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The Remnant's Walk



2 Ti 3:16-17 All Scripture is written by inspiration of the Holy Spirit and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, so that the man of YAHWEH may be perfected, and complete for every good work.

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We encourage all those who consider themselves to be true believers to ask: “Which congregation do I belong to? The true faith our Savior Yahshua the Messiah set down in the year 30 CE, or the false doctrine, drenched in paganism and sun worship, as set down by Constantine in 325 CE?” The two are vastly different and we cannot serve two masters (*Matthew 6:24*).

One was a Hebrew Congregation with a Hebrew Savior that was completely Torah observant. The other was and still is a counterfeit, lawless church, sealed by the decrees of Constantine and implemented for the sole purpose of deceiving and enslaving mankind (*Revelation 12:9*). The articles contained in this publication are motivated by the Word of Truth, the Holy Scriptures, inspired by our Almighty Father Yahweh and Yahshua Messiah., His Son. Words made manifest through the power of the Holy Spirit (*2 Timothy 3:15-17*).

Some articles are reprint articles from the old Good News magazine and will say reprint. May you be blessed and grow in truth and Spirit. In His wonderful name, shalom ...

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Personal

by Don Esposito

Greetings Brethren,

And shalom in the wonderful names of Yahweh and Yahshua. As another Roman year is upon us, the world is still in a very unsettled position. War is going on in multiple areas, weather catastrophes continue to pile up, and Israel is still in a very unsettled place more than 15 months after the horrific attack it had on October 7th, 2023.

And in the USA/Babylon they have once again elected Donald Trump and are feeling that a revitalized President Trump will bring world peace, and also a robust economy. Only time will tell, but it is hard to imagine that all of the world's problems will go away simply because of one man taking office.

And yet, that is actually what our Bible tells us, but not Donald Trump taking office, but Yahshua Messiah coming back to earth for His second time to usher in the only true world peace and prosperity that will last forever.

Isa 9:6 *For unto us a Child is born; to us a Son is given; and the government is on His shoulder; and His name is called Wonderful Counselor, The Mighty El, The Prince of Peace, The one who Fathered Everlasting life.*

Isa 9:7 *There is no end to the increase of His government and of peace on the throne of David, and on His kingdom, to order it, and to sustain it with justice and with righteousness, from now and forever. The zeal of YAHWEH of Hosts will do this.*

No human leader in the world today can bring in the peace and prosperity that only the Messiah Yahshua can bring. And yet, it will not be a temporary peace that sometimes exists in this world, but it will be an everlasting peace, as even the hearts and minds of human beings at that time will be changed.

Isa 2:2 *And it shall be in the last days, the mountain of the house of YAHWEH shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow into it.*

Isa 2:3 *And many people shall go and say, Come and let us go up to the mount of YAHWEH, to the house of the Elohim of Jacob. And He will teach from His ways, and we will walk in His paths. For out of Zion the Torah will go forth, and the Word of YAHWEH from Jerusalem.*

Isa 2:4 *And He shall judge among the nations and shall rebuke many people. **And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, nor shall they learn war anymore.***

May that day come soon! HalleluYah!

*B'Shem Yahshua,
Elder Don*

How Much Does YAHWEH Care About You?



Are you important to YAHWEH as an individual? How interested is He in the details of your life? How much does He care what happens to you?

Reprint Article by Clayton D. Steep

You may have little doubt that YAHWEH will help you when you are in serious trouble—in a life-threatening situation, for example.

But what about those bothersome day-to-day problems you confront?

Oh, you know YAHWEH *could* help you and deliver you from them also. After all, He is almighty. But will He? Is it important enough to Him? After all, YAHWEH has a lot to do. He is ruling the far-flung universe, keeping galaxies in place, monitoring supernova and black holes, commanding angelic hosts, taking care of big things.

And on earth He is overseeing the course of nations, guiding and directing His Work, helping those of His children who are in serious need. So, does YAHWEH really care—does He have time to care—whether you get a good night's sleep or whether the mechanic solves the problem with your car or whether your case of sniffles goes away?

One of the reasons some lack faith, whether in little matters or big ones, is that they do not realize how greatly YAHWEH is interested in their personal lives. They do not grasp the extent of His concern.

You are Specially Chosen

How much does YAHWEH care about you? Let's look at this question from YAHWEH's perspective, rather than through human eyes! If you are a true Disciple—a member of YAHWEH's true Congregation—you didn't just stumble into the truth. It was not an accident or a stroke of luck that you happened to come upon YAHWEH's Congregation, and that you began to understand. YAHWEH the Father—the Supreme Being, the one who is above all, who knows all, who rules all, looked down at the hearts of individual human beings as He has the power to do (Ps. 11:4).

Millions, yes, hundreds of millions, of people YAHWEH left in darkness. But you He chose. Individually. By name. Yes, your name was mentioned in the heavens, pronounced by YAHWEH the Father in the hearing of angelic beings and Yahshua Messiah: "I want [your name] to be one of my firstfruits."

Your eyes He opened. He selected you to be one of His children now, whereas the majority of human beings won't take advantage of that opportunity in this life. YAHWEH's purpose in creating humanity is to reproduce Himself. He wants to bring into being other members of the YAHWEH Family. That will be the supreme accomplishment of His creative skill.

The Master and His Tools

If you are one who has been given understanding at this time, YAHWEH is working with you. You are His "workmanship" (Eph. 2:10). Compare the skill and care with which YAHWEH is forming and finishing you with that of a master potter, painter, sculptor, architect or diamond cutter, or any truly skillful artist at work on a cherished project.

Whatever analogy you might wish to use, you can be sure of one thing: When YAHWEH is fashioning one of His masterpieces, He is infinitely more concerned with each brush or chisel stroke, with each delicate touch applied to the clay, than any human has ever dreamed or dreamed of being!

YAHWEH is concerned with anything and everything—no matter how seemingly small or insignificant—that could in any way affect the quality of the final work of art. When YAHWEH does something, He does it well—in fact, perfectly. That's why Yahshua described our destiny as that of becoming perfect (Matt. 5:48).

When Yahweh has accomplished His will in us, there shall not remain the slightest "spot or wrinkle or any such thing" (Eph. 5:27). We shall be "holy and without blemish" (same verse), "conformed to the image" of Yahshua Messiah (Rom. 8:29), "filled with all the fullness of Elohim" (Eph. 3:19).

Can you begin to comprehend why YAHWEH is interested in more than just the major events in your life? Why He is deeply interested in every circumstance that may influence how you and your character turn out?

We As Preshaped Stones

When the Temple was being built in Solomon's day, the individual stones of YAHWEH's house were fashioned and shaped to fit perfectly before they were brought together and assembled. During the period of quarrying and preparation, every blow of the hammer, every cut of the chisel, was extremely important. Once at the building site, there was to be no more chiseling or hewing (1 Kings 6:7).

And yet the stones all fit together harmoniously. Do you see the analogy? We are, as individual stones, being fully prepared as YAHWEH's spiritual Temple. We are being fashioned now to fit perfectly and harmoniously in the place being prepared for us in YAHWEH's Kingdom (John 14:3). This concept explains a lot.

Have you ever had a trial for which you could not understand the reason? "Why did this happen to me?" you may have asked. You prayed about it. But YAHWEH did not immediately deliver you. He just let the trouble continue for a while. Maybe for a long while! But why?

You don't have to know the full answer in this life. YAHWEH is the architect. He knows what shape each stone needs to take to fit perfectly into His overall design. He knows how to knock off the rough edges,

how to smooth and polish the surface to make the whole “building fitly framed together...a holy temple in YAHWEH” (Eph. 2:21). Have confidence that YAHWEH knows what He is doing.

You may have seen the thought-provoking picture of a little boy standing amid signs of extreme poverty. His clothing is tattered, his hair disheveled. Dirt is smudged on his face and on his bare feet, and he is clutching a worn-out teddy bear, but he is grinning, nonetheless.

Across the bottom of the picture is the statement: “I know I’m worth somethin’, cause Elohim don’t make no junk!”

You, called and chosen by YAHWEH, are worth much to Him. He has invested a lot in you. You occupy the most prominent place in His attention. He is forming, molding, shaping, and fashioning you into His highest workmanship. And YAHWEH doesn’t make junk!

YAHWEH Is All-Knowing

Nothing you do is hidden from YAHWEH. Nothing can be kept from Him. To illustrate YAHWEH’s omniscience, think for a moment about what was involved in the slaying of the firstborn of the Egyptians at the time of the Exodus.

For YAHWEH to know whom to smite, He had to know who all the firstborns were. That means YAHWEH had to know the order of birth of every individual living in Egypt, from “Pharaoh who sat on his throne to...the captive who was in the dungeon” (Ex. 12:29).

Among all human beings in Egypt, old and young, YAHWEH had to know who was the first in each family. You think that was an accomplishment? There was more to it yet. That night YAHWEH also slew the firstborn of the Egyptians’ beasts!

So, He had to know the birth order of all the animals in Egypt included under the death sentence. No telling how old some of the animals may have been or under what circumstances they were born. YAHWEH knew which ones were the first to have come out of their mothers’ wombs.

Do you think YAHWEH knows the intimate details of your life any less than those of beasts in ancient Egypt? Or what about the life or death of a single sparrow? It didn’t stretch Yahshua’s imagination that YAHWEH could be aware of the well-being of a tiny bird (Matt. 10:29). “Then do not fear,” declared Yahshua to His followers. In other words, don’t be anxious and worried about your life. He said, “You are better than many sparrows” (verse 31).

Of course, because you are a potential immortal member of the YAHWEH family! You are of such intense interest to YAHWEH that “the very hairs of your head are all numbered” (verse 30).

Is it reasonable to think that YAHWEH could be concerned about how many hairs are on your head and at the same time be indifferent to details of your day-to-day life? He is concerned about anything and everything that could affect your growth and development.

YAHWEH Is Concerned with Every Situation

Not long ago, a man and his wife living in the eastern United States were considering whether or not to move across the country to an area where the husband could use his skills to better advantage. For this family it was a major decision. Several children and their schooling were involved. There were friends and relatives to leave behind, not to mention all the trauma and problems of packing belongings and moving furniture—pulling up roots and settling down in a new environment thousands of miles away.

No doubt the family spent much time discussing the pros and cons of the move, as well as praying to seek YAHWEH's will in the matter.

What really stunned and bewildered this couple was when they mentioned to one who claimed to be a minister that they were considering such a move and trying to find out what YAHWEH's will was. "Frankly, I don't think YAHWEH cares one way or the other!" was the reply.

Contrast that answer with what Jacob wrote. He specifically said that a Disciple ought to be concerned about YAHWEH's will when considering a move to a different city, a business transaction or any other plans (Jacob 4:13-15).

Why be concerned about YAHWEH's will if Elohim doesn't care about such matters? The answer is that YAHWEH does care. If anything is a problem or a potential problem to any of YAHWEH's people, He cares.

Are you familiar with the scripture that says: "The righteous cry, and YAHWEH hears; and delivers them out of many of their truly serious problems; but the rest of their problems they must struggle with on their own strength"?

There is no scripture! Listen to what the Bible says: "*The righteous cry, and YAHWEH hears; and He saves them out of all their distresses*" (Ps. 34:17).

"**All their troubles**" means just that. Big ones, little ones, in-between ones—all of them. Of course, we have to do our part, but then YAHWEH steps in and supplies everything we lack to give us victory and make things work out right.

"Many are the evils of the righteous, but YAHWEH delivers him out of them *all*" (verse 19)!

Anybody who doesn't take advantage of YAHWEH's willingness to help in every situation is missing out on a lot of peace of mind, is making unnecessary mistakes, is being defeated because he is trusting in his own strength.

YAHWEH Really Cares

If something bothers you, it is a problem, no matter how insignificant it seems. And no problem is too small to take to YAHWEH. Nor is any problem too big. You do not need to face life's problems by yourself. "Elohim is our refuge and strength, very much found to be a help in distresses" (Ps. 46:1).

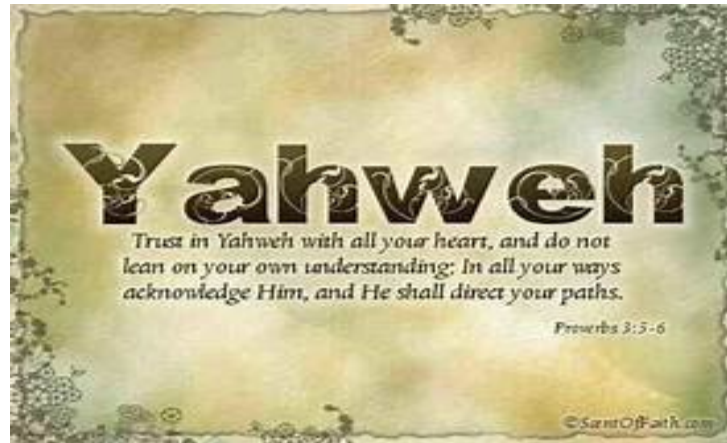
"Commit your way to YAHWEH," instructs Psalms 37:5. More exactly, the Hebrew states "Roll your way upon YAHWEH." Just take all of your problems, all your trials, all your weaknesses and shortcomings, all that you want to change, all that burdens you, weighs you down. Gather it all together, roll it all up and lay it on the Eternal. His back is strong, and His shoulders are broad. "And trust in Him; and He will work" (same verse).

Certainly, you have to do your part. You have to seek wisdom and counsel, exercise perseverance and resourcefulness, apply all the laws of success. But when you take the matter to YAHWEH, He will supply what you lack. Take advantage of the tremendous privilege that is yours as one of YAHWEH's chosen. Seek YAHWEH's help in all situations, "Casting all your anxiety onto Him, because it matters to Him concerning you" (1 Pet. 5:7). YAHWEH really cares about you. Share your life with Him and see!

Experience what moved David to exclaim: "O magnify YAHWEH with me; and let us exalt His name together. I sought YAHWEH, and He answered me, and delivered me out of all my fear ... Taste and see that YAHWEH is good; blessed is the man seeking refuge in Him!" (Ps. 34:3-4, 8).

Does YAHWEH EVER Forsake Us?

By Colin Adair



The atheist, to support his belief that there is no Elohim, will point to the terrible conditions in the world and say: “See, there can’t be an Elohim. And even if you could convince me there is one, I would say he has certainly forgotten and forsaken mankind.”

We of YAHWEH’s Congregation know this is not true. We know that YAHWEH is and that He has a plan and is working it out step by step. He has not forsaken His people.

And yet at times do we, His people, feel that YAHWEH has forsaken us, especially when things don’t go right, when our prayers seem to go unanswered, and our trials appear endless?

Human Nature Doubts

Similar doubts must have entered the minds of some of the great men of Elohim, even when YAHWEH was working with them, because it’s a human tendency.

Noah may have looked out over the expanse of water and wondered if YAHWEH would remember him. Noah and his family emerged from their place of safety after a year and 10 days. That’s a long time to be shut up in a ship. But whenever doubts entered Noah’s mind, he must have reminded himself of YAHWEH’s promise, and sure enough, YAHWEH remembered Noah (Gen. 8:1).

Abraham, the father of the faithful, was not so perfect that he never thought on occasion that YAHWEH had forgotten him. After being told that he would have a son and heir by his wife, Sarah, his patience wore thin. He may have reasoned that YAHWEH had forgotten or forsaken him in his old age. But he discovered that YAHWEH was very much aware of His promise (Gen. 21:1-2).

Did Joseph ever have any doubts enter his mind? After having a dream in which his brothers and parents bowed down to him, he was soon after unceremoniously sold as a slave into a foreign land. His fortune picked up somewhat in Potiphar’s household only to vanish in the harsh reality of an Egyptian jail. Where was YAHWEH? Had He forgotten and forsaken him?

When the chance came to get out of prison, and it looked like YAHWEH was at last doing something about his plight, his new-found butler friend, who had promised to speak to the Pharaoh on his behalf, promptly forgot him!

This setback would have discouraged any man. Joseph, being human, must have had doubts cross his mind about YAHWEH's concern for him. But deep inside he remained convinced that YAHWEH was with him, and subsequent events proved that YAHWEH had never forsaken him for a minute.

Perhaps the greatest example of a man whom YAHWEH seemed to forsake was Job. After losing all his livestock, servants and his children in a series of catastrophes that resembled a modern-day blitzkrieg, he said, "I came naked out of my mother's womb, and naked I shall return there. YAHWEH gave, and YAHWEH has taken away. Blessed be the name of YAHWEH" (Job 1:21).

He knew it was YAHWEH's doing and that YAHWEH was still with him. At this point in his trial Job's attitude was still exemplary. Verse 22 tells us in all this Job sinned not. Perhaps other men, with less strength than Job, would have accused YAHWEH of forsaking them and not protecting their property and families.

King David's Example

Probably the best example we have of this tendency of human nature is that of King David. Many times, he was in sore distress and felt that YAHWEH had forsaken him. But notice how he tackled this doubt.

In Psalm 13:1-2, we read: "*To the chief musician. A Psalm of David. Until when will You forget me, O YAHWEH? Forever? Until when will You hide Your face from me? Until when shall I set counsel in my soul, having sorrow in my heart every day? Until when shall my enemy be lifted up over me?*"

Here was his human nature crying out to YAHWEH and in a sense saying YAHWEH had forsaken him. But even as these doubts fired up his mind, he quickly doused them with positive thoughts of YAHWEH's deep concern for him.

Verse 5, "*But I have trusted in Your mercy. My heart shall rejoice in Your salvation (Y'shua).*" David knew deep within him that YAHWEH would in His own good time rescue him and that he was not forsaken.

Notice another time that David doubted for a while. Psalm 42:9-10: "*I will say to El my Rock, Why have You forgotten me? Why do I go mourning when the enemy oppresses me? Ones vexing me reproach me with crushing in my bones, when they say to me every day, Where is your Elohim?*"

Not only was David wondering where YAHWEH was, but his enemies taunted him and added to his temptation to doubt by their jeers. But David didn't allow these negative thoughts to take root in his mind.

His knowledge of YAHWEH and His love for Him dominated his mind during discouragement. He corrected his own thoughts. Verse 11, "*O my soul, why are you cast down? And why do you moan within me? Hope in Elohim, for I yet thank Him for the Savior of my face and also He is my Elohim.*"

When David's human nature was at its lowest, he reached down into the depths of his mind and remembered YAHWEH's faithfulness and *knew* that he was not forsaken.

Who Has Forsaken Whom?

Whenever we begin to think YAHWEH has turned His back on us, we need to examine ourselves and see who has forsaken whom. Perhaps YAHWEH doesn't answer our prayers and save us from our trials because we have forsaken Him.

What are the ways we forsake or forget YAHWEH? The most common way is disobedience to His laws. Proverbs 3:1 warns, *“My son, do not forget my Torah, but let your heart guard and keep my commandments.”* Verse 6, *“In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.”* YAHWEH will always direct all our paths if we walk continually with Him and obey Him.

Are we keeping the Sabbath properly? Are we faithfully tithing? Do we observe the Holy Days and plan to attend the Feast of Tabernacles by saving our second tithe? Do we obey YAHWEH’s judicial order, realizing His government is here right now in the Congregation, and YAHWEH is watching our attitudes and degree of service?

Another way we sometimes forsake YAHWEH is by neglect of prayer and Bible study. Proverbs 8:33-34: *“Hear instruction, and be wise, and do not refuse it. Blessed is the man listening to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.”* Don’t accuse YAHWEH of forsaking you when you turn your back on Him.

Are you constant in prayer? Luke 18:1, *“And He also spoke a parable to them to teach it is always right to pray, and not become weary.”* Perhaps you ask once, and when you don’t get an answer immediately, you think YAHWEH didn’t listen or forgot your petition.

But YAHWEH will answer in His own way and in His own time. We need to keep reminding Him and patiently waiting. Never assume YAHWEH has forsaken you and is not interested anymore in answering your prayers.

Don’t Despise Reproof

An important and often overlooked way we can forsake YAHWEH is by not heeding His counsel or advice. Proverbs 1:24-25, *“Because I called, and you refused; I extended a hand, and none inclines, and you have ignored all my counsel, and you did not desire my warning.”*

Verses 30-33: *“They did not desire my counsel; they despised all my reproof, and they shall eat of the fruit of their own way and be filled with their own lusts. For the going astray (we, not YAHWEH) of the simple kills them, and the ease of fools destroys them. But he who listens to me shall live securely and shall be at ease from the fear of evil.”*

How does this counsel reach us? Most of it is through the ministry of YAHWEH’s Congregation. It works in two ways. First, through sermons and secondly, through personal counseling.

We open congregation services by asking YAHWEH’s inspiration on the speakers. But as a member of the congregation do you think the minister is merely giving his own opinion? Do you criticize the sermon afterwards?

YAHWEH’s true ministers will speak YAHWEH’s will, not their own opinions. No, they’re not infallible and can and do make mistakes, but the overall messages you hear, the admonitions you receive, are from YAHWEH through His servants.

His servants give you the understanding of His will, built on the basic and proved doctrines of YAHWEH, which all members already have as a foundation (Heb. 6:1-2). Here is where YAHWEH counsels His people. Be sure you don’t reject it because to do so is to forsake YAHWEH’s counseling.

So, we should not blame YAHWEH when we are at fault, feeling He isn’t interested in us anymore. Look what He says in Isaiah 49:14-16 about this attitude.

“But Zion (spiritually the Congregation) said, YAHWEH has forsaken me, and, My Adonai has forgotten me. Can a woman forget her suckling child, from pitying the son of her womb? Yes, these may forget, yet I will surely not forget you. Behold, I have carved you on the palms of My hands; your walls are always before Me.”

We are YAHWEH’s special Work, His present spiritual creation. YAHWEH has set His hand to create others of His kind. He does not forsake what He has begun. He sees it through.

And Yahshua, our High Priest, is concerned that we make it. He will not drop our cause. John 10:27-30:

“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give eternal life to them, and they shall not perish forever! And not anyone shall snatch them out of My hand. My Father who has given them to Me is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch out of My Father’s hand. I and the Father are One.”

Together they are concerned about bringing everyone they choose into the Family of YAHWEH. John 6:39, *“And this is the will of the Father sending Me, that of all that He has given Me, I shall not lose any from it, but shall raise him up in the last day.”*

After making this commitment to Himself and to Yahshua, will He turn His back on us and busy Himself with some other work more important than His own reproduction? There *is* no more important work right now in YAHWEH’s mind! Yahshua Messiah *wills* us to make it to the Kingdom of YAHWEH.

John 17:24, *“Father, those whom You have given to me, I desire that where I am they might also be with me.”*

How sad it is to see former brethren feel that Yahshua has forsaken His people, the Congregation. He tells us He will be with us until the end of this age (Matt. 28:20).

What a pity the enemies of YAHWEH’s Congregation don’t realize this before they lift their hand against the Congregation. They always find that indeed Yahshua is still with us and has not forsaken us, but it is they who have forsaken Yahweh. They discover it is hard to fight against YAHWEH.

Put YAHWEH First

As long as we seek Him and stay with Him, we have a guarantee that YAHWEH will never leave us. Luke 12:31-32: *“But seek the kingdom of YAHWEH and all these things will be added to you. Stop being afraid, little flock, because your Father was pleased to give you the kingdom.”*

There is nothing to fear. Whenever things aren’t going well, YAHWEH *knows* it. He is well aware of it and has a purpose in it.

We just need to make sure we don’t forget YAHWEH. When we are tempted to think this way humanly, we should remember David and remind ourselves of YAHWEH’s great promise, found in Hebrews 13:5, *“Set your way of life without money-loving, being satisfied with present things; for He has said, Not at all will I leave you, not at all will I forsake you, never.”*

Could You Be Tempted by Mammon?

By Don Esposito



We are living in the most covetous pleasure-seeking world that mankind has ever known. And this is only in the last 50 to 70 years or so. In that time, people have become enamored with every kind of pleasure-seeking device, and vice, and the entire worldwide community in one way or another is centered around money.

This is what commercial Babylon is all about! It's about selling and buying and profits and coercing and brainwashing people that only money and material wealth can make a person happy in life.

And this false concept is indoctrinated in our children from the day they are born. People in the USA/Babylon sometimes will spend \$10,000 or more on a child's 1st or 2nd birthday party. They also spend at times as much as \$100,000 or more on weddings.

And after this, from kindergarten, children are brainwashed to think that only by going to worldly educational colleges and grad school will one make a lot of money and be "successful." This is what is programmed in children starting at 5 or 6 years old until the day they die, that only money, and what money can buy, can bring happiness.

And yet, when you look at the richest people on this planet earth, who are movie stars and sports figures, the majority are the most unhappy people with broken families, divorce, and a total lack of morality among human beings that you will ever find.

And the problem is that Satan, who Scripture calls the “*god of this world*” is the mastermind behind this great scam of commercial Babylon and he has portrayed this scam on unsuspecting humans since the Garden of Eden.

2 Co 4:3 But, if our good news is being hidden, it has been hidden to those who are lost,

2 Co 4:4 to those **whose eyes have been blinded by the god of this world**, because they did not believe, lest the light of the glorious good news of the Messiah, who is the image of YAHWEH, should shine on them.

And how did Satan deceive Eve in the Garden? By appealing to her corrupted human nature of wanting the physical before having discipline in her life to see the spiritual.

Gen 3:1 And the **serpent was cunning** above every beast of the field which YAHWEH Elohim had made. And he said to the woman, *Is it* so that Elohim has said, You shall not eat from any tree of the garden?

Gen 3:2 And the woman said to the serpent, of the fruit of the trees of the garden, We may eat,

Gen 3:3 but of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden, Elohim has said, You shall not eat of it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.

Gen 3:4 And the serpent said to the woman, surely, you shall not die,

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

Gen 3:6 And the woman saw that the tree was **good for food**, and that it was **pleasant to the eyes**, and the tree was **desirable to make one wise**. And she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

This is what corrupted Eve. It was the lust for mammon, and the corrupted human nature of human beings without the Spirit of Yahweh in them that only wants what is pleasant to the eyes, and desirable and good to see.

1 Jn 2:15 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,

1 Jn 2:16 because all that which 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 is of the world.

1 Jn 2:17 And the world is passing away, and its lust. But the one doing the will of Elohim abides forever.

The same con game that Satan played in the Garden of Eden is the same con game that he plays on people today. In his system of commercial Babylon, everything that is physical, and lustful, and pleasure oriented is portrayed as the goal that people should strive for to be happy and successful.

And actually, it is just the opposite, as we are creatures of habit, and if a person is self-focused on lust and greed, and money, and material things, then they will also be filled with pride, anxiety, and selfish ambitions, which are opposite of the spiritual state needed to enter the Kingdom of Yahweh.

Mat 20:25 And Yahshua called to them and said to them, You know that the rulers of the gentiles are their masters and their nobles are in authority over them.

Mat 20:26 But it will not be so among you. But whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant.

Mat 20:27 And **whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your servant;**

Mat 20:28 Even as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

Yes, in the Kingdom of Yahweh it is not money and wealth and worldly status that brings one true happiness, but it is having a true relationship with Yahweh, his Creator, and loving and caring for his neighbor and being the greater servant.

And don't just think that this attitude of covetousness and lust is in the western society, as commercial Babylon and the lustful spirit it brings, is bottled up in our human nature and will come out even in the poorest nations on earth if a person doesn't suppress their human nature and surrender to the Ruach of Yahweh; which is a spirit of love, joy, peace, patience, meekness, faith, goodness, kindness, and self-control.

The problem is that even though brethren know that money is a root of all evil, and that Yahweh calls us to come out of commercial Babylon, because of the indoctrination they have received from the world since birth, subconsciously they still think that it is money and mammon that will solve the problems for themselves and for our brethren in Africa and other third world countries.

And unless you mentally fully realize that money and mammon is not the solution, but the problem, you have a great risk and chance to put yourself under the beast system of Revelation chapter 13.

I knew an elder from Kenya many years ago who was an elder for almost 30 years and was one of the head elders in that country. I gave that man \$2,000 cash to go to Ethiopia and to register our congregation there and also in South Sudan.

This man, who was generally honest, had never even seen a \$100 bill before, and the temptation from his corrupted human nature was too much, and he stole the \$2,000 and never gave it back and had to be put out of the congregation.

I share this because sometimes, brethren from the west, think that money is the answer to solve all the problems in third world countries, where I have seen in my 30 years of ministry just the opposite, that it is money that causes rifts, jealousies, temptations, and theft.

1 Ti 6:5 meddling, of men whose mind has been corrupted and deprived of the truth, **who think that worshipping of Elohim is for worldly gain.** Keep away from such people.

1 Ti 6:6 But our gain is greater contentment, for it is the worship of Elohim.

1 Ti 6:7 For we have brought nothing into the world, and it is plain that neither can we carry anything out.

1 Ti 6:8 **But having food and clothing, let us be satisfied with these.**

1 Ti 6:9 **But those purposing to be rich fall into temptation, and a snare, and many foolish and hurtful lusts, which plunge men into ruin and destruction.**

1 Ti 6:10 **For the love of money is a root of all evils**, by means of which some having lusted after it were seduced from the faith, and they themselves pierced through by many pains.

The Bible is clear that with food and clothing let us be content, and that the desire and chasing after money in a believer's life will only end in failure and possibly be pulled from the only true faith they were called to.

Now, some from Babylon and western countries reading this may be saying right now, "Ok, I understand what you're saying, and I can see that some third world brethren due to their upbringing cannot handle having too much money, but to me, it's acceptable, because I have never been tempted with money and I would never steal or take something that is not mine."

First off, don't be too sure that you are not liable for the sin of coveting, as coveting is not just wanting or desiring something that is not yours, but it is **a wrongful desire to want something that Yahweh has not intended for you to have.**

This is true whether you can afford the item or not.

In the covetous world we live in today, people in commercial Babylon covet everything in Satan's society that Yahweh never intended for humans to desire.

We can start with divorce and remarriage, which Scripture calls adultery and the desire to have another person's spouse that Yahweh never intended.

And from there you can continue to name every wicked evil that Satan, the god of this world, has instilled in commercial Babylon. Starting from the wicked Internet, which is filled with every kind of evil, and lust, and adultery imaginable, to social media that was only installed by Satan to falsely market his system of commercial Babylon daily, and make people dissatisfied with their lives, and try to have things not given to them and be a person that they are not.

From there, you can continue to every last part of life in this wicked, end-time system of Satan, as he markets human beings daily with the food they eat, the clothes they wear, and every new technological gadget and toy that their human nature covets daily.

Now, with Satan's iPhone he can send text messages marketing you at every store you enter and he can keep you busy with texts and social media platforms literally 24 hours day. He can brainwash and control the food you eat, the jobs you perform, and steer you in any direction with every new technology and game he creates.

And the fact that Yahweh did not create any of these platforms, whether Facebook, or Twitter, now X (interesting name), or any of the commercial brainwashing that is done to humans daily, shows that if you are part of that system, and you own the iPhone that was only created for the brainwashing of humans and the mark of the beast technology, then you have not only been tempted by the mammon of Satan's commercial Babylon, but you have taken the temptation, just as Eve did in the Garden of Eden.

And worse than that, it is not just the gadgets and coveting of all the technological bribes of Satan to get you into his system, but these devices are also brainwashing devices, as whatever you focus on becomes most real to you, and they will determine the person who you have become. The frequencies used in these devices are also being used to monitor and change the frequencies in your body.

When I see Amish people and talk with them it is like speaking with people from two hundred years ago. This is because they have never seen a TV program, they have never looked at a website, they have never shopped at a mall, and their mind is different than the entire society that has acquiesced to Satan's system of commercial Babylon.

Luk 22:31 And the Master said, Simon, Simon, behold! **Satan wants to sift all of you like wheat.**

Yes, Satan wants to sift all of us as a grain of wheat, and if that does not put fear in you, and if you don't fully understand how his devices in his society can alter your brain and thinking, then he has you right where he wants you.

Yahweh doesn't tell us in the end time to be part of Satan's system of commercial Babylon, or to own the technological devices Satan created, but only use them for good; NO, but **He tells us to come out of it and have nothing to do with it.**

2 Co 6:15 And what **agreement does the Messiah have with Satan?** Or what part does a believer have with an unbeliever?

2 Co 6:16 And what **harmony has the sanctuary of Elohim with idols?** For you are the sanctuary of the living Elohim, even as it is said, "I will dwell in them and walk among them, and I will be their Elohim, and they shall be My people."

2 Co 6:17 Because of this, "**Come out from among them and be separated, says YAHWEH, and do not touch the unclean thing,** and I will receive you."

2 Co 6:18 "And I will be a Father to you, and you will be sons and daughters to Me, says YAHWEH Almighty."

Rev 18:4 And I heard another voice out of Heaven saying, **My people, come out of her, that you may not share in her sins, and that you may not receive of her plagues;**

The whole system of end-time commercial Babylon is an oppressive system that has almost 80% of the world living on less than \$5 a day. It has the wicked, satanic, rich, global elite like Klaus Schwab from the World Economic Forum trying to suppress the poorest people on the planet. And in the time we are living, in if you are not coming out of the world system of Satan, then you are making yourself an enemy of Yahweh.

1 Jn 2:15 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,

1 Jn 2:16 because all that which 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 is of the world.

You can't have it both ways. You can't serve two masters. You are either serving Satan as the god of this world and are part of his system, or you are serving Yahweh and living for the Kingdom of Yahweh.

Mat 6:19 Do not treasure up for you treasures on the earth, where moth and rust cause to perish, and where thieves dig through and steal.

Mat 6:20 But treasure up for you treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust cause to perish, and where thieves do not dig through and steal.

Mat 6:21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Mat 6:24 No one is able to serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and he will love the other; or he will cleave to the one, and he will despise the other. **You are not able to serve YAHWEH and wealth.**

The Amish were remnants of the true Philadelphia congregation and we can see that by abstaining from modern technology, and the Internet, and social media, and iPhones and the like, that they have a different spirit as they are not corrupted by this world's system the way most people are.

The Amish had one simple rule that has kept them separate for over 400 years. **If something even had the potential to bring evil into the home, then it was better to abstain from it than take the risk of being corrupted.** That is why they don't have electricity, not because electricity in itself is wrong, but because it has the potential to bring evil into the home. Where would they be today if they did not follow that mandate?

Consider that when thinking about bringing the next electronical gadget into your life.

Through false Christianity, Satan has deceived most Christians to believe the mark of the beast is forced on people and has to do with publicly and physically denying Yahshua. And yet that is not the case, it is actually the opposite; people in the end time will embrace commercial Babylon and the mark that it will bring on its society.

Rev 13:8 And all those dwelling in the earth will worship it, those of whom the names had not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb having been slain from the foundation of the world.

Rev 13:9 If anyone has an ear, let him hear.

Do you have ears to hear? Can you see that it is lustful and evil to be part of Satan's system of greed and covetousness that Yahweh is calling His end-time saints out of?

Have you been conditioned in that system for so long that it simply just seems normal to you? Or maybe you agree with everything written in this article and because you have been so conditioned to only survive in commercial Babylon you are simply too afraid to leave and don't have the faith to follow Yahweh and trust and rely only on Him in these end times as we approach His Kingdom.

I want to end this article with an encouraging story from my recent trip to Ethiopia, near the South Sudan border. These brethren had to leave their kibbutz about 4 years ago and homesteaded some land toward the South Sudan border. The land was absolutely free and it had wood on it and all materials for building their tukuls (huts) to live in.

They pooled their animals together and they have more than 650 cows, and 1000 goats and sheep. They grow their own food and vegetables and have everything they need right on the property.

This was not an accident. They left where they were because they wanted to obey Yahweh and fully leave Satan's system of commercial Babylon. They have no Internet or iPhone on the property. They homeschool their children and are fully following Yahweh's end-time mandate for His firstfruits.

Rev 14:4 These are the ones who had not become defiled, for they are pure. These are the ones following the Lamb wherever He may go. These were redeemed from among men being the first-fruits to YAHWEH and to the Lamb.

Rev 14:5 And no decoy was found in their mouth, for **they are unmarked** before the throne of YAHWEH.

These brethren in Ethiopia/S Sudan are among the poorest people in the world and yet they have every last need supplied by Yahweh Almighty and are the happiest people I have ever witnessed in my life. They have fully come out of commercial Babylon as Scripture states, and they are living proof that it can be done.

The question you must ask yourself is why haven't you come out of the system of commercial Babylon that Satan is the god of? Why are you still on social media or why do you still own a smart phone, knowing it is being used to brainwash people and is the technology that is being used for the mark of the beast tracking system?

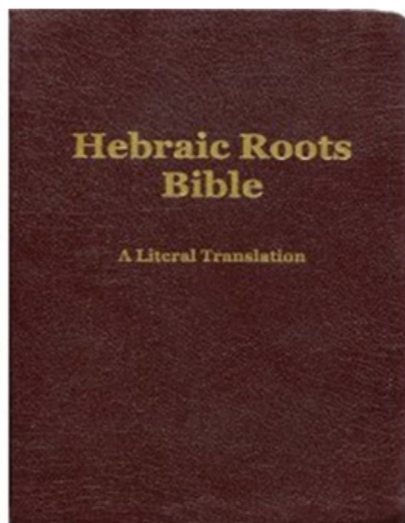
Why do you still work in Satan's world where you are restricted in your faith, and forced to follow unscriptural mandates, such as during Covid a few short years ago.

The name of this article is called, "*Can you be tempted by mammon?*" And the reality is that if you answered yes to any of the above questions, you already have been.

It's not too late, "***Come out from among them and be separate!***" Use the example of our wonderful brethren in Ethiopia to see you don't have to be a slave in Satan's system of commercial Babylon just to get food and survive.

There is another way. We are Yahweh's ambassadors for His soon coming Kingdom and we must live in a Kingdom mentality daily.

There is still time to change, but that road is narrow and that door is closing. Make the decision today!!



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WHEN MONEY FAILS\$



Chronic inflation is a fact of our age. Like the first of the plagues of Egypt, YAHWEH has not spared His people from its ravages. But what does inflation mean for the future? What should Congregation members know—and do—about this economic ill?

Reprint Article by Jeff Calkins

Few of us realize the kind of disruption, the social breakdown, the Sodom and Gomorrah-like conditions that can happen during periods of hyperinflation. Many of you have heard or read about what happened to Germany in 1923. In order to meet reparations payments for World War I, the government literally cranked up its printing presses and flooded the country with worthless paper money.

It was perhaps the greatest inflation of all time and a harbinger of what may be in store just before the beginning of the Great Tribulation. In Germany, delirium reigned. Workers got paid every day at noon and would then run to the nearest store with literally sackfuls of money in order to buy anything, *at any price*. Otto Friedrich, in his book *Before the Deluge*, described the chaos of the time:

“In their frenzy, people paid millions and even billions of marks for cuckoo clocks, shoes that didn’t fit, anything that could be traded for something else.”

“The celebrated conductor, Bruno Walter, had to break up his rehearsals in mid-symphony for the regular midday rush, and after a typical scramble, he recalled, one of his musicians triumphantly displayed his reward for a day’s work—a bag of salt.”

And there were worse incidents. “The old were equally helpless. One elderly writer named Maximilian Bern withdrew all his savings, more than 100,000 marks and spent them on one subway ticket. He took a ride around Berlin and then locked himself in his apartment and starved to death.”

Prophesied for Our Day

The Bible foretells that inflation—at least in the sense of oppressively rising prices—will be a plague of the end-times. Notice Haggai 1:6, “Yea, one earning wages, earns his wages to put it into a bag with holes.”

Every person who has seen the buying power of his money be continually eroded because of rising prices can well understand that, that prophecy has already come to pass.

The book of Revelation also foretells inflation: “A measure of wheat for a denarius, and three measures of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine” (Rev. 6:6).

A measure of wheat for a penny sounds like a bargain these days. But consider, a measure of wheat at the time John penned the book of Revelation was two or three pints. A penny was the day’s wages of a laborer. In North America today, a factory worker’s pay is conservatively around \$40 a day. So, consider: three pints of wheat for \$40!

That is inflation. Moreover, as we would expect from the time sequence, the prophecy bears a striking resemblance to our own pretribulation times: While food is scarce, it still has a market price.

The mention of oil and wine has several layers of meaning, one of which is an allusion to the practice in ancient Roman provinces of exporting oil and wine to Rome regardless of the scarcity of food at home. The main meaning, of course, is that oil and wine, having become scarce and expensive, must be spared for the *highest priority* uses.

When Money Fails

Biblical descriptions of money and prices bring out several important lessons about high prices:

Scarcity can make your money worthless. In Joseph’s time, when “famine [crop shortage] was over all the face of the earth” (Gen. 41:56), the fact was reflected in the price of food. Thus, when Jacob sent his sons to buy food in Egypt, he told them to take “double money” (Gen. 43:12).

Another example of scarcity-induced price increases was the siege in Samaria in the time of Elisha: “And there was a great famine in Samaria. And behold! They [the Syrians] were laying siege to it until the head of a donkey was at eighty silver pieces, and a fourth of a cab of dove’s dung at five silver pieces” (2 Kings 6:25).

Today, silver sells for around \$30.00 an ounce. Imagine! Over \$150.00 for a small quantity of bird waste!

And, of course, the law of supply and demand works the opposite way as well. When the Syrians prematurely abandoned their invasion and left their provisions behind (2 Kings 7:6 and 8), the inhabitants of the city went out and gathered up those provisions. Supply increased. And prices came down.

Inflation increases the power of those who hold tangible goods. In the time of Joseph’s famine, people had money, but no food. The price of food went up, and they soon ran out of money.

Since money in the Bible was synonymous with a given weight of silver or gold (See Ezra 7:15-17, 2 Kings 12:10-11), the government could not just go and print up some more. Thus their “money failed” (Gen. 47:15), and they had to *barter* their livestock for food (Gen. 47:17).

After they had bartered away their livestock, they were forced to barter their land and their labor. If they hadn’t possessed some *tangible* goods to barter after their money ran out, they would have starved (Gen. 47:19).

And in the end, because the Egyptian government had correctly “anticipated market conditions,” it ended up owning everything. A closely related lesson from this account is that inflation favors those who hold or produce tangible necessities (as opposed to luxuries).

Inflation: A Result of Sin

Inflation is the bad result of human government’s failure to restrain its own covetousness and ambition. There are two ways in which this happens.

Sometimes, in order to stimulate the economy, the government will (through a complicated series of banking transactions) cause more money to come into circulation. Credit becomes easier. Businesses expand and hire more people. Wages go up and people buy more.

But while there's more money floating around, there aren't as many things to buy with that money. Sellers find they have to (and they want to anyway, of course) raise their prices just to make sure they don't run out of products.

And, almost always at the same time, the government itself spends more money than it takes in. Its workers get pay raises, more people are put on the government payroll, more programs are started. Tax revenues don't cover it all.

The government has to either, a) raise taxes, b) cut back or c) in effect, print the money to cover its deficit.

Human nature being what it is, printing more money is the most painless alternative in the short run, and so the government chooses it. The extra money circulates through the country, but again, there aren't as many extra things as possible to buy with that money. So, prices go up.

Viewed this way, inflation is a kind of hidden tax that the government imposes on its citizens. The famous British economist of the 1930s, John Maynard Keynes, a man who, ironically, promoted the kind of government policies that led to our present inflationary troubles, admitted:

"By a continuing process of inflation, governments can confiscate, secretly and unobserved, an important part of the wealth of their citizens...The process engages all the hidden forces of economic law on the side of destruction."

Thus, in a sense, inflation is the result of the breaking of divine law. First, "Thou shall not steal" and "Thou shall not covet," which applies to governments as well as to private citizens.

More explicitly, since inflation is the result of government's manipulation of the value of its money for its own ends, the plain command of Deuteronomy 25:14-15 is violated:

"You shall not have in your house an ephah and an ephah, a great and a small. You shall have a perfect and just weight; [in Bible times prior to the Babylonian captivity, the value of money was determined by weight], you shall have a perfect and a just ephah; so that they prolong your days."

Another command prohibits the government of Israel from unjustly enriching itself at the expense of its own citizens: "neither shall he [the king or sovereign] greatly multiply to himself silver and gold" (Deut. 17:17).

We should also remember that it was the evil kings of Israel and Judah, Menahem (2 Kings 15:18) and Jehoiakim (2 Kings 23:37) who imposed special taxations on the people. (While they did not do so by inflation, the principle still applies.)

Finally, perhaps the boldest condemnation of inflationary sin is found in Amos:

"Hear this, you who swallow up the poor, even to make the humble of the earth to cease, saying, when will the new moon have passed, so that we may buy grain? Or the Sabbath, so that we may open the wheat, making (quantity) smaller the ephah, and making greater the shekel, (money required to buy something) and to falsify the deceitful balances" (Amos 8:4-5).

When we consider that poor people—especially those on fixed incomes—are particularly unable to cope with inflation, this scripture takes on added power.

What Can We Do?

Knowing that inflation favors those who possess the tangible necessities of life, and also knowing that famine is prophesied, your first plan of action may be to begin to store large quantities of food. Storing food is both practical and can offer a hedge against coming inflation.

There are some other things we can do to stave off the ravages of inflation. *The principle is, "A prudent one sees the evil coming and hides himself, but the foolish go on and are punished"* (Prov. 22:3).

1. Despite what you may have heard, gold and silver may not be all that good as inflation hedges. In times of economic turmoil, governments often *confiscate* their citizens' gold.

Also, while it is not the province of this article to give specific investment advice, gold and silver are two investments that are mentioned in Bible prophecy. The forecast, however, is *not* bullish:

"They shall throw their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be an impure thing. Their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of YAHWEH. They shall not satisfy their soul, and they shall not fill their bowels, for their iniquity has become a stumbling-block for them" (Ezek. 7:19).

You cannot eat gold. You must buy it retail and sell it back wholesale. You may have to pay assay charges. You can't buy in quantities of less than an ounce, and so, in times of social breakdown, how would you pay for a loaf of bread? By clipping off a piece of your Krugerrand?

Of course, since gold is regarded as a disaster hedge by many investors, prudence might dictate that perhaps a *small* fraction of your liquid assets be in gold: and for almost all of us, that wouldn't be enough to buy much more than one gold coin at today's prices.

2. Other investments: Use your spare cash as a down payment to buy your own home, acquire marketable skills and keep your house and car insurance up to date. Rent will always rise and if you can own a small property, it cuts the inflation process of living dramatically. These ideas follow from the great principle laid down by Solomon in the Bible:

"Know well the face of your flock; set your heart on your herds" (Prov. 27:23).

3. Cut expenses: Substitute your own labor for expensive purchased labor whenever possible by doing your own repair work. This depends on how you value your own time and whether you *like* to do your own repair work. (A lawyer who types faster than his secretary should still allow his secretary to do his typing because any given hour of his time is far more profitably spent using his legal abilities than typing.)

Substitute vegetables for some of your meat. (Many Americans eat too much meat.)

Prepare your food and eat at home if you have the time. If you don't (time is money) some ethnic restaurants are cheaper than steakhouses. Remember, *"A man who loves pleasure shall be poor, he who loves wine and oil shall not be rich"* (Prov. 21:17).

4. Avoid get-rich-quick schemes that cost you money. The Bible principle is plain here: *"A faithful man shall be full of blessings, but he rushing to be rich shall not be innocent"* (Prov. 28:20, marginal rendering). Margin stock speculation, highly leveraged commodity futures, could cause you to lose *great amounts* of your money. (Farmers, grain dealers and professional investors have, of course, legitimate uses for the commodities futures markets.)

The Most Important Inflation Hedge

5. Be righteous. YAHWEH has the supernatural power to ensure that His people do not suffer privation. YAHWEH always has the power to hedge you from the ravages of inflation (see Job 1:10).

King David made this principle plain: *"YAHWEH knows the days of the upright; yea, their inheritance shall be forever. They shall not be ashamed in an evil time; and they shall be full in days of famine ... I have been young and am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, or his seed begging bread"* (Ps. 37:18-19, 25).

So, even though we do have a responsibility to provide for our children and our grandchildren through all the know-how and skills we can muster, in the end it is YAHWEH in whom we must place all our trust, never wavering. That is the most sound investment anyone can make.

WILLPOWER



Why You Need It—How to Have It

Willpower is one of the most valuable character traits a Disciple can possess. How can you develop this important quality?

Reprint Article by Bernard W. Schnippert

Today's overweight person has available to him every conceivable aid that science can muster to help him lose weight. Dozens of magazine articles and whole racks of books are devoted to this or that type of diet, various programs for getting in shape. Calorie counters, charts, scales, pills and high-priced gyms and exercise equipment are offered.

Yes, the modern dieter can come by (or should we say *buy*?) just about anything he needs to lose weight—anything, that is, but the one thing he needs most of all—willpower!

Yes, lack of plain old willpower has stood in the way of more than one would-be dieter. And, in this or other areas, it has stood in front of you and me too!

Lack of willpower has stopped us from accomplishing what we want to on our jobs or on our days off. It has stopped us from cutting the grass, getting the exercise we need or painting the house.

But, more important, a lack of willpower can stand in front of us and block our access to YAHWEH's Kingdom.

The Apostle Paul realized this weakness of human nature. He saw that the good intentions with which the proverbial road to hell (death) is paved are no substitute for the spiritual zeal that builds dynamic growth, the zeal that is founded in willpower (Heb. 2:1-3).

Yahshua said, "It will not be that just everyone who says to Me, Master, Master, will enter into the kingdom of Heaven, but the ones who do the will of My Father in Heaven" (Matt. 7:21).

To do the will of our Father in heaven, we need to bend our own willpower to the task. That is, if we have the willpower in the first place.

Needed: Real Willpower

But do not misunderstand. We cannot make it into YAHWEH's Kingdom on our own power, or by the strength of our own will or works. No, we are saved by faith through grace (Eph. 2:8).

And you and I cannot, of ourselves, somehow conjure up the fruits of YAHWEH's Spirit that we must exhibit in our daily lives. Those fruits come only from that Spirit, which lives in us.

But willpower is necessary. We need willpower to force ourselves to pray and study the Bible, so we may grow in faith. We need willpower to overcome bad habits like smoking or excessive drinking or overeating. We need willpower to keep ourselves in good physical health, so our minds might function effectively as we try to grow spiritually. And willpower is necessary to keep at least the physical element of YAHWEH's commands (e.g., "bodily exercise profits"—1 Timothy 4:8) as we strive toward YAHWEH's Kingdom.

Even the willpower that some in our society exhibit can sometimes prove to be wispy indeed. The willpower many call upon is in reality often a mere shadow of strength, and it is hammered at by destructive enemies.

Willpower's Enemies

What are the enemies of our willpower?

Bad habits perhaps lead the list. After repeating something for a long time, our "automatic pilot" tends to take over. When it does, it can be difficult to return the control to our conscious minds. And when our automatic pilot has been set on the negative, we can end up staggering under the weight of numerous bad habits.

Peer pressure is another destructive force hammering away at our willpower. It's just plain hard to buck a crowd that's going the other way than you are. If the world around you was traveling the proper direction instead of the wrong one, it would be far easier to chart a steady and positive course.

Procrastination is another enemy. Too often we avoid doing what we should by simply delaying our actions for one more day. One day adds upon another until we have successfully avoided the project altogether.

Plain **laziness** afflicts a lot of people. Laziness is not necessarily the opposite of willpower—the opposite of willpower is weakness. Laziness is not necessarily a lack of strength, but it does reflect a lack of ambition.

Even Moses fell prey to one of the enemies of willpower—**excuses**. Our excuses for not doing this or that are rarely good. And neither were Moses'. See how many excuses Moses found when YAHWEH told him to rescue the children of Israel (Ex. 3-4)? You and I are just as susceptible, or more so, than he was to offering excuses for not doing things we don't want to do.

More and more people don't take positive action these days because of **doubt**. They doubt that they have the ability to reach the goal that is set before them. They don't pray or study as they should, they don't fast as they should and they don't try to overcome their bad habits because they don't really believe they could make any progress even if they wanted to.

Certainly such an attitude denies YAHWEH's power as well as their own, for Paul set us the example of "being confident of this very thing, that the One having begun a good work in you will finish it until the day of Yahshua Messiah" (Phil. 1:6). If YAHWEH is confident that we can reach His Kingdom with His help and a little human willpower, why should we doubt?

Closely coupled with doubt is another enemy of willpower—**fear**. Fear overwhelmed our spiritual forefathers, the ancient Israelites, causing their hearts to melt for fear of the "giants" in the promised land (Num. 13:32-14:4). Our hearts can also wax weak at the daily trials we face. Fear of our trials can simply shred our paper-thin willpower into a heap of confetti.

Where There's a Will...

But there is hope! With YAHWEH's help, you can build firm resolve and strong determination to exercise your spiritual muscle.

You can learn to be the master of your own body! You can build a healthy prayer and Bible study schedule. You can exercise your body and your mind, and you can bring yourself under control.

But willpower does not spring up through spontaneous combustion. No, it takes work. But without the knowledge of how to build the willpower, our sincerest hopes for strength of character will go unfulfilled.

The real way to building willpower is found in the old phrase: “Where there’s a will, there’s a way.” The reverse is also true: Where there is a way (i.e., an earnestly desired goal firmly in mind), there is a will (the willpower to strive toward it).

The goal you and I should center on is that of the Kingdom of YAHWEH. Planting that goal deep within our hearts and minds will cause a burning desire that can light the fire of ambition toward that goal.

Remember the story of the man who found treasure hidden in the field? Read it in Matthew 13:44: “Again, the kingdom of Heaven is compared to treasure being hidden in the field, which finding, a man hid; and for the joy of it, he goes and sells all things, as many as he has, and buys that field.”

To seek YAHWEH’s Kingdom with the alacrity and zeal—the willpower—pictured by the man who sold all he had to buy the field, we must feel the same way about the Kingdom as the man did about that treasure. We must want it above all else.

If you want YAHWEH’s Kingdom and YAHWEH’s way badly enough, you will find a will to make yourself pray and study. You will find a will to overcome your smoking habit or your overeating. If you want the Kingdom badly enough, you will develop the willpower to seek it.

But the strong desire, the earnest yearning and zealous action of willpower to reach that goal, does not, even then, come merely from within ourselves. Paul explained this when he wrote. “For it is Elohim who is working in you both to will and to work for the sake of His good pleasure” (Phil. 2:13).

A Simple Solution

Our society is so accustomed to expecting man’s intellect to solve his problems that we can come into YAHWEH’s truth expecting answers to our problems to be quite complicated. We tend to think we should read some special book to build willpower or go through a deep psychoanalysis to find what event in our early years doomed us to be weak-willed for the remainder of our lives.

But YAHWEH’s way of solving our problems is more simple. When it comes to spiritual willpower, the simple truth is that YAHWEH will give us all we need, if we ask Him: *“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For each one that asks receives, and the one that seeks finds; and to the one knocking, it will be opened”* (Matt. 7:7-8).

Even though true spiritual willpower must come from YAHWEH (for man of himself has neither the will or desire for YAHWEH’s Kingdom nor the power to get there), nonetheless there are things you can do to make yourself a more fertile resting place for YAHWEH’s Spirit.

You can, in fact, turn many of the enemies of willpower into your friends.

You will realize that repetition and habit, for example, while they can be destructive when you are locked into a negative habit, can also be put to positive use. If you pray an hour a day for 30 days, it will be that much easier to pray the same amount on the 31st day.

And, you can learn to discipline yourself through well planned prods on yourself. You can pay someone a few dollars to make sure they get you out of bed at a certain time every day.

Think of methods you can apply to your own circumstances to get you started building good habits. Develop the *way* and watch your *willpower* blossom.

You can use peer pressure to your advantage, too. True, it is hard to buck the crowd if they are going in the opposite direction from you. But sometimes the solution is to travel down another street. If you pick friends who are trying to build positive habits, positive habits will be easier for you to build (Prov. 13:20).

Also, learn to replace with courage the doubt that drags down your willpower. Courage comes from preparing to face the future and learning through positive experience (Rom. 5:1-5).

In place of your fear, ask YAHWEH for faith. He is the Author of faith, and He alone can give you a believing and positive attitude (Gal. 5:22).

Replace procrastination with a do-it-now attitude. From a good time-management book, you can learn to organize your time and energy so you can do it now, as well as do many other things later. You will find that doing something now means that you do not have an overwhelming load of things to do tomorrow.

Finally, as you see yourself accomplishing things through applying the principles of willpower, take a bit of humble satisfaction in the accomplishments.

Seeing accomplishment encourages one to greater growth and greater zeal: “Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a tree of life is desire fulfilled” (Prov. 13:12).

You Can Do It

Yes, you can build willpower. You can build willpower if you want YAHWEH’s Kingdom badly enough, for where there is a burning desire for a “way” (a goal), there is willpower to back it up.

But remember, no matter how hard you try (and you should try hard!), you cannot build the willpower necessary for attaining YAHWEH’s Kingdom without YAHWEH’s Spirit, the source of all power, in you. For, as Paul said in 2 Timothy 1:7, “For YAHWEH did not give a spirit of cowardice to us, but of power [including willpower] and of love and of good discipline.”

So, it is YAHWEH who gives us both the will and the power—the willpower, if you please—to strive toward His Kingdom. Ask YAHWEH for that willpower and He will not deny it to you.

Yes, feeble men can package diets, pills, books, scales or exercise equipment to help the dieter reach his goal, but they will never be able to market willpower.

But don’t worry! For YAHWEH will give it to you, if you want His Kingdom badly enough and if you ask Him for the willpower to attain it.

Are You a Servant or Hireling?

SERVANT LEADERSHIP



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A few months ago, a good friend of mine told me that he stayed awake one night wondering whether he was truly a servant of Yahshua Messiah—or simply a hireling.

What an interesting thought! Has it ever crossed your mind? Have you ever wondered about your own status? Do you even know the difference between a servant and a hireling?

Strange as it may seem, quite a few people in YAHWEH's Congregation today—despite their good intentions—often think and act as though they were only hirelings. Why? What makes them—without realizing it—be what they don't want to be?

The answer is obvious: They have not fully grasped the purpose of their calling. Have you? Do you believe that your *own* salvation is the reason YAHWEH called you into His Congregation? If so, you are bound to think and act like a hireling.

Yahshua said: *“I am the Good Shepherd! The Good Shepherd lays down His life on behalf of the sheep”* (John 10:11).

Think of it. A good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep. Yahshua did that! Take the time to meditate on these words—seriously. Ask yourself, in all honesty, if this is the way you feel toward your brethren or toward the people in the world. Would you die for someone else—even a stranger?

“But this verse only applies to the ministers, not to the lay members,” you may argue. “It’s the shepherd who is supposed to lay down his life for the sheep.” That is the reasoning of a hireling! We have all been called to serve. Ministers, like lay members, are servants—each according to his ability and the job he has been given.

A good shepherd is a good servant. He loves his sheep and will die for them if need be. This principle applies to every last one of us in YAHWEH’s Congregation. One way or the other, we all are shepherds when it comes to serving in love and fulfilling our responsibilities.

“But the hireling, not even being a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and forsakes the sheep and flees. And the wolf seizes them, and scatters the sheep” (verse 12).

What’s the reason? Why does a hireling flee when he sees danger? Why does he forsake the sheep? “But the hireling flees because he is a hireling, and there is not a care to him concerning the sheep,” explained Yahshua (verse 13).

The Parable of the Vineyard

Whether we act like hirelings or servants in YAHWEH’s Congregation, we still are laborers. Collectively, we have been commissioned to do a job—a very important one. But hirelings don’t have the same incentive, nor do they work the way good servants do.

The parable of the vineyard helps us to better understand this truth. Yahshua began the parable, saying to His disciples: “For the kingdom of Heaven is like a man, a house Master, who went out when it was early to hire workers into his vineyard. And he bargained with the laborers for a denarius per day. And he sent them to his vineyard” (Matt. 20:1-2).

A few hours later, he saw other men who were standing idle, and he also ordered them to go to his vineyard. He didn’t disclose their wages. He simply promised he would give them whatever was right.

About noontime, he found more laborers who were idle and gave them the same instructions. Finally, about an hour before quitting time, he saw another group of laborers standing idle, and he asked them, *“And going out about the eleventh hour, he found others standing idle, and said to them, Why do you stand here idle all day? They said to him, Because no one has hired us. He said to them, You also go into the vineyard, and you will receive whatever is just”* (verses 6-7).

All these laborers were hirelings. They were hired for a certain job and were promised a fair remuneration for their efforts. That was their reward. None was interested in anything but his pay—what he would actually get, not the way he worked or what he could give.

“And having come, the first supposed that they would receive more. And they also each received a denarius. And having received it, they murmured against the house Master (verses 10-11), saying, ‘These last have performed one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the heat of the day.’”

It wasn't a question of deserving more, because the ones hired at the beginning of the day did receive what was agreed upon between them and the householder. It was primarily a matter of justice—from their own point of view.

Yahshua told one of them: “Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me?”

What an important lesson for all of us to learn—and to remember!

According to Ability

You had no way of choosing your family, your country or your environment at birth. In some ways, you may think you were under a certain handicap in life, as far as your starting line is concerned. That's quite possible.

Nevertheless, what really counts is the final destination—the arriving point, the ultimate goal. As a child grows up, he is able to choose his friends, his career, the directions he wants to give his life.

He can even choose the Elohim he is going to worship. Consequently, even though you may have been under a certain handicap at the start you now have the same chances as anyone else to reach the ultimate goal: the Kingdom of YAHWEH.

YAHWEH is always just—always right. He has given each of us the means to succeed. He never expects more than we are able to give. This is the principle Yahshua underlined when He compared Himself to a “man going on a journey.” He called His servants “and entrusted to them his property; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability.”

In the same manner, today, some of us in YAHWEH's Congregation have received five talents, some two, some only one—each according to his ability. And YAHWEH reveals that to whom much is given, much is required.

Suppose you were blessed with five talents, while someone else, a friend of yours, only received two. When the time of judgement comes, would you ask YAHWEH: “Why do you give this man as much as you give me? I have multiplied five times my talents, whereas he has multiplied his but twice. Don't I deserve more than he does?”

Remember: That's the way a hireling would reason. In truth, both of you did equally as well with the talents you received. Both of you doubled what you had. You must constantly endeavor to do your utmost, whatever your task, and even do more than is expected of you. However, this doesn't mean that YAHWEH expects us to go beyond our ability.

Yahshua said: *“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 do”* (Luke 17:10).

A hireling will not work if there is no reward or pay. His philosophy is: no pay, no work. A good servant is interested in doing the work—not in getting paid. That’s the basic difference. He expects to do more than is required of him, regardless of what his pay or his reward may be.

Can you now see that it takes real conversion to be a good servant? You must bear the “fruit of the Spirit”—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness. You will have to give the best of yourself, to always be willing and ready to sacrifice for someone else’s good.

Do you realize that even the apostles didn’t understand the difference between a servant and a hireling until they received the Holy Spirit on the Day of Shavuot? Prior to that time, they sometimes acted like hirelings. Notice it:

“And coming up to Him, Jacob and John, the sons of Zebedee, said, Teacher, we desire that whatever we may ask You would do for us. And He said to them, What do you desire for Me to do for you? And they said to Him, Give us that we may sit one off the right of You and one off the left of You in Your glory” (Mark 10:35-37).

Can you imagine that? A few hours before the arrest of Yahshua Messiah—at the time of sorrow and deep concern—the primary thought in the minds of some of the apostles was how great a place they would occupy in the Kingdom of YAHWEH.

Isn’t this the way some of us reason today?

But Yahshua said to them: “You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles Master it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant.”

And Yahshua added, “whoever would be first among you must be slave of all.”

Does YAHWEH Owe You Anything?

Do you remember the circumstances that led you into YAHWEH’s Congregation? How did you first hear the truth? What was your reaction? Did you decide to get involved in the Congregation because you simply wanted to be saved? Was that the price you set for answering the call? Did you think—or perhaps still do—that YAHWEH owes you something for not working on the Sabbath or for tithing?

Consider for a moment Simon Peter’s reaction and attitude when Yahshua called him to be His disciple. Peter fell down on his knees and said to Him, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, Master” (Luke 5:8).

Is this the way you felt? **Is it really?** Simon Peter realized how unworthy he was and how little he deserved to be called to serve YAHWEH. “Look, I am a simple man,” he must have said. “Don’t come to me. I can’t handle the task you have in mind for me. I am nothing.”

Unfortunately, we did not all come into YAHWEH’s Congregation with this type of an attitude. Some have never reached this point. Others, perhaps, upon hearing the call, acted like the man who told Yahshua, “And it happened as they were going in the way, one said to Him, I will follow You everywhere You may go, Master. And Yahshua said to him, *The foxes have holes, and the birds of the heaven have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere He may lay His head*” (Luke 9:57-58).

That was the parting point as far as the man was concerned. He was no longer interested in the calling. It didn’t appeal to him. He had primarily wanted to be a hireling—to get paid for whatever

services he would render. His reasoning was: “I will follow you but, first of all, what’s in it for me? How much do I get?”

To another Yahshua said, “And He said to another, Follow Me. But he (the man) said, Master, allow me to go first to bury my father. But Yahshua said to him, Leave the dead to bury their dead, but going out, you announce the kingdom of YAHWEH” (verses 59-60).

The man didn’t get the point because he himself was spiritually dead. On his list of priorities, the physical things came before the spiritual ones.

“And also another said, I will follow You, Master, but first allow me to take leave of those in my house” (verse 61). In other words, the man wanted to first live it up, perhaps cry a little over what he was leaving behind—regret the good times he could have had. He thought the sacrifice required was too great a price to pay.

Do you reason like him? Do you put off your *true* conversion until you have tried everything else in life and have had all the fun you want? What assurance do you have that you will be kept alive in the meantime?

Procrastination is tantamount to failure. On your list of priorities, *YAHWEH* must always come *first*, whatever the circumstances. This is another important key that helps you determine whether you are a servant or just a hireling.

Counting the Cost

Persecution and sufferings are part of our calling. They help us to trust YAHWEH even more. As Paul said, “It is right by much tribulation to enter into the Kingdom of Elohim” (Acts 14:22).

When YAHWEH called you to repentance did you actually take time to count the cost before burying your sins and your carnal nature in the baptismal waters? Did you really count the cost—rather than the return?

Yahshua said, “If anyone comes to Me and does not love less than Me, his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brothers and sisters, and besides, even his own life, he cannot be My disciple” (Luke 14:26).

This is the engagement we made—or should have made—at the time of our baptism. Did you? Take time and think. Did you count the cost to see whether you had enough to *finish* the job—not just to start it?

Did you say to yourself: “Someday I may have to lose my family, my friends, my job—and even my life. **Whatever the cost, I will continue serving Yahshua in order to be His servant and His friend. I will always follow Him and rely on Him.**”

As the Apostle Paul wrote, we are the temple of the Holy Spirit that dwells in us. “You were bought with a price; then glorify Elohim in your body, and in your spirit, which belong to Elohim” (1 Cor. 6:19-20).

A hireling would never glorify YAHWEH in his body. He doesn’t know how, nor does he understand the meaning of the word. But the servant does. He knows that to glorify YAHWEH is to obey, love and serve Him—and to love and serve his own fellowmen. **If you are a servant of Yahshua Messiah, your life is no longer yours.** You are His slave. You were bought with the price of His blood.

Could there be anything more rewarding for you than to have the opportunity to serve in YAHWEH's Kingdom? Yahshua compared the Kingdom to "*Again, the kingdom of Heaven is compared to treasure being hidden in the field, which finding, a man hid; and for the joy of it, he goes and sells all things, as many as he has, and buys that field*" (Matt. 13:44).

Again, the kingdom of Heaven is compared to a man, a merchant seeking excellent pearls" (verse 45).

Hirelings don't understand the depth of this teaching; servants do.

At one time or another, have you had doubts about your own conversion? You may even have some questions about it at the present. Perhaps you would like to find someone—preferably a minister—to assure you that your conversion *is* real and that your baptism is truly valid.

You yourself can find the assurance you are seeking if you carefully examine your heart. Ask yourself: "*Am I in the Congregation to serve or to be served? Have I been called to be saved or to help others gain eternal life?*"

By your own answer you will be able to determine the degree of your own conversion.

A Progressive Relationship

"This is My commandment, that you love one another as I loved you. Greater love than this has no one, that anyone should lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:12-13).

Then He added: "You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you."

Notice the progressive steps in your relationship with YAHWEH! First you are a servant, then a friend—and then, as you grow in grace and knowledge—a son at the time of the resurrection of the dead. "For you did not receive a spirit of slavery (slavery to the world) again to fear, but you received a Spirit of sonship by which we cry, Abba! Father" (Rom. 8:15).

When you first heard the truth, your mind was totally carnal. You reasoned and acted in a selfish way. You answered the call as a hireling does, whose main purpose and interest is to get something in return—to be rewarded for serving. That's understandable.

However, you should have buried that carnal nature at the time of your baptism. You should have turned away from your sinful and selfish ways in order to become more like Yahshua Messiah, who didn't seek any personal reward for serving. His whole purpose for becoming a mortal human being was to help us become sons of the living Elohim.

This change in your attitude and reasoning is the proof of your true conversion. It also enables you to understand that "*by which we cry, Abba! Father! The Spirit itself witnesses with our spirit that we are children of YAHWEH. And if children, also heirs; truly heirs of Elohim, and joint heirs of Messiah, if indeed we suffer together, that we may also be glorified together*" (Rom. 8:15-17).

YAHWEH says that if we keep practicing sin, we become slaves to sin. And slaves to sin don't "continue in the house forever; the son continues forever" (John 8:35). If we are slaves of Yahshua Messiah we are sons of YAHWEH. What's your choice—a slave to Yahshua or a slave to sin? A good servant or a hireling? It's time to make up your mind! **You were born to be a child of Elohim!**

Ask the Amish is a section in the Remnant's Walk with reprint articles and letters from the Amish community from a publication called, "*Family Life*", which started back in 1967. Some original authors are listed in the publication, some are not. If there is an author listed, they would be listed at the end of the article with an original publishing date. Some Amish choose not to put their names on articles they write.



Maintaining Scriptural Plain Dress

I am thankful for the noteworthy virtues we have in our Old Order groups. There is much love and compassion for emotionally needy people and other suffering ones. There is much teaching on forgiveness and getting along with others. This is a blessing from Yahweh that we don't want to take for granted.

There is one subject that I feel needs more attention. This is the subject of maintaining scriptural plain dress. It is a great challenge for believers today to dress humbly and modestly. There has, perhaps, never been another time in history in which dress standards in the world dropped so low, and hardly another age when fabric and

clothing of all styles, colors, and designs were available at the common people's fingertips. And perhaps never another time in the Christian era when scriptural principles have become so watered down and diluted.

The Bible has various teachings on dress principles. You will find many by looking up the following references: 1 Timothy 2:9,10, 1 Peter 3:3-5, Proverbs 31:30, Isaiah 3:16, Luke 16:19, Luke 7:25.

1 Pe 3:2 observing your pure behavior in fear.

1 Pe 3:3 And adorn not yourselves with the external ornaments of curls of the hair, or the wearing of golden trinkets, or of costly garments.

1 Pe 3:4 but the hidden person of the heart, in the incorruptible adornment of the meek and quiet spirit, which is of great value before Elohim.

1 Pe 3:5 For so once indeed the holy women who were hoping on Elohim adorned themselves, submitting themselves to their own husbands,

1 Pe 3:6 as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him Master; whose children you became, doing good, and not being confused by false values

Pro 31:30 Charm may be deceitful, and beauty vain, but a woman who fears YAHWEH, she shall be praised.

Do we actually understand what these scriptures are saying? Here are some definitions that may be helpful.

Modesty: Not showy, gaudy, or ostentatious, does not seek to attract notice.

Shamefaced: Proper, reserved, modest, bashful.

Sober, Sobriety: Possessing or characterized by properly controlled faculties, well balanced. Grave, sedate. Subdued or modest in color, manner of dress, etc. moderate in temper or conduct.

Meek: Having a patient, gentle disposition.

Further, we need to understand scriptural principles in the way they were meant to be understood. In Proverbs 31 we read that a virtuous woman "*maketh herself coverings of tapestry, her clothing is silk and purple.*" I asked someone about it. He said that many things in the Bible must be understood spiritually. His thought is that this busy woman was providing plenty of clothes for her family, and their clothing was not torn, ragged or worn out. He also said we need to take everything the Bible teaches into consideration. If the Bible teaches us that we shall dress humbly and without adornment, it will not contradict itself elsewhere.

Nowadays, even in Christian women's magazines, we can read about the blessedness of being vibrant and attractive. This is worldly thinking. A true Christian woman is humble and does not attract undue attention to herself. This does not mean she is not a joy to be with, but it does mean that she lives her faith in Yahweh with singleness of her heart. Her clothing is worn for practical and scriptural purposes in all purity. Her focus is on serving Yahweh and others.

Do we have respect for our plain upbringing and heritage, or are we starting to question it? We need to remember that the Bible never changes. Its teachings stand as strong and as sure as when it was first instituted. Society around us is constantly changing, but this should not influence us.

It is always necessary to do what is right no matter what others do. It can be especially hard if fellow church or family members do not seem to share our concerns. However, if we look around, we usually find that we are not alone in our concern. Some may say that bonnets and shawls were originally fashionable women's clothing, using this as an excuse not to wear them regularly. While this may be true, I do not think this is a good foundation to build upon.

In society today, the bonnet and shawl are plain women's clothing and should not be regarded as otherwise. Also, I do not think the fashionable women's bonnets and shawls were plain and without adornment as ours should be. If the bonnet is ample and the shawl simple, they are actually very upbuilding items of dress, in the line of purity.

Let's also make sure our dresses do not have a tight fit, and that our capes cover up to the neck. Obscure the form as much as possible. These things are important. I believe women are often not aware just how much a lack of modesty causes men to struggle, and at times even sin. Do we want to be the cause of that?

Also let's beware that the fabric we use also makes a difference. Bright light colors or otherwise catchy fabrics draw attention to our bodies.

Presently, there are many fabrics available, and women love poring over fabric samples, or visiting fabric stores, having lengthy conversations discussing their likes and dislikes. Is this really redeeming the time? Perhaps there is nothing wrong with preferring one color over another, but we should focus more on being thankful we have fabric available to clothe ourselves and our families.

One danger I see in dwelling on likes and dislikes is that our focus is on serving self instead of serving Yahweh. Our first question should be, what is pleasing to Yahweh? Not, what I like? If self takes over, it will lead us away from Yahweh and His will.

Mothers, remember that your children learn much from you. If you make the point of adorning your children when they are small, don't be surprised if you meet a battle in their teenage years.

I'm thankful my mother never mentioned about pretty clothing that I can remember. Instead, she would comment if she saw someone dressed "nice and plain." The German version is "shay (schon) plain." It means "beautifully obedient or conforming to" the principle of plain dress.

Teach your children the way of truth. Tell them what the Bible teaches and also the standards of your church. It is very sad to see teenagers whose dress is inconsistent. Perhaps they are disobedient, but one needs to wonder if the parents really are doing their part. Parents and teenagers alike should remember that sowing "wild oats" is unscriptural, even in small ways. See 2 Timothy 3:14-17 and Proverbs 22:6.

A quote from the 1568 Strasbourgh Discipline (Anabaptist Times) that may be helpful to us: "Tailors and seamstresses shall hold to the plain and simple style and shall make nothing at all for pride's sake.

The brethren and sisters shall remail steadfastly by the present standard of our regulations concerning apparel and shall make nothing for pride's sake."

There are many more things that could be written on this subject. It is of great concern when people fail to honor and appreciate their plain heritage. Perhaps you have heard already that a church can slip into the world, little by little. Did you wonder whether this could really happen?

The answer to this is, yes. I have seen it happen. I have seen a church go from having members who wore modest clothing and cape dresses to total worldliness. This can happen little by little so the time to be concerned is today. Do not wait until it is too late to change.

"Love not the world, neither the things of the world. If any man love the world, the love of the father is not in him. For 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 passes away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of Yahweh abides forever" (1 John 2:15-17).

It takes effort to be separated from the world. It takes effort to do Yahweh's will. A minister's wife once said to me, "It takes effort to be plain." We have the assurance, though, that if we are seeking Yahweh's will, then Messiah will be with us every step of the way.

The Difference

The difference between me and you is that you go outside and sit on your front porch to read your Bible or do something to benefit yourself, and I sit inside and watch television.”

That was an interesting statement coming from the man I sat beside. I was visiting with an old friend from grade school whom I hadn't seen for twenty-five years. In fact, at first glance I had recognized his face, but couldn't place him.

Indeed, I had to agree we lead very different lives. As we talked, I soon found out that he works at a local grocery store. The next day, Sabbath, he was going to work. I have been taught from my youth that Sabbath is a day of rest; he apparently had not.

We can draw a lesson from this: We should spend time reading our Bibles and applying its truths to our lives. We should also refrain from watching television and spending time with other worldly amusements that would draw us away from Yahweh.

I soon found out more about his life. He said he had been divorced for six months and he missed being a husband. My wife and I are firmly convinced that marriage is for life. In our church culture, marriage vows are binding until one or the other is called to eternity. Think about this, my young friend, brother, or sister, and **seek out a companion that has the conviction that marriage is for life**. Maintain this conviction yourself and don't look for a companion in a culture where marriage can be annulled.

He told me he lived in an apartment, but his desire is to live the American Dream. In his mind the American Dream is to have a house with a white picket fence and a family within.

The life I live isn't far from what he considers the American Dream, but my desire is to serve Yahweh and my dream is to be a part of Yahweh's eternal Kingdom. I really don't have the desire to live the American Dream. Our Kingdom is not of this world, and we are strangers and pilgrims in this land, seeking a better life to come.

I remember sitting beside this young man in the lunchroom at school years ago. He had told me some of his ancestors had been members of the church. Interestingly, I discovered that he was my fourth cousin. We have named several differences between the two of us, but the biggest difference that stands out to me is something neither of us had any control over.

My great grandfather came to church and was faithful to Yahweh, and his great grandfather did not. They were raised in the same district under the same teachings, but one stayed and the other left. It is amazing what can be lost in only one generation of unfaithfulness.

This man's situation is not uncommon in the world around us. There are many who once worshiped among us that no longer walk the way of Yahweh.

If we are faithful, those coming after us will be in a position to follow Yahweh as we have done; but if we turn away, those coming after us will perhaps never find their way to the fold of Yahweh. They will be lost as those who left us are, without hope in a dying world.



Answers to Your Questions

Q) As a believer, would it be wrong to be an organ and blood donor?

A) Yahweh made each individual unique with specific features and a distinctive DNA code. Human beings in the end-time are trying through Satan to create life without Yahweh's input.

Also, 1 Cor 6:19-20 states the human body is the sanctuary of Yahweh's Spirit. Yahweh is the life giver and healer, and there is nothing in Scripture that would make one think that He would approve of organ or blood transplants from one unique person to another.

A person can take out their own blood and have it stored in a blood bank for use if they were going to have an operation and needed a transfusion. This way he would be sure he was not getting infected blood.

Today with most humans being infected with the Covid death jab it would be quite risky to have a blood transfusion not knowing where the blood is coming from.

Q) Behold, I am with you all the days until the completion of the age. What is "the end of the age" in this verse talking about as 70 AD was the end of that age?

A) When Yahshua is stating He will be with them until the end of the age, He is speaking until the current age of this world, until His return and His Kingdom comes.

Q) Are there any historical records to prove to skeptical people that Saturday is the seventh day of the week. They ask, "Where do you read that it is the seventh day?"

A) The entire world keeps a 7-day week, and Jews have kept records for thousands of years on the Sabbath cycle, which has always been the day correlated to our modern Saturday.

In Hebrew the days are named day 1, day 2, day 3, day 4, day 5, day 6, and Yom Shabbat is the seventh day, which is Saturday on the modern calendar. In many languages, such as Spanish and Italian, and even Greek, Saturday is still called Sabado for Sabbath.

Letters from Our Readers

Greetings from Montana,

I am blessed to have found the ministry and what I believe to be a ministry teaching the total truthfulness of Yahweh's Word and broadcasting of the times we are living in.

To say I have prayed my whole life for this and now have found it is only due to the love of Yahweh.

I am having to relearn so many things and to have received a copy of the Hebraic Roots Bible means so much to me.

I have always been told that the United States, (now the divided states) were not mentioned in biblical prophecy, and always found that odd? To now know the truth, it is amazing to me.

The state of the world now and the USA and Israel now, is something I thought I would not be alive to see. It grieves my soul to even look at the news as there truly is a distinction between light and darkness, good and evil in this end-time spiritual battle. Elder Don's messages hit home and are timely in light of where I am in my life. All my family lives away and the children are grown and living and involved in this *satanic* system of government and commerce. All I can do for them now is to have my life be an example to them for what I believe is true in this deceptive *satanic* led world.

I ask you to please pray for my physical and spiritual destination and to endure until the race is completed.

Brother in USA

Congregation of YHWH,

THANK YOU!

Yahweh has been speaking to me through your ministry. I had been praying about what my gift is that He has given me, and through the message I listened to, it was made known and what joy I feel in my heart! Yahweh just keeps on giving and I am truly blessed. I prayed for truth without compromise and deceit and He led me to the Congregation of YHWH Jerusalem. What a blessing it is to give the tithing that is commanded for us to do, to give to a ministry that does Yahweh's will.

I want to be fully disciplined by Yahweh as He has shown that discipline within the Congregation of Yahweh Jerusalem. I pray for the ministry daily.

Blessings from our mighty Father Yahweh be abundant,

Sister from USA

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Did you Know:

- *How the first century congregation started and what the first century congregation believed and practiced?*
- *That most beliefs of Christianity today come from the 4th century Emperor Constantine and not from the early congregation?*
- *That millions of true covenant believers were martyred by the Roman Empire in the Middle Ages?*
- *That the remnants of the true congregation started in 30 AD are still around today?*

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Stand by the roads,
look, and ask for the
ancient paths, where
the good way is; and
walk in it, and find rest
for your souls.

Jer. 6:16

