he will not depart from it [Pro 22:6] ... so, Yahweh *made* us this way, so that we would *never* go back on the Truth. Unfortunately, we've been in diaspora for 2,700 years, so we come into the Truth with a lot of this baggage. And you *have* to be able to re-frame your situation and you have to be able to *break these strongholds* that are there. Like I always say, by asking better questions and getting better answers. You *have* to be able to ... you have to break the pattern. You *have* to break the pattern.

So, many times ... I've seen this with people that are caught up with different types of sins. And I'll say to them, "Try to figure out: *What* is the pattern? What's *causing* this? And if you could figure out the pattern, *break* the pattern. Break the pattern. Build a *new association*." And that's why *everything* has got to be centered ... your whole *life*, your whole day ... *everything's* got to be centered around the Word of Yahweh and your *love* for Him and your appreciation for Him for everything He's doing in your life. You have to re-frame your old thoughts into *submission* to the Holy Spirit, to take every thought into captivity.

Re-framing ... I tell the people when they come to the school, if they get *nothing else* out of the school ... which you get a thousand things ... but just that one point of re-framing. To be *able* to take *any situation* that happens to you and be able to turn it around ... they throw lemons at you? Make lemonade! "Hey, somebody just stole my stuff and they're *using* my

stuff out there and *selling* my stuff." Well, let me re-frame it, "Wow, at least my stuff had to be pretty good. Somebody's using it, it's not *worthless*." You could *always* re-frame into something good. "Wow, that person just said I'm fat or I'm ugly or I'm overweight!" Doesn't seem too good, but you know what? Maybe they're right. Let me re-frame it, "I'm going to go on a diet. I'm going to lose 10 pounds! I'm going to take it in a positive way."

You could re-frame *every single situation* in your life, to something positive. And that's the mind of Messiah, taking *every thought* into captivity and not *letting* the thoughts of the *flesh* ... not letting *all* of the evil things in **Galatians 5**, toward *jealousies* and *envies* and all these things, not letting them come into your mind. Not letting them *pervert* that white garment that you're putting on inside your mind of the holiness of Yahweh.

Because **Proverbs 23:7** *As a man thinks, so he is ... As a man thinks, so he is*. And whatever your thoughts are, if you're *lustful* all day long, you're a lustful person. If you're *greedy* all day long, you're a greedy person. If you're *lying* all day long, you're a lying person. If you're *angry* all day long, you're an angry person. And if you're *praising* all day long, you're a praising person. If you're showing *love* to people all day long you're a *loving* person. You need to be exhibiting those nine fruits of the Holy Spirit. But *as a man thinks, so he is*. And that's why you want to take *every* thought into captivity, because you *don't* want thoughts that are *contrary* to the mind of Messiah, even coming into your way.

You want to *immerse* yourself, like I said, **Psalm 119** ... *the Torah is a lamp to my feet* ... **Psalm 119:105**. *Immerse* yourself daily with the Word of Yahweh, reading your Bible as long as you can, listening to sermons, *soaking, saturating* your brain. And I really ... looking at the Year of Release that's coming up ... in ancient Israel, many people, because they worked in agriculture, they didn't work during the year of release. And they *used* that as a year of, not only of not *working* your field and not *harvesting*, but they used it as a year of dedication to Yahweh. And that's why I know, I want to do. Because this might be our last year of release. We don't know if we're starting to head into the last seven after this. We have no idea, but the time is so, so short, we very well could be. And I know the time is too important. I want to take this year of release and I want to make it *a hundred percent* dedicated to Yahweh and to draw closer to Him. Jacob 4 in verse 7:

Jacob 4:7 *Then submit to YAHWEH. Resist the Devil, and he will flee from you.*

Submit to YAHWEH. Resist the Devil, and he will flee from you. No compromise. See, it doesn't say, resist the devil and *then* submit to Yahweh. You can't do it that way, because you *can't* resist the devil if you don't have the mind of Messiah. **You can't do it in the flesh. And that's the problem, so many people are trying to fight Satan on their own.** He's a *spirit* being, he was the *third* in the universe, under Yahshua and Yahweh. He's much stronger than we are, we can't fight him on our own. And like I said, when I was casting out these demons in Caesarea a couple of weeks ago, if I tried to fight it on my own, I probably wouldn't be here today —and I *realize* that. And that's why **never, ever, ever** do I go to fight demons unless Yahweh tells me.

I had *many* times people telling me ... there was a good friend of mine one time in America, he said his sister was living in this house where *blood* was coming out of the walls. He said, "Oh, Don will come over. He could fight the demons." I said, "No, I'm not." I said, "What is your sister?" "Oh, she's Catholic." "Well, if she *allows* me to come to cast these demons out, will she stop being Catholic and serve Yahweh?" "No." "Then I'm not going anywhere near there." Because I know the story in Acts where the demon said, "I know Paul and I know Yahshua, I don't know *you*." [Acts 19:15] That demon doesn't submit to *me*, he submits to *Yahweh*. So when Yahweh sends me, I have *no problem whatsoever*, although I don't look forward to it, I know His *Spirit* is the One that will fight that demon. But if *Yahweh* doesn't send me there's no way I'm going to go and fight a demon—none whatsoever.

So, you *submit to Yahweh first* and then resist the Devil and he'll flee from you. You *have* to submit to Yahweh in *all things*. So, when people are *rebellious* and they're *refusing* to follow and they're not coming under judicial order, you're *never* going to resist the Devil. You're never going to be able to do it. Because *you're trying to do it on your own strength*. You *have* to submit to Yahweh in *everything*. You've got to get to the point in your life where you're *broken*.

And I tell the story, I'm a believer 32 years but I feel I've *only* been a *real* believer maybe in the last 22 or 23. I hit the point of my life, I was about 10 years of a believer, where Yahweh just *broke* me. Because when I first became a believer, I wasn't broken, I didn't even know what it was, didn't even *understand* it. But I *had* to get to that point where I was *broken*. Where I wasn't going there on my own strength, where I *surrendered* to Yahweh in absolutely *everything* of my life, and then He said, "Now Don, I could use you. *Now* I can use you because now there's none of *you* that's left." As long as we're holding on to something of *us*, we're not surrendering to Him in everything and you're not going to have the mind of Messiah. You *have* to realize it, you have to *hate* yourself, you have to realize *everything* you did on your way only brought death, only brought *sorrow*.

And that's why I have such an appreciation for Yahweh because He could have given up on me. He could have just let me go and said, "You're worthless." But *no*, He took me to that point where I *was* worthless, but said, "No, now I will build you up and now I will use you. And you know what? **I'm** going to get the glory." And I'm like, "Thank you Father!" I don't want any glory. Because there's *nothing* I deserve. Where is the boasting? There's no boasting on our part. *Every single thing* that He's done in our life is through *His* Spirit and we just *humbly* should be appreciative of that. And that's why I said, you *have* to get to the point that your *mind*, your most *precious possession* ... you don't want *anything* coming toward that mind that's not part of the mind of Messiah. And if *anything* come towards you, grab it, package it, into the garbage. *Don't even let it come toward you*. Don't *meditate* on it. Don't *think* about it whatsoever. Take every thought into the captivity of Messiah.

Jacob 4:7-10 *Submit to YAHWEH. Resist the Devil, and he will flee from you. Draw **near** to Elohim, and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, sinners! And purify your hearts, double minded ones! ... like we're saying last week ... Be distressed, and mourn, and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to shame. Be humbled before YAHWEH and He will exalt you.*

Pride is *such* an evil thing. Like I say, cancer is not the number one killer in the world today, it's pride—and we all have it. And *only* by every day of our life, we have to realize that and fight it. We have to *fight* our pride every day of our life. And when something *happens*, when we're *shamed*, look at this as a good thing. *Reframe* it. That is a *good* thing, because what it's going to do? It's going to *humble* me. There's *nothing* greater in my life—it's not an easy thing to swallow—but there's nothing greater in my life that comes, is when Yahweh humbles me. Because it *keeps* me on that narrow path and without it we *all* will tend to sway here or there. We have to stay humble ... we have to stay humble.

2nd Timothy 1. It's like I said, if you can get the flesh under control, the spiritual is easy. If you get the flesh under control, the spiritual is easy. 2nd Timothy 1, 6 and 7.

2nd Timothy 1:6-7 *For this reason I remind you to **stir up** the gift of Elohim which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For YAHWEH did **not** give you a spirit of cowardice to us, but of **power** and of **love** and of **good discipline**.*

The Spirit in us is a Spirit of *power* and *love* and *good discipline*. You *have* to be able to discipline your life for this. You *have* to be able to discipline your life that *any single thought* that's not of Yahweh, that you're *not* going to dwell on it. You're not going to allow it to come in. And let the mind of Messiah *build* in you every single day of your life. And the more you do it, the easier it is to do.

When people start out, I say this, they *think* they're going to come out of the water of baptism and that *somehow* they're going to be *invisible* maybe or *fly* or ... they *think* that somehow they change. I say, "Yes, the Holy Spirit is living in you, but you're 99% carnal, 1% Spirit. And you're still going to be tempted and you have to fight it." And the way you're going to become more spiritual is, by *fighting* the flesh and the more spiritual you become, the easier it becomes after that then, because *now* you can tell the difference. For new believers, sometimes they *can't* tell the difference and that's why you have to stay close to the trunk of the tree. You have to *go* to the discernment of your elders, because that's what they're there for. They're going to *help* you, they're there to *guide* you. And then as you *grow* in the grace and knowledge of our Master, Yahshua Messiah, then *you're* also growing in the mind of Messiah and you could help others. That's what it's all about. We have to grow in that discipline.

1st Corinthians 9 in verse 25 ... because Satan knows that in the spirit there's nothing he can do—because there's one Spirit. And he *can't* fight Yahweh's Holy Spirit and that's why he *tries* to get you in the flesh. He tries to get you through the five senses. 1st Corinthians 9 in verse 25, he says:

1st Corinthians 9:25 *And every man who battles in the contest **frees his mind from everything else.***

Comment: Every person who battles in the contest ... **you are in the greatest battle of your life—for your soul. Satan wants your mind and Yahweh wants your mind and there's a great battle being going on there.** And he says, every man who battles in the contest *frees* his mind from anything else. Do you think that a runner that's in the Olympics and he's running for that gold, do you think he's thinking about, “Oh, I had fish last night. Oh, under my bed is a ...” Of course not! He's *focused* and he's *thinking* and he's *disciplined*.

And what is your life like? Are you doing that every day? Are you *focused* on the mind of Messiah every day? Are you're *focused* to be able to *take* every thought into captivity? Are you *thinking* every day? Are you *praising* Yahweh, *glorifying* Yahweh? You have to. *Every man who battles in the contest **frees his mind from everything else.*** The double minded person is unstable in all his ways—and that's part of the problem. That some people, they have *double mindedness* in life. They have double goals. They have one goal that they want Yahweh but they have another goal toward *whatever*—career, house, family, education, you name it, and then your double minded and it's your whole life like this. Can't do it.

1st Corinthians 9:25-27 *Every man who battles in the contest **frees his mind from everything else** ... verse 26 ... So I'm running according **not** as uncertainty; so I fight, not beating air; but I **conquer** and **subdue** my body, so that, by no chance, when I have preached to others, I myself be disapproved.*

I conquer and subdue my body. Five senses—that's where it's going to get you. If you can *conquer* and *subdue* your body, if you can *have* good discipline, then when Satan tries to *attack* you, he'll have no room there. He'll have *nothing* to be able to get there from you. Proverbs 12 in verse 15 says:

Proverbs 12:15 *The way of a fool is upright in his own eyes, but he who listens to advice is wise.*

Got to be correctable, pride is the thing that stops us. That's not the mind of Messiah. Even *Yahshua* was correctable. Philippians 2 in verse 1:

Philippians 2:1-2 *So then, if there is any comfort in Messiah, if any consolation of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any mercies and compassions, complete my joy, by being in one accord, in one love, in one soul, in one mind.*

Comment: Because the *mind*, Yahweh's Spirit, is like His *mind* and *literally* the gift He's given us of not just forgiving our sins, not just giving us eternal life, but *literally* giving us the *ability* to **think like Him**. And when you've come from the world and you see the difference ... when you're thinking like the world, to be able to **think like Yahweh**, to have Him *put* those thoughts in your mind ... it's the greatest gift He can give us.

Philippians 2:2-8 *be one love, one in soul, one in mind. Doing **nothing** according to strife or self-glory ... pride's got to go ... but in **humility**, let each regard his neighbor as better than himself; let no one be mindful only of his **own** things, but let each one be mindful of the things of his neighbor. For **think** this within you, which mind was **also** in Yahshua Messiah ... so this is the mind the Messiah ... who existed in the very form of Elohim, who thought it not robbery to be **equal** with Elohim, but He emptied Himself, taking the image of a servant, having become in the image of the sons of men and being found in form like a man, He **humbled** Himself, having become obedient until death, even the death of a torture stake.*

So wow, the *Eternal* Creator of the universe—the One who has no beginning, who has no end—came to this earth as a human being, suffered *sickness*, suffered being *hungry* ... like I said, when He was making a ... as a carpenter and hit His finger, it would *hurt* ... He was a human being a 100%. And He suffered *humiliation*, they *mocked* Him, they *spit* upon Him, *crucified* Him for us—for us. And it says here, He *emptied* himself and He became *obedient* unto death. He *humbled*

Himself, becoming obedient unto death, even the death of a torture stake. So, this is what Yahshua did for us. If we drop down to verse 14, he says:

Philippians 2:14-15 *Do all things without murmurings and doubtful reasoning, that you may be blameless and harmless, children of YAHWEH, without fault in the midst of a crooked generation, even having been perverted, among whom you shine as luminaries in the world.*

This is putting on the mind of Messiah. We *have* to make a conscious effort. It's an effort to surrender your will to Yahweh. It doesn't just happen, but like Yahshua said in **Matthew 26:39** *not My will be done but Your will be done.* Romans 12, just a couple more scriptures and we'll be done. Romans 12 in verse 1.

Romans 12:1a *Therefore, brethren, I call on you through the compassion of Elohim to present your **bodies** a living sacrifice, ...*

Comment: Like I said, you've *got* to get the flesh under control and the spirit is easy. You *have* to make your *bodies* a *living sacrifice*. Don't give in to the five senses.

Romans 12:1b *present your bodies a living sacrifice, **holy, pleasing** to Elohim, which is your reasonable service.*

Comment: Why would anybody complain about dressing modestly? Why on earth would anybody do it unless they don't have the mind of Messiah?

Romans 12:2a *And be not conformed to this age, ...*

Comment: And like we said, it *literally* says, do not *imitate* the world. Why would someone want to be immodest? Because the *world* is immodest and they're trying to imitate it. No, we want to put on the mind of Messiah. Do not imitate the world.

Romans 12:2b *but be **transformed** ... How? ... by the renewing of your mind, in order to **prove** by you what is good and pleasing and perfect will of Yahweh.*

You *have* to renew your mind and the only way you're going to do that is, you *have* to go into your belief system and you have to *think* of each belief, "Is this of Yahweh or is this just from my human nature?" Is this just from my neuro-association, from my nervous system? Is this *really* from Yahweh or not? Because everybody has rules—and it's fine. We have rules. "You *have* to do this *before* you do this. Before cooking, I clean my hands four times." *Everybody* has rules and not that any of them are necessarily good or bad, but they're rules.

But, what we have to do is, *if* you're going to *transform* into the renewing of your *mind*, your rules have *got* to come from Yahweh. They've got to come from the Torah. You *literally* have to *think* about every single thing in your life and then once you have that belief system that's *totally* from Yahweh, don't let *anything* get inside of that. Like I said, any kind of dirt that comes that's outside of that, pack it up, into the garbage. 2nd Corinthians 4 verse 2, he says:

2nd Corinthians 4:2-4 *But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness, nor corrupting the Word of Elohim, but by the revelation of the truth **commending** ourselves to **every** conscience of men before Elohim. But, if our good news is being **hidden**, it is hidden to those who are **lost**, to those whose eyes have been **blinded** by the god of this world, because they did not believe ... something I'm going to talk about next week is faith ... lest the light of the glorious good news of Messiah, who is the image of YAHWEH, should shine on them.*

This is the reason why people are falling away, because they're *not fighting against* the devil and putting on the mind of Messiah. They're *giving in*, they're being *blinded*—Satan has deceived the whole world—by the god of this world, because they lack faith in Yahweh. They're being *tempted* by him through their five senses, through their pride. He says:

2nd Corinthians 4:5-6 *For we do not preach about ourselves, but Messiah Yahshua our Master, and as to ourselves, we are your slaves for the sake of Yahshua. Because it is Elohim who said, "Out of **darkness** Light will shine," ... talking about, right, darkness and light, CERN ... "Out of **darkness** Light will shine," ... Yahshua is **greater** than that darkness and He's coming as the Light of the world ... who shone in our hearts to give the brightness of the knowledge of the glory of YAHWEH in the face of Yahshua Messiah; ... verse 10.*

2nd Corinthians 4:10-11 *for we always bear in our bodies about the death of our Master Yahshua, that also the life of Yahshua may be made manifest in the body. For we who live are always being delivered up to death on account of Yahshua, that also the life of Yahshua may be made **manifest** in our mortal flesh ... get the flesh in control, the spiritual is easy. Drop down to verse 16.*

2nd Corinthians 4: 16-18 *Because of this, we do not grow weary, but if indeed our outward man is being decayed, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day ... **die** to the flesh, **live** to the spirit ... For while the troubles of the present time are little and light, a great and limitless glory for ever and ever is prepared for us. We do not rejoice in the things which are seen, but the things which are not seen; for the things being seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are everlasting.*

Every single thing of the flesh, the senses ... like I said, the *things* that our pride and our human nature *want*—the job, the house, the car, the money, they're all going, but what's going in the Kingdom of Yahweh is the mind of Messiah. That's what we have to be *surrendering to every single day* and *fighting* tooth and nail, because like I said it's the fight of the century. Philippians 4 in verse 4:

Philippians 4:4-8 *Rejoice in YAHWEH always. Again I say, Rejoice! Let your humility be made known to men. Our Master is at hand ... Praise Yahweh ... But don't worry about anything, but in everything by **prayer** and by petition with **thanksgiving**, let your requests be made known to Elohim ... re-framing ... and the peace of Elohim which surpasses **all** understanding will keep your hearts and your **minds** through Yahshua Messiah. Finally, my brethren, whatever is **true**, whatever is **honest**, whatever is **just**, whatever is **pure**, whatever **lovely**, whatever of **good report**, if there's **any virtue**, and any praise, think on these things.*

That's the mind of Messiah, that's what you have to ... *take* your belief system and every belief, *look*. Is it true? Is it honest? Is it just? Is it pure? Is it lovely? Is it good report? Is there virtue to it? You have to check this out to put on the mind Messiah Yahshua. Last scripture we're going to go over here is Colossians 1 in verse 10, he says:

Colossians 1:10-13; 26-27 *That you may live a righteous life pleasing to Elohim 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; So that you may **joyfully** give thanks to Elohim the Father, who has enlightened and made us a worthy inheritance of the saints, and He's delivered us out of the authority of darkness, and brought us into the kingdom of His beloved Son ... drop down to verse 26 ... even the **mystery** having been **hidden** from the ages and from the generations, but now is revealed in His saints; to whom Elohim 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.*

This is the great mystery, *this* is how we can *sit* here. And I'm not speaking these words to you today, I had no idea what I was going to say. Yahweh's Holy *Spirit* is speaking to you and you can only understand it because you *have* that Holy Spirit. But if we put somebody sitting in this chair that was of the world, they'd be saying, "What on earth is this guy saying? He's rambling. He's going on."

This is the *mystery* that's there, Messiah *in* us, the hope of glory. That *literally*, this is the *power* of Yahweh's people that Satan *has* to stop, because *once* we realize the power that's in us, and we *exhibit* that power and manifest it, Satan's done. Like I said, he has no power over Yahweh's people any more. But *through* the flesh ... he's *using* the flesh, just like Baalam we talked about today—same thing ... he's using the flesh to *keep* Yahweh's people from walking in the spirit.

So, *all* of us, as this fast is coming on, as Yahweh, I *believe* is pouring His Spirit out in these last days, let's think about it. Let's take every thought into captivity. Let's think about it. *Every* conversation, let's try to make it about praising Yahweh, let's *glorify* Yahweh. Let's keep it on the Bible. Let's take every thought into the captivity of the obedience of Messiah. If there's things in our *life* that we're struggling with, let's *use* this to tear down every stronghold. Don't be afraid to tell Satan, "Get thee behind me" just like Yahshua did, because we *have* a power that's *far* greater than Satan's power. The Spirit in us is greater than the spirit in the world.

All you have to do is, in *faith*, you have to realize this and you have to manifest it and then you have to put in your life. Like I said, I can't tell you about the mind of Messiah in a sermon, it's not *words*, it's about living it. It's about living it 24/7. It's about *literally* doing what I'm saying here, *checking* your belief system, *get rid* of anything that's not there from Yahweh. *Immersing* yourself everyday in His Word, praising and glorifying Him. And *every* thought that comes, that's not of Messiah, grab it, package it, into the garbage pail.

So, praise Yahweh. Let's take every thought into captivity and let's surrender to the mind of Messiah. Yahweh bless, Shabbat Shalom.