

## Transcript – The Transformation to the New Man

All righty. Shabbat shalom again. And we are going to continue today with the, I guess you could say, a series of messages we've been doing on the sanctuary of Yahweh, and really taking that serious and becoming more like Yahweh. This message is called *The Transformation to the New Man*. This is technically part three, but even the messages we've been doing in between have somehow fit in with the overall theme of what we're doing, and I have one more ... one more message on this series to do after this.

So, I want to start in 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 2 because I keep going over the pattern about the physical comes before the spiritual. And when we started out the very first message, we were going over some ... and sometimes physically it's easier. Like we're just doing the Torah reading, and it's pretty easy: eat this food, don't eat that food; this animal's clean, this animal ... and it's pretty simple. Sometimes it's the spiritual that takes more to understand the application of what it means, but one thing is certain: **If you can't get the physical down, you're not going to get the spiritual down.** It's that simple. And that's why we started out with the physical, and we'll see here as we get into this. 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 2:9 through 16. It says:

**1 Corinthians 2:9-10** *According as it has been written, "Eye has not seen, and ear has not heard," nor has it risen up into the heart of man, the things which Elohim has prepared for those that love Him. But Elohim revealed them to us by His Spirit, ...*

**Comment:** And that's going to be the big key today: **The transformation to the new man is by the Spirit of Yahweh. It's impossible to become the new man without His Spirit.**

**1 Corinthians 2:10-11a** *But Elohim revealed them to us by His Spirit for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of Elohim. For who among men knows the things of a man, except the spirit of a man within him?*

**Comment:** And we're going to see today, you have two spirits. We know we're born with human nature, a human spirit that's contrary to the nature of Yahweh; and yet, we know that if we repent of our sins, and we draw toward Yahweh, and we get immersed in the name of Yahshua, and we believe in that, and we have hands laid on us, then we know we get another Spirit that comes within us. And we'll talk a lot about that.

**1 Corinthians 2:11b-13** *So also no one has known the things of Elohim except the Spirit of Elohim. But we have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit from Elohim, so that we might know the things that are freely given to us by Elohim ... So again, like we see, if you don't get the physical down, you're never going to get the spiritual ... For the things which we discuss, are not dependent on the knowledge of words and man's wisdom, but on the teaching of the Holy Spirit, thus explaining spiritual things with the spiritual minded.*

**Comment:** So again, for a lot of people, especially we get a lot of new people coming to the website, or even sometimes people, unfortunately, that even in the congregation, they'll hear messages like I'm going to give today, and they'll think, "Oh, it's nonsense." I'm sure people get tired of hearing me always downplaying [should be emphasizing] the prince of the power of the airwaves, but it's hard to downplay it when you look at the results. It's everywhere ... it's everywhere here, and the results are only getting worse by the week. So, like I said:

**1 Corinthians 2:13-15** *We're not dependent on the knowledge of words and man's wisdom, but on the teaching of the Holy Spirit, thus explaining spiritual things with the spiritual minded. But the material man rejects the things of the Spirit, for they are foolishness to him, and he is not able to know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*

**Comment:** So, when I go to the Knesset, unfortunately, I don't get to share these things at the Knesset. I share important things with them, and Yahweh opens doors for His people and over here. But I can't open the book of Corinthians, or the book of Romans, and share with them these things because they would think almost ...

We were reading the story because we had the blessing of being in Caesarea this week, and we were reading about Paul when he's talking before King Agrippa, who was half-Jew, and he's telling him these things and saying, "I know you believe

King Agrippa!" And what does Festus say? "Paul, you're mad. You're mad with your knowledge." And he says, "No, I'm not mad. I'm totally sane."

And then King Agrippa's saying, "Paul, do you expect me in such a short time to become a believer?" One of my favorite stories in the Bible. And he says, "I wish not you, but everyone in the world to be as I am, except for these chains." Where the physical meets the spiritual. So, even though he was spiritual minded, even though all of these books we've been reading for thousands of years, doesn't change the fact that he was in handcuffs in a prison as it's happening. So, we really see it.

**1 Corinthians 2:14-16** *But the material man rejects the things of the Spirit, for they are foolishness to him, and he is not able to know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But the spiritual man discerns everything, and yet no man is able to discern him. For "Who has known the mind of YAHWEH that he will instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Messiah.*

And you don't know how many times in my life ... I'm sure it's happened to you also ... that people that you don't know, that you've never met, that meet you somewhere, or see you, or hear you and, all of a sudden, you get this look on their face and they'll say, "Who are you? Where's this coming from?" Because it's the first time they're hearing Yahweh's truth, or maybe they see a miracle that's being performed and they're wondering ... you see the lip come down, the mouth comes down ... "Who are you? Where is this coming from?"

But, like I said, for the next hour or so, whether people that are hearing this later, if they're not spiritually minded, it will be, "Okay, okay, okay. Another sermon by Don." But if you are spiritual minded ... and every one of us here I believe is trying on the right road, but none of us are there yet ... if you follow ... and I say this at the Bible school, and you all know, everyone here has been there ... I say if you follow what I teach you at the Bible school, without a shadow of a doubt, it works. We're doing it 10 years. I've been doing it for 30 years. The principles I teach, it works. I've never seen one situation where it didn't work.

And I say the same thing today. If you take the words I'm saying from a spiritual mind, if you ask the Holy Spirit, "Open my mind and let me know what Don is trying to say," I will guarantee you 1,000% ... not 100%, I guarantee you 1,000% ... what I tell you today will change your life. It will change your life, and it will bring you closer to Yahweh in a way that you could never think possible. And like I said, we're living in a world where we're seeing the opposite happen. 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 9 ... Go a few pages over ... verse 26 and 27. I'll start in 25 actually.

**1 Corinthians 9:25-27** *And every man who battles in the contest frees his mind from something else ... Paul is talking about our calling being a race ... And yet they run to win a crown that is perishable, but we to win one that's everlasting ... So, this is the message where the rubber is going to hit the road, where the physical is going to overlap with the spiritual, where we're going to see where we need to make these mandates ... So I run accordingly, not as uncertainty; so I fight, as not beating air; but I conquer and subdue my body, so that, by no chance, when I have preached to others, I myself be disapproved.*

Like I said, I think I started these messages maybe a month ago, maybe a little longer than that, something like that. And I've gotten a lot of response; 90% probably good response, and 10% a little in-between. I don't think I got any bad response. But like I said, if the fact that I would say because we're the sanctuary of Yahweh and Yahweh's Spirit is dwelling in us that we should be modest dressed, and somebody is fighting that, then they might as well close the Bible ... they might as well close the Bible.

And this will offend some people when you say that. And we'll see today that pride will stop you. **If you're filled with pride, if you're not open to correction, if you're not open to hear the Word of Yahweh come to you, then you're done anyway.** Like it says, you're twice dead. You might as well go back to the world, do whatever you want to do, go out and eat what you want to eat, wear what you want to wear, and do what you want to do because you're going to go to the Lake of Fire. It's that simple.

And sometimes I may be bold, but again, I have to be bold because I'm accountable to Yahweh. And I don't want Judgment Day to have even one person ... It won't help me if a thousand people, or a million people make the Kingdom and you warned them, but there's one person that, ooh, you didn't warn that guy; because it's eye for eye, tooth for tooth, life for life. So, I have to be bold. If ... In the world we're living in, and we're going to see this today, it is a Laodicean era.

The Laodicean is ruled by the people, and it is evil; it's wicked. And I don't call them brethren. I don't care. I don't call them brethren because they're not brethren. Some of them even have come in our midst. Some of them have sit there at the Feast with us. Some of them have congregations in other places. But I don't call them brethren because they're not brethren; because they don't believe in leadership that was set down by Yahweh. They don't believe in following the Spirit of Yahweh. They don't believe in modesty. They don't believe in **anything** but whatever they want to do at the time. And the people that are going to go that way, they're going to go that way. It's that simple.

**But we're going to see today, there's only one way.** There's no trick. I don't have a pill in my pocket to come out and say, "Everybody take this pill," and then, all of a sudden, we'll be transformed. **It's surrender.** One word: surrender. It's surrender. It's surrender to Yahweh, as we're going to see as we go back to the very beginning.

So, like I said, we had to go through the physical first; because if people are going to fight you on the physical, if they're going to fight you ... Like we went over makeup a few weeks ago; and like I said, you look in the Bible, you don't find any situation where it's something that Yahweh is praising. In every situation in Scripture, He calls someone a harlot who's wearing it.

So, again, each person has to make their own decision. But why would I want to ... If in the Bible it said that for a man to, like we said, shave his head bald ... We were just going over that, that it's cultic ... why would I want to do it? Why would I want to shave my head like a bowling ball? For what reason ... what reason? Do I want to look like the world? Do I want to because everyone out there is doing it? We just read that, that **Yahweh's Word doesn't change.**

And you know what? There's a lot of people in this end time that are going to go into that Lake of Fire. So, if you want to feel good about yourself and your pride, and you want to go in the Lake of Fire, then keep doing what you're doing. **But if you really want to change, if you want to be led by the Spirit of Yahweh, then you have to surrender** ... you have to surrender. There's no other way. And it's me, and it's you, and it's everybody else hearing it. There's no easy answer. It's a surrender of our soul to Yahweh.

So, let's go back to the beginning. Let's go to Genesis 2 because this is not a new problem that has just come up. This isn't something that's only in the end time. I do say in the end time it's worse for a simple reason, and the reason being is that we have more ways to get the evil out quicker. I don't believe people are any more evil today than they were in the days of Noah. Everybody was evil. Yahweh had to destroy the whole earth. In the days of Sodom and Gomorrah, what did Abraham say to Yahweh? If you find 50 righteous, 45, down to 10. He couldn't find 10. So, I'm not trying to say that, necessarily, people are more evil. People have always been evil. But, what we have today, we have more avenues and more means to get the evil out quicker. But we'll see here. Let's go to Genesis 2 and verse 7.

**Genesis 2:7-9** *And YAHWEH Elohim formed the man from the dust of the ground, and blew into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living soul ... That's ha Adam, talking about the specific man, not just mankind, but who we would call Adam ... And YAHWEH Elohim planted a garden in Eden to the east; and He put the man who He formed there. And out of the ground YAHWEH Elohim made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food. The Tree of Life was also in the middle of the garden; also the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.*

**So, we see here that there's two ways.** Sometimes people think, "Is this real? Is it symbolic?" I really don't think it makes a difference. I believe they were two literal trees because it says it. But even if you want to think it's symbolic, it doesn't make a difference because, really, it's not the tree that's the problem, it's what they represent.

**One is the Tree of Life, that's what? It's full surrender in following of Yahweh unconditionally.** I always say that's all faith is. Faith is simply belief. It's simply belief. It's simply that because Yahweh said it, we believe it, and you do it. It doesn't mean you're going to understand it, but you do it.

But, the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil is something different, as we're going to see here. **The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil is that you—you as a human being—you will make the choice, and you're going to choose what's good and what's evil.** And it's not based on Yahweh's Word, maybe part of it will be.

Because, like I said, when you get these people out there, the people that are claiming the lunar Sabbath, there's parts of the Bible that they probably believe just like you. But when it comes to the covenant that Yahweh made, the seven-day covenant that goes on forever, they're lunatics. They're out there in left field. They're lunatics. They're going crazy by the moon.

**So, the key is that when you're looking at it, it's an all or nothing ...** it's an all or nothing. And unfortunately, like I was saying before, when you look at Christianity, many, many Christian pastors use the Tanakh to do messages. They'll read a Psalm. They'll read something in Genesis. They'll read something here. But they don't take it as a package. They'll read and twist the scripture that fits what they're trying to say, and then they'll throw out the scripture right next to it that's telling them what Yahweh's will is in the matter.

And if we want to ... And this is the beautiful part about it. Because like I said, we're sitting in this room, and I would imagine most of the people that will hear this later are Spirit-begotten people of Yahweh, which means the Spirit of Yahweh is living in them; and that's what we're going to see, the power of that. I'm going to talk about how Satan ... That's why the one thing Satan wants to do, he wants to do an illusion to stop you from understanding that.

**But this is the key to it right here: Do you want the Tree of Life, or do you want the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil? You have to make a choice.** Because if you want the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil that means you will continue to choose what's best; and you'll fail, and maybe go to the Lake of Fire depending on your accountability of what you know. Because we know—Praise Yahweh—He judges us on what we know. So, we can make mistakes, even the world. We know that many people aren't covenant believers. There will be a Judgment Day, and not all of them are going to go to the Lake of Fire because Yahweh will judge their heart. Many are called, few are chosen.

**But for the people of Yahweh, we have His Spirit. We have something that can transform your life; and it is blasphemy to the Holy Spirit—the only sin that there is no forgiveness for—it is blasphemy to the Holy Spirit to have Yahweh put His Spirit in you, and now you do know ... you do know ... because that Spirit tells you right from wrong.** That Spirit opens up your mind.

And I'll tell you, I'm sure you would agree with me, but when I study my Bible all I do is read. So, I'm reading and then the Spirit of Yahweh is telling me what it means. And whether that means ...It doesn't mean you can't use a concordance. It doesn't mean you can't use a lexicon. Because we don't have all knowledge as human beings ... But what it means is **it's the Spirit of Yahweh that's opening up your mind to the meaning of it.**

And that's why people with doctorates, with letters after their name, they can read this Bible every day of their life and they come in with things that are absolutely absurd—the Law is nailed to the cross; the Sabbath is on Sunday—because the Holy Spirit is not speaking to them. Why? Because it's not dwelling in them.

**It's in us. It really is in us, and if we just shut our mouth, like Moses said, stand back and shut up and let Yahweh's salvation work. Stop trying to tell Yahweh what it means and let His Spirit tell you what it means.** And that's the beauty of it. See, but we're living in a world ... I'm going to show you exactly what's stopping it.

But this is what we need to do: We need to stop grabbing from the Knowledge of the Tree of Good and Evil, and we need to allow the Spirit of Yahweh ... Because I'll tell you 100%, it will never mislead you. The Spirit of Yahweh will never lie to you. It will never tell you something that's not right. And that's why, when Paul talks about, *I wish you all speak the same*

*thing, that you all have the same spirit, it's not only possible, it's probable. It has to happen because there's only one Spirit ... there's only one Spirit.*

And even if we don't speak words, when we are fully allowing the Holy Spirit to speak to us, I can sit here and just meditate this message and every one of you will hear it; you'll hear it in your spirit. And it's happened before; we know it's happened. We know it's happened in the underground congregation. We know it's happened as far as places like China, where pastors are being killed and executed, and they had infiltrators in the congregation.

And what would happen? They wouldn't say where they're going to meet on Shabbat, and everyone would go in their prayer closet and just allow the Holy Spirit to speak with them, and the Holy Spirit would literally tell them where the meeting is. And everybody would show up except for one—the infiltrator—because the infiltrator did not have the Holy Spirit.

And, unfortunately, there are infiltrators in our congregations. We know it because that's what it says. Satan ... The parable of the wheat and the tares ... Satan has placed infiltrators in there, people that don't have the Spirit of Yahweh and want to bring up contention and strife; and we're going to see it, that's not Yahweh's Spirit. But we have to stand back and let the salvation of Yahweh come out. Let's go to Genesis 3 because we're going to see, now, the turning point in humanity.

I always joke, not joke, but it's like a little riddle. You see riddles in the Bible. And I always say, how many parts is the Bible broken down into? And people will say two, the Old Testament and the New Testament, or the Tanakh and the New Testament. And I say, yes, it's broken down in two, but it's Genesis 1 and 2, and then the rest of the Bible. Because until man sinned you have something, and then after sin you have something else; that's the two parts of the Bible. So, we see here:

**Genesis 3:1** *The serpent ... Verse 3 [should be verse 1] ... was cunning above every beast of the field which YAHWEH Elohim had made. And he said to the woman, Is it so that Elohim said, You shall not eat from every tree of the garden?*

**Comment:** Isn't this the way the prince of the power of the airwaves does to us? Asking us questions, getting us off guard when our mind is not strong in the Word of Yahweh, trying to twist the Word of Yahweh on us. And it's the same way that people will bring false doctrine to you. And they'll say, "Well, just read it. Just look at it." No. If something is being twisted from the Word of Yahweh, you don't want to hear it.

**Genesis 3:2-4** *And the woman said to the serpent, of the fruit of the trees of the garden, We may eat, but of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden, Elohim has said, You shall not eat, nor shall you touch it, lest you die. And the serpent said to the woman, surely, you shall not die,*

**Comment:** This is the false grace that's out there all over the world: "You can continue to sin, and there's no consequences. Love Jesus in your heart, and everything will be good." But, it's not what it says here. The beginning of the doctrine of the immortal soul you have here. The soul is not immortal. *The soul that sins, it shall die.*

And that's why I say, why I'm so fervent, to myself first and then to others, because it is life and death. It really is life and death, and there is no eternal life for sinners. It's that simple. So, although Satan wanted to deceive Eve, and say the same thing, "Don't worry, keep sinning. You won't die."

**Genesis 3:5** *for Elohim knows in the day you eat of it, even your eyes will be opened, and you shall be as Elohim, knowing good and evil.*

**Comment:** So, now, he's even enticing not just that Yahweh's a liar, not just that they're not going to die, but he's saying, He's afraid that you'll know what He knows. Wow, what blasphemy. What going against the first commandment.

**Genesis 3:6-7** *And the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and it was pleasant to the eyes, and the tree was desirable to make one wise. And she took of the fruit and ate; and she also gave to her husband, and he ate. And the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed leaves of the fig tree, and made girdles for themselves.*

And I said this before, the word cunning—*the serpent was cunning*—it comes from the same root word as they were naked; same root word. The cunning goes into the nakedness. So, what do we see here? We see, number one, it was the flesh that was not conquered that was the downfall. Right? And the physical comes before the spiritual. But if you go to 1<sup>st</sup> John 2:15.

**1 John 2:15-17** *Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him, because all that is in the world: The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but of the world. And the world is passing, and its lust. But the one doing the will of YAHWEH abides forever.*

See, the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil and the Tree of Life. So, what do we see here? We see here that the tree was good for food in Genesis; in 1<sup>st</sup> John, I just read, the lust of the flesh. In Genesis, pleasant to the eyes; 1<sup>st</sup> John 2, I just read, lust of the eyes. And desirable to make one wise; the pride of life. So, it's the same thing today ... it's the same thing today.

And that's why I say we have to guard our spirit from the prince of the power of the airwaves, because we have hit such a dangerous time in the history of man. And it's been dangerous probably since the Garden of Eden, and it's been dangerous probably since World War II, and a lot of things that are happening. But we're seeing something now on a worldwide scale that we've never seen before.

Of course, like I said, there's been false deities. You have Chemosh, and you have Dagon, and all these. But at least people feared, even kings feared. You look at Nebuchadnezzar, who's a hard guy, but he feared some kind of deity. He found out Yahweh is the only deity, but there was fear. Today, there is no fear in man of anything ... there's no fear of anything.

And mankind is seeking through knowledge. Knowledge and education, the wrong education, is what mankind is looking at as himself, that he has become the new norm. **So, it's not just that homosexuality and these other things are becoming normal, it's the fact that mankind, now, has completely withdrawn Yahweh from the process.** We're the "weak" people that we have to believe in some deity to tell us what to do.

See, they "evolved". And that's the whole point of the New World Order, that you evolve to be your own Elohim. And everybody makes their own choice of what's right and what's wrong. So, we are at the epitome now. We are at the fullness of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, and the base of it is the internet. The base is the internet, because on the internet you can find good and evil anywhere you want, and you can make good and evil out of anything, no matter what you're looking at. It is the premise of, the basis of, good and evil.

And yet ... and yet, I see a growing of Yahweh's people to the internet. I don't see a growing of Yahweh's people to the Spirit. And it's scary. It's scary because when you've been 30-something years in this, and you've seen from this end to this end, and now you're actually seeing these things that 30-something years ago when you first became a believer you were warned about, it gets to be scary. It gets to be scary because, like I said, it's life and death. It's life and death, and there's no other way we're going to get around it.

**But, the key to becoming a new creation in Messiah is going back to Eden.** We have to go back to Eden. **We have to redo what was done against us here.** Because, like I say, I feel 100% that the physical comes before the spiritual; that if Adam and Eve were made to live forever, ... There's nothing that ever said they would die until they ate that fruit ... then their DNA had to be different. They had to physically change. Just like Satan—to physically be this beautiful, covering cherub to go to this evil, wicked demon, there had to be a physical change in him as well as spiritual.

And we need to go back ... we need to go back. **What started this? What started this evil wickedness that has brought us to where we are today? And it goes back to those two trees, the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, and the Tree of Life.** And if there's one thing ... I don't think I would have ever have thought I could feel this way to a point where I love life, and I value life because Yahweh gives life and Yahweh takes life, but I have zero—zero—desire for life in this world. Zero. None. I don't see any good that can come out of it.

And it's how many days you have is up to Yahweh, but I don't see any good from this world, this system. The only good you see is that you could help to change it, that maybe you could help to change somebody's life, that you can do something to bring the Kingdom of Yahweh. But what we're seeing, the same way Yahshua had a ministry for three years and then the powers of darkness came, and it was part of the plan that Yahweh allowed it for a time, we're seeing that now.

**The powers of darkness will take over this world, and we're at the crux of it ...** we're at the crux of it. And Satan will literally, physically ... The physical comes before the spiritual ... there will be a human being that will be Satan incarnate, and all the world will worship him. And we're seeing taking the mark and all these things that, like I said, have been talked about for years, and years, and years, and years, we're seeing coming together ... we're seeing it come together.

**So, we need to go back to Eden, and the key is surrendering our free will from our wicked human nature to unconditionally following the Spirit of Yahweh.** And I'll tell you why now more than ever; because like I said, in the world we live in and having so many things, you can only sanctify yourself to a degree. There's nowhere in the Scriptures, even in the end time, except, of course, when the abomination of desolation happens that we're told to run to the mountains. So, Yahshua said you're to be in the world but not of the world.

So, it would be easy if we could all say, "Let's all go and live up in Iceland somewhere, away from society." And that would be fine, but that's not the time for it. Because this is the time where we need to do our work. The people of Yahweh need to work and do exploits. **And, being in the world, even to a degree, it's going to affect you ...** it's going to affect you. People, all kinds of things, will affect you.

**There's only one key to have it not affect you: Surrender completely to Yahweh. Surrender your will; don't take free choice. Give Him your free choice. Give Him completely your free choice, not to make decisions anymore for yourself, and you'll see a change like you never had in your life.**

How many people in here can honestly say they hear the voice of the Holy Spirit? I mean a voice, not just that it might be inspiring you, where that's good, but maybe even an audible voice. I don't hear it every day, but I've heard it. But **I hear the voice of Yahweh in His Word very distinctly every day of my life.** I hear it because when I open that book, like I said, I'm only reading words; the Holy Spirit is telling me the meaning of it.

I get excited every time I give a message because I don't know what I'm going to say. And all of a sudden, as I start to speak, words come out I had sometimes didn't even know I knew it that they're coming out. But, again, I'm a human being like anybody else. And unless I take my way I'm interpreting it ... Because Yahweh can give me His truth and I can interpret it incorrectly and take myself down a wrong road ... And that's why I have to surrender my way of looking at it, and I have to allow the Holy Spirit to tell me.

We should be doing this every day of our life when you get up, when you go by the way. When somebody's asking you a question, don't be ... What does it say? *Slow to speak, quick to hear*, right ... don't be so quick to say something. Don't be so quick to jump to a conclusion, "Oh, you know what? That looks like this." Let the Holy Spirit tell you what it is.

**You have to hear His voice in the time we're living in ...** you have to. Because if you don't hear the voice of the Holy Spirit, when the bottom falls out you are going to make every wrong decision. And that's why it's **so important to go back to Eden.** You have to surrender your free will to Yahweh. There's no other way. And it's the hardening of our will, which is pride—of not wanting to be wrong, of not wanting to humble ourselves, as we're going to see—that is the thing that will stop you, totally, without anything else.

After baptism and the laying on of hands the Holy Spirit is in us, but so is 99% of our human nature. So, it's not just when you come out of that water and you have hands laid on you and now the Spirit's in you that, all of a sudden, it's going to do something. **Because the Spirit of Yahweh guides us. It guides us and leads us, but you have to surrender to it.** Yahweh will not force you. *I put before you life and death. Choose life.* You have to choose it. And that's why Moses said, "Stand back and be still." Be quiet. Listen to the voice of the Spirit.

Our human nature is still there, and Satan will manipulate it—the prince of the power of the airwaves. And since the physical comes before the spiritual, he keeps most of us in the physical realm and we never surrender to Yahweh and acquire the mind of Messiah. When something comes up, maybe, whatever, the landlord comes in on doubling your rent, what's our first thought? Let's pray. Let's ask Yahweh. **Anything you're doing, anywhere you're going, and it's not just one big decision, it should be every little decision in our life, we have to seek Yahweh with all our heart, our mind, our soul, and our strength.**

Matthew 26:39. You don't have to go there; but it's where Yahshua is asking the Father if there's any other way, and what does He say? *Not My will be done, but Your will be done.* And what we can't do is, which many who are reprobates do, they take the shell of the Word of Yahweh and they manipulate it toward their own destruction and toward their own, whatever, their own doctrine, their own whatever. So, they're taking a little bit of truth, and they're destroying it with error; the same thing Satan does.

If you look at Satan, what did he say to Eve? "Didn't Yahweh say ...?" He took the truth, and he twisted it into a lie. When he came before Yahshua, what did he say? "Didn't Yahweh say ...?" He quoted Scripture, but he twisted it. And the same way, sometimes we can be doing that not even knowingly. Because we could read something and we don't understand it, and we're putting our own private interpretation into it; and that's why we need to go to the Holy Spirit and ask, what does this mean ... what does this mean? Show me.

And how do we know it's the Holy Spirit? *The Spirit testifies against itself that we are children of Yahweh.* Because the Bible interprets itself. So, what the Holy Spirit will do is lead you to other parts in the Bible that will interpret itself, and it will put it together. Let's go to Romans 8 because Romans 8 explains this so beautifully, probably more than any chapter in all the Bible. Romans 8 and verse 1. He says:

**Romans 8:1** *There is therefore now no condemnation to those in Yahshua Messiah, who do not walk according to flesh, but according to Spirit.*

**Comment:** How many times have the "nailed to the cross" people said this? When you try to tell them sin brings death they'll read this to you, "There's no condemnation in me!" Ah, they're not reading the whole verse: *who do not walk according to flesh, but according to Spirit.* This is what I'm talking about.

When we allow our human nature to make our decisions, when we allow pride, when we allow lust, when we allow addiction, when we allow envy to make the decisions we're doing, we're not being led by the Spirit of Yahweh; we're being led by the flesh. Because the Spirit of Yahweh isn't that; the Spirit of Yahweh is love, joy, peace, patience, longsuffering.

So, there's no condemnation to those who walk according to the Spirit. There's a lot of condemnation to those who walk according to flesh. And why is there no condemnation? Because if the Holy Spirit is leading your life, your life is relatively going to be without sin. Because the Holy Spirit isn't going to tell you something to sin; it's going to lead you into all truth, but you have to allow it to. You have to ask to it, and you have to surrender your will to it.

**Romans 8:2-3** *For the Law of the Spirit of life which is in Yahshua Messiah set me free from the law of sin and death ... Where does sin and death come from? From, again, making my own decisions, doing it my own way, interpreting it my way. But when I allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you, that won't happen ... For the Torah being powerless, in that it was weak through the flesh, Elohim sending His Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and concerning sin, condemned sin in the flesh,*

**Comment:** So, that's the weakness of the Torah. Is the Torah holy, just and good? Absolutely! Is it perfect? Absolutely! But unless the Holy Spirit is opening up my mind to what it's saying, I'll be like the apostle Paul. The apostle Paul was reading the Torah every day, and where did it lead him? To killing believers, persecuting believers, supporting it, being against Yahweh, because he didn't have the Holy Spirit to share with him what these things meant.



**Romans 8:4** *so that the righteous demand of the Torah might be fulfilled in us, those not walking according to flesh, but according to Spirit.*

**Comment:** See, when the Holy Spirit is leading you, then you will be filled with love, joy, peace, patience, longsuffering, faith. You'll be filled with this because the Holy Spirit will be leading your actions and it will be sharing that.

**Romans 8:5-6** *For the ones that are according to the flesh mind the things of the flesh ... What are your deeds? What is your fruit? If your fruit is all worldly things, then you have your answer ... And the ones according to Spirit mind the things of the Spirit. To be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace;*

**Comment:** That's why I always say, what sites are you clicking on? What books have you reading? What TV are you watching? What words are coming out of your mouth? These are all the things that, all that is is the proof of what spirit is leading you, the Spirit of Yahweh or the spirit of Satan—the spirit of human nature.

**Romans 8:7** *because the mind of the flesh is hatred towards YAHWEH ... enmity ... for it is not subject to the Torah of Elohim, and it is not possible to be so.*

**Comment:** You have a billion Christians out there who think they're being subject to the Torah, and they have hatred for the Law of Yahweh because they're being led by their own human nature. They don't even understand what love is. They don't even understand what grace is. They're using these as catch phrases to be disobedient and not change, but the wages of sin is still death.

**Romans 8:8-9** *And those being in the flesh are not able to please Elohim. But you are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, since the Spirit of YAHWEH dwells in you ... That's why I say, our greatest power that we have is that the Spirit of Yahweh is living in us. And instead of fighting it every day, instead of chaining it up down there in your small intestines somewhere, you have to let it out. You have to let it free. You have to let it lead you in all things ... But if anyone has not the Spirit of Messiah, this one does not belong to Him.*

**Romans 8:10-13** *But if Messiah is in you, the body indeed is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of the One having raised Yahshua from the dead dwells in you, the One having raised the Messiah from the dead will also make your mortal bodies live through the indwelling of His Spirit in you ... So, this is what brings the resurrection: By Him living in you ... So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh, for if you live to the flesh, you are going to die. But if by the Spirit you put to death the practices of the body, you will live.*

**Comment:** Counseled people for many, many, many years; can't overcome this sin, can't overcome this lust, can't overcome this covetousness, can't overcome this pride for one simple reason: You're not submitting it. You're holding onto it. You don't know how many people that you give one word of correction and how hard they get ... how hard they get. Why ... why?

Don't we want to get rid of these things? Why do we want to hold pride, and lust, and envy? Why do we want to hold these things? It's because we don't want to give it up because we're comfortable; because it's all we know. And in our mind, that's what's there; and we're comfortable with it, and we're afraid to get out there, like Peter did, leaving the boat and get on the water. But you have to get in the water if you want to change.

Because in the end of the day, when Judgment Day comes, there's nobody else there but you and Yahweh, and maybe Yahshua; if you're a real believer, maybe Yahshua. **But if you're denying Him now by your works, if you're denying Him in your life, if you're denying Him by everything you're doing, then when that day comes, that is going to be a scary day when it's Yahweh the Father in His throne, and you're sitting there and there's nobody there to defend you.**

And that's why we have to make the choice now. *But if by the Spirit you put to death the practices of the body, you will live. There is nothing that Yahweh will ever allow you to go through that you cannot overcome, but you have to surrender it back to Yahweh.*

**Romans 8:14-15** *For as many as are led by the Spirit of Elohim, these are the sons ... or children ... of Elohim. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery again to fear, but you received a spirit of sonship which we cry, Abba! Father!*

And I will stop there. *The Spirit itself witnesses with our spirit that we are children of Yahweh.* So, again, our accountability is different. Like Paul said, it's not for us to judge the world; Yahweh will judge them in their time, and there's less accountability because they don't understand it. But we have the Spirit of Yahweh. We know better. He's opened up our mind to the truth, and the biggest thing we have to do is overcome ourselves. We have to overcome our human nature.

Exodus 20 and verse 18. Because the thing that is missing in the Laodicean era is the fear of Yahweh. And like I said, in 32 years in the faith, I can tell you I have seen such a dramatic change from when I was first being called to literally people fearing Yahweh to the point of doing anything to today where there seems to be no fear of Yahweh whatsoever; no fear of breaking Yahweh's commandments; no fear before Him. Exodus 20 and verse 18. And this is when Yahweh's giving the Ten Commandments, and He says:

**Exodus 20:18-21** *And all the people saw the thunders, and the lightnings, and the sound of the ram horn, and the smoking mountain. And the people looked, and they trembled, and they stood from a distance. And they said to Moses, You speak with us, and we will hear. And let [us] not speak with Elohim that we not die. And Moses said to the people, Do not be afraid, for Elohim has come to order to test you, and so that His fear may be on your faces, that you may not sin. And the people stood from a distance, and Moses went near the thick darkness where Elohim was.*

And here it was, these people were literally scared to death to see the power of Yahweh that was there. They were scared to death; and you need it, because **the fear of Yahweh is the beginning of repentance, of knowledge, of wisdom, submission, everything.**

But if you don't fear Yahweh, if you actually ... and I've seen it, believe me. I have people that come up to me, the first time they're meeting me, you know what the first sentence out of their mouth is? "I want to tell you where you're wrong." That's the first thing that they want to say. And maybe I am wrong, but I don't think that's the way to start a conversation with an elder of Yahweh; I don't think it is.

And you see it. You see such arrogance and pride with people today; and it's the Laodicean era, it's ruled by the people. And it's not only in the congregations, believe me, it's all in the world. Twenty years ago, would you see what's happening in Egypt happen? No. In Syria? No. In any of these places? You wouldn't have seen this rebellious spirit.

And here it is, in Egypt, one year ago they killed each other for democracy. They got democracy. They got free vote. They voted a guy in, and now, a few months later, you know what? "We don't like him. Let's get blood, and let's get somebody else." Is that the Spirit of Yahweh? No, that's not the Spirit of Yahweh. There is no fear of Yahweh before their eyes. And if they don't fear Yahweh, they certainly aren't going to fear man.

But we're going to see today, it's a big part of it. **It's a big part of submission to Yahweh is to have fear before Him.** And if you don't have the fear of Yahweh, just keep going on what you're doing because day will go into day, day will go into day, and you're either going to die or He's going to return and that's going to be the end of it. But I'll tell you this much, we know in Revelation that there will be people cursing Him to His face, and cursing Him for the plagues. But we don't see those people making it past Revelation. We don't see them in the new heaven and the new earth.

And that's what we have to decide: Do we want to be part of eternity, or do we want to live these last few years out in this society and get the best we can, and then go to the Lake of Fire? I've actually had people tell me that. They don't care ... they don't care. They said, "Fine. I'll live my few years here. I'm going to do whatever I can do. I'm going to get every lust; I'm going to get every good thing I can eat, whatever; and when I die, I die. I really don't care. So, what?" See, that's not people that value life.

**And that's the point. We need to value life because Yahweh gives life, and Yahweh takes life. And He's given each of us a life to make a difference here in this world.** But if we don't surrender it back to Him, every one of us is a prime candidate

to take the mark of the beast and be part of Satan's system. In Laodicea the fear of Yahweh is missing, much pride, arrogance, unrepentant spirit. You hear very, very little out there about repentance from anywhere in almost any circles.

What you hear is acceptance, and you hear reasons why. "Oh, why the ..." blaming someone. "Oh, I had a bad childhood ... I had this." I don't see that. I don't see King David sitting there with his sociologist on the couch, telling her why he did this great sin with Bathsheba because his father didn't care for him, and he was the seventh son, and he never got this. You don't see that. You don't see psychology in the Bible. What you see is right and wrong; and you see sin and death, or righteousness and eternal life.

Let's go to Isaiah 40. Because like I said, if we're ever going to allow the Holy Spirit to really work in us to become the new person Yahweh wants us to ... because that new person is really Him. There's only one Spirit. He wants us to become just like Him. He wants us to acquire that Spirit within all of us and within our whole spirit ... we have to learn the fear of Yahweh. Isaiah 40 and verse 12. He says:

**Isaiah 40:12-14** *who has measured in His hand the waters and the heavens by a span meted out; and enclosed in the measure of the dust of the earth, and weighed in the balances the mountains, and the hills in the scales, who has meted out the Spirit of YAHWEH, or a man His counsel taught Him? With whom did He take counsel, and who trained Him and taught Him in the path of justice; and taught Him knowledge, and made known to Him the way of discernment?*

**Isaiah 40:15-18** *Lo, nations are as a drop in the bucket, and are reckoned as dust of the scales. Lo, He takes up the coasts as a little thing. And Lebanon is not enough to burn, nor are its beasts enough for a burnt offering. All the nations are nothing before Him; to Him they are reckoned less than nothing and emptiness. And to whom will you liken El? Or what likeness will you array to Him ... Verse 22.*

**Isaiah 40:22** *He who sits on the circle of the earth, even those living in it are like grasshoppers; He who stretches the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in ... Verse 25.*

**Isaiah 40:25-26** *To whom then will you compare Me, or am I equaled, says the Holy One? Lift up your eyes on high and look: Who has created these? Who brings out their host by number? By greatness of vigor, and might of power, He calls them all by name; not one is lacking ... Verse 31.*

**Isaiah 40:31** *but the ones waiting for YAHWEH shall renew power ... Renew power by His Spirit. Like I said, letting the Holy Spirit speak to us, not going on our own power ... they shall go up with the wings as the eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not be faint!*

So, we see here, **the first thing we have to do is get right in our mind.** I hear ... people have come up to me and tell me, they said, "Oh, yeah. I was so mad at Yahweh, and I screamed at Him. Hehehe." I'm thinking, wow! **Where is the fear of Yahweh?** Where is the fear of Yahweh, no matter what trial, no matter what, anything we go through, to scream and yell at Yahweh?

Like a priest here that we knew, a very, very old man who was priest for 40-something years in Jerusalem; and he said to me ... He knew the name of Yahweh. A really interesting man. A matter of fact, he knows many rabbis, and he said they have proof that the name is pronounced Yahweh ... but he said, **"You just don't say the Creator's name. You just don't blurt it out. You say the Almighty Yahweh, the everlasting Yahweh, that you give reverence to it."**

And part of taking the Creator's name in vain is not giving it that reverence. It's not simply not using it at all, that's part of breaking the commandment, but it's also not giving reverence to the name. Because, like he says ... Can you think about this? Everything you see, or you look at all those stars out there, the sun and the moon ... We're talking about how you start your month ... but Yahweh created those things. He didn't just go out there and tell us how to calculate them, **He created them.** He spoke, and it was; created light out of darkness. I mean, He is so great and loving and caring; and for us not to give the reverence to Him, where are we going with it?

But that's what I'm saying, we have to fight the Laodicean spirit because Laodicea is everywhere in society. It's in the congregation. It's in civil government. It's in the world. It's everywhere ... it's everywhere. Ruled by the people ... ruled by the people. "We will make our choices, and if we don't like them, we'll rip the people down." But that is not Yahweh's way. Let's go to Job 38. We're looking at the ... Job 38.

**Job 38:1-7** *And YAHWEH answered Job out of the whirlwind and said: Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Now gird up your loins like a man, for I will question you; and you teach Me. Were you there when I founded the earth? Declare if you know understanding. Who has set its dimensions, for you know? Or who has stretched a line on it? On what were its bases sunk? Or who has cast its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of Elohim shouted for joy?*

**Job 38:8-13** *Or who shut up the sea and the doors, when it burst out; it came forth from the womb? When I made the clouds for a garment, and darkness its navel-band; and I broke My limit on it and set bars and doors; and I said, You shall come here, but no further; and here your proud waves shall be set? Have you commanded the morning from your days, and caused the dawn to know its place, that I might take hold of the wings of the earth; and the wicked might be shaken in it?*

So, here it is. Yahweh created all this. And I love when I see science. Every now and then, they'll come out that they figured something out; and that's great. They're trying to figure it out. It's Yahweh's prerogative to hide something, and kings to find it out. But they're trying to figure out one minute point of something that Yahweh created. It's just that He doesn't know all this stuff, **He created it. He created everything.** And then, in the end of the day, for scientists to say He doesn't exist, it's like unbelievable.

But it's the Laodicean era. And that's why I say, you only have two spirits out there. None of us is an Elohim. None of us created ourselves. None of us have life inherent that we can give ourselves life. So, you have two spirits: You have the spirit of Satan and the world, and you have the Spirit of Yahweh. What we have is free will to choose what spirit we will surrender to.

And all of these people that are self-willed, that, "I'll follow nobody," and even deny Yahweh, they don't realize they're following Satan. They're following Satan because that's exactly what Satan says. He says, "I don't have any laws. You could do whatever you want if you come on my side." All he wants to do is take away your eternal life; that's what it is. Because he knows if we consistently commit even one sin ... You break one, you break them all ... you're going to lose your eternal life; and that's his only game plan is to get us to lose life. Job 40 and verse 3.

**Job 40:3-5** *Job answered YAHWEH and said: Behold, I am vile! What shall I answer You? I will put my hand to my mouth. Once I have spoken, but I will not answer; yea, twice, but I will not go further.*

Job is starting ... It took him 40 chapters, but he's starting to get the picture ... Keep your mouth shut, Job. You're not going to equal with Yahweh. If He took the air away from us, we'd all have about three minutes, give or take a few seconds, and we'd be dead ... that we have to understand the greatness of Yahweh. We have to ... In our prayer time, we have to glorify Him. We have to understand His greatness and our meekness. Job 42.

**Job 42:1-6** *And Job answered YAHWEH and said: I know that You can do all, and no purpose is withheld from You. Who is this hiding counsel without knowledge? So I declared, but did not understand things too wonderful for me; yea, I did not know. I pray, Listen, and I will speak; I will ask You, and You will make me know. I have heard of You by hearing of the ear, but now my eye has seen You; Therefore, I despise myself, and I have repented on dust and ashes.*

And that's the way I think all of us come to. **This is called true repentance—that you get to the point that you're just so sick of yourself, that you can't take it when Yahweh takes that cover off and shows you what you really are when you come to repentance in Him.** But, then, how then do we pick up half of the old me, and then go back to Him with it? It's an all or nothing ... it's an all or nothing. You have to leave the old self behind, and you have to move on from here. And like he says, *despise myself, and repented with dust and ashes.*

And in the world we live in, like I said, where there's people out there that will do every vile thing, that don't value life at all, and for us we have to value life. People really don't care, like I said, that they don't care if they live or they die, if they have any kind of eternal life. **We have to value life because it's the greatest gift that Yahweh gives us; and He gives it to us with responsibility; and He gives it to us with a purpose. And the greatest way to value that life is to surrender our free will back to Him.**

Matthew 10:28 says *don't fear the one killing the body, but fear Him who can kill the body and soul in Gehenna*. There has to be a proper fear of Yahweh. And that's why when we get angry, we should fear Yahweh because we're breaking a commandment. When we covet, we should fear Yahweh. No covetous person will be in the Kingdom. When we lust, we're breaking a commandment. We should fear Yahweh by these things, and that's what leads to repentance. **The fear of Yahweh leads to repentance.**

But if there's no fear of Yahweh, what's going to happen? We're not going to repent. In the beginning you might feel sorry; you might feel guilt. But as time goes on, you don't get yourself in order, what happens is that guilt and sorrow turns into pride ... it turns into pride. And then, the next thing is you're not even feeling guilty. You're blaming other people. Because you're starting to feel guilty inside, and you don't even know it. *Fear Him who could take your body and soul and cast it into Gehenna*. Philippians 2:12, *Work out your salvation with fear and trembling*. Read the whole verse here.

**Philippians 2:12** *So then, my beloved, even as you always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much rather in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling,*

But in the Laodicean era of where we're all equal, ... and the thumbs up, like the Roman gladiators, or the thumbs down. "Morsi in," but now, a year later, "Morsi out" ... and there's not a lot of fear of Yahweh, there's this 'power of the people.' "We're taking it back." And I've talked to a lot of Israelis here that say the same thing. They're going to fight the government. They're going to fight the people, and "We're taking it back. This is our country." No, it's Yahweh's everything; everything is Yahweh's, and we should just thank Him for the life we have that we're doing here. Deuteronomy 8 says:

**Deuteronomy 8:1-3** *You shall be watchful to do every commandment which I am commanding you today, so that you may live and may multiply and may go in and possess the land which YAHWEH has sworn to your fathers. And you shall remember all the way which YAHWEH your Elohim caused you to go these forty years in the wilderness, in order to humble you, to try you, to know which is in your heart, whether you will keep His commandments or not. And He has humbled you, and caused you to hunger, and caused you to eat the manna, which you had not known, and your fathers had not known, in order to cause you to know that man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceeds from the mouth of YAHWEH.*

**Comment:** See, **bread sustains life, but only Yahweh gives life** ... bread sustains life, but only Yahweh gives life.

**Deuteronomy 8:4-7** *Your clothing did not wear out, and your foot did not swell, these forty years, And you have known with your heart that as a man disciplines his son, YAHWEH your Elohim disciplines you. And you shall keep the commandments of YAHWEH your Elohim, to walk in His ways, and to fear Him. For YAHWEH your Elohim brings you into a good land, a land of streams and waters, and fountains and depths, and springs, and valley and hills.*

So, we see, **the fear of Yah leads to obedience and submission** ... the fear of Yahweh leads to obedience and submission. **And without, you can have the Torah; but if you don't have the fear of Yah and submission and obedience, then you're a traitor, just like Adam.** You're a traitor to Yahweh. Yahweh has judicial order. Yahweh has structure. And if we fight that, if we want to be a Laodicean, if we want to keep our free will, then we're fighting the very Elohim who created us. Proverbs 15 and verse 31. It says:

**Proverbs 15:31-33** *The ear that hears the reproof of life shall remain among the wise. He who ignores correction despises his own soul, but he who hears reproof gets a sound heart. The fear of YAHWEH is instruction in wisdom, and before honor is humility.*

*Before honor is humility.* So, again, why do we go through life? Why does Yahweh allow us to go through 60, 70, 80 years in this life? To teach us this; to teach us that humility comes before honor; to teach us to humble ourselves; to teach us our frailty. Isn't it amazing how it works? That we're created as babies ... and if you look at every single form of life that Yahweh created, within a matter of weeks, if not months, they're like adults. They're off on their own already. They're weaned, and they're doing things.

For a child it's not like that. A child—it's 15, 20 years that it takes for the child to be able to get out on its own. If you left a child of one year alone, they would die. They couldn't support themselves. And then, as you get into your 20s and your 30s, you have all this strength, but up here [pointing to the mind] you're meshuggeneh. You have nothing. You haven't learned wisdom with it. And then, as you get older, what happens? You get the wisdom, and you don't have the physical strength anymore.

My grandfather and grandmother, they had 15 children. And my uncles would always say ... My grandfather, that was an older man, and he would teach them wisdom. That they're coming over here, and they were strong guys, and they're trying to lift this big rock; and three of them couldn't lift it. My grandfather comes with a board and he wedges it under, 70-year-old man lifts it, and "Ah," now we learned ... now we learned.

My grandfather would hire somebody to come, whether it was putting electric in the house or whatever. He'd watch them once and for half a day, pay them what he had to pay, let them go, and then he'd finish himself, because he's watching. It's wisdom. He's watching how someone does it—a professional—and then he's knowing how to do it. And that's the same with us. It's wisdom. It's wisdom that Yahweh created this way. **Fear of Yah leads to humility, but we have to have a corrective spirit.** We don't want to be a Laodicean. Jacob the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter ... Jacob the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter and verse 4. He says:

**Jacob 4:4-6** *Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship of the world is enmity with Elohim? Whoever, then, purposes to be a friend of the world is enemy to Elohim ... We just saw this from Garden of Eden ... 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."*

**Comment:** And like we said, what is pride except a false worth. **That's all pride is; it's giving us a worth we don't have, because we're all in the same boat. We all are dependent on the Creator for the breath we have, the blood in our veins, for life.** So, we're all in the same boats. And all pride is is giving a worth that isn't there, that's not real. *So, He is against proud ones, but gives grace to humble ones.*

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

**Comment:** Like I said, surrender; submission. "Ooh, he said a bad word ... he said a bad word." I think it's becoming a curse word now, maybe. You know how the "new norm," submission is like a curse word now. When people get married, they take it out. "Wives submit to the husband." You don't see that anymore in the marriage ceremonies because people don't want it.

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

So, you know what? It's humbling, but humility is the greatest food in this life because pride doesn't lead to anywhere. It may make you feel good at the time, but, really, pride leads to emptiness ... it leads to emptiness. **Humility—where you're surrendering to Yahweh and having His Spirit fill you—is the only thing that's going to give you any kind of lasting security in your life.** So, pride is nothing but false; false worth, love of self. Must be clothed with humility and surrender to Yahweh.

And this is the reason why most of the 144,000 are from the third world, as Western society is bought into the lie of personal freedom to choose good and evil for themselves. But the only choice, like I said, is whom will you serve? That's a choice you do have. We have free will. Will we serve Yahweh, or will we serve Satan? Hebrews 13 and verse 7 says:

**Hebrews 13:7** *Remember your leaders who spoke the Word of Elohim to you, considering the completeness of their works, imitate their faith ... Verse 17.*

**Hebrews 13:17** *Listen to your spiritual leaders, and submit to them, for they watch for your souls, giving an account, that they may do this with joy, and not with grieving; for this would be unprofitable.*

And we're living in a time where, like I said, many so-called believers will say there's no elders; an elder is just an older person. I say it's the most absurd thing in the world. You need a page of qualifications to be old? That makes no sense. There's a whole list of qualifications of an elder. Why would it say an elder has to be the husband of one wife? You mean if I'm the husband of more than one wife I won't get old, that will keep me young? It's illogical. It makes no sense when you look at it. And yet, people want to believe this because of pride; because they don't want to submit. They don't want to surrender to Yahweh, and they don't want to certainly surrender to the people that Yahweh sent. John 13 and verse 20 says:

**John 13:20** *Truly, truly, I say to you, The one who receives whomever I may send receives Me; and the one who receives Me receives the One who sent Me.*

So again, my life and the way it turned out, I consider it the greatest honor of my life to be called by Yahweh and doing what I'm doing; but by far, I'm human. I make mistakes, and I don't say that ... If I make a mistake, if I offend somebody, if I hurt somebody, do something wrong, I'm more than happy to apologize. I'm more than happy to try to correct it. But, to make one thing clear is, I believe I'm sitting in this chair because Yahweh put me here. And I believe there's an authority that comes with it—it's that simple—not from me, but coming from Yahweh.

I say the same thing to husbands and wives sometimes when I'm counseling. I say, "Don't respect your husband because of him, ... Because for me, I don't deserve any respect ... but **respect the position, because the position is something that Yahweh put there.**" And the wives are to submit to their husbands. It doesn't say only if they're good, and they're smart, and they give you a good time. It says, *wives, submit to your husband.* Same way, it says, *husbands, love your wife.* It doesn't say if they love you back, or do this.

And that's why, when you look at submission—Yahweh's submission—it's always voluntary and reciprocal ... it's voluntary and reciprocal. It's not communism. But for people who don't want any part of it ... *He who separates himself seeks his own desire* ... for these people who don't want to be part of a congregation, that they'd rather turn on the internet and get what they want, but where is the growth? Who are you serving when you're sitting there eating potato chips in your underwear, down in your basement watching the internet? Who are you serving? You're serving self. You're serving pride.

And that's the world we've gotten. That's the Laodicean world we've gotten. And what do these people do? They come out of their little cubby holes, they come out of their little rat holes, every now and then, when there's a conference, and they want to come together to wreak havoc. That's their modus operandi, but it's very clear. John 15 and 20.

**John 15:20** *Remember the Word which I said to you, A servant is not greater than his Master. If they persecuted Me, they will persecute you. If they kept My Word, they will keep yours also.*

So there has to be ... **there has to be a respect for the people that Yahweh has put in a position.** Ephesians 4 and verse 10 very clearly tells us why.

**Ephesians 4:10-14** *He that came down is the same who went up above all heavens, that He might fill all things. And indeed He has assigned some to be apostles; and some prophets; and some evangelists; and some shepherds and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints for the work of the ministry, for the building up of the body of Messiah, until we all may come to the unity of the faith of the full grown Son of Elohim, to a full-grown man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Messiah, that we no longer be children, being blown and carried about by every wind of false doctrine of men, who through their craftiness are very skillful in deceiving the people;*

And if this is written 2,000 years ago ... So, it applied for the last 2,000 years, but if ever there was a time now where we need elders and leadership, it's now. Because through the internet, people who are, like it says here, *craftiness and skillful in deceiving the people*, you can get one guy, like I said, who's sitting in the basement eating potato chips in his underwear put up a big website and deceive thousands if not millions of people, and it's happening. It's not an analogy, or it's not a what-if. This is happening all over the world today because of it.

False doctrines, like the lunar Sabbath, denying Yahshua's deity. Now, the big thing that's been going the last year or so is multiple marriages; that believers can have ... and I'm not talking about divorce and remarriage, I'm talking about multiple partners. So, the same way the world is getting more perverted with homosexuality and what's coming next after that, it's the same way here because these people are not true believers. And this is what's happening.

That's why Yahweh puts leadership there—for this reason—so that they keep proper doctrine and judicial order in the congregation. 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 2 ... 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 2. And like I said, it's not an easy job. This is not the greatest time in the world to be in a position of leadership in the body of Messiah with the times we're in, but you take it as it comes. You live where you are; you do what you are; today is today; and we try to be as faithful as possible to Yahweh. 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 2 says:

**2 Peter 2:1-2** *But false prophets were among the people, as also false teachers will be among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, and denying the Master who brought them, bringing swift destruction on themselves. And many will follow their destructive ways, by whom the way of truth will be evil spoken of.*

**Comment:** I've had people that wanted to mark me because I preach baptism ... I mean, baptism. It's all over the New Testament. It's like, "Ooh, don't go near him. He's teaching you need to be ... **baptized**. Ooh." Can you imagine ... can you imagine? I mean, what book are they reading that baptism, all of a sudden, has become a heresy?

**2 Peter 2:3** *And by covetousness, with well-turned words, they will use you for gain, for whom judgment from the very beginning has not ceased, and their destruction is always active.*

Look at these guys out there, all these guys that are selling books, selling videos, doing all this stuff ... Just like it says, *by covetousness, with well-turned words*—"Let me show you 50 ways that the word 'water' in Hebrew is"—*they'll use you for gain*. "Everyone go to the table in the back of the room and start ..." even on Shabbat, selling all this stuff. It's prophesied; and we're living it, and we're seeing it. And if it wasn't so heinous, it might be comical. But many, many people are being deceived and losing their eternal life. Drop down to verse 9.

**2 Peter 2:9-10** *But YAHWEH knows to rescue the righteous out of temptation, and to keep the unjust to be punished at the judgment day, and especially He will punish those who follow after filthy lusts of the flesh, and have no respect for authority. Self willed and arrogant they are and they do not tremble when they blaspheme;*

**Comment:** No fear of Yahweh. They will blaspheme Yahweh, "It doesn't matter what you call Him." It's like, wow! Boldly say this. They blaspheme Yahweh. They blaspheme His name, and they don't tremble.

**2 Peter 2:11-13** *where cherubs being greater in strength and power do not bring against them the condemnation of blaspheming. But these men, like the dumb beasts, which by nature are for slaughter and destruction, speak evil of the things they do not understand, and will utterly perish in their own corruption; being about to receive the wages of unrighteousness, as they consider it a delightful thing to revel in the daytime. They are spots and blemishes among you, and sport themselves with their own pleasures feasting along you in idleness,*

**2 Peter 2:14-16** *having eyes full of adultery, and never ceasing from sin; seducing unsettled souls; having a heart being filled with covetousness; they are cursed children; who have forsaken the straight path, and have gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness ... We talked about that: Balaam's sin. Same thing ... but who was rebuked for his transgression, the donkey speaking in a man's voice held back the folly of the prophet.*

**2 Peter 2:17-19** *These are springs without water, clouds being driven by a storm, for whom the blackness of darkness has been kept forever. For, while they speak astonishing words of vanity, they seduce, with obscene lusts of the flesh, them*



*who have almost abandoned these, that walk in error, while promising them to freedom, though themselves being slaves of corruption; for a man is overcome, by whatever it is that enslaves him.*

So, they'll use bad situations that may have happened to somebody in a congregation or with the minister, and they totally try to get these people against judicial order, against proper doctrine, against anything. Evil, self-willed rebels, and they're rampant today ... rampant today. And like I said, that's why the physical has to come before the spiritual. Because if you're walking in the Spirit, you'll never be deceived by them.

We know John 10 says that His sheep follow His voice, and they will never follow a stranger. So, if you're walking in the Spirit, the Spirit will never lead you to one of these people. But if you're stuck in the physical—if you're stuck in a sin, if you're stuck in an addiction, if you're stuck in some kind of covetousness or lust—you're going to get led there, because then the spirit that's leading you, it's not the Spirit of Yahweh. Daniel 4:17 ... Daniel 4:17. Because it talks about these people against government. It says:

**Daniel 4:17** *This matter is by the decree of the guarding cherubs, and the command by the word of the holy ones, so that the living may know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men and gives it to whomever He will. And He sets up over it the lowest of men.*

All leadership is set up by Yahweh. In the congregation Yahweh sets up and ordains elders, leaders, prophets, evangelists; we know that. But even in the world, there is no leader that's in there that Yahweh hasn't allowed to be in power. So, if Yahweh allows it ... Of course, if government is trying to tell us to do something that's against the Torah, we're not going to follow. Ultimately, we have to follow Yahweh first, but we shouldn't be anti-government.

Sometimes we'll go to congregational meetings, open meetings, and you get these people that come in that are anti-government, all New World Order stuff. That's not our business. Yahweh's in control. And like it says there, *He puts the basest of men*, we see it. Look at the leadership in the world today. It's pretty pathetic. But Yahweh allowed it, and we should not be against it. We should not be fighting against government. That's not our fight. At the same rate, like I said, we're not going to submit to something that's against the Torah. John 19. Love this scripture to prove this point. John 19 and verse 9. This is when Yahshua is before Pilate. It says:

**John 19:9-11** *He entered the praetorium again and said to Yahshua, From where are You? But Yahshua did not give him an answer. So Pilate said to Him, Do You not speak to me? Do You not know that I have authority to crucify You, and I have authority to release You? Yahshua answered, You would have no authority over me whatsoever, if it had not been given to you from above. Because of this, he who delivered me to you, his sin is greater.*

So, even when it came to Pontius Pilate, the Roman government, He said he would have no authority over Yahshua unless it was given from above. And what it does is ... You don't want to put that spirit—that Laodicean spirit—in your mind, of fighting government, being against things. We are to abstain. We come from a higher power. We are ambassadors for Messiah. Our citizenship is in heaven.

So, what human governments are doing or not doing, it really isn't our business until, of course, they try to force us to do something that would violate Yahweh's Word, and then we would abstain. We wouldn't do it. But we want to be careful when ... We're not having fear of Yahweh by down-talking officials, presidents, people that Yahweh has allowed to be in power. Romans 13. We see the same principle here.

**Romans 13:1-5** *Let every soul be subject to the higher authorities, for there is no authority except Elohim, but the existing authorities have been ordained by YAHWEH. So that the ones resisting the civil authority has opposed the ordinance of Elohim, and the ones opposing will receive judgment to themselves. For the rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the bad. And do you desire not to fear the authority? Do the good, and you will have praise from it; for the ruler is a servant of Elohim to you for the good. But if you practice evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is a servant of Elohim, an avenger for wrath to the ones practicing bad things. Because of this, it is necessary to be subject, not only on account of wrath, but also on account of conscience.*

So, we see, in civil government, unless it's violating the Law of Yahweh, we are told that we submit; we follow. And if it's that way for civil government, how much more within the congregation. Because, again, just like we saw in Exodus ... I won't go there ... Exodus 16. We know the story with Moses. What did Moses say when the people came against him? He said, "*And what are we that you're against us?*" You're coming against Yahweh.

When an elder of Yahweh is administering the Word of Yahweh and the Torah and people come against it, then they're coming against Yahweh. I didn't write the Torah. I didn't write all these laws. You see that in *The Ten Commandments* when Dathan says that to Moses, "Did you write those laws? We're not going to follow anybody." You see how real quick, that people are in slavery hundreds of years and how quick they are ... they weren't so bad when they were getting whipped by the taskmasters ... but, now, "We're free. We're not going to follow anybody. We're going to do it our own way." And, unfortunately, a whole generation died. So, it's a really, really serious thing.

1<sup>st</sup> John 4. Because we do have free will. It doesn't mean we just blindly follow anything. Yahweh gives us free will, and that's why we have to ask His Spirit to guide us. We have to ask His Spirit to reveal to us where His leadership is. 1<sup>st</sup> John 4 says:

**1 John 4:1** *Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are from Elohim; for many false prophets have gone out into the world.*

*Test the spirits.* Is the person speaking by the Word of Yahweh? Is he rejecting the Torah? Is he rejecting proper doctrine? Is he saying that "Yahweh told me this" and it's not coming true, like it says in Deuteronomy 13? Go down to verse 4.

**1 John 4:4-6** *Little children, you are of Elohim and have overcome them, because **He that is in you is greater than he that is in the world** ... Getting back to the Spirit in us. It's the Spirit that has to lead us. It's the Spirit that has to be the one testing the spirits ... *They are of the world; because of this they speak of the world, and the world hears them. We are of Elohim; the one knowing Elohim hears us. Whoever is not of Elohim does not hear us. From this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.**

Pretty simple. You'll know them by their fruits, right? And when we don't know, we simply go in our prayer closet and we pray to Yahweh and let His Spirit reveal it to us. Let His Spirit show us the truth. You don't know how many times I met people for the first time that this happened; that there was something, whether it was false tongues, or whatever ... and that's why we tell them, I say, "You know what? Don't believe me. Here are the scriptures. Go over them. And go and pray to Yahweh." Because **Yahweh's Spirit will never tell us a falsehood.**

I said, "If your honestly, from your heart, ask His Spirit to tell you the truth, He will." Some people refuse to do it. Why would you? Why would you be afraid to get the truth from Yahweh? But the ones who did do it always came back and thanked later, and said, "Wow! His Spirit revealed the truth to me."

So, we do have to test the spirits. So, again, we're not Elohim. We don't make the choices. We don't dictate it. But each of us does have free will to choose. Do we want to follow the Tree of Life, total surrender to Yahweh, or do we want to follow the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil and our own free will? Ephesians 5 ... Ephesians 5. I'll try to wrap up here, another five minutes or so. Ephesians 5 and verse 21.

**Ephesians 5:21** *Submit yourself one to another in the love of Messiah.*

**Comment:** *Submit yourself one to another in the love of Messiah.* And like I said, it's not communism. Submission is a two-way street. It's always voluntary, and it's reciprocal.

**Ephesians 5:22-24** *Wives, submit to your husbands, as to the Master, because a husband is the head of the wife, as also Messiah is the Head of the Congregation, and He is the Savior of the body ... All these have a bigger meaning to them ... But even as the Congregation is subject to Messiah, so also the wives to their husbands in everything.*

**Comment:** The same way, like Yahshua said, the people that He sends in His name—His ministers—if you’re not following them, then you’re not following Him. And the same way a husband is set by Yahshua as the head of the body, and if you’re not following the husband, then you’re going against the judicial order that He set down.

**Ephesians 5:25-30** *Husbands, love your wives, as Messiah also loved the Congregation and gave Himself up on its behalf ... It’s reciprocal. It’s reciprocal; voluntary and reciprocal ... that He might sanctify it, cleansing it by the washing of water and by the Word, that He might present it to Himself as the glorious Congregation, not having stain or wrinkle, or any such thing, but that it might be holy and without blemish. So, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies, (he loving his wife loves himself), for then no one hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, even also as our Master does to the Congregation. For we are members of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones.*

That’s what we were talking about. We are individual members of that body of Messiah, and each of us ... and that’s why we all surrender to each other. Now there’s judicial order. There’s leadership and not ... but, ultimately, every one of us surrender to each other. There’s no king. There’s no dictator ... Well, there’s one King—Yahshua and Yahweh ... but we follow judicial order. But there’s a surrender of each of us from our will and our pride, surrendering to each of us. And like I said, it’s voluntary and reciprocal.

**You will submit to something.** Everybody submits to something. Everybody gets up; everybody puts something on; everybody eats something; everybody goes somewhere. So how do you make these decisions? Does it just happen? Do you, all of a sudden, you wake up, and, “Hey, how did I get here?” No, there is something in your mind that is consciously making decisions. “Ooh, I want to wear this.” “Ooh, I want to put this on.” “Ooh, I want to wear a ring.” “I don’t want to wear a ring.” “I want to cut my hair.” “I want my hair long.” There is a decision to everything.

And the bottom line is, **either those decisions are being made by your heart, your human nature, which is the devil through the prince of the power of the air, or they’re being made by Yahweh’s Spirit through His Word.** There’s no third course of action. There’s no aliens, like some people want to think; that, “Okay, it’s either Yahweh, Satan, or there’s the alien; and he’s kind of neutral.” It isn’t there. There is none. Two ways to go: Either surrendering that human nature to Yahweh, so His Spirit can grow in you, and His Spirit can speak to you, and His Spirit can transform your life, or it’s holding onto your pride, never wanting to admit you’re wrong, always wondering, “Why did he look at me this way?” “Why did she say this?” “Why ... why?” and going by your human nature.

*But if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the practices of the flesh, you will live.* That’s the Word of Yahweh that moves on. You will submit to something. We’re not an Elohim. You’ll either submit to Yahweh or Satan. **To get the mind of Messiah, you must consciously surrender the free will obtained in Eden back to Yahweh to allow His Spirit to enter our mind, and guide our thoughts and our actions.** You need to allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you daily. Ask Yahweh for direction. Allow Him to lead your life, instead of rationally making decisions.

Like I said, every morning you wake up, it should be surrendering to Yahweh—the daily sacrifice. And as we go out ... Of course, we have things we have to do. You have work, or you’re going here, or you’re going on the bus. But never have so much on your planner that you’re not listening to the Holy Spirit. **And if the Holy Spirit says, “Don’t take that ride,” or “Get on that bus,” or “Sit next to him,” you want to be listening because this is your mission for that day, what He may have for you to do. You don’t want to miss out on it.**

**But you have to be able to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit for that to happen, and it’s living in you.** I never heard of the Holy Spirit ... We all have different gifts. Some have gifts of administration; some have gifts of healing; some have gifts of this ... I never heard of a Holy Spirit, though, that is mute, that can’t speak, or is deaf. The Holy Spirit isn’t like that. The Holy Spirit is bountiful; and if we just allow it to speak, you’ll hear it. You’ll hear it in your life. Ephesians 1 and verse 9. He says:

**Ephesians 1:9-14** *making known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, as a stewardship of the fullness of the times that all things might be made new, both in heavens, and the things on the earth, through Messiah, by whom we have been chosen as He marked us from the beginning so He wanted to carry out*

*everything according to the good judgment of His will ... Back to Eden ... that we should become the first to trust in Messiah to His honor and glory; in whom, you have heard the Word of Truth, which is the good news of your salvation, in Him you have believed, so you were sealed with the Holy Spirit that was promised, which is the pledge of our inheritance ... the down payment; the earnest ... to the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.*

See, none of us are completely filled with the Holy Spirit; we have a down payment. So, that's why we can't fly. We don't walk through walls. We can't just think, and you're in China. But the Holy Spirit is in you, but it's a piece of it. When Yahshua returns, what happens? We shed these bodies, and we'll have it in the fullness—the fullness of that Spirit. But now He's testing us. He's testing us to see *he who is faithful in little is faithful in much.*

If He gives you that down payment and you're doing nothing with it ... Like I said, you're just hiding it down there in your small intestines somewhere to let your human nature come out ... He is not going to give you, then, eternal life. He will not bless you to give more of His Spirit to blaspheme it more. We have to kill the flesh, and the only way to do that is surrender to Yahweh ... is surrender to Yahweh.

And it's not hard in the world we live in today. When you look how bad it is out there, that we see mankind's way, we see—whether it's education, government, whatever it is—mankind has failed with going his own way. So, to surrender to Yahweh, we're simply showing faith that we believe His way is perfect and being allowed to be led by His Spirit. Ephesians 3 and verse 16.

**Ephesians 3:16-21** *that He may give you, according to the riches of His glory, by His power to become mighty in the inward man through His Spirit, that through faith Messiah may dwell in your hearts, having been rooted and founded in love, that you may be given strength to grasp, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and depth and height, and to know the surpassing knowledge and love of Messiah, that you may be filled to all the fullness of Elohim. Now to Him being able to do exceedingly above all that we ask or think, according to the power working in us, to Him be the glory in His Congregation in Messiah Yahshua, throughout all generations forever and ever. Amen.*

The reason why the congregation is not as united as it should be is we're not internalizing this; we're not dying to that old man; we're not letting His Spirit renew us daily and to become one in His Spirit. Colossians 1. Two more scriptures and then we'll end. Colossians 1 and verse 17.

**Colossians 1:17-20** *And He is before all things, and by Him all things are sustained ... talking about Yahshua ... 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 may be preeminent in all things; because it pleased Elohim to complete all things in Him, and through Him making peace by the blood of His crucifixion, to reconcile all things to Himself; through Him, whether the things on the earth, or the things in heaven.*

**Colossians 1:21-23** *And you then being alienated and hostile in your minds by evil works ... Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil ... but now peace has been given, through the sacrifice of His body, and His death, so that He may raise you before Him holy and without blemish and blameless, if indeed you continue in the faith grounded and settled and not being moved away from the hope of the good news which you have heard and which has been preached in all the creation under Heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister,*

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

We have something that 99% of the world doesn't have. And Yahweh is merciful, Yahweh hears prayers of everybody. But 99% out of 100 people do not have the Spirit of Yahweh dwelling in them. They do not have, literally, what it takes to transform that old person and literally get rid of that person and to become Yahweh, to become His mind; to literally get

the Spirit of Yahweh, get the mind of Yahweh, to be able to surrender to Him to allow His Spirit to just fully take over your body. And now, love, joy, peace, patience, longsuffering, it will just happen because that's what the Spirit of Yahweh is.

And it's because we hold on ... we hold on. We fear sometimes to let the old person go. And we fear our pride. We don't want to be exposed to what we are. And that's why, when you look at Paul, what does he say? I count everything in my life as dung, as rubbish. There shouldn't be any pride. We shouldn't be afraid to show that, yeah, we are weak in the flesh, but we're strong in the Spirit; and that's what matters. Last scripture. Ephesians 4, starting in verse 15. He says:

**Ephesians 4:15-16** *but speaking the truth in love, we may grow up into Him in all things, who is the Head, the Messiah, it is through Him that the whole body is closely framed together and united at all joints, according to the gift that is imparted by measure to each member, for the guidance and control of the body; in order to complete the edifying of the body in love ... Self-control; have to have it.*

**Ephesians 4:17-19** *Therefore, I say this, and testify in the Master, that you no longer walk even as the rest of the nations walk, in the vanity of their mind, having been darkened by their intellect, being alienated from the life of Elohim because they have no knowledge, which is because of the hardness of their heart, who, having cast off all feeling, surrendered themselves up to lust, and to the practice of all uncleanness with a desire for more and more*

**Comment:** And that's the thing, the worldliness, the spirit of the world, the spirit of lust, covetousness, it just grieves for more and more and more, and it's never satisfied. The Spirit of Yahweh gives you a peace that surpasses all understanding, and you're totally filled by it.

**Ephesians 4:20-24** *But that is not what you have been taught in Messiah, if indeed you heard Him and were taught in Him, as the truth is in Yahshua. Lay aside all your former practices and put off the old man, having been degenerated with deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new man, who is created by YAHWEH in righteousness and true holiness.*

**Comment:** And all it takes is surrender to allow that to happen, and belief. You have to believe that the Spirit in you can change you.

**Ephesians 4:25-30** *Therefore, put away from you lying, and speak the truth each with his neighbor; for we are members of one another. "Be angry but do not sin;" do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not give the Devil a chance. The one stealing, let him steal no more, but rather let him labor ... See, judicial order; reciprocal. It's not just enough not doing bad, it's going out and doing something good ... let him labor working what is good with the hands, that he may have something to give to the one who has need. Let not any evil word go out from your mouth, but words that are good and useful for edification that it may impart a blessing to those who hear them. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of YAHWEH, by whom you were sealed to the day of redemption.*

**Comment:** Like I said, each of us just have a down payment. If you grieve the Holy Spirit of Yahweh, you will quench it, and eventually, you can kill it; and the way you kill it is by suppressing it so much you commit the unpardonable sin—you don't repent. You stop repenting, you allow the spirit of the world to overtake you, and you'll completely quench the Spirit.

**Ephesians 4:30-32** *Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of YAHWEH, by whom you were sealed to the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and anger, and wrath, and tumult, and evil speaking be put away from you, along with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as YAHWEH has forgiven us through Messiah.*

A new creation by being led by the Spirit of Yahweh. We are all members of one body, and we need to understand that. We need to understand we're interconnected with each other. The spirit of pride, anger, selfishness, arrogance, lust, covetousness, greed are all character traits of the spirit of Satan and our human nature. We must submit to Yahweh in fear and obedience and repentance, and allow His Spirit of Holiness to lead us and transform us in all things.

This is a great mystery, like we just read. It is the mystery of the New Covenant; that with the Spirit of Yahweh in us, we can overcome the spirit of Satan and become literal children of Elohim. We must die to the old self, and ask the Spirit to lead us in all things—daily, hourly, minute by minute. Pray without ceasing, asking Yahweh’s Spirit to guide every decision, action, thought to truly have the mind of Messiah.

So, there it is. Like I said, from here, the choice is yours. The prince of the power of the airwave, he isn’t leaving. So, he will be there trying to transmit his thoughts to you every day, and you have to counteract it. You have to counteract it by constantly be praying to Yahweh, constantly listening to His voice, constantly be reading His Word, and let Him literally transform your life. Yahweh bless. Shabbat shalom.