

Transcript – The Only True Hope Sephartha

Chag Semeach again! And Chag Semeach to the brethren who will be watching this with us today. It is the first day of Sukkot. And even though we are living in a very troublesome time we're moving into the day of Jacob's trouble; which is not just a day of trouble for Israel, but it's a day of trouble for all the sons of Jacob. So, if you look all of the Israelite countries including a lot of the European countries and the US, they're all going to be troubled in the time of Jacob's trouble.

But even though we are heading into that and we see world war on the horizon and some of these things, we have to make sure we don't lose our focus of the hope that Yahweh gives us. Because for us, like I said, when you talk to people all the time ... particularly new people ... they're always asking when they hear some of these things and they write us and I get questions all the time through the website ... when is the end of the world coming? And I keep trying to tell them the end of the world is not coming. **The Bible says there is world without end.** The end of Satan's system is coming, but not the end of the world. The end of the world is not coming. It is world without end.

So my message today is called, *The Only True Hope ... The Only True Hope ... and Sephartha ...* Sephartha; which is the Aramaic word for hope. I want to start in 1st Corinthians 13 in verse 12 and 13. 1st Corinthians 13 verse 12 and 13 it says:

1st Corinthians 13:12-13 *For now we see through a mirror in dimness, ... boy, does that scripture come alive ... **but then face to face.** Now I know in part, but then I will **fully know even as I am fully known.** And now **faith, hope, and love,** these three things remain; but the greatest of these is love.*

So, at the Bible school I gave a message that I think is a really, really important message on Yahweh's eternal language; which is the language of agape. I'll be talking more about that in the future because it's a pivotal point, right? And also, at the end of the school, this whole school is really based on faith, and I gave a message at the end there on faith; which we'll be hearing more messages on faith in the future. But it talks here, not just love, and not just faith, but hope because **hope deferred makes the heart sick.** And if you don't have hope, what really is good? Because if you don't have hope you're not going to endure to the end.

Hope deferred makes the heart sick. **It's a lack of hope in a believer that makes them fall away.** No matter what it is. There's a lot of things that come up in our life, troubles that come. So, like I said, I've spoken on faith. I've spoken on agape, but most in the world are just about out of hope; which tells you something. It *means* that **our job** has just gotten a lot easier, right? Because more than anything that's what people are looking for! And I think the problem is sometimes we're trying to bring people too much when really the answer is pretty simple.

There's times where I have open meetings in places and even in Babylon when I go I have open meetings. And there'll be somebody there that's brand new that really doesn't know *anything*. They're *just* coming to faith. They might have learned about the Sabbath or whatever, but their heart is open. They want to know more. They're realizing, *Oh, oh I got to get rid of this pagan stuff!* And **sometimes believers will just bombard them with end times stuff and leaving Babylon and all this stuff and boom!** By lunchtime that person's gone because it's too much for somebody to handle. And praise Yahweh He doesn't feel that way with us. That here it is, I'm forty years in the faith and I'm just finding out things *now* that I couldn't handle for forty years that Yahweh's just showing me now. So Yahweh is merciful with us.

But what people need now is ... they don't need to know about every prophetic thing that's going on in the world. They don't need to know about Russia attacking America. **They need hope.** That's really what they need. That's what they're looking for. And **if you can give hope, you're going to turn somebody's heart and you're going to bring them to the truth. And they're not going to want to leave.** They're going to want to stay because that's really what they need.

That's what they're looking for. So let's go to Colossians 1 ... because **we have the only real hope**. You see that the world has United Nations and they have UNRWA and they have all these things. And wow, go to the Palestinian areas today and tell them the hope that's in those things, right? As you're seeing twenty thousand children being killed and houses being ... go to Israel as they're being attacked and tell them that the UN is going to be their hope. They don't have hope in worldly things. The world does not have the answers that people need. They really have no answers to be honest.

But we have something that is *real*. We have something that is *not religion*. It's not philosophy. We have something that is the most **powerful message** in the world because it's the only real message. It's the real message of faith, hope and charity, right? And it's amazing when people see. And I'll tell you, going to Mount Sinai and the first time I went there and Yahweh sent His cherub to take me when that situation happened. And it's not the first time in my life I met a cherub. I mean this first time a cherub came to me it was a cherub in cherub form. It was at the end of my bed and I saw this glorified being there. And I saw the sword in its hand. So, I've seen cherubs in my life more than once but sharing that, I can't tell you how many people contacted me just because of that. And they said, "Well, Elder Don, we know you're a man of Yahweh and we know that that's true." And it's giving them hope because you know what? In this world people don't see a lot of miracles.

We were a couple months ago, we saw a miracle. We saw Elder Pong get stung by the second most deadly scorpion in the world. And the man here was pleading with me, "Take him to the hospital just in case! Get him a shot!" You don't need any shot when Yahweh heals you. **When Yahweh heals you, you are healed** ... you are healed. When Yahshua healed the cripple, when Yahshua healed the blind person, they didn't say, *just in case let me go to the doctor. Just in case let me take a pill!* **There is no just in case with Yahweh**. And when the people saw that it *changed* to realize **this is real** ... this is real! And we are seeing miracles. We are seeing a lot of miracles.

In Ethiopia, remember a couple years ago when I was there, and they said, "Elder Don, can you pray for a few people that are sick?" Sure! I'm always willing to pray. There was about a hundred and forty people and I was like, wow! There were sicknesses of everything. And after that miracle, there was a blind person that got their sight. There were pregnant women that couldn't get pregnant that got pregnant immediately. There were people that had problems, intestinal problems, for years that were immediately healed. We saw the healing because **Yahweh is Elohim of healing. He's Elohim of justice. He's Elohim of everything and He is real** ... He is real! And believe me I met a lot of Catholics. I met a lot of Protestants. I've met a lot of religious people that were *very sincere*. The only problem is they were sincerely wrong. And **being sincere does not bring faith**. Being sincere is not going to bring hope because you know what's going to happen? In that sincerity when you really see that there's no real answer there, they're going to quit. And that's why we *have something* that nobody else in the world has, right?

We're a tiny, little flock out there. A few tens of thousands of people worldwide that Yahweh brought into our Congregation. But **we have the most important job in the world**. Because number one, **we have the only true message and we have the only true hope**. It's not a message of disaster! It's not a message of death! It's not a message of eternal brimstone, hellfire. **It is a message of hope**. It's a message that it doesn't matter what you did in your life. It doesn't matter how bad it is. It doesn't matter how much sin you have. If you can turn your life around, if you can repent, if you could stop doing this, if you could tell Yahweh how sorry you are and change from that way, He will forgive you. And He'll give you eternal life. I mean it is amazing the hope that is living within us, that is burning within us. So, Colossians 1:3-6 says:

Colossians 1:3-6 *We give thanks always to YAHWEH, the Father of our Master, Yahshua Messiah, and we pray for you, hearing of your faith in Messiah Yahshua and the love toward all the saints ... And why did they have the faith and the love ... 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 it is **this good news message**, this *sephartha* because the word hope in Aramaic, *sephartha*, that's the word they use for the good news because that's what the good news is. **It's a message of hope.** In a world where I can't imagine if I wasn't a believer where I would be today. I would be the most discouraged person where I'd probably kill myself because you think to yourself ... wow ... life is the most precious thing in the world. But the people here, the people that are getting massacred, people that are getting killed, the people going through all these things, what good is their life; another day of torture, another day of war, another day of famine, another day of sorrow? But we have something where we can show them there is something better for them, not just today or tomorrow, but for eternity. Drop down to verse 14:

Colossians 1:14 *in whom we have obtained **salvation**, and the forgiveness of sins;*

Comment: Right? Because guilt is a terrible thing and there's people that in the world that they can't get through their guilt because some people have done horrible things. Some people have murdered somebody. They've had family things. And the **only true way**, and it is a miracle that I've seen real guilt just dissipate into the wind is through belief in Yahweh. He is the only one that can take guilt away. You can't make yourself do it. You can't believe it. You have to allow Yahweh's grace because **if He forgives you then there's no reason for guilt anymore.** The guilt is really gone. So ...

Colossians 1:14-17 *in whom we have obtained salvation, and the forgiveness of sins; who is the image of the invisible Elohim ... of course talking about Yahshua who has ... *the right of the First-born of all creation* ... Right? He is our older brother. He has the right of the First-born ... *For all things were created through Him (Yahshua), 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 all things were been created by Him. And He is before all things, and by Him all things are sustained.**

Colossians 1:18-19 *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 might be preeminent in all things; because it pleased Elohim to complete all things in Him,*

Right? So, before Yahshua was resurrected you really had to have faith. But like Abraham and Isaac, and Jacob, and the prophets, they never saw it. We had to just believe that Yahweh, yes, He's going to resurrect. But now, the evidence is there. It already happened. **Yahshua is a historical figure.** I hear sometimes like a rabbi or an anti-missionary will say, "And *if he really existed!*" Of course He did! There's more historical evidence that Yahshua of Nazareth existed as a human being than almost any other historical reference of any historical being. So if you're not going to believe that Yahshua at least lived. Then you're also not going to believe that there was a King of Babylon, that there were any pharaoh's in Egypt, or anything else. There is more historical reference to Yahshua **being a human being** and living on this earth than any reference in the world.

And a matter of fact, a lot of that reference comes from the very rabbi's that were alive when He was there. And you know what these rabbi's say? They didn't believe in Him but they say, yes *He did* heal a leper. Yes, He healed the blind. Yes, He healed the cripple. And they even say He walked on water. So His own enemies are saying that. That He did these things. So of course He was there. Verse 23 says:

Colossians 1:23 *if indeed you continue in the faith ... so these things are all to us, right? All the forgiveness, the grace ... if you continue in the faith 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 creation under Heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister,*

And I got to tell you, in forty years in this faith, twenty-five years/twenty-six years as an elder, I have seen people that were so good people, nice people, serving people caring people, and I've seen some of them fall away because they lost their hope; where as long as things were going okay, they were willing to share whatever they had. They were willing to serve anywhere, but something came up; a death of a loved one, maybe a sickness, maybe a loss of job and all of a sudden ... boom! Within a little bit of time, they're gone because **faith and love and hope, you have to have all three.** You got to have all three. They're connected. One goes with the other.

Like I said, in the good news in Aramaic is *sephartha*, which means hope. That's what the hope is. And it's not ... that's why the word in English when people say hope, it's very different. Because, *Oh, I hope it starts raining soon. It really doesn't look though.* Hope is more of like a half-suggestion in their mind that they want something to happen but that's not hope in Aramaic. And it's not hope in Hebrew. **The word sephartha literally means – a full assurance, a trust.** So it's almost like faith. It's not just that you're in the deepest of your heart hoping, *wishing* something would happen. It literally is a **full assurance**. It's a full assurance that it's going to happen.

The people are out of hope because their trust is in the world. Our only trust is to be in Yahshua. And I remember when Covid was going on a couple of years ago. And I remember people just keep saying the same thing. I don't know if you've heard this from anybody at that time, *I just want things to go back to normal.* And I would say, "Yeah, you know what? I want things to go back to normal too. But you know what normal is? Go to **Genesis 1.**" Normal is the Garden of Eden. Normal isn't what was out here before Covid. That is not normal. We're living in the most un-normal world that you can ever imagine.

And I think about that every time I'm riding down the road. I see a deer that got slammed by a car and laying there twisted and dead. And I'm thinking here is this poor animal that was created by Yahweh, very instinctive. He has instinctive to hearing and everything else and he's just doing what he did for six thousand years from creation and now this piece of metal that man created to go a hundred miles an hour, just slammed him. And that's the end of that. Because it's not normal; it's not normal all the things that man has created. It certainly isn't part of Yahweh's Kingdom.

So **people are out of hope because their hope is in the wrong thing.** Their hope is absolutely in the wrong thing. And like I said you cannot have hope without faith. And love brings the faith and brings the hope. Its **positive assurance**, full positive assurance, looking ahead to the Kingdom and not worried about the present because if you're worried about the present then you don't only don't have hope. You don't have faith. So when you build your faith, the hope almost comes automatically because then it becomes real *real* under your life.

Romans 8 in verse 17 ... Romans 8 is almost like a New Testament within the New Testament ... awesome chapter. Romans 8 in verse 17, he says:

Romans 8:17 *if children, then also heirs; truly heirs of Elohim, and joint heirs of Messiah, if indeed we suffer together, we may be glorified together.*

Comment: And do we think of that when we're going through these trials? And like I said, I think in the last year or two I've seen more challenges and struggles with the people of Yahweh than I ever did in my life. There's a lot of seriously things going on in believer's lives, including my own. So it's not to diminish our challenges that we go through, but it's to put them in perspective. They're only there to make us better. They're there to build *our faith*. They're not there to

diminish it. And we have to understand *this part*. And if you really believe it like he says, being a co-heir of the universe, right? Every time you look and they're finding something out and they're finding another black hole, and they're finding another universe that didn't exist, and all these things, do we realize **we are going to be over those things**? We are going to be there *creating* new societies. Of course, under Yahweh's supervision, but He is going to put us there doing these things. He has given man the supervision over everything on this earth. So wow, do we realize like what it says here:

Romans 8:17b-18 *if we suffer together, we'll be glorified together. For I calculate that the sufferings of the present time they're not worthy to compare to the coming glory to be revealed in us.*

Comment: Not at all! Can you imagine? There is nothing that can go on in this life now that's only temporary anyway. And even any horror you went through in this life, it doesn't matter what it is, doesn't matter if you were raped as a child. It doesn't matter if your parents died when you were born. It's all going to be gone anyway. Yahweh's going to wipe away every tear. You're not going to remember those things for eternity. And even unfortunately our family members that aren't going to make it. If you had seven children and only five make the Kingdom, you're only going to remember the five. You're not going to, for eternity; have to remember two children that didn't make Yahweh's Kingdom. So Yahweh is going to wipe away every tear. So the sufferings today they're not worthy to compare to the coming manifestation and the glory that's revealed in us.

Romans 8:19 *For the earnest expectation of the **creation** eagerly awaits the revelation of the sons of Elohim ... that's a heavy scripture, right? ... the earnest expectation of the creation.*

Comments: What Yahweh has in store when He returns because remember when Yahshua returns and we get our marching orders, it's all about really ... we're the beginning. We're the embryo of the Restoration Ministry. And like I said, if you don't use the name Yahweh, forget it. You're not part of that ministry because that's the cornerstone. It's Yahweh doing the restoring. But we're only a miniscule of that Restoration Ministry now. We are restoring the Word of Yahweh. The greatest honor of my life was Yahweh allowing me to put this Bible together.

But the real restoration comes when Yahshua returns because *then* the *earth* is going to be restored. There's not going to be weeds in your garden. And you're not going to have to worry about planting your crops and then having hail come and wipe them all away. Everything will be restored. Eating, people there's not going to be white sugar in the Kingdom. Sorry to tell some of the people out there. There's not going to be all the garbage that some people eat. There's not going to be war. There's not going to be suffering. That **Yahweh is restoring everything**. And we are the embryo of that. We are His ambassadors now. **We are the representation of what is to come**. Not only what's here not but what is to come. And you got to embrace that in your life or you're never going to fulfill it. You got to embrace what Yahweh has there.

Romans 8:20 *For the creation was not willingly subjected to vanity, but through Him subjecting it, **on hope** ...*

Comment: Right, He subjected it on hope, on hope of going back. And like he says, the creation is crying out there! As we see the rain forests being burned down. As we see mankind destroying everything of Yahweh, destroying the waters. I remember going to Africa when we started making the kibbutz's there and the wells. And I remember the first time I'm seeing children drinking water out of sewage. I'm saying something is wrong here. We can do better as that of the people of Yahweh. We don't have to have our children living that way.

Yahweh gave us something more than that. But your mind has to be on it. And **your mind can't be a contradiction!** So if you want to be part of this restoration and you're going live every day and eat white sugar, then you know what you

are? You're a hypocrite! **Live the way that you are part of it. Let it come out of you. You got to live it! You got to breathe it. It's got to be part of your mind** because you know what? If you're not living something how are you going to convince anybody else? How are you going to sit there and tell somebody else that Yahweh is going to restore all these things as you're eating your candy bar every day? Is it part of you or isn't it a part of you? What are we? Is this real? Is this a real Word of Yahweh or are we just playing a game. He says ...

Romans 8:21 *that also the creation will be freed from the slavery of corruption to the freedom of the glory of the children of Elohim.*

Comment: So like I said, the waters now that are polluted, and you know what they're finding out? You probably read this just in the last couple of months. They're finding out like in the oceans that there's micro-plastics that we're drinking in our water that are becoming a part of us because of plastic, that plastic that's in everything. Plastic that doesn't break down. It's not bio-degradable. And mankind just continues to destroy, destroy, destroy, destroy, destroy in the short time he's been here. He says:

Romans 8:22-23 *For we know that all the creation groans together and labors in pain together until now. And not only so, but also we ourselves having the first-fruit of the Spirit, we also ourselves groan within ourselves, **eagerly expecting that son-ship, the deliverance from our body;***

Comment: Right? So yes, your body is the sanctuary of the Ruach H'Chodesh. So we want to make sure we're trying to keep our body optimal. But you want to know something? Every day you live your body is one day toward death. And we're not trying to hold onto this body for eternity because it isn't going to work. You're trying to hold onto a glorified body that Yahweh will give you.

Romans 8:24-25 *for we were **saved by hope**, but hope being seen is not hope; for what anyone sees, why does he still hope? But if hope for what we do not see, through patience we wait eagerly.*

And that's what we're doing. So if you have faith and you believe this with all your heart then you are going to have that hope. You are going to have that expectation every day of your life. And you are going to wait for it every single day. And as every day goes on, you're going to be one more day toward the Kingdom, right? One more year has passed, another Sukkot is here. And only Yahweh knows the times. We don't know if it's five more Sukkots, ten more Sukkots, eight more Sukkots, but as another Sukkot, another Sukkot, another Sukkot, the Sukkot will come where Yahshua's feet are on that Mount of Olives. And we'll be with Him.

And then look out! Let the nations of the world, let them come there. Let them tell Yahshua what He can do and what He can't do. And let them come with their weapons and we read it. We read it in **Zechariah 14** their eyeballs are going to melt in their sockets. It's going to be the end of them because Yahshua isn't playing games when He comes back. He's coming back to restore the earth to the Garden of Eden. And we are His ambassadors. We are the ones who will be working with Him. And not only ambassadors, go back to verse 14:

Romans 8:14-17 *For as many as are led by the Spirit of Elohim, these are sons ... **the children** ... of Elohim. You did not receive a spirit of slavery again to fear, but you received a Spirit of sonship by which we cry ... Daddy ... Abba! Father ... **Daddy**, literally means ... *The Spirit itself witnesses with our spirit that we are the children of YAHWEH. And if children, then heirs; and joint heirs of Messiah, if indeed we suffer together, we be glorified together.**

So wow, **this is our hope. This is our hope to be a child of Yahweh.** Not just to live forever in His Kingdom. Not just to be an ambassador, not just to be a work of it, which would be fine. Like I said, you could give me that toilet bowl brush and tell me for the next thousand years I'm going to be there and I'll scrub that toilet as hard as I can. And that thing, you

better believe it's going to shine. And I'll do it twenty-four hours a day if that's what Yahweh wants. But Yahweh has more than that for us. He wants us to be children. He wants us to be *heirs*, right? Like a family business. And His family business is creating. And this is what He called us for. This is why we're here. We're not here to just take up space in the universe. We're here to be part of that plan of restoration.

And in one way it's a terrible time to live because it's the worst time the world will ever know, but in another **way it's the best time to live** because we are the beginning of that restoration. We will see things now ... like it says, the prophets would have loved to see and didn't see. And we see them. So praise Yahweh for that. Praise Yahweh that He called us for that. 2nd Timothy 1 in verse 6 ... 2nd Timothy 1 in verse 6, he says:

2nd Timothy 1:6 *For this reason I remind you to **stir up the gift of Elohim** which is in you through the laying on of hands.*

Right? There's people that tell me I believe I received the Holy Spirit when I was twelve years old in the Pentecostal church. I'm not going to argue with them, why? In my mind they're probably not a first fruit. Yahweh can do anything but all I know is if you read His Word there's one way to receive the Spirit. It's to repent of your sins and have an elder who has the authority to lay hands on you. You get baptized in water, full immersion, and you have hands laid on you and *that's when*, the Holy Spirit. That's what Scripture says. So if someone wants to believe something different, that's fine. I'm not here to argue with them. They're probably not a first fruit. But very, very clearly like he says here:

2nd Timothy 1:6-11 *For this reason I remind you to **stir up the gift of YAHWEH** which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For YAHWEH did not give us a spirit of cowardice to us, but a spirit of power and love and good discipline ... Right? Good discipline. That's why you got to have the faith to have that discipline in your life ... Then do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Master, nor me, His prisoner. But suffer **hardship with the good news** ... with the sephartha, with the hope. Suffer hardship with it ... according to the **power** of Elohim, the One having saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purposes and grace given to us in Messiah Yahshua before the world began, but now revealed through the appearance of our Savior, Yahshua Messiah, indeed making death of no effect, bringing life and immortality to light through the good news, for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and a teacher of nations.*

2nd Timothy 1:12 *For which cause I also suffer these things. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am persuaded that He is able to guard my deposit until that Day.*

Right? None of us have a hundred percent of the Holy Spirit. We have a deposit of that. And when Yahshua returns He is going to fill us with the Spirit in a glorified body. And He will give us immortality *if we are faithful* and if we endure to the end. We go through the challenges in life to **purify our hope** of the goodness of eternity.

Job 4 ... interesting book, probably the oldest book in the Bible, right? Maybe one of the most well-known books, but a very interesting book ... and many things in the book of Job. But, Job 4 in verse 4 through 6 says:

Job 4:4-6 *Your words have **upheld him** who was stumbling, and you have made feeble knees strong. But now it has come upon you, and you faint. It touches you, and you are dismayed. **Is not your fear of Elohim your confidence; your hope the integrity of your ways?***

Your hope is the integrity of your ways. And like I said, **if you're not living it, you have no hope.** We're not to be Sabbath believers. You got to live it every day of your life. You got to be convicted on it. **Your hope is the integrity of your ways.** Another scripture in Job is Job 11 in verse 15. He says:

Job 11:15-18 surely then you shall lift up your face without blemish; and you will be steadfast, and you will not fear; for you shall forget your misery, and shall remember it as waters that have passed; and your lifetime shall rise more than noonday; you shall fly; you shall be as the morning. And you shall trust, **because there is hope**. Yea, you shall look about and you shall lie down in safety.

So even Job, right? Wow, the one who probably went through the worst trials in Scripture. This book is filled with hope and he was filled with hope. There is always hope when we turn to Yahweh. And even as believer's sometimes, there's people that make terrible mistakes, there's people that when this happens sometimes that's where Satan has them in the clutches and he wants them to believe *you've gone too far. You can't repent. You're a believer ten years and you did that! No, Yahweh forgot you.* But Yahweh's Word says, **I will never leave you nor forsake you**. And it doesn't matter **what you did** in your life. You can always repent.

And the only sin that is un-repentable is when you don't repent. That's the unpardonable sin, blaspheme against the Holy Spirit – is **knowing the truth and doing the wrong thing and not repenting, not changing**. And that's where Satan wants to convince people that Yahweh won't forgive you. So you have to **bank on the hope** of those scriptures that say yes, you can be forgiven. Psalm 16 ... Psalm 16 in verse 7. Psalm 16 in verse 7. I'll read 7 through 9.

Psalm 16:7-9 I will bless YAHWEH, who advised me. My mind also teaches me in the nights. I set YAHWEH **always before me**; for **He** is at my right hand: I will not be shaken. So my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; my flesh shall also rest in hope.

That's every time we pray, we should be filled with hope. Every time we pray and Yahweh's hearing our prayers we should be filled with hope. Hope is eternal and we need to always trust in Yahweh for everything. It's a way of mind. It's a mindset. Psalm 38 in verse 15:

Psalm 38:15 For I hope in You, O YAHWEH; O Adonai my Elohim **You will answer ... You will answer**.

And the problem is sometimes we don't get the answer we want. And that's why I say if I'm sick I'm not going to pray to Yahweh and tell Him, *You're going to heal me. Or I'm not going to say I know I'm going to be healed.* You know what I'm going to do? I pray to Yahweh and I simply tell Him what my need is. Again, this whole nonsense, this fake ministry in the end time of 'name it and claim it' and all of this, like somehow everything is just about asking Yahweh for mammon.

And like I always say if I need to get somewhere, never mind not praying for a Cadillac, I'm not even going to pray for a car. I'm simply going to say, "Yahweh, I need to get here." And He can decide if He wants to give me a car, if He wants to give me a bus ticket, if He wants to give me a train ticket, if He wants somebody to carry me on their back. Whatever it is, He'll decide what it is. But I don't have to start telling Him how to give me what I need because do you know what happens when that happens? That's where you're not going to get it and then you're going to start blaming Yahweh and you're going to start questioning your faith. So **we don't have to dictate to Yahweh what we need. Just tell Him your need and He'll tell you how He will fulfill it.** Or He'll just do it. He'll show you. So we have to have full assurance in the faith in Yahweh's answer. Romans 8 in verse 28 says:

Romans 8:28 But we know that to the one loving Elohim all things work together for good, to those being called according to purpose;

Right? Even if we don't get what we want we must trust that all is for our best interest. And I think about the first time I went to Israel. And here it was I called Ron Wyatt, the archeologist who found a lot of those things, Noah's ark and one of the first ones to find the things at Mount Sinai. And I just had a question for Him. We had watched a video of his at the feast and I called him up to ask him a question. And I wasn't talking to him more than three or four minutes and all

of sudden he says, “Hey Don I’m going to Israel in a couple of weeks. Do you want to come?” I was like, “Wow, want to come? Whoa yeah! I’ll come. Of course I’ll come!” And we’re going down to the crossing site, all this stuff, and in my mind I’m thinking I’m going to see the Ten Commandments because Ron was saying he found the Commandments; which wound up not being the case. But I went there thinking that Yahweh was going to show me the Ark of the Covenant and the Ten Commandments in the Garden Tomb where Ron said it was underneath there. What do I find instead? I find my wife. I had no idea I was going there looking for a wife. That wasn’t the situation; although, I did pray at that Sukkot for a wife. I didn’t think He was going to give it to me there in Israel.

And it was really interesting because what happens? They’re filming. There’s a lot of people there and I was even wondering if I should go in the tomb. I don’t really like crowds. But when I go in there and nobody’s in there but Petra, one person. So Yahweh knows. He knows. And the interesting part was I was supposed to be in Jordan in Petra. And Ron said we’re not going to have enough time if you’ll go all the way to Jordan and come back we might miss our flight. And I said, “Oh, I’m so disappointed I didn’t get to see Petra.” Go to the Garden Tomb and I see Petra. So, we got to **trust in Yahweh’s answers that they’re always the best.** Psalm 39 ... Psalm 39 in verse 4 says:

Psalm 39:4-7 *O YAHWEH, make me know my end and the limit of my days, what it is. Let me know how lacking I am ...* Right? So that’s a good thing. When Yahweh shows us how lacking we are, that’s a good thing. **Humility is life.** It’s not a bad thing... *Behold, like a handbreadth You gave my days; even my life was nonexistence before You; surely every man walks about in a shadow; surely they are in an uproar in vain; he heaps up and does not know who is gathering them. And now what do I await, YAHWEH? My hope is in You.*

So that’s the key. Once you get faith ... and all faith is, is believing that Yahweh’s there. And that’s one of the big lessons I learned at the school is you can’t have faith ninety-nine percent of the time. For most things if you’re disciplined ninety-nine percent of the time you’re doing better than just about anybody in the world, right? If you’re on time ninety-nine percent of the time, well, that’s great. Everything, if you could ninety-nine percent of the time from a worldly stand is good. But **faith** is not because if you’re doing faith only ninety-nine percent of the time you only need faith for that one percent that you’re not doing it. You don’t need faith to get up in the morning. You don’t need faith to open up your Bible and read. You don’t need faith to go out to work.

You know when you need faith? You need faith **when** you have that struggle. You need faith **when** you have that sickness or **when** you lose your job, or when this thing happens. So faith is something you either have a hundred percent or nothing. You can’t believe in Yahweh ninety-nine out of a hundred times and think you have faith. **Faith is a hundred percent or nothing.** Proverbs 13 in verse 12 it says:

Proverbs 13:12 *Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a tree of life is desire fulfilled.*

So that’s the key. Like I said **when we have true faith our priorities are correct and you will have hope.** But when you don’t have hope you have to start looking in other areas to say why? Because what its showing is, your values and your priorities are in the wrong spot because **the hope in Yahweh will never change.** The hope of the Kingdom is never going to change, hope being His child; hope in what His future is for us. You know what changes? Worldly things change. Your job might change. Your money situation may change. Your health may change. Your family members may die. So in a worldly sense all things are always going to change. And if your hope is in that, then it’s going to be deferred ... hope deferred makes the heart sick. If your hope is in Yahweh you’ll never have a problem because all of those things are never going to change. We can’t get discouraged if things don’t go our way.

Psalm 119 ... one of the most amazing Psalms written by King David. Psalm 119, I’m going to read verse 113 to 119 ... Psalm 119:113.

Psalms 119:113-119 *I hate the halfhearted; but I love Your Torah. You are my covert and my shield; I hope in Your Word. Depart from me, O evildoers, for I will keep my Elohim's Commandments. Uphold me by Your Word, that I may live; and let me not be ashamed of my hope. Hold me up and I will be saved; and I will always look to Your Statutes. You have trampled all who go astray from Your Statutes, for their deceit is falsehood. As dross You have made all the wicked of the earth to cease; so I love Your Testimonies.*

Wow, King David's hope was in the Word of Yahweh and we must take full assurance in His Word. As you read all the Psalms and King David wrote somewhere a third of the Psalms. Amazing, that we have His Word! Because Psalms are more than just ... like when you're looking at the prophets you really can't get an idea for a lot of the prophets by reading because Yahweh's just dictating them. They're more of a secretary. Sometimes you see something. You see when they're afraid, or they did this. But most of the time the prophet is just the secretary dictating it. King David when he's writing Psalms, he's writing His heart. He's writing from His heart. He's crying out. You're really seeing the kind of person that he was and the hope that he had. Proverbs 10 in verse 27 ... Proverbs 10 in verse 27:

Proverbs 10:27-30 *The fear of Yahweh prolongs days, but the years of the wicked shall be cut short. The hope of the righteous is joy, but the hope of the wicked shall perish. The way of YAHWEH is strength to the upright, but ruin is to doers of iniquity. The righteous shall never be moved, and the wicked shall not dwell in the land.*

So, it's almost like it talks about in Habakkuk where Habakkuk, the prophet, is crying and saying, "Yahweh, why do the wicked prosper? Why is this happening?" What is Yahweh saying? "Just hold on. It won't be that much longer. Just hold on. Believe in My Word and in the end they're not going to prosper. And we're coming to that time. We're coming to just about the end of six thousand years of this disastrous test that mankind put upon himself.

It wasn't Yahweh's will to have this six day test. It was man's will to say, "You know what? I don't know if I believe in Yahweh." That's what started all this; Adam and Eve in the Garden trusting in the serpent instead of trusting in Yahweh. They lacked faith. They lacked love and they lacked hope. They lacked all three of them. And here we are today six days later - a day is a thousand years as to Yahweh. But praise Yahweh it's just about over. It's just about over and here it is that because He loves His children, He calls us to be part of that end-time restoration and we get to be on the ground floor of Yahweh starting to rebuild all this. What a wonderful hope we really have. Proverbs 14 in verse 32:

Proverbs 14:32 *The wicked is thrust out of his wickedness, but the righteous has hope in his death.*

You become dangerous when **death** does not even have a hold on you. I've lived in the Middle East the last twenty-five years and I can tell you the most dangerous people that I've seen are Muslims that *in a bad way* they don't care ... in a bad way and they'll go out and strap dynamite on themselves and blow themselves up because they don't care of this world. So that's a hope in a misguided hope in the wrong things.

But when, as a believer you're more worried about your hope in the Kingdom than you are in your physical preservation you do become dangerous to Satan because now there's nothing he can fear you with. I travel all over the world. It's not easy but I never have one ounce of nervousness, fear or anything. No matter where I am. And I remember one time I was coming off a plane in Egypt a few years back and never had this happen. It was in the night and we got off the plane and it was very odd because they changed my seat. I don't know if it was my tzitzitots but they were talking. And the next thing I know as we're coming off the plane to get on a bus ... the bus takes you somewhere ... I get on the bus and the doors close and I'm the only one on that bus. And that bus is driving for about twenty minutes in pitch dark. I couldn't see that hand in front of my face. And I'm wondering where on earth am I going to? But I didn't have any fear. Why would I fear?

I was on my way as an ambassador to Yahweh going to a country in Africa. And that's what I say, Yahweh help the person getting in my way because Yahweh sent me. I'm not going on my own. And if he sends me somewhere and it's His will for me to get there. Oh, Oh I'll pray for you, you try to get in my way. And I've seen it. I've seen people die that have tried to get in the way of Yahweh. And eventually I got to a building somewhere and got out. And it wasn't a problem. But boy that was very, very strange what happened there. Proverbs 13:13, says:

Proverbs 13:13 *He who despises the Word shall be destroyed, but he who fears the Commandment shall be rewarded.*

Our fear is only got to be in obedience. And fear meaning reverence to Yahweh. That's where it's got to be. Not in the things of the world. Not in anything. Satan can't do anything to us. And once you start living by faith, hope and love he realizes he's done. There's nothing he could do. And you know what he'll do? He'll just go to somebody else.

It's like years ago there was something called ... I forget what it was ... it's like a stick you put in your car so someone can't steal it. You ever see that thing? The club! And somebody would say to me, "Oh you know, well, they could still break this." And I say, "Well, if somebody really wants to do something they could break anything." But you want to know something? If there's a hundred cars in the parking lot and mine has a club, I'll guarantee you the crook is going to go to one of the other ones. They take the path of least resistance. And Satan is the same way. So when you're strong, he's simply going to go to the next guy who's not. So you got to strengthen yourself against his devices and then he will be helpless. Acts 26 in verse 4 ... Acts 26 in verse 4 says:

Acts 26:4-7 *Truly, then, all the Jews know my way of life from youth ... this is the Apostle Paul speaking ... which from the beginning had been in my nation in Jerusalem, who before knew me from the first, if they will testify, that according to the **most exact sect of our religion, I lived a Pharisee** ... Can you imagine? Paul was a Pharisee ... And now, for the **hope** ... for the hope of the promise which was made by Elohim to our fathers, I stand and I'm being judged ... So actually if the Pharisee's weren't such hypocrites Paul was only preaching the hope that he was taught as a Pharisee ... To this hope, our twelve tribes hope to come, with earnest prayers by day and by night: and for this **same hope**, king Agrippa, I am accused by the Jews.*

Acts 26:8 *How can you judge? Is it wrong to believe that Elohim will raise the dead?*

That was his hope. That was what he was being judged by. And that is my hope. That is your hope. Not in this world because we don't know what's going to happen from day to day. That's Yahweh's business, right? And we know it's going to get worse before it gets better. But **nothing can change that hope** that no matter what happens to this physical dirt and water, that I'm calling a body, that I will be raised with a glorified spirit being when Yahshua returns.

Romans 4 in verse 17 because you know the father of the faith is Abraham. And really an amazing man because Abraham, like I said, **he showed the faith before the resurrection.** He showed the faith when he didn't really have a lot. He didn't have the full Torah – six hundred and thirteen laws. He had the principles. He had the Commandments because it says it. But he didn't have it *codified* the way that Israel did. He certainly didn't have a New Testament but Abraham became the father of the faithful because Abraham believed. Romans 4 in verse 17, he says:

Romans 4:17 *according as it has been written, "I have appointed you a father of many nations;" before Elohim, whom He believed, the One making the dead live, and calling the things that are not as if they were.*

Comment: Right? He's appointed of the father of many nations. And think about it. The only **real** father of the faith in all three religions, whether it's Christianity, Judaism and Islam, is Abraham. He's like the leader of all three because of his faith.

Romans 4:18-19 *He against hope believed in hope, for him to become a father of many nations, according to what has been said, "So shall your seed be." And being **a hundred years old**, he **never weakened in faith**, even when he examined his old body, nor the deadness of Sarah's womb,*

Comment: So wow, so what would you have thought? If you were a hundred years old, shriveled up, kind of bent over, your wife is ninety, and Yahweh comes and says you're going to have a child and that seed is going to be the way all this is going to come. You wonder why Sarah laughed, right? That's what Isaac means, 'she laughed'. No not laughing like not believing but just laughing because it's kind of funny if you're a hundred years old, or you're ninety years old and Yahweh comes and says something. And Yahweh does have a sense of humor but not in this case. There's other things that He has a sense of humor, but He was just being legitimate.

Romans 4:19-22 *And being a hundred years old, he never weakened in faith, even when he examined his old body, nor the deadness of Sarah's womb, And he did not hesitate at the promise of Elohim, as one lacking faith; but he was **strong in faith**, and gave glory to Elohim; and felt assured, that **what YAHWEH had promised to him, He was able to fulfill.***

Comment: Do we believe that? Do we doubt that Yahweh is going to fulfill His promise? Or do we believe what Yahweh has promised He's able to fulfill ... **Hebrews 11:6.**

Romans 4:23-24 *Because of this, "it was also counted to him for righteousness." But it was not written for him only, that it was counted to him, but also on account of **us**, to whom it is about to be counted, to the ones believing on Him who has raised our Master Yahshua Messiah from the dead,*

So do we unconditionally believe like righteous Abraham? We can never have those 'what if's', never have those doubts. Romans 15 in verse 7 ... Romans 15 in verse 7.

Romans 15:7 *Because of this, be **friendly, and bear one another's burdens** as Messiah also brought us close to the glory of Elohim.*

Comment: Right? So where each of us are at different spots and someone may have a little more love, someone may have a little more faith, we have to bear each other's burdens. We have to lift each other up because we're one body. And when one is blessed, we're all blessed. When one is suffering, we're all suffering. So we need to do this.

Romans 15:8-13 *And I say, Yahshua Messiah has become a minister of circumcision for the truth of Elohim, to confirm the promises of the fathers, and for the nations to glorify YAHWEH for mercy, even as it has been written, "Because of this I will confess to You in the nations, **I will give praise to Your name.**" And again He says, "Rejoice, nations, with His people." And again, "Praise the Master YAHWEH, all the nations, and praise Him all the people." And again Isaiah says, "The Root of Jesse shall be, and He rising up to rule the nations; on Him nations will **hope.**" And may the Elohim of hope **fill you** with all joy and peace in believing, for you to abound in hope, in power of the Holy Spirit.*

So I think we tend **neglect** not only having the hope but **the gift that it is**. What a gift it is. Because when you have hope, *hope deferred makes the heart sick*, you will never doubt. When you have hope you will always have joy. That's what hope brings, right? It's just like, I don't know about you, but like in our family we countdown like when the feast is coming. Moriyah normally knows, or if the school ... *hey, there's only a hundred and sixty-two days until the feast*. And then its, *now it's only a hundred and fifty-seven days*.

And it's like that **hope** and that hope will go for months and months and months. And even coming to something like this, coming to a Sukkot, I know for me it will take me like the hope and the joy that I get from something like this will take me six months, at least. Sometimes even up to a year because of all Yahweh's people being here and the joy and

the happiness and the things we're learning. And praise Yahweh for that. But we need to share our hope with others and it gives encouragement. It gives us and it gives others. Titus 2 in verse 11 ... Titus 2 in verse 11 says:

Titus 2:11-15 *For the saving grace of Elohim has appeared to all men, instructing us that having denied unrighteousness and worldly lusts, we should live discreetly and righteously and holy in the present age, **looking for the blessed hope and appearance of the glory of our great Elohim and Savior Yahshua Messiah, who gave Himself on our behalf, "That He might redeem us from all lawlessness and purify a special people for Himself, **zealous of good works.**"** These things speak and exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one despise you.*

Right? And when you have hope who's going to despise you? Doesn't make a difference. But this is what we're looking for, *the blessed hope and appearance of the glory of our great Elohim and Savior Yahshua Messiah*. That's what Sukkot is all about like Elder Vincent was saying in his sermonette. Yahweh gives the things that we do and even the sukkah when you build it, it's your life how quick seven/eight days goes and when you're putting those leaves that are green and eight days later they're already all yellow. The fruit that's in there is already rotting. And it's our life. It goes very, very quick. And that's what sukkah's supposed to be showing us. Sukkot is supposed to be showing us that **life is not forever. Life is temporary**. That's why we read the book of Ecclesiastes during Sukkot. There's a time for everything. And it puts our life in perspective and it gives us more focus for our hope in Yahweh and the job that we have ahead. Titus 3 in verse 7 says:

Titus 3:7 *that being justified by His grace, we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life ... Like we were reading in Romans, right? That ... **being justified by His grace, we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.***

And again as human beings in this body, we can't fully grasp that. Being an eternal spirit being where on faster than the speed of thought, you can be to some planet in another galaxy somewhere and being doing something. It's just inconceivable but it's true. And here we are. That's what Yahweh has planned for us. And it's amazing and we could only just see through a glass half darkened with this. Last scripture is in 1st John 3 in verse 2 ... 1st John 3 in verse 2 says:

1st John 3:2 *Beloved, now are we the sons of YAHWEH, and it has not yet revealed what we shall be. But we know that if He is revealed, we shall be like Him, because we will see Him as He is.*

Comment: And that scripture has always excited me. And it's powerful, right? So we don't know. What do we know? We've never seen a spirit being. We don't know what a spirit being is. We can't understand it because we don't know what spirit is, right? We know certain things. We know that it's invisible. We know that it moves around like the wind. You can't see it but we really don't know. But what it says here is, it says that we know when He comes, we're going to be like Him. We'll be like Him because we'll see Him as He is. We'll be able to see Yahweh face to face and live.

1st John 3:3 *And everyone having **this hope on Him** purifies himself even as that One is pure ... everyone having this hope.*

So that's what our hope has got to be. Our hope has not got to be in preserving this body, like I said, of dirt and water. This hope has got to be in preserving my eternal life ... preserving my eternity, of being with Yahweh and Yahshua forever; of fulfilling the purpose that He called each of us in our life to do. We're not just here as spectator believers. **We're sitting here to learn to go out**. That's not just for the ministry. That is for **every single believer** is to go out and bear fruit. And we will be rewarded on the fruit we're bearing. And if we're not bearing fruit, we're not going to be there, right?

You look at those parables and some of them they're pretty scary when you really think about them. And they're all coming from Yahshua. But it's very clear that if the Holy Spirit, if the Ruach H'Chodesh is dwelling in you, that means you

have gifts of that, that **Yahweh expects you to use**. And He expects fruit to come back from. And that's our hope! It should **build** as we're using those fruits, as we're bearing fruits, as we're sharing that because it's a universal work that we're all doing together. And can you imagine a tiny little group of people that we don't have big buildings, and we don't have millions of dollars, and we don't have all these things. And yet, we're out there. We're getting ready to go on very soon within the next ... maybe even during Sukkot that we're going to hit twenty million people that have come to our website ... twenty million people. We've had probably close to twenty million downloads of the Hebraic Roots Bible.

And the work that we're all doing together on such a small scale gives all the glory to Yahweh. And it shows you don't need millions of dollars. You don't need a ten million dollar headquarters. You don't need big airplanes and fly around the world. You don't need all those things. You know what you need? You need faith, hope and love. Those are the three things you need and the Spirit of Yahweh that is behind you. So love, faith and hope they're all connected. As how can we have love or faith without the hope of our future?

This world does not have real hope, true assurance, trust and conviction. But rather they wish things will happen because the alternative is too painful. We need true *sephartha* - full assurance through faith and the Kingdom and the promises. And it must be a way of life. It has to be a mindset and we have to live it daily. It must be our focus all the time. It must become a reality in our life.

In the wicked world that we live in you must have hope to endure until the end. The true hope of being a child of Yahweh being **like Him** living in eternity with Him forever, this is our only real hope. We must build on it daily to make it our reality. Yahweh bless, Chag Semeach!