Transcript – Knowledge Puffs Up but Love Builds Up

Alrighty, Shabbat Shalom again, and it's a blessing to be back and to see everybody's smiling faces. As most of you know every year, at the bible school, I always...at least it's always been this way up till now, that Yahweh has always taught me a very profound lesson for my life. And, like I was telling the students when they were there the other week, that I try to put it into a phrase just to keep it in my mind but there not just little catch phrases.

Really there are things that I meditate on, I look at if not on a daily basis, a weekly basis and over the last 11 years that we've been doing the school they really have been lessons that have molded the person that I am...and this year the lesson came from 1 Corinthians 8:1, *Knowledge Puffs Up but Love Builds Up...Knowledge Puffs Up but Love Builds Up.* And we had an amazing year; it was really an amazing school year over there. We had more third world brethren than I think we ever had before, it was about half and half that I think really gave us a different perspective.

And to see the third world brethren that will never complain, about anything, you know, I mean, no matter what it is they just never complain. I was telling the two Kenyans that were there, they were there an extra day and I was talking to them and I was saying, you know I'm just amazed, even when I came to Kenya, that there was a building there that was about as long as this room, about maybe half the size where they use for the feast; and they had like a wall in the middle and there was just enough space to lay on, and they just had straw down, and they put about maybe 60 people or 70 people on one side men, and 67 people on the other side women, laying on the straw and you'd almost be there like, you know just like sitting there, you didn't have room to move.

When I was there it was leaking, there was a hole in the roof and there was water coming in and I gave them money to fix the hole. But they just would say, "no, we're so happy, we're so happy". I said, "You guys, you never complain about anything", and they're smiling, "oh no, no, we never complain, we never complain". So, seeing people like that, that never complain, they're supportive, they follow and really have true love. It really, really touched me in an age we're living where knowledge seems to be everything, you know that's really what I want to go over today, that I'm realizing knowledge is really nothing as we're going to see even from the scriptures. I wouldn't say nothing, but very low on the totem pole, and particularly without true love, that knowledge is really not worth much.

We also had our 3 Sudanese brethren that were there that just had came from, just a couple of months before that a horrific situation where they're living in South Sudan; which is no picnic to begin with, these are tiny little huts that basically you can just sleep in, they have dirt floors, they have nothing there. And last December they had to run for their lives, we had close to 1,000 brethren living there, now there's none.

There are a few brethren in another part of Sudan, but in this part in Nasir where they were, there are no brethren left there. And just telling their testimony it really touched us how, they're so happy and yet to hear them tell how they had to run for their life, they had to go 6 -7 hours through the bush; without stopping, running the whole time and just every day you'd see these people that just smiling and happy and serving. And like I said, it touched our family in a way that I hope it never leaves me.

Nanyieth, one of the young girls that was there, and Greg had told this testimony the other week, that here's a person that doesn't even have food, doesn't have anything and she got two apples and right away she's looking to give one to him. You see where the bible says if you have two coats give one to your brother, if you have two of this give one to your brother; but then to see people who have virtually nothing, put this into practice, it just touched all of us, it really touched all of us, and it really showed the love of Yahweh that's working in these people.

So, to those who either have the love of Yahweh or are seeking it, this will be an awesome message that you get. To others who don't have the love of Yahweh and have no idea what it is, at the end you'll think, ok, what's the big deal. We'll yeah, we have to love each other, and what a contrast...what a contrast to the two of it; but again when I look at these things I only look in my own life because it showed me I need to have more love.

I want to have more love, it's not only that I need it, I want it, I desire it, and I realize it's something that I want to put on the top of my prayer list everyday now to Yahweh. Because like it says, if a child asks for an egg, will he give him a scorpion; and being as we're going to see most important thing that we need more than anything else from scripture. It really should be at the top of our prayer list, because if we only had more love, so many other things would fall by the wayside.

And as I realized putting this together, it's the lack of love that causes so many problems in our personal lives with each other and so many other things. So, let's start in Genesis 2...and you know it's interesting too, that every year at the school the last day is horrible when the people are leaving because everybody is sad they are crying, you know nobody wants to leave. That, although this was the most loving group we ever had there and how they were, nobody was really sad leaving.

It was like the maturity level that was there and I have to say, they weren't the most knowledgeable people in the world. It wasn't like they had scriptures being quoted out of their mouth, but they were people that were living it; and on a maturity level, it really impressed me how mature everybody was. It was like the time came to go whether it was our graduation or even our last day when everyone is leaving, it was just like, ok we we're here, we loved it, it was great, but now it's time to go to do it.

And already, just within two weeks you wouldn't believe the testimonies I'm hearing back. In South Sudan, it's already going to the whole congregation. They're already sending people out two by two to take everything that they learned from the school and bring it out to other people, and that's what it's all about; it's about taking it and giving it back to someone. And that is the love of Yahweh, the love of Yahweh is sharing it with other people.

Genesis 2:15-17 And it says, And YAHWEH Elohim took the man and put him into the Garden of Eden, to work it and to keep it. And YAHWEH Elohim commanded the man, saying, Eating you may eat of every tree of the garden; but of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil you may not eat, for in the day you eat, you shall surely die.

And just like I was saying the other day, yeah on the internet you can find some good things and you can find some bad things. Maybe when it started it was about 50/50, I think now it's about 80/20 and I'm being liberal with that, you know 80% being on the bad side the 20% on the good side. But the people that seeking knowledge, they're not seeking the tree of life, and the tree of life is the love of Yahweh. Yahweh is love...He is love.

So that literally is what He is and that what's going to give us life. But what does knowledge lead to? Knowledge leads to competition, knowledge leads to strife, knowledge leads to pride more than anything. Because we think that we're better than somebody because we have some knowledge that they don't have. Knowledge is self-seeking, but the love of Yahweh is outgoing concern for others, unconditional, and it affects every single pure thought that you have. And that's the really thing that really hit me that, like I said, it's more than a feeling, you know love is not a feeling it's an action.

But it's a thought mentality. So, when you have the love of Yahweh as your base, every single thought you have is going to be affected by it. How you look at everything will be affected by having the love of Yahweh. But like I said, people that are knowledge based it's the opposite. Everything is just knowledge, knowledge, knowledge, knowledge, knowledge; you know if you're giving some kind of secret information or you're talking about prophecy, then they're all excited about it. But yet at the same rate, without the love of Yahweh, what good is any of that other stuff. What good is it? What good is it to know where Yahweh is going to protect the 144,000, and what good is it to know the Key of David, and what good is it to know where the real Mount Zion is, if when the kingdom comes, you're not there? What good is it? What good is it to know all those things, if when the kingdom comes you're not there?

It's like if there was a fire extinguisher upstairs and you were the only one who knew where it was and all of a sudden, a fire broke out in this room and everybody is starting to perish because there's a fire, what good is it to know where that ${f C}$ fire extinguisher is if you don't get up and get it, you know, if you burn with all the other people what good is it? So, this

is why, like I said, this is really the bases of not just what we need to do, but what we need to be, you know, the love of Yahweh. Galatians 5 and verse 22 says:

Galatians 5:22-26 But the fruit of the Spirit is: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, meekness, selfcontrol. Against such things there is no instruction...And interestingly enough you look what is the first fruit? Love, because love is the root...and you know in the class I always say it's the root of every other fruit and the root of every gift is Yahweh's love...But the ones belonging to Messiah crucified the flesh with its passions and lusts. Let us therefore live by the Spirit, and surrender to the Spirit. Let us not be of vain glory, that ridicules one another, and envies one another.

So, the answer is very simple, the answer is surrendering to the Spirit of Yahweh, because the Spirit of Yahweh is love, it's a Spirit of love. And I joke because; I tell the story when I came out of Church of God we had a home group and there was a man and we were talking about spiritual gifts and this man said, "I-don't-have-the-gift-of-love, I have the gift of making photocopies". And he used to come in all the time with a big thing of photocopies, and I started to tell him, "well that's great, you know we love your photocopies they're good, but you have to have love", it's not something...we'll o.k., I don't have love, but at least I can make photocopies. We have a Xerox machine that can make photocopies.

Love is the basis of eternal life. It's the basis of everything you think, everything you do, of everywhere you're going, it's all out of love. And without that what happens? You're thinking on your own cardinal mind, you're thinking from...like I said, knowledge which is competition, strife, pride, self-seeking. The love of Yahweh is the complete opposite of it, and that's why I say it's not a feeling, it's a way of life, it's a mentality, and right here it's very clear. Because each person when you're baptized what do you get when the minister lays hands on you, you get love that's what you're getting, because Yahweh's Spirit is love. So, you're getting a dose of love put inside of you. And what are you doing with it? Are you nurturing it, are you watering it, are you fertilizing it? Are you letting that love grow within you?

The root of that love will grow into self-control, kindness, faith, goodness. Because that's the tree, all the branches, are these branches of the fruits of the spirit, but the trunk is love, the trunk of it is love. So again, we have to surrender to Yahweh. Let us therefore...verse 25 again...let us therefore live by the Spirit, and surrender to the Spirit. Let us not be of vain glory, that ridicules one another, and envies one another...Again knowledge, that's what knowledge brings. Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up and the only way to do it is to surrendering to it, it's surrendering to it. It's fighting it, and like I say many times, we found the enemy and the enemy is me, it's not about your husband, it's not about your wife, it's not about your boss, it's not about your children. It's about each of us looking in our hearts and seeing where we have to change.

And it's got to be...that's the great part because there's only One Spirit and if Yahweh is only love and you have the same spirit that He had, that means you should be love. Each of us, you know we all do our legacy, whenever you come to the school that's the first thing we write, but everyone's legacy should be beginning with love. That wow, this person was loving, you know, he was the most loving person I've ever met. All of our legacies should be filled with love, because Yahweh is love and if we don't have love, then we are not surrendering to Yahweh's Spirit, it's that simple.

Let's go to 1 Corinthians 1, so this is the key as we start going into the rest of the message, that face it, in the world and even within the congregation we talked about it many times, there's wheat and tares, you know that uh...the tare looks like the wheat. You know as a matter, of fact they're growing together out here, if you look at out here in these fields, it looks like really nice green grass, but it's not all green grass.

These are fields of grain that are growing and until they come to fruition you can't tell whether it's a tare or it's a wheat. We've experimented on them, we've brought them in at harvest time, we show, because they look exactly the same, it's really, really neat how you look at it. The only difference is when you open up the tare there is no fruit inside, there's no fruit inside. And that's why the tare stands straight up because there's no weight to make it bow over, but the grain will Ω bow. Just like the ones who are filled with the spirit they bow in reverence to Yahweh but the ones who are filled with pride they don't.

So, here's the dichotomy that comes within it. That within...within your life whether it's the world or like I said with even within our midst; there's going to be people that look just like us. There's going to be people that, you know, you can't tell the difference from look but one is a wheat and one is a tare. You know all you have to do is look through the New Testament and you will see, it seems to be half and half, but that's in general, that's in general. You might be in an area where its 90% of one and 10% of the other, you don't know, but overall when you look, there's wheat and there's chaff and it seems to be half and half.

So how do you know? It's not for us to be judging each other and saying, hey, he looks like a chaff, he looks like a wheat. The way you know it is very simple by this, **by the love of Yahweh**. Because if you don't have love and you're not showing love, not only just to your neighbor, but even to your enemy, then you don't have the spirit of Yahweh, or your quenching it. This is the way all men will know you're my disciples, if you know where the key of David is, no, it doesn't say that. **This is how all men will know you're my disciples if you have love one for another, love one for another.**

You know this is basic discipleship 101, and if we don't show that then where is it? You know like it says, you can't say, you know when your brother comes knocking at your door at 2 o'clock in the morning saying I'm hungry to close the door and say I'll pray for you. You know they don't need prayer at that time, that's the time they need food. **So, this is where...love is an action, it's not a feeling... it's not a feeling.** And that's why I said it really impressed me that the group this year that was the most mature loving group we ever had, was the least emotional and it wasn't that they didn't have emotion, they were emotionally mature. They just weren't crying every two seconds, you know, as we shouldn't be. But it really really impressed me because they were doing it in deed not only in words. So, 1 Corinthians 1 verse 24, it says:

1 Corinthians 1:24-31 because since all the wisdom that Elohim had given was not sufficient, for the world to know Elohim Yahweh was pleased through these believing one through the simpleness of the good news...nope, I'm in verse 21, ok verse 24... but to the called out ones, both to Jews and to Arameans, Messiah is the power of Elohim and the wisdom of Elohim; because the foolish thing of Elohim is wiser than men, and the weak thing of Elohim is stronger than men. For consider your own calling, brethren, that there are not many wise according to worldly things, nor many mighty, not many of noble birth. But Elohim chose the **foolish ones** of the world that the wise might be put to shame, and Elohim chose the **weak ones** of the world so that He might put to shame the stronger things. And He has chosen those of humble families in the world, and the lowly, and them who are insignificant, in order to belittle them who think themselves important: So that no flesh might boast in His presence. But you also belong to Him through Messiah Yahshua, who was made to us wisdom from Elohim, both righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that even as it has been written, "He that glories, let him glory in Adonai."

So, we should never be glorying in our own knowledge, we shouldn't be glorying in our own testimony, but we glory in Yahweh. Just like we said, where is the boasting? Because any good we do comes from Him. But I always say, I thank Yahweh that I was humble enough for Him...or not humble enough, that I was **simple** enough for Him to call me. Because right here it says it. Some people say I don't know why He called me, I don't know.

Just read Corinthians 1. If you think you're too weak to be called, read Corinthians 1 that's the reason He's calling us. He's not calling us because we're Presidents and we have all these great things, He saying, so this should humble us, when we read this, and I say, I thank Yahweh, I thank Him that I was simple enough that He was able to use me.

And the minute you **think** your something more than this, you're not going on love, you're going on knowledge...you're going on knowledge and like I said the lesson that one of the years I learned, or last year actually, the lesson I learned was I thank Yahweh I'm me, and I don't mean me in particular me, but I think each one of you should be thinking the same thing; and I hope you thank Yahweh you're you. Because I just...I thank Yahweh, because sometimes you talk to people and they just don't get it...they just don't get it.

And like I said, this message will go all over the world and there will be people who will be saying it's the greatest message you will ever give and there are other people who will say, what's the big deal? But I thank Yahweh I'm me, I thank Yahweh that I get it, oh do I get it! I get it that all the other things in the world and all the knowledge that I have and every memorizing scripture **means zero, if I don't have love**. It's that simple.

That if I don't show love to my family, to the brethren, to my fellow man, then all of **this is nothing**, you know. I say I take no solace, if I go into the lake of fire with a lot of people around me. I'm not going to feel good that all these people are coming with me, no! I'll feel horrible because I don't want to go to the lake of fire and I get it, **Yahweh really banged it in my head, these last few months, if you don't have love as your foundation you don't have anything**. Corinthians 2 and verse 4.

1 Corinthians **2:4-9** And my word and my preaching was not in enticing words of human wisdom, but with the demonstration of the Spirit, and with power; that your faith may not be in the wisdom of men, but in the power of Elohim. But we speak wisdom among those who have comprehension, but not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, those being brought to nothing. But we speak the wisdom of Elohim in a mystery, having been hidden, which Elohim ordained before the world for our glory, which none of the rulers of this age has known. For if they had known, they would not have crucified the Master of glory; according as it has been written, "Eye has not seen, and ear has not heard," nor has it risen up into the heart of man, the things which Elohim has prepared for those that love Him...And we're going to see how He says to love Him, how to do that...

Continuing 1 Corinthians 2:10-16 But Elohim revealed them to us by His Spirit, for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of Elohim. For who among men knows the things of a man, except the spirit of a man within him? For also no one has known the things of Elohim except the Spirit of Elohim. But we have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit from Elohim, so that we might know the things that are freely given to us by Elohim...We're going to see, there's only 2 spirits, there's the spirit of the world and the spirit of Elohim and you can't have one on this side and one on that side, you're on one side or the other...For the things which we discuss, are not **dependent on the knowledge of words and man's wisdom.**

Sometimes people will say, oh, I don't know the scripture that well, I don't know it. It's not about knowing the scripture that well, it's about living it...it's about living it. And it's not that hard to live to love your neighbor as yourself with the Spirit of Yahweh...For the things which we discuss, are not **dependent** on the knowledge of words and man's wisdom but on the teaching of the Holy Spirit, thus explaining spiritual things with the spiritual minded. But the material man rejects the things of the Spirit, for they are foolishness to him, and he is not able to know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But **the spiritual man discerns everything**, and yet no man is able to discern him. For "Who has known the mind of YAHWEH that he will instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Messiah.

So that's the key...the key, like that's why I started in Genesis 2, because there's only 2 spirits. There's the spirit of the world and there's the spirit of Yahweh. The Spirit of Yahweh is love, the spirit of the world is what? It's a mixture...it's a mixture. Where does human love lead to, abortion, right? A woman's right to choose, homosexuality, all these things that are evil and vile in Yahweh's sight and that's human's way, that's the human love that supposedly that if they had enough time, they'd stop all the world's evil. And yet Yahweh says, if He doesn't shorten the time, they would kill every man, woman, and child off the face of the planet.

Can you image when Adam and Eve were created, that they could ever concept that? That a human being can destroy every last human being on the face of the earth and that's where we're at. That they have weapons, that they're making more weapons and more weapons to what? And now we're almost at that point you know, every week that's going by we're starting to see that the screws coming and you're seeing more now, what's happening with oil collapsing and Russia being threatened. And let me tell you, you know The Bear is not going to go down that easy. The last thing you want to do is meet a wounded bear that's hungry and that is desperate. And that is what is coming for us here.

So, the humble seek the love of Yahweh, not knowledge of the Internet. And the ones who are seeking simply for knowledge sake...and that's why I said this years ago when the Internet first came apart, that it's a game changer...it's a game changer. Because if you go back fifteen years right, if you had an evil person who would selfish and bringing false doctrine, and whatever would happen? The leader or the elder of the congregation would ask that person not to come back and that would end the problem.

The Internet has changed everything, where now the average person out there doesn't want to be part of this, because they don't want accountability. Because you know what, if you're part of this you have to love...you have to love, you're accountable to it and you're going to be held accountable to it. That's why we're talking about this. But you know what, if you could lock yourself in your basement you know, in your underwear, eating your potato chips and be writing all this stuff on the Internet you don't have to love anybody. All you have to do is love the potato chips, right?

I tell this story when I was in a meeting one time; when I was jokingly, I say this you know, and a man came up to me afterwards and was real angry, and, uh, I'm trying to think, do I know this guy? He said you were talking about me! I'm the guy in the basement in my underwear typing and now everybody's laughing at me. I don't even you, but if the underwear fits then wear it.

But, it's just interesting, you know, it's interesting how it is, but in the Internet age, that's exactly what it is; that people now don't have to love, they can justify themselves because they can get an audience out there. You could start a blog and everybody will be blogging back and forth to you. There's no love in blogs, there's no love in this kind of stuff, and there's no accountability, and when there's accountability, then there's got to be love that comes from it.

So, this is the choice that everybody's got to make. That's the world...the world is Internet, the world is blog, the world is Facebook, the world is social media and you can make any justification you want...oh, well, we can witness to people through this that can't get another way. But I know one thing, it's not the love of Yahweh, and it's a compromise, it's a compromise. Because I can't imagine that the two witnesses are going to be setting up a Facebook account and I can't believe the two witnesses will be setting up a blog.

You know, this is where you have to think about this; like I'm reading right here, there's the spirit of man that goes toward these worldly things and there's the Spirit of Yahweh that goes toward the love of Yahweh, but you can't have it both ways. And if you're compromising, if you think you're having it both ways, you're taking of the knowledge of the tree of good and evil. So, your worse off than anybody because then you're the Laodicean, you think you're having it good and your actually compromising your whole life away, which is not going to count. 1 John 2:15, we've read this many times, but I'll read it again, because it really fits, when we're talking about this subject.

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

Like I said, Facebook wasn't made because...uh, whatever the guy's name is...Zuckerface or whatever they call him....that he was looking to help everybody, he's such a loving person, he wants all of you to be able to get in touch with the kids you knew from school; because he's just got such a good heart, you know. Oh and that fact that he's giving all your information to the government...that, that's just....well, you know, hey, it happens...come on, come on...Zuckerface did that because he number 1, wanted to make a billion dollars and number 2, he's working with the government.

It's not of Yahweh, it's of the world...it's of the world and everything that comes from it, Twitter and all the other things that go along. I don't even know all the new ones that they have, but it' all of the world and that's what he says; if this is what you're doing... if the love, 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 is of the world.

And it's certainly not of love, none of these things. How do you have love on a relationship with a computer? It doesn't work that way; although computers have broken up a lot of families for many different reasons, people that are addicted to it, all kinds of pornography and those kind of things, people finding other things. They said today the number one thing that's causing divorces, is people finding people off the Internet.

So, this is a reality, this isn't something that is just a fantasy in somebody's mind. These are statistics that are working, that's destroying it; it's certainly not the love of Yahweh. The love of Yahweh is building number 1, your relationship with Him, because any love that doesn't come through the Holy Spirit and your relationship with Him, is not the love of Yahweh; and then through your relationship being close with Him, it extends to your wife or your husband, to your children, to your brethren and then to anybody else you meet. But it has to be in the right judicial order or you'll never have the right love of Yahweh. 1 Corinthians 10 and verse 20...1 Corinthians 10 and 20 says:

1 Corinthians 10:20-24 But the things the pagans sacrifice, "They sacrifice to demons, and not to YAHWEH." But I do not want you to have fellowship with demons; you cannot drink the cup of our Master and a cup of demons; you cannot partake of the table of our Master, and a table of demons. Or do we provoke our Master to jealousy? Are we stronger than He? All things are lawful to me, but not all things profit. All things are lawful, but not all things edify. Let no one seek the things of himself, but each that of his neighbor.

So again, all things are lawful, but not all things profit, all things are lawful, but not all things edify. And if we really want the love of Yahweh then we can't have this compromising spirit. Like he says, these things they're sacrificing to, their sacrificing to demons and as time is going on its only getting worse...it's only getting worse. That's why people now are seeing now, how they are getting arrested because they put their opinion on a certain subject on the Internet somewhere on Facebook or something else.

You cannot drink the cup of our Master, and the cup of demons, you cannot partake of the table of our Master and the table of demons. There can't be compromise, there's can't be the knowledge of the tree of good and evil...it has to be the tree of life. Because that's what pure love is...Yahweh's love His Spirit, it's the tree of life and if you're compromising you're not helping anybody, you're not helping yourself you're not helping anybody. 1 John 3:1, it says:

1 John 3:1,13, 9-11 See what manner of love the Father has given us, that we may be called sons of YAHWEH...boy when we look at Yahweh's love its **pure**, it's absolutely pure... See what manner of love the Father has given us, that we may be called sons of YAHWEH...Don't compromise...who made us. For this reason the world does not **know us**, because it did not know Him...verse 13...So be not surprised, my brother, if the world hates you.

Does the world recognize you as one of its own? That's a question I want to ask you, does the world recognize you as one of its own? You know, are they just patting you on the back and recognizing you as one of its own or do you standing out as different? Because if the world recognizes you as one of their own, you don't have the love of Yahweh; you have the love of the world. We should stick out as a sore thumb. Because we're different, we should be different from the world.

Continuing in 1 John: 9-10 of the same chapter...Everyone who has been begotten of Elohim does not practice sin, because His seed abides in him, and he is not able to sin, because he has been begotten of Elohim. By this the children of YAHWEH are **distinguished** from the children of the devil...Like I said two spirits, the spirit of the world, the tree of knowledge of good and evil, spirit of Yahweh the spirit of love...Whoever does not practice righteousness and does not love his brother, does not belong to Elohim.

I said this many times, the scriptures does not command us to like one another, but it commands us to love one another. And if there is somebody you have a problem with you better handle it, you better go there and handle it because it will destroy you...it will destroy you and any love that Yahweh has, it will kill you. And we have to, we have to love each person because we're each other, there's only one spirit and when I look at you I should see myself. Because we're all children of Yahweh and that's what he says.

Verses 10-13 whoever does not practice righteousness and does not love his brother, does not belong to Elohim. Because this is the message which you heard from the beginning that we should love one another. Not as Cain who was of the evil one, and killed his brother. For what did he kill him? Because his works were evil, but those of his brother's were righteous. So be not surprised, my brothers, if the world hates you.

So very, very clearly, that's like I said, what does knowledge lead to, competition, pride, jealousy, all the things that are not of Yahweh. All competition is of Satan there is no love in competition, trying to be better than each other in sports, table games, at work, even bible knowledge. Competition is all of Satan, Yahweh's way is a cooperative work, where, you think of even the manna remember, if somebody took too much he had the same if someone took to little he had the same. This is Yahweh's way that we cooperate with each other and if someone has something that I need I help them with.

Like I always say, you don't have to feel guilty about having blessings of Yahweh, **use them for His kingdom and then when you don't need that blessing anymore give it to somebody who does.** But competition is not of Yahweh and whatever...I'm telling you going back when I was in Church of God when I was a young believer...people that I admired, and some of them were even deacons and all of a sudden you have a family night and you get on a basketball court and look out. I couldn't believe my eyes, I couldn't believe the things I was seeing, couldn't believe the competition, how it was bringing out strife and envy with people. That's not of Yahweh, that's not love.

Love is being cooperative, love is trying to help, love is trying to serve, that's what it's trying to do. It's not about *winning*; it's not about being the best, that's pride. Because pride is simply giving a false worth that isn't there. So, when I'm trying to put myself above everybody, that's only pride, that's not the love of Yahweh. We read in 1 Corinthians 2 the love of Yahweh is; all of us are weak. Yahweh called the weak of the world, embrace that...embrace it, that any good you do is through His spirit.

He doesn't want us to stay weak, but He wants **Him to get the glory**. So, any good that comes out of **anything we** *do*, we don't go, *I did that*, *I did that*, *I did that*, no, it's the love of Yahweh. It's the Spirit of Yahweh that's doing it within us. And he talked about Cain here right? That just as Cain who killed his brother, let's go there for a minute, Genesis 4, let's read about it, see what happened to Cain.

Genesis 4:3-7 It says: And it was in the end of days, it happened that Cain brought an offering to YAHWEH from the fruit of the ground. And Abel brought, he also, from the firstlings of his flocks, even from their fat. And YAHWEH looked to Abel and his offering. And He did not look to Cain and his offering. And Cain glowed greatly with anger, and his face fell. And YAHWEH said to Cain, Why have you angrily glowed, and why has your face fallen? If you do well, is there not exaltation? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is toward you; but you should rule over it.

Do you ever feel bitterness, if maybe something that you did wasn't given the same kind of gratification that something somebody else did? That's the spirit of Cain, that's the spirit of competitiveness, that's the spirit of knowledge. That's the knowledge, that's the one that wants to be better than his brother. And what did it do? It caused him to murder. I mean it caused murder in you that actually it should be the opposite, that we should be saying, wow Praise Yahweh that so and so was recognized, or that he gave a good gift. That he did something that was better than me.

I never understood that because in my mind, I just can't concept jealousy...I can't concept it. I've seen it...I've seen it even with things like pregnancy, that somebody...a woman gets pregnant and there's another woman that's jealous because she didn't get pregnant. I'm thinking, but yeah, there's not one baby in the world, it's not like she had your baby, if there's something I want and somebody else was blessed with, I should be so happy, because number 1, their getting the blessing that I was praying for and number 2 it gives me hope that maybe I'll get it too. How can I be jealous? Why would I be jealous at somebody else? That's not the Spirit of Yahweh, that's the spirit of competition. Like I said I can't fathom it because I've never been that way, I've never been jealous. In my life what I do, that's what I want to be rewarded for and if I fail that's what I want to be corrected on. And I'm not going to be jealous if somebody else would get a blessing. Praise Yahweh I wish we all got blessings. Why on earth would I build a root of bitterness because somebody else is blessed? That's the spirit...like I said of Cain. That's why Yahweh says, if you do well why are you glowing angrily? Why have you angrily glowed and why has your face fallen, if you do well is there not exultation and if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door and its desire is toward you but you shall rule over it.

Hey face it, there's a lot of... wings of hospitals in the world and Praise Yahweh that he built the hospital and there doing a lot of good for people, but it wasn't because somebody had the love of Yahweh; it's because they wanted the Saul Levite wing. They wanted their name there. So, people do good things sometimes for the wrong reasons, but Praise Yahweh better that they did a good thing than a bad thing; better their building a wing than blowing it up, right? But at the same rate it's not the love of Yahweh...it's not the love of Yahweh to say, I'll only do this if I'm recognized, I'll only do this if you put my name there. And that's what he's telling Cain, there's a problem here with Cain, and it's more than the offering.

Cain was bringing a bloodless sacrifice; he wanted the exultation without putting in the offering. It was from the heart that Yahweh saw, your heart is not right Cain, it's not right. And we shouldn't be jealous toward each other and be looking and we're thinking one is getting and we're thinking somebody is not. That's not what it's about, it's about what can I **do** for my brother, what **more** can I give for my brother or sister.

That's the love of Yahweh, the love of Yahweh is not what I'm getting, it's what I'm giving. And Paul said it and you won't find the words in the gospels, but Paul said that he got from Yahshua, it's better to give than to receive. Probably he got that when he met Yahshua at Mt. Sinai. But I know one thing, I know it's true; I know it's true because when you have the love of Yahweh; you will much feel more satisfaction giving to somebody else, something that they need than getting something for yourself. And in life there has to be a giver, there has to be a taker but, we should never always be the giver and we should never always be the taker. There's a time for one, there's a time for the other. This is the love of Yahweh.

Cain brought a bloodless sacrifice; he killed his brother for competition. Which leads to what? Jealousy and envy, **Yahweh's way is giving, cooperating, loving our neighbor as our self.** This is judicial order and that's why people fight judicial order. It's not the name, maybe if we call it something else, Yahweh's order of justice? Who can be against that? What else do you want us to call it? We can make an acronym but that isn't going to change a person that doesn't have the love of Yahweh. The people that are against judicial order are people that are selfish and people who don't want to serve.

There are people who want do it their way. It simply isn't going to work. I've never met anyone in my life and I've been all over the world that had the love of Yahweh that any problem with judicial order. You have no idea how many people I've met in countries, **full countries** that said that this is changed our life; this is changed our life, and how important that doctrine is, and I don't have to apologize for it.

Because it's Yahweh's doctrine and it's everywhere you look in scripture. Absolutely everywhere you look you see judicial order. And it's simply the love of Yahweh, it's simply following the order that Yahweh put there. Let's go back to 1 John 3 verse 14. He says:

1 John 3:14-17 We know that we have passed from death to life because we love the brethren. The one not loving his brother remains in death...So are we playing a game or are we real believer we have to love each other...Everyone hating his brother is a murderer, and you know that every murderer does not have everlasting life abiding in him...Remember what Yahshua said, the Torah said you should not murder, I said if you get angry with your brother, an angry intent.... By this we have known His love toward us, because that One laid down His life for us; and on behalf of the brethren we ought to lay down our lives. But whoever has worldly possessions, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his mercy

from him, how is the love of Elohim in him? My little children; let us not love in word, or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.

Like I said, we have brethren, like in South Sudan, that lost everything, some of the without clothing, without food, without things. And of course prayer is important, but when we have opportunity to help, do we do it? Like he says here; whoever has worldly possessions, and sees his brother in need and shuts of his mercy...how is the love of Elohim in him? My little children; let us not love in word, or in tongue, but in deed and in truth...So that's the love of Yahweh, like I said, it's not a feeling, it's a deed...it's not a feeling, it's a deed. 1 John 4 verse 7

1 John 4:7-13 Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of YAHWEH, and everyone loves has been generated from Elohim, and knows Elohim...See this is why I wanted to pray every day of my life now for the love of Yahweh, because I know this is...this is what Yahweh is and I want to be like Yahweh. And if the bible says we become perfect like He is, how on earth can we become perfect without His love in our life...The one who does not love has not known Elohim, because YAHWEH is love. By this was the love of Elohim towards us made known, because YAHWEH sent his only-begotten Son into the world, that He might live by Him. In this is love, not that we loved YAHWEH, but He loved us, and sent His Son to be atonement for our sins. Beloved, if YAHWEH so loved us, we ought to love one another. No one has seen YAHWEH (The Father) at any time. If we love one another, Elohim abides in us, and His love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because of His Spirit He has given to us.

So again, I think every one of us would say we love Yahweh, right? How on earth can you say you love Yahweh whose, in the heavens that we've never physically seen, if we can't love each other who Yahweh is living in each of us. That's the way He gives us opportunity to love Him. Just like I always say, on Father's Day, what do you give Yahweh? You can't give Him a tool kit. He doesn't need a tool kit; if something is broken He just goes and fixes it. He doesn't come down with a wrench and fix the pipe. So, what do you give Him?

I remember as a child I used to always say, I used to go down in the basement and look at all my dad's tools and I'd try to figure out what can I get him this year that he really would appreciate, that he really needs. And as the years go on it gets harder and harder and for Yahweh the Elohim that has everything what can you give Him? You can't give Him something physically. But what you can give Him is to love each other. Because each of us are made in His image and that makes Him happy when we love each other.

And that makes us more like Him. And it's something that is contagious. The more you love; **the more you will love** and it's something that grows and it's something that Yahweh gives to us. Matthew 25 and verse 34. And this is when Yahshua returns. And it says:

Matthew 25:34-40 Then the King will say to those on His right, Come, the blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I hungered, and you gave Me food to eat; I thirsted, and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger, and you took Me in; naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me. Then the righteous will answer, saying, Master, when did we see You hungry, and fed You; or thirsting, and gave You drink? And when did we see You a stranger, and took You in; or naked, and clothed You? And when did we see You sick, or in prison, and came to You? And answering, the King will say to them, Truly I say to you, In so far as you did it to one of these, the least of My brothers, you did it to Me.

So this is the way, this is the way we show our love for Yahweh. And what really impresses me about this scripture is, these people are saying *when did we do this?* It wasn't something in their mind like, today I'm going to go out and help people, between 9 and 9:15, I'll help people. And then at 9:15 let me know so I can go back and be a miserable person again. That's now what it's about.

It was so much a part of their character that they didn't even know they were doing it; because they were doing it every single day. I remember years ago when we had our homeless ministry in the states, and some of the brethren would say, tet me know the next time you're going to the homeless, we want to come and help. And I'd say, you don't need me, just

go and do it. It's not something we work up and bang our tambourines or blow our horn and say today we're going out and we're going to help this person. It's has to be part of our life. Every day of our life it should be that way. We see somebody that has a need we help them.

That's what the love of Yahweh is, and these people, it was so much a part of their character, that, that's what it is. But if you're based on knowledge, if your mind is not on the love of Yahweh, you will never see opportunities, you'll never see it. He who is faithful in little is faithful in much. And years ago, when we lived in Jerusalem and we used to send out a lot of updates to people and miracles, we had people all the time saying, ooh, I want to come and I want to spend a day with you and see some miracles. And I'd say for every miracle you'll see, you'll spend about six years seeing no miracles.

It wasn't like miracles are happening every day. You know what our daily day was like? It was just finding people. Seeing a woman that couldn't carry her bags and stopping and helping her take them home. And then just talking to her, not looking to shove my viewpoint down her throat; just saying, wow, this woman needs...she needs somebody to talk to. Many times, in airports, in a coffee shop, you see somebody who's crying or down; just going up and comforting them.

That's the love of Yahweh, it's inside of you and you can't help but keep it in. And if it's in you it will come out because it's who you are. *All men will know you're my disciplines by this by your love one for another*. It's such a basic part of who we should be and like I said with all the other things we don't have this we're in trouble. Matthew 22 and verse 26. Mat 22:26 *In the same way also the second, and the third*...oops, am I in the right part? No, ah, it's 36, Matthew 22 and verse 36.

Mat 22:36-40 Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Torah? And Yahshua said to him, "You shall love YAHWEH your Elohim with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." On these two commandments all the Torah and the Prophets hang.

So, when you look at it, yeah there are 613 laws of the Torah but, every single one goes back to these two laws; how to love Yahweh and worship Him and how to love our neighbor as our self. And that is why something like Christmas would not be appropriate, why? Because it's worship toward some pagan deity. And like Yahweh says, in Isaiah 47, I am Yahweh that is my name I will not give my glory to pagans, to other deities.

So how can we take something that was made toward a piece of stone, and say oh I'll just turn it and call it Yahweh. That's exactly what the Israelites did with the golden calf. Remember when they built the golden calf, they were calling the calf Yahweh, and it's not acceptable to Him. Those who worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth. And that's why when you have the love of Yahweh you're worshipping in truth.

All of the Torah hang on those two; loving Yahweh and loving our neighbor as our self. And you want to know something, at least 80 percent or more of the Torah are judgments and almost every judgment is toward each other. So how to worship Yahweh is only about maybe 20 percent of the Torah, 80 percent of it is how to love each other. And that's why He gives us...that's why He gives us all of the judgments there, so that we know how to do it. Luke 7 and verse 36.

Luke 7:36-47 And a certain one of the Pharisees asked Him that He eat with him. And going into the Pharisee's house, He reclined. And, behold, a woman who was a sinner in the city, knowing that He reclined in the Pharisee's house, taking an alabaster vial of ointment, And stood behind Him and was crying at His feet. And she began washing His feet with her tears and then wiping with the hair of her head. And she was kissing His feet and anointing them with ointment. And when that Pharisee who had invited Him saw that, he reasoned within himself and said that if this man was a prophet, He would realize who she is and what her reputation was. That woman, she is a sinner that who touched Him. And answering, Yahshua said to the man, Simon, I have something to say to you. And he said, speak, Rabbi. There were two debtors to a certain creditor: the one owed five hundred denarii and the other fifty. But because they did not have a thing to pay, he freely forgave them both. Then which of them do you say will love him most?

And answering, Simon said, I suppose the one to whom he freely forgave the most. And He said to him, You have judged rightly. And turning to the woman, He said to Simon, Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give water for My feet, but she washed My feet with tears and wiped off with the hairs of her head. You gave Me no kiss, but she from the time I entered did not stop fervently kissing My feet. You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with oil of incense. For I say to you. Because her sins that are forgiven her are many, she has loved much. But he that is forgiven little loves Him little.

How much forgiveness do we feel in our life? I'm amazed sometimes when people will not forgive somebody else. And I'll say but don't you know at least four or five places in the bible it says if you don't forgive your brother Yahweh will not forgive you. And I'll tell you there's not a night of my life I don't go to bed without saying a prayer to Yahweh asking for forgiveness. Because who knows if you'll die in the night, and you don't want to die with having that hanging over your head. And that's why the bible says, do not let the wrath go down...the sun go down on your wrath. Solve everything while it's still that day. Because you don't know you might not have another day in your life.

But, it's very simple, he who feels Yahweh's grace in his life is going to love much, he who doesn't feel is going to love little. What does it mean to you? And I say probably half the people; I've personally baptized probably more than 1500 people in the last decade, and I say, you know, know...nothing bad meant by it...but I know that about half the people that get baptized did not received the Holy Spirit. Because they never repented and you have to repent.

You have to believe and you have to repent. And if you don't repent you're not going to trick Yahweh. You can trick me and I can keep people for their word because I'm not Yahweh. So, if somebody says they repented, I'm going to baptize them but there's no magic pill...there's no magic pill. You have to repent of your sins or you're not going to receive the Holy Spirit. And part of repentance is; normally there should be emotion. Like we said, we want to be emotionally mature, but there is a point where there should be emotion, even Yahshua wept.

And if you **never** got emotional about your grace, you probably never entered grace. Because it's emotional to me. For me to think that this Creator of the universe that was Eternal Spirit, there forever, who knows what He's doing for billions and zillions of years at a time; that He would come to this earth, take a human form, suffer sickness, suffer all different kinds of things, humiliation, spitting on and even death and separation from Yahweh. So that I could live. That's personal to me.

At the school Lawrence kept saying that, it's personal now, and it touched us, yeah, it's personal He loves us, He love us a lot, we love them and we love you. It's personal, it's not a game it's something that's personal. And to think that Yahshua would do that for us and the Father had to go along with it. He said at the Garden of Gethsemane, Father if there's any other way, but there was no other way...there was no other way, because each of us have sinned things worthy of death and He went through that suffering and humiliation for each one of us that we can sit here today and be pure before Yahweh.

And if that doesn't mean anything to you, then where is the love of Yahweh? Where on earth is it? And it's not just you it's each of us; so, the same way that we feel it, is the same way that it's in each brother and sister. And that's why we need to have that love of Yahweh in our hearts. **But the more you feel His grace, the more love you're going to have...the more love your going to have, and we need it.**

No love, no grace. Love is the outward extension of your appreciation of what Yahshua did. That's what love is, it's like if somebody saved you; if you were in a burning building and somebody came and saved you out of that building and that person who saved you died because of that he had smoke inhalation and he died, you know the rest of your **life** you'd be looking to do something to help that person's children.

And years later the child of that person came up to you was in trouble and needed something, you would think back,

your dad saved my life, I'll do anything to help you. And you're going to have love for that, so it's the same way here. How does Yahshua say we show the love? By loving each other. That's the way we love Him. The way we show our appreciation to Him, is by showing the same love one for another.

In scripture there's three types of love, one is friendship love; in the Greek they call it Philos, that where Philadelphia comes from, the city of brotherly love. We know the Book of Revelation, the Philadelphia congregation it's the one that has the love, right, they're the only one that Yahweh's not rebuking, so it shows you as we're going to see real shortly why love overs a multitude of sins. But the only one that's not rebuked is the one that has this love. And it's a friendship and it's a love that we should have toward each other for friendship. Then you have Eros, which is romantic love, it's a love between a husband and a wife.

But then you have Yahweh's love, the Agape love. It's the unconditional love. It's the love that loves the person, not because of what they did or didn't do, it loves them just because you are love. Because Yahweh commands us to love. And that why it says even love your enemies why? Because what's the opposite of love, hate. And you don't want to hate your enemies you don't want to hate anybody. **Let Yahweh be the judge of what happens.**

You only want love in your life, you don't want hate, you don't want revenge, you don't want competition you only want love. Because if you have that in your life, it's going to lead to all these other things. Love if the fulfilling of the Torah, so without it how can you fulfill the Torah.

So, let's go to 1 Corinthians 12...starting to run out of time here. 1 Corinthians 12. And it's interesting because in 1 Corinthians 13, the love chapter, we're going to go into in a minute, but remember like we said the chapter breaks are not natural, they're put there later. But in **verse 31** he says, *but if your searching after the greater gifts, I will show you a more excellent way.* And we know that *love* it's a gift and it's a fruit, it's both. Because it's the core to everything. You can't have anything else without the love of Yahweh.

But here it is over here, he's showing gifts of miracles, faith, healing and now he's saying I'm going to show you something that's way better than that...way better than that. So, if we get in chapter 13, look what he says:

1 Cor 13:1 *If I speak with the tongues of men and of cherubs, but I do not have love, I have become as sounding brass or a clanging cymbal...*So again, he's using hyperbole, he's not trying to purport a certain language of a cherub, and if he is it's certainly isn't rah pa, pa pa pah. And falling on the ground and barking like a dog, that would not be a language of a cherub. But let's say there is this special language that a cherub has to Yahweh and **you knew it;** if you don't have love it means nothing. **Knowledge means <u>zero</u> without love.** Big deal, so there's knowledge; knowledge does not get you into the kingdom but love does.

1 Cor 13:2-3 And if I have prophecies, and I know all mysteries...right, the Key of David...and all knowledge, and if I have all faith so as to move mountains...there's a mountain, if you say mountain move into the sea and you believe that it moved into the sea and you don't have love it wouldn't mean anything, but you do not have love your my heart, I am as nothing. And if I give out all my possessions to the poor, and if I surrender my body so that I may boast, but I do not have love in my heart, I am not profited anything.

Like I said, I could build the new Don Esposito hospital for cancer here in Israel and everybody could say wow, look how great he was he built this hospital; look how many people are living because of it. But if I don't have love its only vanity...it's only vanity. If I don't have love it profits me nothing. Love in my heart, verse 4, and here's what love is, because like I said, love is not a feeling, love is an action.

1 Co 13:4- *Love has patience...* love has patience, so when you love, you're not jumping off to conclusions, you're being patiently, *Love is kind; love is not envious....* like we said not looking what somebody else, got or has that you didn't... *love does not make a vain display of itself...* pride...*love does not boast...* And again, you have to die to yourself for this...you have to die to yourself, you have to love your neighbor as yourself. It doesn't mean you don't love yourself, because we all love our self naturally. Like it says in Ephesians, no man has ever hated his own flesh. So that's not a problem, we don't have to work on loving our self, we have to work on loving our self.

1 Co 13:5 *it does not behave indecently, does not pursue its own things, is not easily provoked, thinks no evil...*what's your plan of action, what's your testimony? Is it about you or is it about Yahweh? Is it about serving...*does not behave indecently, does not pursue its own things, is not easily provoked, thinks no evil...*You know there's times like I said we got the Matthew 24 project going on. Wow, it's an opportunity where every single person in the body of Messiah can be part of this. We have everything on line, we have the tracts, we have all the information, we have how to do it. And all people have to do is take the information and go out there and bring it.

And yet people want to recreate the wheel, they want to make their **own Matthew 24 project, and they want to make their own this or their own that**. What does it do? Does not pursue its **own things**. See love...where there's love...and this is why no one will ever, in a million years, ever get me to believe that Yahweh and Yahshua are the same being. It's an evil demonic doctrine, because in order to love, you need another person. Love is not me, **when there's me that self, when there's love there's two.**

And that's why the bible starts with B'rsheet, it's not one word, with the Bah, the Beth (2), the second letter of the alphabet, because there's two Creators...there's two Creators there. Because two love there, there has to be a lovie, there someone whose being loved. So, there's got to be two. If Yahweh is love by definition, **there's someone to love**, and that's why there's a Father and that's why there is a Son. So, we want to make sure we're not pursing our own things, we're not easily provoked and we think no evil.

Tit 1:15-16 *Truly, all things are pure to the pure, but nothing is pure to those being defiled and faithless, but even their mind and conscience has been defiled. They profess to know YAHWEH, but by their works they deny Him, and they are abominable and disobedient, condemning every kind of good work.*

I've had people do this to me; have no idea what I was doing or something and just condemning me for nothing that I ever did. That's not love...that is not love. Love is not thinking the **worst** of somebody, it's thinking the best, and you know what, it's also...like it said open rebuke is better than secret love, it doesn't mean where not honest with each other, it doesn't mean we don't approach; the opposite, if I love you, if I see you're doing something wrong and I love you, out of love I will come to you and share with you. In a humble way, lest I cause myself to sin.

But so, love isn't just...and like I said, it's not a feeling of let's all hold hands and sing Kum Bah Yah; it's about honesty, it's about thinking the best in each other but, when there's a situation that's why we have the Matthew 18 process. We go to each other in love and we try to cover something quietly as it says here. The next one:

1 Co 13:6-7 does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices in truth. Love quietly covers all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things...And I've said this many times, I've worked with many, many leaders and elders all over the world, Yahweh has given me a distinct gift, that I know including myself, I can usually see people's strengths and people's weaknesses. And the people I work with, I try to build up their strengths and I try to cover their weaknesses.

I'm not going to come and say, oh, let me tell you about so and so, ooh their all talking good about so and so, let me throw a little cold water on that. Well do you know that he has this problem. That's not love...that's not love. And again,

it's competition that brings a lot of that stuff out. But the love of Yahweh is *not rejoicing in* unrighteousness, *but rejoicing in the truth. Love quietly covers all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.*

I've seen people before...that had...they were **so unloving**, that they'd say, uh, these Sunday people, let them all burn they're all going to the Lake of Fire, make these kinds of comments. And it's like, wow, where's the love of Yahweh in that...where's the love of Yahweh in that. Where is endures all things, that; the bible tells us we need to bear with one another's burdens. And if someone is caught in a sin, they have to be held to accountability. We have to put them out of the congregation if they don't repent. But then they repent, we bring them back in, we love them and we **forget about it**.

You don't remember and keep bringing up somebody's sins, year after year after year. Remember when they did that back in 1972. That's not love...that's not love. *Love does not behave indecently, does not pursue its own things, is not easily provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices in the truth Love quietly covers all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.* Faith leads to love, quietly covers problems...faith leads to love. 1 Corinthians 8, go back a few....1 Corinthians 8.

1 Co 8:1-2.9-13 But concerning the sacrifices to idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. But if anyone thinks to know anything, he still has known nothing as he ought to know. But if anyone loves Elohim, he has been known by Him....drop down to **verse 9**...But be careful lest this liberty of yours becomes a stumbling block to the weak For if anyone sees you, the one having knowledge, sitting in an idol-temple, will not the weak one's conscience be lifted up so as to eat things sacrificed to idols. So the weak brother will be lost, he for whom Messiah died on your indifference. And if you offend in this way against your brothers, and influence their weak conscience, you sin against Messiah. On account of this, if meat offends my brother, I will not at all eat flesh forever, so that I do not offend my brother.

So again, alcohol, nothing wrong in the bible about alcohol, nothing wrong in moderation having a drink, but if somebody here is offended by it, then why would we need it, or anything else for that matter. That's not a commandment of scripture. But that's the point of it, when we see a weak brother, who may feel something, it's about us building him up, it's not about us condemning the person, its' not about us trying to throw a stumbling block in front of the person. Because it's not love...it's not love, if we're doing those kinds of things. 1 Peter 4:8. It says:

1 Pet 4:8 and above all things having fervent love to yourselves, "Because love will cover a multitude of sins."

Jas 5:20 know that the one turning a sinner from the error of his way will restore his soul from death, and will hide a multitude of sins...Love covers a multitude of sins. This happens in multiple ways, love will cover a multitude of sins, because without love you'll gossip, you'll falsely accuse, but if you love someone you're willing to forgive any sin that is repented of. So, by loving someone it stops us from doing that, it stops us from sinning our self and causing more sin unto sin.

We wouldn't do that, to somebody maybe our child, the same way we could to somebody else. So, love will cover a multitude of sins because without love, we will bring more sin on the sin, maybe gossiping, falsely accusing. But if you love someone you're willing to forgive any sin that's repented of.

The one thing that breaks my heart is when I see believers, that have unconverted children and with everything in their being they want that child to somehow get into the Kingdom. And they want me to kind of tell them there's some kind of hope, but there really isn't. There isn't hope for unrepentant sinful people. And it hurts them, because it's *their child*. And nobody wants to see their child in the Lake of Fire.

Romans 13 and verse 8.

Rom 13:8-10 *Owe no one, anything, except the continuing debt to love one another. For he who loves his fellow man has fulfilled the Torah. For, "Do not commit adultery," "do not murder," "do not steal," "do not bear false witness," "do not lust," and if there is any other commandment, in this word it is summed up, in the words, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."...that comes from the Torah, that's not a New Testament thing, it comes from Leviticus 19 and verse 18...Love does not work evil to the neighbor. Then love is the fulfillment of Torah.*

So, I see so many people today, not in our congregation, but this Torah movement. I think their part of the Ephesus congregation and what does Yahweh rebuke Ephesus for? They lost their first love. But I've seen them, I've see some of these congregations that hardly ever go to the New Testament, they all have long white beards, and *they all sit there and say Yahweh with real deep voices*. I see very little love...I see very little love. And if they really want to go back to the Torah, this is what the Torah is about.

It's not about how to make my tzitzits exactly, or all these intricate things, about which...uh, which jewel is this on the breastplate. Nothing wrong with trying to figure that out, because they've been doing it for thousands of years and nobody knows all 12 jewels, because in the Hebrew some of those fruits don't exist. So, nothing wrong with looking at it, but that's not the love of Yahweh...that's not the love of Yahweh.

And even if you were to figure it out, even if you were to figure out where the Ark of the Covenant is, that's not going to get you into the kingdom of Yahweh. What's going to get you in the kingdom of Yahweh, is getting this love for Yahweh and by extension if you get it for Yahweh it will go to other people. So, if we're lacking love in our life, we really have to look deep and say, I don't have enough love for Yahweh then. Because if we had enough love for Yahweh, believe me there's enough love to go around, way past this room and all around the planet.

And that's we're we have to look at, we're not showing enough love for Yahweh yet. Because we're not surrendering enough. We have to let Him and His Spirit and His love more in our life and then we'll have it more. The greatest gift of these is love because Yahweh is love. It's the very essence of what Yahweh is. His spirit may be invisible, but it is made out of love. It is who He is, if we want to be like Him and not only in image but in likeness, we must work on this daily.

The more you will be of the world, the less love your going to have. Love is a deed, not a feeling; must work on this every day of our life. If you are depressed you're focusing on you, not the love of Yahweh. And the lesson I learned 3 years ago; it's not about me. And you should be saying the same thing, it's not about you, if ever you're offended, remember Psalm 119:172 (**119:165**) *A great understanding have all that you love His commandments and nothing will offend them*. So, it's not about us, it's about Yahweh. Philippians 4:8, the last scripture I want to go into.

Phil 4:8 *Finally, my brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honest, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever lovely, whatever of good report, if there is any virtue, and if there is any praise, think on these things...whatever lovely, filled with love, whatever is filled with love, think on these things.* You can only live this, Philippians 4:8, 24/7 from a mind of love. It's impossible to fulfill the scripture; and it's a great scripture, it's one of my favorites. Because whatever is true, whatever is honest, whatever is just, whatever is pure, and whatever is filled with love, and of good report and virtue and praise think on these things.

So, you can only do this from a mind of love. True Elohim love will guide every **thought**, **every action**; **it will fill your mind with praise and appreciation to Yahweh always and inspire to serve your fellow man**. Yahweh is love, you have His Spirit surrender to that Spirit. Pray to Him to give you more love, deny and die to yourself. The lesson's I have learned from the school have transformed my life, because I take and apply daily and this is the biggest lesson yet.

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So, I thank all the people that were there this year that helped in this lesson of learning it. I thank everybody here the local congregation, that has also through the years, have helped to understand this great subject. And most of all I thank Yahweh the Giver of life and the Giver of love.

Shabbat Shalom.