

TRANSCRIPT – Yahshua’s Last Instructions

Alrighty, Hag Semeach and Hag Semeach to everybody who is watching with us today! Wow, Passover is here. I pray that everybody had a blessed Passover and a meaningful Passover. And here we are, first day of Unleavened Bread 2021. And I hope you feel the way I do that as we’re getting closer to the end now, we’re seeing Yahweh’s Holy Days materialize. Before they were shadows of the things to come like it talks about in Colossians. But now they’re not just shadows, they’re reality. They’re manifesting themselves in the days we’re living in.

So every Passover, every Shavuot, every Fall Holy Days – Sukkot, and the Fall Holy Days, as they’re coming alive they really should mean more and more to us. And as I wrote in my message last year it was about lockdown. It was about staying in the homes. It was about not leaving and about re-living the original Passover from 3500 years ago. And now this year, a day is as a thousand years; a thousand years is a day. And as we go to the next year, **now Yahweh wants us to focus on Unleavened Bread** because after Passover what happened? The Israelites left Egypt and **Yahweh wants us to focus on now the leaving of our sin, the leaving of the world, the leaving ... going to the wilderness and preparing for His Kingdom to come.**

So I have a message today because I was thinking about you know Yahshua said many things when He was on the earth. And **every single thing** is extremely important what Yahshua said, and I was meditating on what would have been the most **important lessons** for Him to teach us as His disciples, right? I mean if you look at John 21:25, you don’t have to go there, but I’ll read it to you. This is the last verse of the book of John, it says:

John 21:25 *And there are also many things, whatsoever Yahshua did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose the world itself could not contain the books having been written. Amen.*

Imagine that’s a big saying right there. That if **everything** was written what Yahshua said and done the world couldn’t even hold the books. So that means that we have four “Good News” messages – Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. We have the synoptic good news of Matthew, Mark and Luke and that every last word in there. That’s why sometimes we’ll find a word and we’ll look up a word what it means in the Aramaic; or what it might mean in the Greek. And we get meaning out of that because **every single word Yahshua said is important.** And I mean we could have sermons probably for the next hundred years and not go over everything that’s in there.

But I was thinking about what would be the most important. If you had to make a synopsis of the most important lessons and the most important things that Yahshua said, what would they be? So as I was meditating on this I was thinking about myself because I taught many school programs over the years, going on close to twenty years of teaching programs and seminars and conferences ... more than that if we’re talking about conferences and that kind of thing. And whenever we’re doing a seminar, whenever we’re doing a school, sometimes we had schools for close to seven months, there have been a couple of them; and most times, almost always the last session is the most important to crescendo. So if we’re doing say a week seminar, you’re teaching things every day and that last one you’re trying to tie it all in together. There’s a purpose to what you’re teaching. There’s an overall meaning to what you’re teaching. And then you’re trying to tie the whole thing in together. **The final words or instruction in that last session are all put together to make the most impact of your final thoughts and instructions.**

The school particularly because in the school we’re learning many different things; you have to have a foundation the first couple of weeks, we’re just kind of going through a spiritual boot camp. And then we’re going through all different kinds of things and then that last week in particular, that last session, you’re trying to tie it all in together. So I was thinking to myself, what were Yahshua’s final instructions? Because He would do the same thing; it’s a basic thing of teaching, as you teach everything. You have to have your **final instructions.** What were His final instructions to us as

human beings? So here, this is the name of the message, *Yahshua's Last Instructions*. Here are Yahshua's last instructions to us as disciples. So let's start in Luke 23 and where were His last instructions? It wasn't in a classroom in a seminar; it was actually dying on the tree of crucifixion. So a lot of times we read this during Passover. We look at this during Passover and we internalize it and we're supposed to, right? We're supposed to internalize His suffering. We're supposed to internalize what He did for us. We're supposed to internalize *us* being on that tree of crucifixion instead of Him. And all those things are true and we have to do this every single Passover, we need to do that.

But today, what I want to really internalize and what I really want to focus on is the **actual instructions** because He actually on the tree of crucifixion **He gave us the most important instructions** that I believe that He wanted us to have right before His last breath that He gave up. So let's start, what was the first instruction that He gave? Luke 23 in verse 34 and this is as Yahshua is on the tree of crucifixion and He's suffering and He says:

Luke 23:34 *And Yahshua said, **Father, forgive them, for they know not what they are doing.** And dividing His garments, they cast a lot.*

So wow ... *Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.* It's hard to actually even concept that what He's saying over there. So it's not only that they're crucifying Him; it's not only that they took Him in the night and the Pharisees took Him and beat Him and mocked Him and spit on Him and punched Him and all these things. And then they took Him to Pilate and the same thing happened that the Romans scourged Him a second time and beat Him and mocked Him; put the thorn of crowns on His head. And He went through this ... like I said, they probably took Him close to midnight in the Garden of Gethsemane and He went through this all night. It was about nine o'clock in the morning, no sleep whatsoever; and nine hours later after going through that, two scourges and beating and everything being nailed to the tree of crucifixion and putting up there.

And there it is, He's hours on there. Altogether it was about six hours, sometimes it could have been days that people were on that tree of crucifixion. In His case it was six hours and even Pilate was amazed He died so quick. But the suffering and the blood He lost explains that. But as they're actually taking His garment that was a beautiful garment made of one piece and they're casting lots for His garment, **instead of being up there and having resentment, bitterness, pity for Himself; He's actually asking Yahweh to forgive them for they know not what they do** ... wow. I mean talk about a lesson for us ... talk about a lesson for us to learn today. For those who are blindly against Him, these people had ... they weren't nothing personal against Him. The next day they're going to crucify somebody else. It was just as Romans, they were blind. They had no idea and this is what they're doing. Yahshua is saying, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

And like I said, **most people would have been consumed with self-pity, self-justification, self-righteousness and bitterness.** Even bitterness, I've seen a lot of believers, even some that were so strong until they went through a trial and they got bitter ... and it's Yahweh's fault and blaming Yahweh. And it's unbelievable ... or blaming somebody else ... whatever they're in because they feel they did nothing wrong. And in Yahshua's case He did nothing wrong but instead of feeling sorry for Himself and instead of having bitterness and self-righteousness He says, "*Father forgive them for they know not what they do.*"

And this is His last instructions to His disciples ... this was the last instructions **to be self-less, and always thinking of others.** That's His instruction to us. **Not to be focused on ourselves**, as He would have been very well would have been justified to be, especially Him in that case because He did nothing wrong ever. But **His last instruction to us is to be self-less and always thinking of others – serving even in our darkest moment.**

And I always say this, whatever you focus on becomes most real to you. And I know it's hard when you're going through a severe trial, a health trial, a death, a loss of a job, money problems; whatever it could be ... family problems, problems with whatever. And it is hard when you're going through that problem. But here it is as He's going through that problem, He's totally self-less and He leaves us that example of thinking of others even in His darkest moment.

And how many times during a trial is on us that we're focusing on ourselves instead of others? And even to pray ... even to pray for the very people who are crucifying Him ... wow, Father forgive them for they know not what they do. How many times do we say this? How many times when we're maybe angry with the electric company or angry with the cashier at the store. She's not going fast enough; or maybe you're waiting on line for forty minutes and the minute you get up to the counter, they're changing cashiers and you got to wait five minutes for them to change their money boxes and all that stuff.

Maybe a noisy neighbor, right? A neighbor that's next door that's noisy. A gas station attendant, you stop there you're waiting and you're waiting and he's waiting on two other people and you were there first and he's not waiting on you. A customer service rep, it could be with a credit card or something else and you're on the line with a customer service rep that they put you from person to person to person ... "Hello Mr. Esposito, we're sorry you were waiting" ... and as the fourth person who they switched you to ... keeping you on hold.

Maybe a rude waitress at a restaurant, you're coming there you're paying money and the lady is rude or whatever. Maybe it's a landlord, right? A landlord that you're paying your rent and the landlord's not taking care of the house and maybe it's leaking; or maybe they want you out of there ... whatever it could be ... could be a landlord ... *Father forgive them for they know not what they do.*

Because you know what? **In the end of the day, we're the children of Yahweh**, right? You have a world of more than **eight billion people** out there and the true believers, there's a 144,000 that are the first of the first-fruits, you might have close to a million first-fruits ... only Yahweh knows, but it's not much more than that. So it's like **1/10th of one percent of the world** ... 1/10th of one percent of the world or less that are first-fruits. And you know what that means? **That means that everybody that blesses you is blessed by Yahweh.** Remember if they give you a cup of water in His name they don't lose their blessing. So that means every time a waitress is nasty at you in a restaurant, every time a customer service rep isn't taking care of you; or every time a landlord is giving you a hard time, they're losing their own blessing.

And I can tell you this first hand, in my life ... my friends used to joke about this because I like to find places when I had my landscaping business I used to employ all brethren and every year I would have like a party for the brethren; like a celebration at the end of the year. I would hire some place and I would have the brethren there and have them at dinner and give them awards and stuff because they were doing hard work for me when I had my business.

And I would always try to find places that were quiet, off the beaten track. And do you know, and this is not just then, this is even up till today, I find places that virtually have no business, that are way off the track, sometimes it's hotels. I did this for years when we were bringing groups and stuff. And the minute I come to that place, and the minute that those people are kind to us as Yahweh's children, their business flourishes. I mean I've seen it a hundred or a thousand times over, over and over and over again and it's not a coincidence.

And I've actually had business owners tell me they know that they're being blessed because they were helping us. So **when somebody is rude to you, they're only losing their own blessing.** And **that's why we say, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."** What an example of this, but I mean **this is a mindset.** It's not something you just do once; it's **living in a mindset of humility knowing we don't deserve any more of it anyway,** that whatever is coming to

us, whether somebody is being rude on the phone; or whether a landlord is trying to put you out of a place – then **we're only getting what we deserve because we really deserve nothing**. Matthew 6 in verse 12 says:

Matthew 6:12,14-15 *and forgive us our offenses as we also have forgiven those who have offended us ... drop down to verse 14 ... For if you forgive men their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you will not forgive men their transgressions, neither will your Father forgive your transgressions.*

And I went over this in sermons on forgiveness, over and over and over again. And **still**, and **still there's people** that have been baptized, maybe they don't have the Holy Spirit, they're claiming to be first-fruits, and they hold bitterness. Sometimes it's even against their own family members, but they hold bitterness and they feel **justified** with it. And yet, you look at this, **you cannot have your sins forgiven when you're holding bitterness**. And I say this over and over, because when you're holding that bitterness, you know who is the worst person that's involved. It's you! You are the one that's getting the worst out of it because a root of bitterness will only grow and flourish worse than any weed you can imagine. And **in the end, you are the one that is the bitter, the mean, the selfish, the self-centered** and ... *Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.*

You're not following Yahshua's last example and you're actually, you're taking your own grace away because you cannot be forgiven unless you're forgiving others. And this is what Passover is all about. How on earth can we sit there and put that unleavened bread in our mouth and take that fruit of the vine representing His blood when we have bitterness in our heart towards somebody else. How can it be that way? It's like we are blaspheming the sacrifice of Yahshua.

And this should be every day of our life but particularly at Passover time that we should be humble enough to know. And this year it really hit me how blessed I am to be able to take that Passover. How blessed I am, like I said, 1/10th of one percent out of whatever amount of millions of people, ten million people, I'm one that Yahweh has allowed to be sitting there taking that Passover; and allowing His forgiveness in my life. And if I can't show that same forgiveness to others, then I'm not worthy of that sacrifice.

So **we have to live in a mindset of forgiveness, not victimhood**. It's very easy to live in a mindset of victimhood and always think you're getting the short end of the stick, but you know you you're focused on then? When you're living that way, you're focus in on you. **You become your own g-o-d because the world centers around you**. And you know what? It's not about you! I've said this in other messages before, **it's not about you!**

There's a bigger plan here that's there and we have to know how much Yahweh and Yahshua forgave us and that should be **so deep in our heart** that it's almost **impossible** for us ... almost impossible, because nothing is impossible ... if possible even the elect would be deceived, even though there's very little possibility but there is one. But it would be almost impossible for us to have this kind of mindset if we're following this. So let's go back to Luke now, let's see the second instruction that Yahshua gave us ... the second instruction, Luke 23 in verse 39:

Luke 23:39-43 *And one of the hanged criminals blasphemed Him, saying, If You are the Messiah, save Yourself and us. And his companion rebuked him and said to him, You are not even afraid of Elohim, because even you are in that judgment. And we are deserving justly, just as we have done we have been repaid ... right? They're reaping what they're sowing, these two criminals ... But that which is hateful has not been done by this man ... right, Yahshua did nothing wrong ... And he said to Yahshua, Master, remember me when You come in Your Kingdom. And Yahshua said to him, **Truly, today, I say to you, you will be with Me in Paradise.***

Truly, I say to you today ... He's saying it today. Not that **today** they'll be in Paradise because Yahshua is going to be three days and three nights in the tomb, but He's saying, **today, I say to you, there will come a time that you will be with**

Me in Paradise. When is that time? That time is the White Throne Judgment. That's the time that he's going to be in Paradise with Yahshua.

So here's the next instruction, what do we see? We see Yahshua having great pity to the thief on the cross, a non-believer. And what encouragement this scripture is right? Because I'll tell you, I tell you all the time I say I've been a believer now thirty-seven some odd years and one of the **biggest questions** that comes to me ... I've been a pastor for more than twenty-five years ... the biggest, one of the biggest questions that's come to me over the years all the time is of brethren asking about their unconverted relatives. It could even be a spouse, it could be a child, it could be a mother or father; it could be anybody or even a close friend and they'll always say, "But what about them? We understand as first-fruits, but what about them? Are they going to go to the Lake of Fire? Are they going to be this?"

And here we see somebody that wasn't even a good person, somebody that's dying as a criminal but because in the end of his life **he realized what he did. He took responsibility that even as he's being crucified, as his last ... there's nothing more he can do ... he can't go out and make restitution whatever he's being crucified for but even then Yahshua's mercy was able to forgive that man** and tell him, "in the White Throne Judgment after the Millennium when you're resurrected, don't worry ... don't worry you're going to be with Me. I'll be there with you."

And I think that this is **extremely encouraging** because it shows us not that everybody in the White Throne Judgment is going to get eternal life because a lot aren't and that's why you have two thieves there. Because the interesting part about this is, both thieves believed in Him. They both believed that He was the Messiah yet the one thief was **selfishly thinking of himself** saying, "Come on take ... You're the Messiah, take us all off of here and save us." And yet, the other one is saying, "No, I deserve to be here. Why would I be asking Him? He doesn't deserve to be here. You might say you should save yourself but I deserve to be here. I did wrong." And then he's just asking him for mercy. Almost like the parable of the tax collector and the publican – the Pharisee and the Tax Collector. How they're both there and one is praying to Yahweh self-righteously ... I tithe twice in the week and I do this – the Pharisee. And then the tax collector is just wouldn't even look up toward Heaven saying, "Father, forgive me a sinner."

So wow, I find this really, **really encouraging**. Like I said, both thieves believe in Him but one thief was only thinking of selfish, satanic worldly motives of getting freed in the flesh to sin, but not forgiving. And what would he have done? He would have went out and done the same thing again, where **the one was looking for redemption**. The one was just looking.

The other thief believed who Yahshua was. **He had a repentant heart and he knew only he was getting what he deserved. He asked mercy.** Yahshua rewarded him with a promise for the White Throne Judgment and to giving hope in the White Throne Judgment to everybody. That if they repented when they were resurrected and believed in Yahshua that they would be forgiven and be with Him in Paradise in the Millennium. So if we go to Revelation 11, let me just read about this for people who don't understand The White Throne Judgment. We know the first resurrection is when Yahshua returns. That's the beginning of Revelation 20, I'm not going to read that but in Revelation 20 in verse 11 ... Revelation 20 in verse 11 we see ... *And I saw Heaven being opened and behold a white horse and Him sitting on it and being called Faithful and True ...* whoop that's 19 ... verse 20, verse 11:

Revelation 20:11-15 *And I saw a Great White Throne, and the One sitting on it, from whose face the earth and the heavens fled; and a place was not found for them. And I saw the dead, the small and the great, standing before YAHWEH. And books were opened. And another Book was opened, which is the Book of Life ...* what are the books being opened? The books of the Bible ... *and the second one is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged out of the things written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead in it. And death and the grave gave up the dead in them. And they were each judged according to their works. And death and the grave were thrown in the Lake of*

Fire. This is the second death. And if anyone was not found having been written in the Book of Life, he was thrown into the Lake of Fire.

So wow, so we see here like I said that basically there's two thieves one goes to the Kingdom and one goes to the Lake of Fire. So it's indicative of that. And that even though yes, they are going to be judged by their works but we see that if people in this life don't know any better ... *Father forgive them for they know not what they do.* Christians, most of the Christian world that may have good hearts, may be doing what they think is right but yet they're violating Yahweh's Word by worshiping in paganism or whatever and **if their heart is repentant and humble in the White Throne Judgment they will make it.** So let's go to John 19, let's see what He said next ... John 19 in verse 26 and 27, what is the next instruction that Yahshua gave? John 19 verse 26:

John 19:26-27 *Then seeing His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, Yahshua said to His mother, **Woman, behold your son!** ... So Mariam, His mother, is standing next to the Apostle John and He's saying to Mariam as He's going to die, because Yahshua is the first born. So He has responsibility to care for the mother because Yoseph, the step-father is dead. So now He's telling the mother, behold your son – about John ... And then He says to His disciple ... to Yochanon, John ... **Behold, your mother!** And from that hour, the disciple took her into his own home.*

So wow, here it is again, **as He's up there going through this suffering, going through this mockery, going through this spitting and everything else, there is not even an ounce ... not even a thought of self-pity within Himself; or bitterness. Everything is about His responsibility to Yahweh and everything is about outward going serving others.** So as He's suffering there ... and He's a young guy, He's not 60 or 70 years old ... He's 32/33 years old as He's suffering up there ... and His thought is about His mother. His thought is about that the mother will be cared for.

And you know what's interesting we know Yahshua had other brothers and sisters that are there. The Bible even tells us and there wasn't one or two, it was a multitude of them; and yet, because at that point they weren't converted yet. There are a few that were converted later but they weren't converted yet. **He wants to make sure that His mother is going to be cared for** and what does He do? He makes sure that Yochanon, John, one of His most trusted disciples will care for His mother. So this is really interesting, like I said every single word in the Bible is important and here it is while He's being crucified, the most important words of all the good news messages and one of those words is to care for His mother. Why is it so important? Because it's a Commandment ... Exodus 20 in verse 12:

Exodus 20:12 *Honor your father and your mother so that your days may be long on the land which Yahweh your Elohim is giving you ... Honor your father and your mother so that your days may be long on the land which Yahweh your Elohim is giving you.*

So are we supposed to put Yahweh first? Of course, we'll read that here in a minute but **the fact that we put Yahweh first; it doesn't mean we have to put our family last.** The fact that we put Yahweh first, it doesn't mean we have to put our family last. Mariam was a widow and according to the Commandment, Yahshua had to make sure she was cared for. And what the history tells us, I have this written in the Gates of Hell book that Mariam actually went with the Apostle John to France to do ministry over there. And there's a lot of legends that come out of that; that probably most of them aren't true but at least what is true ... what seems to be true is that they were there together.

So it's a Commandment. **It's a Commandment to care for our mother and father** particularly your mother if she's a widow. And **the fact that we do have to follow Yahweh, we wouldn't break a Commandment of Yahweh.** We wouldn't say ... we wouldn't work on the Sabbath because we'd say we have to earn money to pay for my mother's rent. We wouldn't do that. It's not that we're going to break the Commandment and put our parent above Yahweh. But at the same thing, the same rate, we do have to care for our parents.

And can you imagine? This is one of the most important Commandments we don't talk too much about – honoring your mother and your father. But it's so important that as He's dying on that tree of crucifixion, He's not talking about lying or stealing or adultery or anything else, but He's talking about honoring your mother or father. Matthew 10 in verse 37 it says:

Matthew 10:37-38 *The one loving father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And the one loving son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And whoever does not take up his torture stake and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.*

So I read this a lot because we're living in a time where like I said, we're 1/10th of one percent of the world we're the one out of ten million people are out there and there are many times where you have to maybe disappoint your family or your parents in a worldly way, right? You can't go to Christmas dinner at your parent's house because it's an abomination to Yahweh, its pagan. You're not going to go over there and do an Easter egg hunt at your parent's house because it's pagan; it's not the way. There are many things that you might not be able to do with your parents.

And I know when we left Babylon because it was the same thing; especially my mom was very, very upset that we were leaving. And I said to her, I said, "Mom, from this point forward our time is not going to be **quantity time but it will be quality time.**" And we tried to make time; whether it was when we went to America or my parents came out to visit us. And we took whatever it was a week or two at that time, and we took that time for them because it's important because they're our family.

So **the fact that we love Yahweh more, it doesn't mean we love our family less.** So that's why I said, the fact that Yahweh's first doesn't mean your family has to be last. And I think sometimes as believers, that's the way people are. I've even heard people sometimes with fleeing Babylon, yes we do have to leave Babylon, and it's a commandment of leaving Babylon ... like I say the worst thing is not even the ones who don't leave Babylon ... it's the ones who go back to Babylon. You can't do worse than that. That's I believe close to the unpardonable sin, that once you're out of there and then you go back and live there and stay there it's just unconscionable why anybody would once you're out.

But my point is I've heard brethren tell me at times where they could have an older parent or a sick parent that they're taking care of and they're worried about that. They're worried about taking ... and brethren are just like, "you just got to leave. You just got to leave them behind. Let them die." And it's like, wow is that showing love? Is that showing love? No, and here is Yahshua, **His last instructions** ... and that doesn't mean you don't leave Babylon because of a parent, but **you sure make sure your parent is taken care of.** And until they are, you just don't leave them like you might leave a cat out in the hallway somewhere.

You make sure that parent is taken care of because that's your responsibility, particularly if you're a firstborn. But even if you're not, we are firstborn to Yahweh. And our unconverted brothers and sisters, they might not be taking care of a parent that way as we would. You might think of taking the parent with you. You might think of a lot of things. But the responsibility you can't neglect. That's the point of it.

And like I said, out of Ten Commandments there, the one that Yahshua mentions, His last instruction, is honor your mother and father. And not just for an older parent, but what about for the youth ... for the youth? Honor your mother and father ... so **you youth need to be thinking about this as your everyday life and how you're treating your parents** that out of the Ten Commandments, and of course the greatest Commandment Yahshua said, is love Yahweh with all your heart, mind, soul and strength. That is the greatest Commandment but right next to it, with love your neighbor as yourself, is honoring your mother and your father, extremely important as we see here.

Matthew 6:33 *But seek first the kingdom of YAHWEH and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.*

So I believe and I've counseled with people this, that in these situations **if you're seeking the Kingdom first and you're not compromising that Yahweh will take care of the other things**. So you can't use a parent as a crutch to just not be able to anything because you're going to use the parent as the crutch there. But at the same rate if you're seeking first the Kingdom and you're following Yahweh first then Yahweh will take care of other things.

And I'll tell you another thing, as hard as it is of a death of a loved one, the Bible says that **Yahweh will take out the righteous before the time of calamity comes that sometimes death of a loved one is actually a blessing in the times we're living in**. I know my mom she died back in 2010 right at Sukkot, I had to leave and go to the funeral for a couple of days, one of the things that has helped me through the years because I loved my mother dearly ... I wish she was alive but that helped me was realizing that with everything that's coming, the world has only gotten worse every year from 2010, it's going to get any better till the Kingdom comes, that she's way better off sleeping in the grave than being alive in the world today.

So if somebody is unconverted, wow, they have no protection of Yahweh. And that's why like I said on our website, unless it's a real emergency of a car accident or something like that, we usually don't put prayers up for unconverted relatives because many times they might be reaping what they're sowing; and we can't pray for people that aren't repentant. We shouldn't pray for people that are reaping what they're sowing because they made bad decisions.

And like I said, I even look at Covid you know that we don't have one case world-wide of a brother or sister dying from the Covid up to now. It doesn't mean that if one did it would be their fault but it's just a point that overall has protected us with that. But it doesn't mean our relatives will be protected; that we will have relatives that will die from the Covid because of that. And in the long run it's not that it's a curse. It might even be a blessing. It might be a blessing because in the times we're living in if they're not seeking Yahweh, what good is it for them to live another few months, another few years, what's the point of it? And then go through suffering and tribulation, maybe starvation, maybe death or whatever. **So in the times we're living in, death is really a blessing particularly to the unconverted** because it's almost like, *Father forgive them for they know not what they do*. It could be a real blessing in that case. Matthew 27 in verse 46 let's see what Yahshua said next ... Matthew 27 in verse 46 ... so some really, really important things so far that Yahshua said and some really deep things. And now what does He say next?

Matthew 27:46 *And about the ninth hour, Yahshua cried out with a loud voice, saying, **Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani; that is, My El, My El, why did You honor Me to be here?***

And some wonder why we translate it this way, sometimes it says, *why did You forsake Me*, like in **Psalm 22**, but actually when you look at it in the Aramaic, it can be forsaking in a bad way; or it can be leaving in a good way, the way like an army general would leave his captain in charge of the troops as he's going out – meaning leaving someone that he trusts, leaving somebody that he trusts is going to be able to do the job. And it seems to be this is what Yahshua is saying. He's not saying that Yahweh forsake Him because Yahweh would never forsake Him. But He's saying, *why did You honor **Me** to be the One to pay the penalty for the sins of the world?*

So **after accomplishing every single thing** that He was sent to do, including being sinless, and going through suffering, humiliations by human beings that He actually created. Can you imagine that He created every last human being and then He's suffers humiliation and suffering from them. **He still shows humility giving glory to Yahweh, asking why was He favored to be chosen to be the one on that torture stake dying for the sins of mankind**. Right, to be the second Adam.

Why was He chosen to be the One to make up what Adam couldn't do? Why was He favored to be the One? Wow, what humility ... what humility! And you know **what an example He sets for us when we're going through our trials**. Do we do that? Look at this, like I said, **look at the whole time** from the time of the last supper to the time where He says, it is finished, and he dies. **Every single thing He did was only still being a servant**; from the washing of the feet of the twelve disciples, which wasn't just ceremonial to Him, He was really showing, *He who be greatest among you let him be your servant*.

All the way through as He's witnessing before Pontius Pilate and He's suffering on the tree and all the things we're going over that He said. Everything was still the focus was on Yahweh, was on His work, on being a servant and **there's nothing of pity, there's nothing of self-pity or self-righteousness**, nothing of ... Oh, I'm suffering ... Oh how much it hurts ... no **everything was off of Himself and giving glory to Yahweh**. And then at the very end He says, "Wow, Yahweh why did You honor Me to be able to suffer this great bit for You?" So it's an example He sets for us, right? And we need to think about this. **Do we humbly thank Yahweh for all our trials and give glory to Him that He allowed us to suffer for Him?** Luke 17 in verse 7... Luke 17 in verse 7 says:

Luke 17:7-10 *But which of you having a servant plowing or tending a flock will immediately say to him coming out of the field, Come, recline? But will he not say to him, Prepare something what I may eat, and having girded yourself, serve me until I eat and drink, and after these things you will eat and drink? What thanks does he receive, the servant, because he did the things he was commanded? I don't think so! Likewise even you, when you have done all the things that are commanded, you say that we are idle servants because we have done only what we ought to.*

Right, wow ... so here we are all of us **we're made from dust, we go back to dust. There's nothing Yahweh owes us and there's nothing man owes us**, right? Like even the Apostle Paul said, *owe no one anything except to love one another*. So when a servant would be working all day in the field and plowing for twelve hours, he wouldn't come in and say to the master, "Wow, let me eat." No the master is like, "No, you make my dinner and then you eat." He can't say he did anything great because he's only doing what he's supposed to do.

We are all unprofitable compared to Yahshua. When we look at Yahshua, His life, His resurrection, His death His suffering, everything, **there's nothing that we compare to Him**. We are all unprofitable compared to Him. **Yahweh does not owe us anything and that's what Passover is all about**; that we're sitting here today with smiles on our faces and happiness in our hearts because of His grace. **Because of His mercy, because of His grace, not because of anything we did. We didn't earn it; salvation is a free gift**, right?

We're trying to have ... to do good works, why? Not to earn our salvation ... no, because it's the will of Yahweh; and we will be rewarded from the works we do, the position we have in the Kingdom but that doesn't give us entrance into the Kingdom. **Entrance into the Kingdom is only by His grace**, His unmerited pardon; and that's what makes Passover so great. And the trials we have, they're not trials, **they're challenges, they're blessings**. We have to look at each trial as a blessing because **it's preparing us**. It's preparing us for exactly what Yahshua was going through as He was doing that. Jacob 1 in verse 1 ... Jacob 1 in verse 1 says:

Jacob 1:1-2 *Jacob, a slave of Elohim and of the Master Yahshua Messiah, to the twelve tribes in the Diaspora among the nations, greetings: My brothers count it all joy when you fall into various trials.*

Comment: Count it joy. Do you look for that when you're going through it? Is it just self-pity? **Are you thinking what do I need to learn from this?** Or is it that actually you're reaping what you sowed? Is it that you made bad decisions and now you're reaping what you're sowing and now you're playing the Job, the ... *woe, woe, woes me* ... that's you're doing. Job's words - woe, woes me.

Jacob 1:3 knowing that the *proving of your faith works patience.*

Comment: It's a blessing. So sometimes these things that Yahweh is allowing us to go through are only like Yahshua, **only to prepare us.** Like it says, **Yahshua learned obedience through the things He suffered;** which is hard to believe that He even learned obedience. But it's the same with us that we're being blessed to walk in His footsteps and to learn like He did.

Jacob 1:4 *But let patience have its perfective work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.*

So Yahweh will never put us through more than we can handle or more than what we need but we have to start looking at this; that can never have pure, true faith without trials that we are blessed with. And that's why the importance of the baptism of fire. Each of us when we're babes, we go through water baptism and then we have the Holy Spirit is given to us through the laying on of hands. And then we go through the baptism of fire that Yahweh gives us very gently as we grow in the faith because He knows He won't give us more than we can handle.

But **we can never have pure faith without the trials we're blessed with.** And we have to look at that. And at Passover time we really need to examine ourselves. And like I said, **a lot of times the trial is only because you're making bad decisions.** You know that you're making decisions that are wrong. You're doing them anyway and then you have the trial and then you start feeling sorry for yourself. So we have to look at this. 1st Peter 2 in verse 18 ... 1st Peter 2 in verse 18 says:

1st Peter 2:18-20 *Servants, be obedient to your masters in all fear, not only to those good and forbearing, but also to the perverse ones. For this is favor before Elohim, if because of conscience, anyone bears grief, suffering unjustly. For what glory is it if you patiently endure suffering because of your sinning? But if you are suffering while doing good ... just like Yahshua. He did nothing wrong ... and you patiently endure, then your glory is **greater from Elohim** ... wow, that's what trials do. They **help us to learn patience.** They **help us to learn endurance.** They **help us to learn to overcome** ... For what glory if you patiently endure suffering because of your sinning, but if you are suffering while doing good and patiently endure then your glory is greater from Elohim.*

1st Peter 2:21-25 *For you were called to this, for **even the Messiah** ... we're reading it right now ... even the Messiah suffered on our behalf, leaving behind an example for us, that you should **follow in His steps**; "Who did not sin, nor was guile found in His mouth;" ... right only good words ... who, having been reviled, did not revile in return ... Father forgive them for they know not what they do ... suffering, He did not threaten, but He gave Himself up to Him who was judging righteously; who "Himself carried up in His body our sins" onto the tree; that dying to sins, we might live to righteousness, of whom "By **His wounds we are healed.**" For you were "As sheep going astray," but now you turned back to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.*

Wow, so how important is this, right? **When we suffer we are blessed to be like Yahshua** who went through – **to feel pain that He felt for us.** Like it says in Hebrews right? Why did He go through all these things? He could have just simply came and died. He didn't have to live 33 years in a human body. He didn't have to get sick and experience sicknesses and mockings and suffering and all the other things. **He did it so that He would be a good High Priest** that would be there and when we come to Him, we get on our hands and knees with tears in our eyes because we're going through so much that He knows **exactly** what we're going through because He went through it Himself.

So wow, and then we get to experience the same that He went through ... how beautiful, right? But we need to thank Yahweh for this. So remember when you're complaining, when you're murmuring and complaining like the Israelites did, remember those sermons we did on that ... **Corinthians 10? You're not complaining against man, you're complaining**

against Yahweh. Like I said, *Father forgive them for they know not what they do.* Whether it's the customer service rep, or whether it's the gas station attendant, or whether it's the lady in the food market, or whether it's the landlord, or whether it's the noisy neighbor, whoever it is, when we get angry it's only Yahweh that we're getting angry for. Because **whatever Yahweh allowed in our life He allowed it for our benefit.** He allowed it if we only have eyes to see we're growing from these things.

And like I said, and **even if you brought it on yourself,** even if it's because of the bad mistakes you made and you're only reaping what you're sowing, **even that's a benefit!** Because **you're learning from it not to do it again** ... not to make the same mistakes over and over and over again. Go a couple pages over to 1st Peter 4 in verse 12 ... or one page actually ... 1st Peter 4 in verse 12 says:

1st Peter 4:12 *Beloved, do not be astonished at the fiery trials happening among you for your testing, as if a surprise were occurring to you.*

Comments: Know we're getting ready to go in the worst time the world has ever known. The mark of the beast is right upon us. Only Yahweh knows if it's a matter of months or a year or two until we will not be able to buy or sell or travel or do anything without that mark. But boy do we see the signs and we know its right there. So why should we be surprised that we're going through trials now that have to prepare us for that? What's going to happen when that day comes?

And unfortunately, a lot of Christians are already taking the vaccine. They're already doing it. And the ones who are, wow, like if you can't see that this is, not that the vaccine is the mark of the beast but boy is it the outer room, the waiting room and the prelude to it. And it is the beginning of it because it's not just one vaccine you have to take but there are a lot of people that are just taking it because they need to stay in the system ... they need to stay in the system. So **if we can't see that man we need to prepare to be out of that system because it doesn't happen overnight and the trials that we're going through that Yahweh's preparing us for that** ... then I don't know. So don't be astonished at it. Don't be astonished. **We have to go through this.**

1st Peter 4:13-16 *but rejoice, that you participate in the sufferings of Messiah, that so you may also rejoice and exult at the revelation of His glory. If you are reviled in the name of Messiah, you are blessed, because "The glorious Spirit of Elohim rests upon you." For do not let any of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or an evildoer, or as a meddler in the affairs of others. But if one suffers as a Christian, do not let him be ashamed, but to glorify Elohim in this respect ... right if you're suffering as a believer then it's to the glory of Yahweh ... I'll stop right there ... But if one suffers as a Christian, a believer, do not let him be **ashamed**, but to glorify Elohim in this respect*

Isn't that exactly what Yahshua did? As He's up there, they took His clothes off, they beat Him, He's bloody, He's up there being spit, being mocked, being humiliated and was He ashamed? No, He gave glory to Yahweh. **Instead of being ashamed, instead of having self-pity, He gave glory to Yahweh** ... wow. John 19:28-30 ... John 19:28-30 ... and this is the last words that He says, right, before His death:

John 19:28 *After this, knowing that all things have now been finished that the scripture be completed, Yahshua said, I **thirst.***

Comment: Because we know there's four cups they used at Passover time. The first cup was the cup of thanksgiving, that's where they're giving glory to Yahweh before they start the Passover service. The second cup was with the meal itself that we don't do because we don't do the meal anymore. The third cup is the cup of grace that represents Yahshua's shed blood that we do every year for renewing our Covenant. And the fourth cup we keep empty because

that's the cup of salvation. That's the one that Yahshua had to take. And that's why Yahshua said after this Passover, His last Passover; *I will not drink from the fruit of the vine again until I drink it new in the Kingdom after this.* So He had to drink of that fourth cup and the baptism of fire, that's what He did. And that's why He said, *I thirst.* Because the Passover started the evening before and that's why you had to keep the symbols the beginning of the 14th because He had to take the last cup during the 14th while He's being crucified. So He says, *I thirst ...* and then verse 29:

John 19:29-30 *Then a vessel full of vinegar ... sour wine ... was set, and having filled a sponge with the sour wine, the vinegar, and putting hyssop around, they brought it to His mouth. Then when Yahshua took the vinegar, He said, **Behold, it is finished.** And bowing His head, He delivered up the spirit.*

Wow, it is finished. And you know that's word He said. He did everything to Yahweh, but how beautiful for us to be able to say that, right? We still have a lot of work to do. Our work isn't finished yet but that's at the end of the line. We want to be able to say that. **We want to be able to say at the very end of our life when it's our time to cease that it's finished.** That there's nothing that we're saying ... *Oh if I only had another few months. If I only had another year, if I only had another hour I wish I could have said this to my father, I wish I could have said this to my mother, I wish I could have said this to my friend, I wish I could have said this to this one, I wish I would have said I'm sorry to so and so.* We want to make sure when the time comes we can say, it is finished.

That everything we need to do. And that's why it says, *do not let the sun go down on your wrath;* because you don't know if you're going to wake up the next day. You have no idea. You don't want to let that root of bitterness grow. But **we want to make sure whatever we need to do; whether it's repenting, whether it's asking for forgiveness, whatever it is that we're doing it before the time is too late.**

So Yahshua's work was done. He finished everything Yahweh said and He took the cup of salvation. That's why He took the vinegar there. Psalm 116 in verse 12 ... Psalm 116 in verse 12 ... we read the Great Hallel on Passover night as they've been doing way before the days of Yahshua. And Yahshua did this with His disciples and we do it every Passover but Psalm 116 starting in verse 12, he says:

Psalm 116:12,14-19 *What shall I return to YAHWEH for His benefits for me? ... What shall I return to YAHWEH for His benefits for me? ... Yahshua returned praise. Yahshua returned thankfulness ... I will pay my vows to YAHWEH now in the presence of all His people ...* and Yahshua might have been saying this as He was being crucified. I believe there's a very good chance He was actually reciting this on the tree of crucifixion ... *I will re-pay my vows to YAHWEH now in the presence of His people. Precious in the eyes of YAHWEH is the death of His saints. O YAHWEH, truly I am Your servant now; I am Your servant, the son of Your handmaid; You have loosed my bonds. I will sacrifice to You the sacrifice of thanks and will call on the name of YAHWEH. I will pay my vows to YAHWEH now in the presence of all the people ...* He was the sacrifice ... *in the courts of the house of YAHWEH; in your midst, O Jerusalem. HalleluYah! ... HalleluYah! I will lift up the cup of Yahshua, the cup of salvation ...* verse 13 ... *I will lift up the cup of Yahshua, the cup of salvation and I will call on the name of YAHWEH. I will pay my vows to YAHWEH now in the presence of all His people.*

So wow, this is what we see here. The sacrifice was finished. Yahshua was the second Adam. **He finished everything by Yahweh and He set an example for us.** He set an example for us and how beautiful it is at the end of a life if you could say, it is finished. If you could that everything that you needed to do is finished. Let's look at one example of that by the Apostle Paul ... 1st Corinthians 15 ... 1st Corinthians 15 and I'm going to start in verse 42 ... 1st Corinthians 15 in verse 42:

1st Corinthians 15:42-49 *So also the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body; there is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. So also it has been written, "The first man, Adam,*

became a living soul." The last Adam a life-giving Spirit. But not the spiritual first, but the natural; afterward the spiritual. The first man was out of earth, earthy. The second Man was the Master YAHWEH out of the Heaven. As is the earthy man, such also are the earthy ones. And such as is the heavenly Man, such also are the heavenly ones. And as we bore the image of the earthy man, we shall also bear the likeness of the heavenly one.

Wow, that's what we want to do. **We want to strive in our life from today until the day that we give our last breath and we're sleeping in the grave waiting for the resurrection, we want to make sure we can say it is finished.** We don't want to leave anything undone and that's why we want to bear as much fruit as possible. We want to seek Yahweh of the ministry He has for us. We want to be praying without ceasing. We want to be reading His Word every day. And **we want to make sure that there's nothing left undone** that Yahweh has for us.

By one sacrifice He gave hope to all believers for the resurrection if they believe. If they **believe and obey**, by one sacrifice He gave hope for everybody. This is our hope if we **follow His instructions and His example**. So when He said it is finished, it wasn't just for Him. It was an example for us that we need to do the same. Like I said, 2nd Timothy ... 2nd Timothy 4 in verse 5 ... the Apostle Paul ... let's look at the beautiful words he gave us to give us an example to follow after ... 2nd Timothy 4 in verse 5, he says:

2nd Timothy 4:5 *But you be clear-minded in all, suffer hardship ... right, baptism of fire ... do the work of an evangelist, and fulfill your ministry ... do the work of an evangelist, and fulfill your ministry.*

Comment: Every single one of us has a ministry. Not everyone is an evangelist. Not everyone is going to be an apostle. Not everybody is going to be a pastor or a teacher. But **every one of us has a ministry**; whether that ministry is a prayer ministry, a ministry of help, a ministry of service to others, a ministry of kindness, of good words, of wisdom. Whatever it is we have to fulfill our ministry. And at Passover time right now every one of us should be thinking about that. **What is your ministry?** And if you don't have a ministry, where Yahshua said endure to the end, it's **not just hanging on and killing time** until the resurrection happens or you die. When He's saying endure to the end, He's saying to **fulfill your ministry, to finish your ministry** ... verse 6:

2nd Timothy 4:6-8 *For I am ready to be sacrificed, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight. I have finished the course. I have kept the faith. For the rest, the crown of righteousness is laid up for me, which our Master, the righteous Judge, will give to me in that Day, and not only to me, but also to all those who love His appearance ...* Wow awesome, **he has fought the good fight. He's finished the course. He's kept the faith.** Can we say this? Man, this is what we're looking for. We want to be able to say this ... *For the rest, the crown of righteousness is laid up for me, which our Master, the righteous Judge, will give to me in that Day, and not only to me, but all those who love His appearance.*

Do we love His appearance? Do we live every day for Him? Are we growing? Are we taking these struggles we're going through, these **challenges as gifts from Yahweh to be able to grow**? This is what we need to do. Example set by the Apostle Paul; we must fight the good fight. We must seek first the Kingdom. We must bear fruit for Yahweh and finish His work just as Yahshua did. **We are His disciples** which I said this, disciple is an *ardent learner*. We are His disciples. **We are His ardent learner. We are His intense students**, right?

Just like I said, many, many years I've done the Bible school. Praise Yahweh for each and every person that's been able to get there but that's what the school is about; it's about making disciples for Yahshua. It's about making ardent learners, intense students. And there's no greater instruction that He gave us than the instruction He gave us on the day He was crucified. When He gave His disciple the last instructions He had as a human being on the earth before His death. How important are these words?

I don't know if you ever thought about that. But these are the last instructions. These are the most important things. These are the accumulation of everything that He's put in together that way. And it wouldn't be a sermon on Yahshua's last instructions if we also don't give one more scripture. And this is the one that He gave right before He ascended to Heaven. So these are actually His last ... these were His last instructions I gave as a human being before He died, now I want to give you the last instructions He gave as a glorified Spirit-Being before He was resurrected. It's in Matthew 28 in verse 18 ... Matthew 28 in verse 18:

Matthew 28:18-20 *And coming up Yahshua talked with them, saying, All authority in Heaven and on earth was given to Me. Then having gone, disciple all nations ... what did we say, disciple is an ardent learner. A disciple is an intense student and we have to do that. We have to go and make disciples ... disciple all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and the Holy Spirit ... the Ruach H'Chodesh ... teaching them to observe all things, whatever I commanded you. And, behold, I am with you all the days until the completion of the age. Amen.*

So wow, that's another we have that we have to look at when we're looking at Yahshua's last instructions. That now we don't only have His last instructions as He's dying on the tree of crucifixion. But **we have His instructions as a glorified Spirit-Being**. We have His instructions **knowing** that He was resurrected. In a few days from now we'll be having the Feast of First-Fruit; which is Resurrection Day, and showing the great glory of Yahshua as the First-Fruit; the first resurrected and the only resurrected up till now. But **giving us hope** that if He was resurrected, if He's actually alive today, if He was human being, a physical human being and He died, He was crucified, He was laying in that tomb for three days and three nights; and now He's alive and He's sitting at the right hand of the Father in Heaven and **He's telling us He is with us till the end of the age**.

Go out and share this message with others. Share this message of, *Father forgive them for they know not what they do*. This **message of forgiveness and love** and that the thief on the cross, no matter what you've done, no matter where you are in your life ... you know many people I've talked to through the years that are new and they just feel like they're older and they say, "Oh I believe. I believe everything but I don't feel worthy. I don't feel after everything I've done wrong I can't change now." And it's like, that's exactly how all of us should feel. **None of us are worthy ... none of us deserve it**. And that's why I said, the tax collectors and prostitutes go into the Kingdom before the Pharisees because the Pharisees felt they deserved it. They were self-righteous. No, none of us deserve it ... none of us deserve it and that's what Passover is about.

The Matthew 28 are His final words before ascending to Heaven just as the Father was with Yahshua until the very end, until He said, it is finished. So He is with us until the day He returns. So He is with us till the day He returns.

All the words of Yahshua spoke are important, right? Every last word ... every ah, every the, every en, every word is important but none are more important than the final words and instructions that Yahshua not only gave to the twelve apostles but He gave for every believer for every age until He returns.

I pray, not only during Passover now, but I pray that as we entered a new year now, a new Biblical year, the month of Aviv, that we'll all really, **really take these words to heart** and really, really meditate on Yahshua's last instructions.

Yahweh bless, Hag Semeach! And until Shabbat, we'll see everybody again!