

Transcript – The Spirit of Thankfulness

Shabbat Shalom again, and the main message I want to give today is called *The Spirit of Thankfulness*. I want a start in 2nd Timothy 3, scripture we read a lot of the times we're living in, in different aspects, because there's many different characteristics here of people in the end time, and not just people, but so-called believers. This isn't the way the world is, this is the way it says believers are this way, which is scary.

2nd Timothy 3:1-5 *but know this, that in the last days disastrous times will be upon us. For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, braggarts, arrogant, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful...and of course if you are proud and a braggart and arrogant you're going to be ungrateful, cause we'll see...wicked, without natural feeling, addicted to lust, slanderers, without self-control, savage, haters of good, traitors, hasty, boasters, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of Elohim, having a form of righteousness, but denying the power of it; even turn away from these.*

So here it is these I mean, when you look at these characteristics, it's scary to think that there could be somebody sitting in a chair next to you that is displaying one or more, I mean these are about as hard handed characteristics of evilness that you can imagine. Today though, what I want to just focus on, one of these, the spirit of ungratefulness.

So, the message is called, *The Spirit of Thankfulness*, but the opposite is, the spirit of ungratefulness. Because I think many times, that we're living in a world where there are trials and there are troubles for all of us. Matter of fact, somebody told me recently, just in the last month, they said "do you see worldwide, of brethren going through more and more trials?" Because in Western society, they're saying that it seems that there's more trials and troubles, and we do see it. We do see it.

I don't think that what's happening with Isis, in just the so-called Christian world, is an anomaly. It says that judgment starts at the house of Yahweh and if judgment starts with us, what will happen to the unrighteous and the sinner? But we are seeing a time of purification; I'd like to call it, or the judgment, because it's really time for Yahweh's people to start purifying themselves.

One of the first things, though, that **we see the children of Israel failed was, being ungrateful, not giving Yahweh the blessing of everything He's doing in their lives.** I want to go to Numbers 14, starting verse 2, because as we're going to see, it's not just a matter of thanking Yahweh for everything He's doing or being happy or thankful in all things. When you have a spirit of ungratefulness, what it does is it's really a lying spirit, because what it will cause to happen is, it will cause a person to twist and turn almost every righteous thing.

Maybe I should even go to Titus first and just read that one in Titus, before we go to Numbers, because it's in important scripture here...

Titus 1:15 *Truly, all things are pure to the pure, but nothing is pure to those being defiled and faithless, but even their mind and conscience has been defiled. They profess to know Elohim, but by their works they deny Him, and they are abominable and disobedient, condemning every kind of good work.*

So we're going to see that, that when you don't internalize it and really embrace the spirit of thankfulness and you wind up with an ungrateful spirit, you'll wind up turning and twisting and lying. You'll have situations that are completely opposite of what they were.

I've said this many times, over the last X amount of years, I'm dealing with people with a problem and I'll have A over here and B over here and they can both pass a lie detector test. So they believe what they're saying, but he's saying black and he's saying white. They can't both be right. They can both be wrong or one can be right, but they both can't be right, and it's because of that. Because once your mind is seared with these spirits that we're reading here in Second Timothy it will defile. It will defile yourself and it will corrupt the way you think. I'm working on a message on that, that I hope to give pretty soon, *Taking Every Thought into Captivity*

and really, how we need to be guarding our minds all the time, but back to Numbers 14, we'll see that here. Numbers 14 starting in verse 2:

Numbers 14:2-11 *and all the sons of Israel murmured against Moses, and against Aaron. And all the congregation said to them, Oh that we had died in the land of Egypt, or in this wilderness, oh that we had died! And why is YAHWEH bringing us into this land to fall by the sword? Our wives and our infants have become a prey. Is it not good for us to return to Egypt? And they said each to his brother, Let us give a leader and return to Egypt. And Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the sons of Israel. And Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, of those who spied out the land, tore their garments. And they spoke to all the congregation of the sons of Israel, saying, The land into which we passed, to spy it out, is an exceedingly good land. If YAHWEH has delighted in us, then He will bring us into this land and will give it to us, a land which is flowing with milk and honey. Only, do not rebel against YAHWEH. And you, do not fear the people of the land, for they are our bread; their defense has turned away from them; and YAHWEH is with us; do not be afraid of them. And all the congregation said to stone them with stones. And the glory of YAHWEH appeared in the tent of meeting, to all the sons of Israel. And YAHWEH said to Moses, Until when will this people despise Me? And until when will they continue not to believe in Me for all the signs I have done in their midst?*

So it's like, wow, *when will the people stop to despise Me*. There's other stories; I'm not going to read them, where, literally, they're calling manna bad food. They're saying that Yahweh didn't bring us to a land of milk and honey, but He brought us out here to kill us. So, **once you have the spirit of ingratitude, literally it plays on your mind**, and the problem is, we're all creatures of pride and habit. It is part of human nature, and if you allow this to get into your mind, like I said, it really will affect you and we're all like that.

I'm sure this is happening to all of us. Have you ever had a situation come up where you find something out, that something is not good, maybe it's a problem with somebody or something else or somebody even says something to you or write something to you and as you're thinking about it you're mulling it over and you're mulling it over and you're mulling it over, you start to get more angry about it, "why did he say that," and the more you think about it the more angrier you get, and you make it worse than what it really is.

That's why, what does scripture say, *don't let the sun go down in your wrath*, because once you talk to the person and it's over with, then you realize, wow, this wasn't as bad as I thought it was. But, if you allow it to fester in your mind, you create something that's not there, and to these people, they are actually blaming Yahweh. They got to the point where they're calling Yahweh evil. They're saying that Yahweh did these things to them.

Like I said, **you either have a spirit of thankfulness or spirit of ungratefulness. It's one of the other**. There's really no middle ground here, and both spirits will affect everything you do in your life. I mean absolutely everything that comes from there is going to be an extension of either, the spirit of thankfulness or the spirit of ungratefulness.

Romans 8:28 *But we know that to the ones loving Yahweh, all things work together for good to those being called according to purpose.*

We look at Joseph, one of the reasons why I love the character Joseph, when you see Joseph and Daniel they were very similar, they had similar situations. They're both young men that go into captivity in a foreign land; they both wind up working for the king of the land at that time, but in both circumstances with Daniel and with Joseph, you see two very meek spirits and you never see in either case them blaming anybody.

Even in Joseph's case, where he really had reason to blame. I mean, do you ever think to yourself, he's 13 years in captivity, before he winds up going before in the prison before Pharaoh.... why if his brothers were really repentant, why wouldn't they tell Jacob? Why wouldn't they say, "Look we did this, maybe Josephs alive, let's go to Egypt, let's look for him." But until the day they found out that he was alive, they never looked for

him. They never came looking for him. So, he had every right to be angry and upset, but he wasn't. How do you look at it? **All things work for the good.**

Even after his father died he said, "don't worry you didn't send me down here. Yahweh sent me before to prepare life." What happens in our life, I think sometimes, and I always say for us living here in Israel, never take for granted every day you're here, you're in the promised land. Because in one sense you can go to Tiberius or Tel Aviv or any other city here, including Jerusalem and it's about as defiled as any other place on earth, but in another sense we're in the Holy Land.

And everywhere you look, you see Yahweh; you see Him in the Tels, you see Him in the mountains, you see Him in the Sea of Galilee. Don't let any day of your life ever go by without looking in that water and realizing there's only one water in the world where our Savior walked on and also, a man. Peter walked on that water. So, we can walk on that water. It's been done already.

There's precedent for it, and it should be encouraging to us in our faith. Every day will you look at that water, because there's no other water in the world where a human being walked on it and didn't sink, until he took his eyes off the Messiah. So, we have to keep perspective, we have to keep perspective, and again, whatever you focus on becomes most real to you.

If you're focusing on the things you don't have; or the things you want, you don't have, you're not going to be focusing on the gratefulness of Yahweh. But, even through trials, even through sickness, we have to realize all things work for the good that Yahweh is allowing this. **There's nothing that's happening that He's not allowing.** So if we're going to blame somebody else for a trial, you know we're being just like Israelites, because if Yahweh is allowing that trial that means we need to learn something from that trial. Mark the 10th chapter, Mark the 10th chapter starting in verse 28 (verse 29 read):

Mark 10:29-31 *But answering, Yahshua said, Truly I say to you, There is no one who forsook house, or brothers, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for My sake and the good news, that will not receive a hundred-fold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the coming age, eternal life. But many first shall be last, and the last shall be first.*

So number one, **if we have persecution in life, it's prophesied. John 16:33**, *in the world you will have tribulation, but be of good cheer and overcome the world.* That's the point of life; not, not to have tribulation, but to give the tribulation up to Yahshua our Master, to allow Him to deal with the tribulation in life. To allow Him to show us why tribulation is there, to grow and to learn from these lessons, the same way the Israelites were given those lessons.

So we're promised persecution, don't be afraid of it, and don't think you're doing something wrong if you're being persecuted. **Everyone who lives a righteous life in Yahshua Messiah will suffer persecution.** As we're going to see it's almost the opposite if you're not going through some kind of persecution, what's wrong? Because we all go through it.

Hebrews 12:1-4 *So therefore, we also, having so great a cloud of witnesses lying around us, having laid aside every weight and the sin which does so easily beset us, through patience let us also run the race set before us, looking to the Author and perfecter of our faith, Yahshua, who for the joy set before Him endured the torture stake, despising the shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of YAHWEH. Consider, therefore, how much He suffered from those sinners, for they were adversaries to their own soul, so that you do not become weary, fainting in your souls. You did not yet resist unto blood, striving against sin.*

I think one of the reasons why many brethren having troubles is, because they're not fighting sin in their life. They really aren't. There's a message I really want to give on sanctification very soon. But, the stories I'm hearing sometimes, and not only in the West, are just appalling of some of the sins that people are allowing in

their life, allowing in the congregations. And this will bring trouble, no doubt about it, we have to resist unto blood striving against sin.

Hebrews 12:5-11 *And you have forgotten the exhortation which He speaks with you, as with sons, "My sons, do not despise the chastening of YAHWEH, nor faint while being corrected by Him. For whom YAHWEH loves, He chastens, and disciplines every son with whom He is pleased." If you endure discipline, YAHWEH is dealing with you as with sons; for who is the son whom a father does not discipline? But if you are without discipline, of which all have become sharers, then you are strangers, and not sons. Furthermore, indeed we have had fathers of our flesh as correctors, and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits, and we shall live? For they truly disciplined us for a few days according to the thing seeming good to them; but He for our profit, in order for us to partake of His holiness. And all discipline for the present indeed does not seem to be joyous, but grievous; but afterward it gives back peaceable fruit of righteousness to the ones having been exercised by it.*

And I say that when we left America, back now sixteen years ago, those seven months we were in Honduras were hell. It was not an easy time. Would I trade it now for anything? No, because those seven months were like 10 years of learning for our family, and many, many lessons that Yahweh told us and taught us. We left, I worked my whole life, we left with a container of goods and everything else; seven months later, we were broke leaving with two suitcases, and there was a lot of lessons we learned in between.

But, that's the point of it. **Yahweh is teaching us those lessons because He loves us.** I wouldn't trade those lessons for anything, because I know I wouldn't be the person I am today if I didn't go through those lessons. And I know today, I need to go through more lessons. So, when we're going through things; like I said, first, we have to think of, are we causing our own? Are we reaping what we are sowing? Are we doing things that are violating the Word of Yahweh? Are we sinning and we're only reaping what we are sowing? Or are we going through purification because Yahweh loves us, and what are we learning from it?

Since I was a believer, I always, the first thing I do when I'm going through a trial is; I think and I pray to Yahweh. "Father, what are you trying to teach me?" I don't want to go through that trial for 20 years. I want to learn what I have to learn, change, and move on, but if not, like it says here, in the end time if pride and arrogance and disobedience and ungratefulness is there, you know what we're going to start doing?

You start blaming other people, you start blaming Yahweh, and you're not looking internally to see it's something beautiful He's doing in your life. **He's loving you and He's chastising you because He wants you want you to change and He wants you to get closer to Him.**

And really, as we're getting closer to the end now and really we're getting toward that home stretch; we've got to build faith, and the only way you can build faith is by Yahweh putting you out there on the ledge a little bit. But remember He'll never put you on the ledge without having His hand holding out for you to grab. Luke 17, Luke 17 and verse 11

Luke 17:11 *And it happened in His going to Jerusalem even He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. And He entering into a certain village... this is Yahshua... ten leprous men met Him, who stood from a distance. And they lifted their voice, saying, Yahshua, our Master, have mercy on us. And when He saw them He said to them, Go show yourselves to the priests, and they were cleansed while they were going. But one of them, when he saw that he was cleansed returned and with a loud voice was giving praise to YAHWEH. And he fell on his face at His feet, thanking Him. And he was a Samaritan. And answering, Yahshua said, Were not the ten cleansed? But where are the nine? For what did they separate that they should come and give praise to Elohim? Only this man did, who is from a foreign people. And He said to him, Rising up, go! Your faith has given you life.*

Like I said, faith is so important at the end time. But look what it says, *when he realized he was cleansed, he returned in with a loud voice was giving praise to Yahweh.* And I always say, **that one way you know people are thankful is, they can't stop the praising Yahweh.** They're singing here, they're singing there. Their voices are joyous. You see it, because it's something you can't hold within you. When you have a spirit of thankfulness, it's going to come out, because you're going to just be praising Yahweh all the time. Thanking Yahweh, praising Yahweh. Singing to Him, glorifying Him, and in the Congregation the absence of praise is the absence of gratitude.

That's how we praise Him. It's not like, we're going to buy Him a little present and say, "hi Dad" and slip it to Him, of course not. Yahweh doesn't work that way. Yahweh is far above the heavens and if we have gratitude in our hearts, it's got to come out, it's got to come out; and singing in praise, all the time.

When the body comes together...I remember right before we left America, one of the strongest congregations we ever had, when we were in Pennsylvania, we used to get together almost every day of the week with people there. And everybody decided on their own; we're getting rid of our TVs, we're not going to listen to any music except Yahweh music anymore.

And every day we got together; we're reading Scripture, we're singing psalms, we're praising Yahweh, all the time and boy is it contagious when you're doing that. It's really contagious and it keeps your mind busy, why? Like they say, **idle hands are the work of the devil** and it's true. That if your mind is not continuously focusing on Yahweh and praising Yahweh and what is he doing in my life and let me thank them for this, this, this.

Our prayer list should be two hundred things on there and only because we can't fit more on the paper, but He's doing so much in our life. There's so much that we have to be thankful for. Just look out in the world, look at the people around you where you work, and boy, if that doesn't give you a spirit of thankfulness; to say, wow; I am so happy I'm not like them. I don't want to be like them. I don't want to be somebody who has no direction in life, somebody that's always sad, somebody that doesn't even know if Yahweh exists.

My people perish for lack of vision... We got to have that vision. And that vision is; being thankful for all things that He gives us. **The world is too self-focused.** The world is too self-focused, we feel we deserve things. We're always focusing on what we don't have, instead of what we're blessed with. I always say **lower your expectations. Expect nothing from anyone, but to love of one another and you'll never be disappointed.**

It's when you put expectations up there that you get disappointed. Oh, he only gave me this, oh he only did is, he only said this; oh, this one didn't say thank you, this one didn't do this. **Why, should we have expectations from anybody? Isn't the grace of Yahweh sufficient in our life? Isn't it the love that He gives us every day? Isn't the fact that we're still sinners and we're still struggling and we're still trying to overcome and yet; He doesn't cast us away?**

And yet, His grace covers our insufficiencies every day of our life. Shouldn't that be enough? Why do I need somebody else to say, oh you're doing a great job or you look good? It's all vanity anyway. I realized that long time ago, when I got into ministry, because before ministry, like I said; if I had a friend I have a friend forever. That's the way I was taught. But family members, friends I knew from high school, friends I knew in grammar school; when I was this big, if I met them today, we would hug each other and how you doing and I'd help them.

But, when you get in the ministry, it's a whole different thing. You get people writing you one day saying, "you're the greatest guy in the world" and then all of a sudden, you give a hard sermon on something they don't like; like makeup, which is oh how important makeup is, as if it's not vanity. I challenge you to give me one other reason than vanity, nobody can. But, they still don't like it, because they want to wear it and then all of a sudden it's "take me off your mailing list". I'm not Sears and Roebucks; I don't have a mailing list.

I'm a person and I have feelings and I have the Spirit of Yahweh working in me and I'm His servant and I'm working for Him. So it's not, a Sears and Roebuck type thing. And I'm not here to entertain. I don't sing and dance and play the ukulele. It doesn't work that way. But, it was hard for me because to see how two-faced people could be. That one day they're buddying up to you for nothing else, but they're trying to work a position in the Congregation and the next day they cut you off and thrown under the bus.

That's not me, that's not who I am; and certainly, that's not who Yahweh wants us to be. But, I realized you don't need praise from human beings. That's not you need. **All we want is for Yahweh to give us the praise.** So, the Bible says, be careful when men praise you, right? **So, why should we be looking for praise from anybody, but Yahweh? He's the one we want to please. He's the one that we're focused on. He's the one that we're working toward His kingdom and He's the only one who's going to be there when Judgment Day comes.** It's going to be Yahshua, Yahweh willing, with open arms to us saying, "come into My Father's Kingdom and be blessed". And we'll be there together, we'll be there together, Yahweh willing.

How much of our prayer time is spent asking Yahweh for things and complaining; and how much is praising? So, people tell me a lot of times they're honest enough to say, "I can't find any time to pray". Why not? Why not? Priorities, right? Priority is what you get done, it's that simple. You have to find time to pray; and not only to pray, it's not praying..."Father give me this and give me that, and I don't enough for this, I have to pay rent". It's not like it's His *to-do* lists, no.

At least seventy-five to eighty percent of our prayers should be just glorifying Him and praising Him and thanking Him for every wonderful thing He is doing in our life. Because remember I always said this, Yahweh's not up there with a big ego and He needs us to praise Him to feel good, like He's sitting there waiting for us to praise Him. No, the reason why He wants us to praise Him, He wants us to praise Him for us, not for Him. He doesn't need it. He has cherubs around His throne twenty-four seven praising Him. **But when we're on our hands and knees and we're humbling ourselves and realizing; how far He is in the heavens and how low we are here; what it does is, it puts us in the proper perspective.** That's the reason for praise.

So, even the praise that we give Him is only to humble us and get in the right attitude. But, He's not a vanity Elohim. He's not up there, needing that from us. That's why, my mind is inconceivable; of a human being that's born that will die, that gets sick, and he's going to sit there and tell you how much he knows that Yahweh doesn't exist. Say well, there are seven, fifty billion humans that have lived. They're all in a box, right? Yahweh is still eternal in Heaven.

So, I'll believe in the One who's existed forever and created all these things. I'm not going to believe in the evil one who's going to be laying in a box and dead, who says Yahweh doesn't exist. It's utterly ridiculous. When you look around; and you look at the universe, and the stars, and the planets, and the glory and what is man you know? He's up there, with this marble down here and yet, **He cares for us, He loves us and He wants to be involved in everything in our life.** But, we have to give Him thanks in all things in our life.

2 Corinthians 11, let's first go to 1 Corinthians 10...because we just came from Jordan just a couple of weeks ago...and for the ones, we've taken two trips there; both have been amazing trips. For the ones who were blessed to be there, praise Yahweh with all your heart for the things you got to see. And the ones, who weren't there, praise Yahweh, that we were there and we could share with you. Because it's amazing when we read 1 Corinthians 10, he says...

1 Corinthians 10:1-5 *And I do not want you to be ignorant, brothers that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the Sea. And all were baptized to Moses in the cloud, and in the Sea, and all ate the same spiritual food. And all drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank of the spiritual rock following, and that Rock was Messiah. ...so, clearly we see, that Rock was Yahshua. The Rock behind them, the Pillar of Cloud, the Pillar of Fire, he says...yet Elohim was not pleased with most of them, "For they were scattered in the deserted place.... And we were in those places; we saw where they were scattered...*

1 Corinthians 10:6 *but these things became examples for us, so that we may not be lusting after evil, even as those indeed lusted.*

... And that's the thing that gets me. Today, I look at Babylon, I look at Western society, and I understand why people are evil and prideful and sinister because the society created them. America wasn't like that 50, 60 years ago. But, what boggles my mind; is these people were more than 200 years as slaves, they were being beaten by taskmasters. They weren't overeducated and yet, the minute they came out of that they were only evil. There was nothing that humbled them. **There was nothing in that situation that humbled them**, which is a scary thought...

1 Corinthians 10:6-8 *but these things became examples for us, so that we may not be lusting after evil, even as those indeed lusted. Neither be idolaters, even as some of them, as it has been written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play." Nor should we commit fornication, as some of them fornicated, and twenty three thousand fell in one day.*

And it's scary, not only the epidemic of fornication, adultery, pornography that's in the world, but that's in the congregation. I'm scared to see what's happening and not only in America. The youth, as I talk to the elders, why on earth are two sixteen-year-olds allowed to be alone together? Now we're having people getting pregnant in the Congregation. It's a shame. It's a shame to Yahweh; it's a shame to Congregations. But it can't be. It can't be. There's got to be some major changes taking place because where fornication, a lot of these things are coming in, they'll destroy your Congregation, they will absolutely destroy it.

Then it's some of the same people fighting over the marriage covenant, the divorce and re-marriage, are the same areas where we are seeing some of these things. Like He says here, *nor should we commit fornication some of them fornicating and 23,000 fell in one day.*

1 Corinthians 10:9-11 *neither let us tempt the Messiah, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. Neither should you murmur, as also some of them murmured, and perished by the hand of the destroyer. And all these things happened to those as examples, and it was written for our warning, on whom the ends of the ages have come.*

So wow, although every generation could have benefited from this, **this was written for us**. And I hope the Congregation understands that these two trips to Jordan were prophetic; they were prophetic. We weren't just going there for the sake of going, nobody has ever done it before and the reason why Yahweh opened those doors is **we need to learn these lessons. We're getting closer to the end, there's not much time left and things are going to fall apart very, very quickly**. And now, that we have these lessons and we've been there and we can share with the brethren, **we got to learn these lessons**. We don't have a lot of time.

But, **one of the biggest problems the Israelites had was the murmuring, because when you have a spirit of gratitude, you can get through almost anything**. I mean even when we see stories of the Holocaust and people like Corrie Ten Boom and you see that, people that have this focus that nothing can sway them from praising and glorifying Yahweh, you get through it. **Because what's the worst that can happen to you? You're going to die, and then you're going to be resurrected, in the twinkling of an eye you are going to be in His Kingdom.**

But, a spirit of un-gratitude, and a spirit of murmuring, and a spirit of dissatisfaction, like I said; not only does it make you start to attack and falsely accuse each other, but it makes you attack and falsely accuse Yahweh. So, this is one of the biggest things that we need to work with. And it's a really easy one to solve. Because **all you have to do is praise Him twenty-four seven**.

Like I said, **what goes in, comes out, whatever you focus on is most real to you**. And if you get in a situation in your life when you're feeling somewhat depressed, or you think maybe you're going through trials,

the first thing you have to start thinking is, I need to praise Yahweh more. Let me fast, let me pray more, and maybe there has to be some changes in your life.

I know in my life there is, right now I'm having a crisis with time management. I don't have enough time, but I know there's nothing that's going to affect my relationship with Yahweh and no matter what I have to do, I will make those changes to make sure that my prayer and my study life is not going to be affected, that I have my family, spending time with my family. I am not going to allow circumstances in life to affect my relationship. And they can happen so easy. It can really happen so easy. And that's the key.

The key is... **you have to redeem the time, because the days are evil.** And that's easy. Those are choices you make. I'm shocked sometimes, when people make choices for a job over the kingdom of Yahweh. "Well, we don't have a choice. They want me to work here, they asked me to work on Shabbat". You know what?

I remember one time, years and years ago, when I first became believer; there was a friend of mine, he was in his 50s. He was from New York, *he had this accent like that*, and the guy was out of work for about 20 years. I used to let him work with me with landscaping and the lawn mower was bigger than him. Because I didn't want to just give him money, but I figured he's willing to work, I'll pay him. He even cut plastic grass. We were cutting grass and he cut the plastic grass, the person's yard. I said to so and so, "couldn't you see that's plastic grass?" And he's like, "*ah, I couldn't see so good, Donny*".

But one time, he got offered a job, after almost 20 years; and they wanted him to work on Friday nights, only 20 minutes into the Sabbath, and maybe he could have even got out right before. And I said to him so and so, "what are you going to do?" He said, "fifty dollars ain't worth the lake!" Yeah, fifty dollars ain't worth the lake. **What is worth the lake of fire? We see it here, breaking the Sabbath is violating Yahweh as the Creator of the world! There is nothing worth that!** It doesn't matter.

Sometimes, we can deceive ourselves into thinking, it's for the better good, but it's never for the better good. You have to be uncompromising, and like I said, praising Yahweh, spirit of thankfulness, it will keep you out of trouble. It will keep you out of trouble. 2 Corinthians 11

2 Corinthians 11:21-31...this is the Apostle Paul, he says, *I speak according to dishonor, as if we have been weak. I say it in foolishness, But in whatever other men are bold, I am also bold. Now if they are Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? I am also. Are they Abraham's seed? I am also. Are they ministers of Messiah? (I speak as a fool.) I being beyond them: in labors, more abundantly; in stripes, beyond measure; in prisons, much more; in danger of death, many times. Five times I received forty stripes minus one from the Jews. Three times I was beaten with rods; I was stoned once; I was shipwrecked three times; I have spent a night and a day in the sea in shipwreck. I have been in travels often, in dangers of rivers, in dangers of robbers, in dangers from my own race, in dangers from the Gentiles, in dangers in the city, in dangers in a wilderness, in dangers in the sea, in dangers among false brothers, in hardship and toil, in sleepless nights, in hunger and thirst, through much fasting, in cold and nakedness, besides the things outside conspiring against me day by day, I have also the care of all the Congregations. Who is sick, and I do not feel the pain? Who is caused to stumble, and does not have my heartfelt sympathy? If it is right to boast, I will boast of the things of my suffering. The Elohim and Father of our Master Yahshua Messiah, who is blessed forever and ever, knows that I am not lying.*

So wow, I always say there are two people in the Bible that I would not want to change positions with. One was John the Baptist, the last Old Testament Prophet...knowing who Yahshua is, it just wasn't his lot to be in the New Covenant yet...and the other is the Apostle Paul. I wouldn't want to be the Apostle Paul, I mean here's a guy that's a Rabbi of rabbis, he's going to the Gentiles and everything he went through and because of his life and because of, maybe, persecuting the Congregation; he went through things you can't imagine.

I would never want to go through the things he went through. And yet, look how it changed him. Look how it made him the person who he is. And I can really, I can really know, I can sympathize with him, when he talks about caring for the congregation's. And in the world we live in, an Internet age, where you can keep in contact with everybody, it's tough sometimes.

I mean almost every week, or at least every month, there's major things going on. Beside what we're seeing in the world and trying to help the people in Syria and Iraq and some of these other places; which grieves me to death. But then, to see it in our congregations, the problems that they have; in South Sudan and now, Burundi, Nigeria, Kenya all the places. You know there are a lot of bad trials that people are going through and you try to figure out what can I do? How can we help? What can we do to make this better for them?

But again, when I look at the Brethren themselves, I see all them glorifying Yahweh, which is amazing. I see that there is no discontent, there's no complaining, there's not an ounce of inhibition with them, but they're just praising Yahweh, that's the key. Philippians 4 verse 4, that **contentment is the key to thankfulness....contentment is the key to thankfulness:**

Philippians 4:4-13 *Rejoice in YAHWEH always. Again I say, Rejoice! Let your humility be known to all men. Our Master is at hand. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and by petition with thanksgivings, let your requests be made known to Elohim; and the peace of YAHWEH which surpasses all understanding will keep your hearts and your minds through Messiah Yahshua. Finally, my brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honest, whatever is just, whatever pure, whatever lovely, whatever of good report, if there is any virtue, and if there is any praise, think on these things. And what things you learned and received and heard and saw in me, practice these things, and the Elohim of peace will be with you. But I rejoiced in Elohim greatly that you have continued to care for me, just as you have always cared, even though you yourselves have not had enough. Not that I speak as to need, for I have learned to be content in whatever state I am. And I know what it is to be poor, And I know what it is to be rich; I have gone through many things and experienced many things, both to be filled and to hunger, both to have plenty, and to be in need. I can do all things through Messiah; the One giving me strength.*

That is the answer; to be content in all things. Because like I said, we are above; when you look at this world and you look at how evil it is and how bad it is, but as children of Yahweh He's called us out of that. **What He's given us, that He's put His spirit in us, He's given us His mind. Praise Yahweh that we don't have to think like those people out there.** Sometimes, when I see what these people are doing I say, I just can't fathom, I can't understand why they're thinking that way and then I say, "thank You Yahweh, thank You that I can't understand why they're thinking that way," because I don't want to think like that. I wouldn't want to think the way they are.

But, contentment is the key to thankfulness. We must focus every day of our life. Like I said, have a list. We do this at the Bible School when we're talking about changing perspective and empowering beliefs and disempowering beliefs. And we always make the students make a list of all the things to be thankful for. And keep adding to that list you know, but every day in your prayer life be reading it and be thanking Yahweh for all the things He's doing. Jacob the 3rd chapter and verse 8. Jacob 3:8:

Jacob 3:8-12 *but no one of men is able to tame the tongue; it is an unrestrainable evil, full of death-dealing poison. By this we bless YAHWEH, even the Father; and by this we curse men having come into being according to the image of Elohim. Out of the same mouth comes forth blessing and cursing. My brothers, it is not fitting for these things to be so. Does the fountain out of the same hole send forth the sweet and the bitter? My brothers, a fig tree is not able to produce olives, or a vine, figs. So neither can a fountain produce both salt and sweet water.*

So if, we're going to sit there and praise Yahweh and say how wonderful Yahweh is; and then we're going to come out of there and start attacking and condemning each other, the Bible says, we're hypocrites if we're doing that. Because every time we're discontent, then that's a minute we're not praising Yahweh. Every

moment you have to, to be complaining about something or somebody is a moment that you're not taking praise to Yahweh.

Luke 18:9-14 *And He also spoke this parable to some of those relying on themselves, that they are righteous, and despising the rest: Two men went up into the sanctuary to pray, the one a Pharisee, and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee was standing, praying these things to himself: Elohim, I thank You that I am not as the rest of men, extortioners, covetous, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice in the week; I tithe all things, as many as I get. And standing at a distance, the tax collector would not even lift up his eyes to Heaven, but smote on his breast, saying, Elohim, be merciful to me, a sinner! I say to you, This one went down to his house having been justified, rather than that one. For everyone exalting himself will be humbled. And the one humbling himself will be exalted.*

So again, **to really have a spirit of thankfulness, we have to humble our self. The only one we should be comparing our self to, is Yahshua.** And then it should really humble us to look in our life, but you have to have humility to be thankful. It's just like sometimes there's people that may be givers, but they won't take, they won't take. You can try to give them something and they say, "No, no, no I don't want it, I don't want it."

And a lot of times that's pride. Because people feel if they, if you give them something they owe you and they don't want to owe you. Their pride doesn't want to take. I always say, there's a time to give and there's a time to take. And there's a time to be a giver and there's time to be a taker. So, if somebody wants to give me a present and I don't take it, I'm taking their blessing away. That person wants to give they want to share, so even if I don't need it I can take it and I can give it to somebody else.

But for me to reject it, I'm not giving them the opportunity to give in that circumstance. So, you need humility and when we go to Yahweh and we have to ask Him, "Father I need this", it's humbling. Because we're showing we can't take care of ourself, but it's a good thing. **We have to have humility to be thankful; we have to realize our need for His grace in our life.**

And self-righteousness will always lead to ungratefulness. Because self-righteousness is where you're putting yourself above and then how can you be grateful if you're self-righteous? You're thinking you did everything. You're thinking all these things are owed to you. So, **self-righteousness will lead to ungratefulness.** Jacob 4, in verse 3, back to the book of Jacob...

Jacob 4:3-6 *You ask, and do not receive, because you do not ask sincerely, you ask in order that you may satisfy your lusts. Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that the friendship of the world is enmity with Elohim? Whoever, then, purposes to be a friend of the world is an enemy to Elohim Or do you think that vainly the Scripture says, The pride dwelling in us lusts with envy? But He gives greater grace. Because of this it says, "YAHWEH sets Himself against proud ones, but He gives grace to humble ones."*

So again, **the greatest form of thankfulness in our life is His grace that covers.** It covers our weaknesses, it covers our inability, it covers our sins. And **without humility, He gives grace to humble ones, but he resists the proud.** So, got to get any form of pride out of our life and we have to realize Yahweh owes us nothing. There's people I've met throughout my whole life, in the Congregation that they think that just because they tithe Yahweh owes them something.

I've had people leave the Congregation. Years ago, friends of mine, call Yahweh a liar, "You said in your Word if I tithe you'd give me this and this, and I didn't get it". Yahweh doesn't owe us anything. The tithe is His. We're only giving Him what we owe Him and we're stealing from Him if we don't tithe, right? So, we don't tithe thinking Yahweh now owes us something back. That's up to His mercy and His kindness what He gives us, but He doesn't know us anything. And if you're really going to have the spirit of thankfulness and gratitude, we have to realize He owes us nothing.

You know like I said, you go into the blood covenant and wow, you realize how much we're giving Him of all our sin and all of our badness and all of our bad character traits and He's only giving us eternal life and part of

the universe. So, we're getting the much better part of it, but **Yahweh certainly doesn't owe us anything**. And if you want to have a spirit of thankfulness, we have to realize that.

You have to realize Satan is the master complainer. Like I said, when we are complaining, we are taking on his characteristics, not Yahweh. Satan is never satisfied, he's never content, and he'll do anything he can to get you to focus on complaining and not giving thanks. He doesn't care what else you do as long as you're not thanking Yahweh, he's satisfied. Yahweh owes us nothing. We must realize our sinful nature and His mercy and grace that He's freed us from our sinful nature and sin.

Like I said, if you really understand who you were before conversion wow, you know we can't give Him enough thanks; for His mind, the mind of Messiah coming in to us and changing our carnal, evil mind that's enmity against Him and His word to a mind that loves Him and wants to serve Him, who wants to do everything that we can. **2 Corinthians 12 and verse 5. 2 Corinthians 12 and verse 5:**

2 Corinthians 12:5 *On behalf of such a one I will boast. But I will not boast on my behalf, except in my weaknesses.*

For if I desire to boast, I will not be foolish, for I speak the truth. But I spare, lest anyone reckons me to be beyond what he sees me or hears anything of me.

And by the super abundance of the revelations, that I not be made arrogant...and this is the Apostle Paul, of Course, who said this... a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan, that he might buffet me, that I not be made haughty.

Beyond this I entreated our Master three times, that it depart from me.....you see the number three again with grace... And He said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness. Therefore, I will rather gladly boast in my weaknesses, that the power of Messiah may rest upon me.

So, when we are weak, we are strong. We don't have to feel, its pride that doesn't want to look weak, but any strength we have is Yahweh's strength in us, it's not ours anyway. Like he says, he prayed three times and he said, *"My grace is sufficient for you for My power is made perfect in weakness and I would gladly boast in my weakness that the power of Messiah may rest on me."*

Great scripture, really, really great scripture. So my questions is, **is Yahweh's grace sufficient for you?** You must internalize the death penalty you are saved from; and especially, when look how many will die in this last generation. It's a scary thought. But you really, if you, I say this many times, if you never repented with tears you probably never really repented. Because you have to internalize what Yahweh really did in your life.

That He took us from death row, all of us, we're there on death row just waiting for the white throne judgment to go in the lake of fire, for the sins we committed and He took us away from. He freely took us away from that. Yahshua freely came down to this earth. He freely paid the penalty for each one of us. And like I always say, even if you were the only person in the world that was a sinner and everyone else was righteous, the plan wouldn't change. He still would have done that.

You have to, you have to appreciate that and I say it's like a person that, maybe 50 years ago, when they were in the army or something, another soldier saved their life on the battlefield. They drag them off and save their life. That person is going to be thankful to that person until the day he dies. And if you ever saw that person's child and that person's child came to you, you would be like, "whoa how's your father?" And even if he was dead, "what can I do for you?" "Can I help you?"

You would be grateful to the day you die and we need to have that kind of gratefulness to Yahweh. It can't be something like, okay you saved me back then 32 years ago, now I'm focusing on something else. No, every day of my life I got to focus on the grace that He's pouring out on me daily, because I need that grace every

day. And only by being grateful, will you understand. **So, is Yahweh's grace sufficient? Because when we complain or when we are dissatisfied, we're saying really it isn't.** We're saying we need more than that.

Psalms 23, I know many people's favorite psalm. I know it's mine. Great psalm by King David.

Psalm 23 *A psalm of David. Yahweh is my shepherd I shall lack...* Wow! That says it all. *Yahweh is my shepherd I shall not lack...* Are you lacking, because if you're lacking, He's not your Shepherd. Are you lacking? Are you feeling I don't have this in my life, I don't have this?

I used to see this in America with people years ago, that there would be a single person and he would be depressed. If I was only married, then the world would be great. Then he gets married and it's oh, if we only had a child everything would be good. Then they get a child, if we only had more children. And then they get older, then if I only had grandchildren. So, it's like never satisfied, never satisfied.

There's blessings to being single, there's blessings to being married. There's blessings to not having children, there's blessings to having children. There's blessing to being a grandparent, and blessings to not being a grandparent. **There's blessings in everything if we just see them.** But that's the point. Is Yahweh your Shepherd, because **if Yahweh is your Shepherd, you shall know lack? You shall not lack.** That means everything in your life; you are so complete in your life, in everything. There's nothing lacking. You know why? Because **He is my Shepherd and nothing else matters, nothing else. Sickness or darkness or death or nothing, because as long as He's my shepherd, I lack nothing. I lack nothing.**

It's that relationship that makes it all worthwhile... *He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me to waters of rest...* are you lying in green pastures or are you saying that the Shepherd is bringing you to barren land? **Where there's no grace, there's no water.** Are you a sheep there that's dying because you don't have water, because He wouldn't be a good shepherd? No, **He leads us to green pastures to waters of rest and peace...**

He restores my soul... Yahweh's grace is sufficient... *He guides me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake...* Wow! Just the fact, just the fact that 99 out of 100 people you can tell the name of Yahweh, who claim to believe in the Bible and somehow they want to fight you on it, which I can't understand. Why would anybody want to fight you when in seven thousand times just in the Tanach, it says His name is Yahweh. All I know is... I don't find it and I know His name and I glorify Him by His name.

So, boy am I happy, boy am I happy, that *He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.* Boy am I happy, that I can worship Him in spirit and truth and I don't have to be calling Him God and Jesus and all these false pagan deity names. Praise Yahweh for that. Do you praise Him every day that you are one; you know millions of people that He allows to worship Him by His right name...

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil. For you are with me. Your rod and your staff they comfort me... What on earth do we have to fear? **You got the eternal Creator of the universe, who doesn't slumber and sleep, who's there. You're there as His child. He's with you 24/7. He isn't turning around and something's going to happen to you that He doesn't allow. So He's there with us. What do we have to fear? Man? No way. There's nothing that man can do...**

And His and His staff, they comfort us... the rod is like the Torah. You know it's sometimes, He really has to smack you a little bit to get you back in line. But, the staff is like the New Testament to grace, that gently guides and leads... *You prepare a table for me before the ones vexing me. You anoint my head with oil and my cup overflows...* do you feel that way? **Is your cup overflowing or is it empty?** Sometimes, when it's half full, you see it half full or half empty. It tells a lot about your perspective for life.

But for some people, they always see their cup empty. They're always feeling like their getting the short end of the stick. And here He says... *You anoint my head with oil...* His Holy Spirit pouring on us... *and my cup runs over, my cup runs over.*

Like we always said, it's great to be me. **Do you feel it's great to be you?** Would you want to be somebody else? I know I wouldn't want to anybody else. Because I love that Yahweh is in my life. I love the thing's He's doing... *surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of Yahweh for days without end.*

So, all these people out there that have doubts, all these people out here that don't know this...does Yahweh exist and what's going to go on. Feel sorry for them. But you know what? I bank on this one... ***surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life and I'll dwell in the house of Yahweh for days without end.*** So, I'm just happy that I can bank on verse 6. Do you feel that way? Do you feel that way?

Then okay, whatever is happening now this is for a short time. This is just the purifier, but that Kingdom is just around corner. And that Kingdom came to this world without end. That's what we should be living for. Not living for this world, Yahweh forbid. If this is all we have to live for we're in trouble. And yet, there's so many out there they are just living for this world and they love it.

So, I always say this with sin, **when someone can't overcome a sin, it's because they are loving the sin too much.** You're loving it too much. I don't have anybody coming to me telling me, "Don, every day I put my hand on the stove and I can't stop myself". It doesn't work that way. But, when it comes to sin, if they're doing the sin over and over there's something that their mind is perceiving, that they're getting some kind of gratification with pleasure out of it.

So, is Yahweh our Shepherd? Let's go to a few more psalms...

Psalm 100 *A Psalm of Thanksgiving. Shout joyfully to YAHWEH, all the land. Worship YAHWEH with gladness; come before His face with joyful singing. Know that YAHWEH, He is Elohim; He has made us, and not we ourselves, His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, into His courts with praise; be thankful to Him; bless His name. For YAHWEH is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His faithfulness to generation and generation..*

Wow, praise Yahweh.

Psalm 106:1-4 *Halleluyah! Give thanks to YAHWEH, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever. Who can express the mighty works of YAHWEH, or cause all His praise to be heard? Blessed are those keeping judgment, he who does righteousness at all times. Remember me, YAHWEH, with the favor of Your people; O visit me with Your Y'Shua, Your Salvation*

Psalm 135:1-7, *HalleluYah! Praise the name of YAHWEH; give praise, servants of YAHWEH; those who stand in the house of YAHWEH in the courts of the house of our Elohim; praise YAHWEH! For YAHWEH is good! Sing praises to His name, for it is delightful. For Yah has chosen Jacob to Himself, Israel for His special treasure. For I know that YAHWEH is great, and our Adonai is above all Elohim. Everything which YAHWEH was pleased to do, He did, in the heavens and in the earth, and in the seas and all deep places. He causes the mists to rise from the end of the earth; He makes lightning's for the rain; He brings the wind out of His storehouses;*

Even when you see storms and all these things that happen, you see the great power of Yahweh...

Psalm 135:13, 19-21 *O YAHWEH, Your name endures forever; O YAHWEH, Your memorial is from generation to generation. Bless YAHWEH, O house of Israel; bless YAHWEH, O house of Aaron; Bless YAHWEH, O house of Levi; you who fear YAHWEH, bless YAHWEH. Blessed be YAHWEH out of Zion, He who dwells at Jerusalem. HalleluYah!*

Praise Yahweh...

Psalm 138 *Psalm of David. I will thank You with my whole heart; I will sing praise to You before the Elohim; I will worship toward Your holy sanctuary, and give thanks to Your name for Your mercy, and for Your truth; for You have magnified Your Word above all Your name. You answered me in the day that I called out; You made me bold in my soul with strength. All the kings of the earth shall thank You, O YAHWEH, because they have heard the Words of Your mouth. Yes, they shall sing in the ways of YAHWEH; for the glory of YAHWEH is great. Though YAHWEH is exalted, yet He looks upon the lowly; but the proud He knows from afar. If I walk in the midst of distress, You give me life; You send out Your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and Your right hand delivers me. YAHWEH will perfect His work in me; O YAHWEH, Your mercy endures forever; You will not forsake the works of Your hands.*

You know, it's amazing because as a lot of you see, you've been here, you see the archaeology, that when something is found you know like, at Tel Qeiyafa, the new Tel that they have up there; and they find this little pot shard, with about five lines of writing. Showing the changing over from the judges to the kings; and everybody is amazed. Or, up here in Tel Dan, you get this this little inscription that talks about Bet David, the house of David and everyone's going wild. But here, **do we thank Yahweh every day?**

This book, can you imagine? This Bible, everything was preserved. There's nothing that's missing. I mean we have a hundred psalms written by King David with his own hand and they're all here for us. Knowing the trials he went through, knowing the praises he gave to Yahweh...Moses' writing psalms, Moses writing things here. Yahweh preserved all of it! What a miracle that is! There's nothing else in the world that's like it that all of it has been preserved for us today, for those that believe. And that alone, what we should be thanking Him every day.

Psalm 150 *HalleluYah! Praise El in His holy place; praise Him in the expanse of His might. Praise Him in His mighty acts; praise Him according to His excellent greatness. Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet; praise Him with the harp and lyre..Praise Him with the timbrel and dance; praise Him with strings and pipes. Praise Him on the sounding cymbals; praise Him with the resounding cymbals. Let everything that breathes praise Yah. HalleluYah!*

Everything that breathes, should praise Yah, the birds that sing out. Like they say the symphony at creation, creation first came and the canopy of water above the earth and the canopy of water below the earth; and He created the breathing capacity to be higher and the birds would sing in the morning and it would sound like a symphony, it sounded like a symphony to Yahweh. Like I say, when you have the spirit of thankfulness, you can't help but praise Yahweh. You can't help it but to be praising Him.

I could say over the last 15-16 years, with the work from Yahweh here in Israel, it hasn't always been easy. We've suffered hardships, financial distress, sicknesses, discouragements, attacks sometimes with false brethren. But on the other hand, it's been the most wonderful, awesome rewarding blessing that I can ever happen in my life. I would never, in a million years, 20 years ago ever thought, that I could be here in Israel doing what I'm doing for Yahweh.

So, all the things that comes with it, that's all part of life. That's the purification you know. I don't think twice about it. I thank Yahweh every day; first for His grace in my life and then for allowing me to be the one presently here in the Holy Land to witness for His name and around the world, a blessing to organize the feast for all these years for the Ephramites. After 2700 years, that now, we have people coming from 25 to sometimes 30 different countries, from all over the world that they come here to celebrate and in anticipation for Yahweh's Kingdom.

And we have everything we need. You know all of us, we have everything. I think sometimes we think too far ahead, because what you didn't have yesterday is over. So, whatever you didn't have yesterday don't matter now anyway. And tomorrow isn't here yet and you might not make it to tomorrow. But today, you have clothes on your back, you have food in the oven, you have a roof over your head and you have everything that you need.

Luke 10:19-24, we'll end here in a few minutes, Luke 10 and verse 19 ... *Behold I give authority to you to tread on snakes and scorpions and all the power of the enemy, and nothing will harm you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the demons submit to you. But rather rejoice that your names are written in Heaven. In the same hour Yahshua rejoiced in the Spirit, and said, I praise You, Father, Master of Heaven and of earth, that You hid these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to children; yes, Father, because so it was pleasing before You. All things were delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father; and who is the Father, except the Son, and he to whom the Son may desire to reveal Him. And having turned to the disciples alone, He said, Blessed are the eyes seeing what you see. For I say to you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear.*

Wow, just in the times we're living in these last days, **to be a child of Yahweh, to have His Spirit living within us, to be alive just in preparation for Yahshua's Kingdom. What a blessing it is.** What more blessing could we have in our life that He's already given us? Think, between His grace first and then His Spirit to open your mind. What would you trade for those two things? What else in life would give you more than the relationship that you have with Him and His Spirit living in us?

Because **it's the Spirit**...that's His mind...**of Messiah that changes us.** It's the Spirit that changes us into the people we are. The last Scripture is Romans 8, how blessed we are, how blessed we are. And we just need to live in that state of thankfulness. Like I said, it's a mindset. It's like faith, it's not just something you do, it's a mindset. You have to live in it. To live in it, you have to focus on a daily, can't let the enemy take away the joy that you have.

Romans 8:31 *what then shall we say to these things? If YAHWEH be for us, who can be against us? Truly He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up on behalf of us all, how will He not freely give all things to us with Him? Who will bring any charge against the elect of Elohim? YAHWEH is the One justifying! Who is he condemning? It is Messiah who has died, but rather also is raised, who also is at the right hand of YAHWEH, who also makes intercession on our behalf. Who shall separate us from the love of Messiah? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? Even as it has been written, "For Your sake we are killed all the day; we are counted as lambs for the slaughter." But in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him loving us. For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor cherubs, nor rulers, nor armies, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other thing created will be able to separate us from the love of YAHWEH in Messiah, Yahshua, our Master.*

So, praise Yahweh for that! Praise Yahweh for the gift He's given each of us. Praise Yahweh, for the spirit of thankfulness that He puts within us. We just need to make sure that every day of our life we're giving Him that appreciation. That we're learning from the Israelites and we want to make sure we're always giving Him the glory He deserves.

Shabbat Shalom.