

Transcript – Yom Kippur—A Day to Draw Near to Yahweh

Shabbat shalom. And Shabbat shalom to all those that are hearing this today. So, this weekend we have coming up at sunset Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, or the Day of At-one-ment. So, I thought I'd give a message today on Yom Kippur, so either you could hear it today, or you could hear it tomorrow, or maybe you'll listen to it both days.

But an important time of the year, especially with what's going on in world events. And Israel had a big war on Yom Kippur. And since that war in 1973, they haven't been at war on Yom Kippur till today. So, we see prophetic things going on, and we see Yahweh's Kingdom drawing closer year by year.

In Israel, Yom Kippur is the most sacred day of the year. And as the saying goes, "not even the birds fly on Yom Kippur." So, a lot of times people don't understand about Yom Kippur, or the difference of Yom Kippur, what's the difference between Yom Kippur and Passover. And like I say, **Passover is about forgiveness. Yom Kippur is about reconciliation, being one with Yahweh.** So, what a great day! I personally believe there's a good chance the wedding supper will happen on Yom Kippur, as Yahweh says He'll turn our fast days into feast days.

So, this message is called *Yom Kippur—A Time to Draw Near to Yahweh*. So, let's start in Deuteronomy 5 Deuteronomy 5, verse 6 and 7 says:

Deuteronomy 5:6-7 *I am YAHWEH your Elohim who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of slavery. You shall have no other Elohim before Me.*

So, we see, like I said, Yahweh works in the circular. And you see this theme throughout the whole Bible, starting in Genesis, right? Adam and Eve were set out to be kings and priests, right? They were set out to rule over Eden and bring people into Eden, which was the Kingdom of Yahweh. And what happened? Their obedience put them into slavery. It's really interesting ... Their disobedience, I'm sorry. Their disobedience put them into slavery. And it's really interesting that in the world today, the biggest lie in the end time is what? That Yahweh's Torah is nailed to a cross, or something like that, and it's done away with, and it's evil, and that somehow the Torah puts you in bondage.

But obedience never puts anybody into bondage. It's disobedience, right? Nobody goes to prison for being obedient. You go to prison for being disobedient, for breaking laws, not keeping laws. And yet because it's a world, like the Apostle Paul prophesied, it's an evil world in the end time, and people are selfish and evil. And when you look at all the things he talks about in **2nd Timothy 3**, most of them are dealing with pride and selfishness and self-centeredness, which this whole system of commercial Babylon, it just feeds to it.

So, the same way, when you look at animals, that they're creatures of habit and they'll do the same thing over and over and over again, human beings are the same way. The difference is human beings have free will. We don't have to be that way. Human beings can be different. Human beings can choose to be different. And **this is what Yom Kippur is all about. It's choosing to have the character of Yahweh**, right?

So, like He says here, He brought us out of slavery. Now, whether that's physical slavery of Egypt, of the Israelites being in Egypt, or it's the slavery of sin, the slavery of our life. And it doesn't only have to be sin. Maybe your life wasn't filled with sin before you became a believer, but maybe it was just working 50-60 hours in the world and everything toward mammon and materialism. And that's slavery. Like I said, most people ... It talks about in **Revelation 18**, of Babylon, they became slaves to the souls of men ... and most people don't realize how much they're in slavery. As we're going to see here, that you're the slave of what you obey.

So, let's go to Deuteronomy 10 now, right? So basically, the commandment is you have to put Yahweh above everything. And you can't fake it. You could say what you want and whatever, and you could make excuses. But at the end of the day, I always say this, that priority is what you get done. Period. So, if Yahweh is not first in your life, if He's not the thing that's getting done, but your work is getting done, your whatever else is getting done, your leisure is getting done, then Yahweh isn't first in your life.

So, this is a day, Yom Kippur, about being one with Yahweh; and there's no shortcuts, as we know it even with human relationships. Human relationships take time. It takes effort, and it takes ... You have to put in that time and effort to make a relationship work, and there's no way around it. We've seen before where sometimes rich people will think that by buying their children cars, and this and that, and all of these expensive gifts that that makes up for the time, and it really doesn't. **Time is what Yahweh wants. He wants our time, and He wants our minds and our hearts.** Deuteronomy 10, verse 12 through 13.

Deuteronomy 10:12-13 *And now, Israel, what has YAHWEH your Elohim asked for, ... So, we're going to hear from Yahweh's own mouth, what does He ask for? ... except to fear YAHWEH ... reverence Him ... your Elohim, to walk in all His ways, to love Him, and to serve YAHWEH your Elohim with all your heart, and with all your soul; to keep the commandments of YAHWEH, and His statutes which I command you today, for your good.*

And like I said, they're for our good. So, this is what Yahweh is commanding us. This is what He's requiring us to have a relationship. And there's just no other way around it. And in the end, when you're studying your Bible every day, and you're praying every day, and you're fasting regularly and meditating, you're only benefiting yourself.

And if your mind, in a world of Satan, if you're putting in your mind that somehow these things are restricting you, then you're a fool. That's what the Bible says. *The fool has said in his heart there is no Elohim.* And you really are. If you think that obedience to Yahweh and His Word is something that is going to harm you, you're nothing but a fool. And you need to wake up.

And **the key to life is relationships**, right? It's not money. It's not possession. It's relationships. It's relationships with your family. It's relationships with the brethren. It's relationship with friends. But most of all, above everything, it's a relationship with Yahweh. Sometimes you see charts that people make, whether like, you see this chart like this is here, and then they spread out, and they spread out, right? If you're making a chart, ... And again, the most important thing in life is relationships ... at the top of that is Yahweh.

Because **every relationship in life is going to stem from your relationship with Yahweh.** So, if your relationship with Yahweh is not right, then your relationship with your husband or your wife isn't going to be right. Your relationship with your children or your parents isn't going to be right. Your relationship with brethren or friends isn't going to be right. Your relationship with your boss at work isn't going to be right. Everything stems from that relationship with Yahweh, because Yahweh teaches us how to have a proper relationship.

So, Yom Kippur, I think in the past it would happen sometimes people think of, "Oh, being at one with Yahweh." And it's a day that people deeply look into and say, "Wow, I can't wait for that day when I shed this body and I'll be one with Yahweh." But that day doesn't happen in a vacuum. You don't live your life in this world to yourself and not work on that and think just one day you're going to live a life to the world, and then one day you're going to wake up and then you're going to be like Yahweh. No, it's a process.

Life is a process. We know that. And **that process is every single day, every day working on that relationship with Yahweh.** And that's why as soon as you wake up, pinch yourself that you're alive, and then get into your Bible and start studying, get on your hands and knees and start praying. Like I said, make a schedule that periodically you can be fasting. And meditation, which a lot of people don't do, you should be doing all the time.

And people ask sometimes, "What do you mean meditate?" No, I'm not talking about yoga. I'm not talking about like Hindu thing. I'm not talking about any nonsense like that. Meditation is simply thoughts. That's what meditation is, meditating, thinking about it. It's about taking a walk for a half an hour or 40 minutes and just talking to Yahweh on that walk, about meditating on your life and your relationship and meditating on the things you're doing.

So, this is what it's all about, right? And when you do that, when you put Yahweh first in your life, your life will change dramatically. And things physically that happen, whether it's losing a job, or a sickness, or whatever, breaking your favorite cup, they won't seem to be that big of a deal the way they would if you didn't have that relationship with Yahweh first.

So, Deuteronomy 28. Let's go Deuteronomy 28, and let's see here what Yahweh says if you're obedient to Them, the things that will happen, not just in the future, but will happen in your life now. I'm going to start in verse 1. Deuteronomy 28. [Clears throat] Excuse me.

Deuteronomy 28:1 *And it shall be if carefully you will listen to the voice of YAHWEH ... Carefully. Not just skimming through it, but carefully listen to the voice of Yahweh ... your Elohim, taking heed to do all His commandments which I command you this day, YAHWEH your Elohim will give you to be on high above all the nations of the earth.*

Comment: Right? Israel's going through the time of Jacob's trouble they're entering now. And why is that? Is it because they're being obedient? Of course not. If you look from 1948, there's never been a nation in the last 76 years that has had more trouble, more wars, more sorrow than Israel. Why is that? It's not because they're being obedient. It's because they're being disobedient. And praise Yahweh that we know His Word from there, in the end it won't turn out that way. But **you have to be obedient to get these blessings**. When you're obedient to Yahweh, it's automatic, it's like gravity, they'll come automatically.

Deuteronomy 28:2-7a *And all these blessings shall come on you and overtake you if you listen to the voice of YAHWEH your Elohim. You'll be blessed in the city, and you'll be blessed in the field. The fruit of your body will be blessed, and the fruit of your ground, the fruit of your livestock, the offspring of your oxen, and the young ones of your flock. Your basket and your kneading trough will be blessed. You will be blessed when you come in, you'll be blessed when you go out ... Right? Everything you do—circular pattern—will be a blessing ... YAHWEH will cause your enemies that rise against you to be stricken before your face.*

Comment: And I've seen it over the 25 years in this ministry. I've seen people drop dead that tried to come against the work of Yahweh.

Deuteronomy 28:7-9 *YAHWEH will cause your enemies that rise against you to be stricken before your face. They will come out against you one way, and flee before you seven ways. YAHWEH shall command the blessings on you in your storehouses and all that you set your hand to do. And He will bless you in the land which YAHWEH your Elohim is giving to you. YAHWEH will establish you to be a kadosh people to Himself, and He has sworn to you, if you shall keep the commandments of YAHWEH your Elohim and walk in His ways.*

Comment: Right? This is what brings blessing in your life. If you listen to Yahweh, if you follow His laws for family, laws for child rearing, laws for marriage, laws for work, laws for friendship, laws for everything, and you build the character of Yahweh, not just following a bunch of do's and don'ts but the character of Yahweh, wow, this is the way your life is going to be, filled with riches and happiness and glory.

Deuteronomy 28:10 *And all the people of the earth will see that you're called by the name of YAHWEH, and they'll be afraid of you.*

Comment: And I've said this many times. When we've had the Feasts in Israel and we're walking around, and people would come up with this kind of like eerie look on their face, and they're like, "Who are you?" They're seeing the miracle of Yahweh. They're seeing what's happening, and they don't understand it. They want to know who we are that the Spirit of Yahweh is working in such a way, and they'll be afraid of you.

Deuteronomy 28:11 *And YAHWEH will prosper you in goods, and in the fruit of your body, and the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your ground in the land which YAHWEH swore to your fathers to give to you.*

Comment: And I'll tell you something. Wow, can you imagine the shmita is already one year over? It seemed like it just ended like yesterday. We still have at least a year or two years of shmita food left, at least that, not counting our grain which is probably more than that. But the stuff that grew in the garden last year was unbelievable! After shmita was over, the stuff that grew. It was like the biggest and the best that we've ever had. And that's from Yahweh's obedience, from keeping the shmita correctly, right? So, He says, like, He'll prosper you, *the fruit of the ground in the land which Yahweh swore to your fathers to give it to you.*

Deuteronomy 28:12-13 *YAHWEH shall open to you His good treasure, the heavens to give the rain to you in the land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. And you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow. And YAHWEH will make you the head, and not the tail. And you shall be only above, and you shall not be beneath, if you heed the commandments of YAHWEH your Elohim, which I'm commanding you today, to be watchful to do them.*

So, we have to make this our character the way it's Yahweh's character. It's not a bunch of just rules of do's and don'ts. It's a way of life. It's good and it's evil. It's righteousness and unrighteousness. And all this is simply, the Torah is simply right from wrong. That's all the Torah is. And you have to get yourself to believe that, or you know what? You'll never be happy in life.

And it's so funny that some of the people, ... And I see it sometimes with the youth, sometimes they grow up, and teenagers. I saw it in Church of God, that they don't grow up as teenagers. They take for granted (because they grew up in the truth) Yahweh's way. And they feel like, oh, they can't do this, and they can't go out with their friends on Friday night, and this stuff, and they're moping around. And it's like because it's not written in their heart, they're unhappy. And they'll go through life that way. So, who wants to be that way? And even if they got stuff, then it's like [imitating grumbling].

Because once you build a spirit of unappreciation, it's going to be in everything. You can't turn that on and off like a light switch. You either have a spirit of appreciation, or a spirit of grumbling. It's one or the other. And when you have a spirit of appreciation, you're appreciative for everything. You're appreciative for your trials. You're appreciative for the challenges you go through. You're appreciative for the good, and you're appreciative for the bad.

And like I said, I'd be on a mission trip. And one day I could be sleeping on straw in a brother's house, straw mattress. And the next day I could be given a \$500 room at the Hyatt Hotel for free, only because my flight got delayed. And I say, as much as I love that Hyatt Hotel and the food there, and it was nice, I appreciate more the brethren that gave me their bed and being with brethren during that time.

So, this is what it is. You have to think about this. Obedience only brings blessings. And you have to believe it. You either believe it, or you don't. Right? Exodus 14 and verse 8. Because Israel didn't believe it. And unfortunately, ... I'm going to give a message at Sukkot on the Israelites, and what they went through, and how we could learn from those lessons, because that's where we're told, to learn this in the end time ... but they didn't learn. They didn't learn at all. I mean, they time after time after time grumbled and murmured. And even when they got what they wanted, they were happy for about one minute.

And that's what happens. When you don't have a spirit of appreciation, you'll never be happy, even when you get something. It might be for five seconds, you're like, "Okay, thank you," and then the next thing you're back to what you don't have. Whatever you focus on becomes most real to you. So, you need to be focusing on your relationship with Yahweh. You need to be focusing on being His child. You need to be focusing on our destiny as His child to rule the universe with Him forever. I mean, it's unbelievable. And those days are just around the corner. Exodus 14 and verse 8.

Exodus 14:8-9 *And YAHWEH hardened Pharaoh, king of Egypt's heart. And he pursued the sons of Israel. And the sons of Israel were going out with a high hand. And the Egyptians pursued them. And they overtook them camping by the sea, all the horses and the chariots of Pharaoh, and his horsemen, and his army, by Pihahiroth, before Baal-Zephon.*

Comment: Now, we've been there before. That's on the Egyptian side. The fort is still there from the time of Egypt. It was made out of mud and brick, and it's still there. You can see it. We've seen it.

Exodus 14:10-11 *And Pharaoh came near, and the sons of Israel raised their eyes, and, behold! The Egyptians were pulling up after them! And they were greatly afraid. And the sons of Israel cried to YAHWEH. And they said to Moses, Were there no graves in Egypt, that you've taken us away to die in the wilderness? What is this you have done to us, to bring us out from Egypt?*

Comment: Right? They don't remember just a few months before this, how they're crying to Moses about the bondage in Egypt and take them out. And look what they say:

Exodus 14:12 *Is this not the word which we spoke to you in Egypt, saying, Go away from us, and let us serve the Egyptians. For it is good for us to serve the Egyptians, than to die in the wilderness.*

Comment: That's not what they were saying. I'm not going to go there, but write in your notes **Exodus 1:13 and 14**. Look what it says about the hard bondage they were going through, about how they were suffering. But, no, they don't remember Yahweh taking them. All they remember now is the fear that's coming on them. And look what Moses says:

Exodus 14:13-14 *And Moses said to the people, Do not be afraid. Take your stand and see the salvation ... see the Yahshua ... of YAHWEH, which He will prepare for you today. For as you see the Egyptians today, you shall not continue to see them again forever. For YAHWEH will fight for you, ...*

Comment: And you know what that word means in the Hebrew? It means *to overcome; to devour; to prevail*. **Yahweh will overcome for you**. And sometimes that's the problem. Sometimes in our pride we're not humble enough to ask Yahweh to overcome for us. We want to do it ourselves, and it will never work. So, Yahweh will fight, Yahweh will overcome for you.

Exodus 14:14 *... and you be silent.*

That's another thing. Sometimes you have to learn to shut your mouth. You have to learn to listen. Remember when Eliyahu, when he went and he ran away from Jezebel. And he got to the cave, and he's huffing and puffing. And what does it say? Yahweh was not in the hurricane. Yahweh was not in the earthquake or the wind. He was in the small, still voice. And sometimes you have to keep your mouth shut and listen to Yahweh. Stop giving excuses, like the Israelites, why it's not working, and listen to Yahweh why it will work.

So, can you imagine? This happened just days after Yahweh destroyed the firstborn. Now, even Pharaoh, he's the epitome of pride and a lot of the human nature, of when there's a trouble there, he's like, "Oh, no, no, no, just take the trouble away, and I'll let the people go." And then the trouble's not there, and what happens? He doesn't let the people go. So, he's the epitome of that in life. And yet at the death of the firstborn, ... Like it says, there wasn't a one in Egypt that someone didn't die ... even Pharaoh was scared to death at that point and let the Israelites go.

So, this is just days from that, of Israel seeing every firstborn die in Egypt, death being everywhere! And now look what they're saying: "Yahweh took us here to kill us. Yahweh, we didn't want to go. We kept saying, leave us alone." What a spirit of ... It's even more of a spirit of unappreciation. It's blasphemy! It's literally blasphemy.

And that's what the Bible says, all sins will be forgiven, even if you talk against the Father or the Son, but blasphemy against the Holy Spirit, right? To have your eyes open, to **see** the Spirit of Yahweh working, to see truth from error and to say, "I'll take the error," that's where you blasphemed for good. It's one thing to do it in ignorance. It's one thing to do it when you don't know any better. But to know right from wrong and choose wrong, there's just nothing to do at that point. And this is what Israel did ... this is what Israel did. This happened right after the plagues and the death of the firstborn.

And why? Fear and self-preservation caused them to reject Yahweh. Fear and self-preservation. And if your heart ... Right? Yahweh says, what does He choose of you? We just read it, that you have to *love Yahweh with all your heart, your mind,*

your soul, your strength. And if that's not there, if there's no relationship with Him, and you're basically only doing it out of fear, you will fear the New World Order that you can see more than you're going to fear Yahweh who you don't see.

So out of fear, you may keep some of those things temporarily. But wow, as we saw with COVID a couple of years ago, as soon as something comes that's going to take away your livelihood—you're going to lose your job; you're going to lose your food; you can't go on airplanes; you can do this—you better believe the fear and self-preservation is going to cause you to reject the way of Yahweh. And that's why most people will take the mark of the beast. They wanted to be in bondage in the fear of Egypt, because they saw that as being less fear of at least having food than obeying Yahweh.

Deuteronomy 1. Let's read. Moses sums up this whole thing. Fear and self-preservation caused them to reject Yahweh, and you don't want the same to happen to you. Deuteronomy 1, verse 20 through 39. He says:

Deuteronomy 1:20-23 *And I said to you, You have come into the hills of the Amorites, which YAHWEH our Elohim is giving to us. See, YAHWEH your Elohim has given the land before you; go up to possess it, as YAHWEH the Elohim of your fathers has spoken to you; **do not fear or be afraid.** And you came near to me, every one of you, and said, Let us send men before us, and they will search out the land, and they'll bring us back word as to the way in which we shall go up, and the cities to which we shall come. And the thing was good in my eyes, and I took twelve men of you, one man for each tribe.*

Deuteronomy 1:24-27 *And they turned and went up to the hills and came into the valley of Eshcol, and they searched it. And they took of the fruit of the land with their hands and brought it down to us, and brought us back word, and said, The land which YAHWEH our Elohim has given us is good. And you were not willing to go up; yea, you rebelled against the mouth of YAHWEH your Elohim, and you murmured in your tents, and said, Because YAHWEH hates us, He has brought us out of the land of Egypt, to give us into the hand of the Amorite to kill us.*

Comment: Can you imagine? After the miracles, after the parting of the Red Sea, and they're saying Yahweh hates them.

Deuteronomy 1:28-30 *Where shall we go up? Our brothers have melted our hearts, saying, We have seen there a people greater and taller than we, cities great and walled up to the heavens, and also the sons of Anak. And I said to you, do not be terrified; nor be afraid of them; YAHWEH your Elohim who goes before you will fight for you, ... Right? He will conquer; He will overcome for you ... according to all that He did for you in Egypt before your eyes;*

Comment: So, boy, they forgot already the parting of the Red Sea. They saw miracles that no doubt it was from Yahweh, because the sea is not going to part on its own and have a several hundred feet wall on both sides of them.

Deuteronomy 1:31-33 *and in the wilderness, where you have seen how YAHWEH your Elohim has borne you as a man bears his son, in all the ways which you have gone until you have come to this place. Yet in this thing you are not believing in YAHWEH your Elohim, who went before you in the way to seek out a place for your camping, in fire by night, to show you the way in which you should go, and a cloud by the day.*

Comment: Every night there was a fire there, every day the cloud, and still, they didn't believe.

Deuteronomy 1:34-39 *And YAHWEH heard the sound of your words and was angry, and swore, saying, Not one of these men of this evil generation will see the good land which I've sworn to give to their fathers, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh, he shall see it, and I will give the land on which he has walked to him, and his sons, because he fully followed YAHWEH. And YAHWEH was angry with me for your sake, saying, Also you shall not go in there. Yahoshua the son of Nun, who stands before you, he shall go in there; you shall strengthen him; for he shall cause Israel to inherit. And your infants, ... Right? They were so worried about their children ... your infants, of whom you said, They are a prey, and your sons who today have no knowledge of good or evil, they will go in there, and I will give it to them, and they will possess it.*

Right? Anybody 20 and under was able to go in, but over 20 did not. So, wow ... wow! So, here we see Israel feared people more than Yahweh. And like I said, do you fear the global government, the New World Order more than you fear Yahweh?

Hebrews 11 and verse 6. This was kind of our motto at the school last year. I mean, unbelievable what we really learned in faith there, more than I think I ever did in my life.

Hebrews 11:6 *But without faith it's impossible to please YAHWEH. For it is right that the one drawing near to YAHWEH should believe that He is, and He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.*

So, seems pretty simple, right? Yeah, *without faith, it's impossible to please Yahweh*. That makes sense. *For it's right the one drawing near should believe that Yahweh is, ...* Of course, He has to be there ... *and He's a rewarder of those who seek Him*. The problem is, though, most people don't. They say it with their lips, but they don't do it with their deeds. So, most people don't believe it.

Like the Israelites, right? Did they believe it? And they saw Yahweh! They heard His voice. They saw the miracles. And at the time when they were at Mount Sinai, and they saw the lightings and the thunder, they were scared to death, right? But afterward, what happened? They said, "Yahweh hates us. He brought us out here to kill us." So, they did not believe in Yahweh, and they certainly didn't believe in His promises.

And without faith, you can't. It's impossible to have a relationship with someone who you don't even believe exists. And can you imagine? This eternal being that has no beginning, no end, right? He's been there forever. He lives in eternity; He doesn't live in time. He created ... When you see the earth and the planets, they're all created by Him. When you see everything on the earth, the dirt and water, every human being, every plant, every tree, He created it. It wasn't just there and He named it; He created it! And He created each and every one of us. And you expect to have a relationship with Him when you're doubting if He even exists? Come on.

And you can't say you believe and then fear when you're sick, or fear when something happens, or fear when you lose your job, and fear when the spout of money from commercial Babylon stops. Because that's not belief ... that's not belief! You're kidding yourself if that's the case.

So, like I said, for Yom Kippur, a day that pictures us being at one with Yahweh, a day where really ... You should take from now, **start, make a plan of action for yourself and say: This coming year, I am going to make this year the greatest year of building my relationship with Yahweh.** I'm going to take it from this Yom Kippur to the next Yom Kippur. Because who knows what's going to happen in the next year? But my number one goal this year is going to be drawing closer to Yahweh. Because He wants to draw closer to you. And that's an easy goal to establish because the only thing stopping it is you.

Like I said, when people come up to me and say, "I just feel so far away from Yahweh right now." And the first question is, who moved? Yahweh never moves. He wants that relationship, but we need to repent; we need to change. It's impossible to have that relationship with Him when you're not serving Him, when you're not keeping the commandments, when you're living in sin. So, **Hebrews 11:6**, it takes faith and true belief to serve Yahweh who you don't see over the New World Order who you do see. Mark 9 and verse 23. Remember the man who came to Yahshua? And what did He say?

Mark 9:23 *Yahshua said to him, If you are able to believe, all things are possible to the ones believing.*

Comment: All things. You have to believe, though! And then Yahweh will fight for you. He will overcome for you, like the word means.

Mark 9:24 *And at once the father of the boy cried out while mourning ... Right? He's crying! And what did he say? ... I believe my Master. Help the lack of my faith!*

Help my unbelief. *I believe. Help my unbelief!* Help the lack of my faith. So, all of us, we're all like that. And that's why I say, **there's times in your life where the Holy Spirit will convict you and the Spirit of Yahweh will move. That's when you have to take action! And the more you take action, you have to make it a pattern, the more you're going to do it.** You have to take that action, though, and start that pattern.

We are creatures of habit to a degree, but we also have free will. And you need discipline in your life. **You have to have discipline.** That's why you have to say, every morning I wake up, 6:00, between 6:00 and 7:00, I'm going to read my Bible. Between 7:00 to 7:30, I'm going to pray. Every day, if you're doing something for Yahweh, every night from 7:00 to 7:30 in the evening, I'm going to take a walk and I'm going to meditate with Yahweh. Once a month on this day, I'm going to fast. Whatever it is, you have to discipline yourself. And then, because that's the way Yahweh made us, it becomes easier to do and you'll build your relationship greater.

Doubt is simply a lack of faith. That's all doubt is; it's the opposite of faith. You must ask Yahweh for it, as it is a gift from Him. So, don't try to work it up on your own, because it's a gift from Him. But understand without that, without 100% belief in Him, you'll never have it. And like I said, don't kid yourself. Many people think they have faith, right?

So, it's like, somebody is sick, whatever, and they come up, "Oh, I have this sickness. I need help. Can you anoint me?" And then right after you anoint them, they're not saying, "Great, I'm healed!" They're saying, "Okay, now I have to go get my medicine." They're always hedging their bets that way. "Okay, I believe in anointing, but I also want to do this." "Okay, I believe that Yahweh's going to provide for me, but I'm also going to work in the system of commercial Babylon." "Okay, I believe this, but I also do this." "Oh, I believe in the wilderness, but I'm living in the city." It's like your life, many people's lives, is a contradiction to the Word of Yahweh. And if your life is a contradiction, as we're seeing here, you will never have that one-on-one relationship.

Yom Kippur is about trusting in Yahweh. If you're going to build that relationship, you have to trust in Him. And that means you have to stop trusting in yourself. You have to let that arrogance and that pride, you have to let it go. And you have to build your relationship with Him. Jacob 1 and verse 5 ... Jacob 1 and verse 5 says:

Jacob 1:5-8 *But if any of you lack wisdom, let him ask from Elohim, who gives to all freely and with grace, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, doubting nothing. For the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, being driven by wind and being tossed; for do not let that man suppose he will receive anything from the Almighty; he is a double-souled man, ... a double-minded man ... not dependable in all his ways.*

So, like I said, you can't be double-minded. You can't say you believe in Yahweh and then be going toward the ways of the world, right? And it's the same with sickness. If I went to the elder and I was anointed according to the Word of Yahweh, then that's it. I'm healed. And if I'm still feeling sickness, that's okay. That means there's something I still need to learn from this.

But you know what? Since I'm healed, even though I still may be feeling the symptoms of that sickness, I certainly am not going to take it into the Millennium. And Yahweh can take those symptoms away immediately. He could take them away in a day. He could take them away in a week. He could take them away in a month or a year, or He might not take them away until the Kingdom comes. It might be your time to sleep in the earth and wait for the Kingdom. And that's okay, because our hope is not in this system of commercial Babylon. Our hope is in the Kingdom of Yahweh, which is forever.

And that's the point. If you think you have faith in Yahweh and all your trust is in commercial Babylon, then, boy, you're kidding yourself; you're deceiving yourself. The way it says in the end time, many—most will be deceived in the end time. And that's the reason why Yahweh wants us to come out of commercial Babylon. John 1 ... 1st John, I'm sorry ... 1st John 4 and verse 15 says:

1 John 4:15-18 *Whoever confesses that Yahshua is the Son of YAHWEH, Elohim abides in him, and he in Elohim. And we have known and have believed the love which YAHWEH has in us. YAHWEH is love, and the one abiding in love abides in Elohim and Elohim in him. By this, love has been perfected with us, that we have confidence in the day of judgment, that as He is, we are also in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear, because fear has torment; and the one fearing has not been perfected in love.*

So, love is not an emotion. It's not a feeling. Love is a character ... love is character. Love is what Yahweh is. And that's what it says, *perfect love casts out fear*. Because fear comes from an absence of faith. When you have faith, you don't have fear;

it's the opposite. So, if you're having fear, you have to be thinking ... What did Yahweh say? What did He require of us in Deuteronomy 10, verse 12 and 13? To love Him with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength. So, what does that tell you? That if you're having fear, you're not loving Yahweh with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength. You're missing there. And once you really do that, once you build that relationship, ... Because He is love, and He wants us to be love ... all of those things will leave.

Doubt brings fear, selfish motives. Human will do anything to survive. But even if you have all the money in the world, you're not going to be happy and you're not going to be secure. Because it won't, money and mammon will never bring security in this world. It brings a false security, but not security. Revelation 5 and verse 8 says:

Revelation 5:8 *And when He took the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one having harps, and golden bowls full of incenses, which are the prayers of the saints.*

Right? Wow. So, I've said this before in messages I've given on prayer, that we have something so special that nobody else in the world has. We have direct access to Yahweh. So, Yahweh hears everybody's prayers, believers, non-believers, doesn't matter, whatever. He hears the prayers of everyone that are sincere. Doesn't mean you're always going to get what you want, because there's cause and effect. But He hears it through the cherubs, right? But for us, for the firstfruits, for His children, as we see here, we have direct access to His throne. Go a couple of chapters over. Revelation 8:3 and 4 ... Revelation 8:3 and 4.

Revelation 8:3-4 *And another cherub came and stood on the altar, having a golden censer. And many types of incense were given to him that he should give them with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar before the throne. And the smoke of the incense went up with the prayers of the saints out of the hand of the cherub before YAHWEH.*

So, this is where as His children our prayers go directly to His throne. Yahweh hears us. This is powerful. This could be the most powerful thing in your life because you want to make sure that you're understanding that. You want to make sure that you're not neglecting that. You want to make sure that you're going to Yahweh as a child goes to his parent.

And like I said, here it is, like right now, you have all these things going. You have world war on the edge. You have war in the Middle East. You have all the storms that are happening. You have all these disasters. And Yahweh's up there, He's running everything, controlling everything. He has cherubs going everywhere and whatever. But all of a sudden, cherub comes, "Sir, Master of the universe, Your child has a request." "Okay, hold it. You take over; maybe Gabriel, take over here," and He wants to know, He wants to come and He's going to talk to you one on one. That is the great honor that we get from being His children.

Atonement pictures us being one with Yahweh, having direct access to Him. That was lost in the Garden of Eden, right? When Adam and Eve did their treacherous, traitorous act of not believing Yahweh, right? They did not have faith in Yahweh. Who did they have faith in? The serpent. They believed the serpent over Yahweh. And unfortunately, sometimes even believers today do the same thing. They believe the rhetoric of the New World Order before they're going to believe in the promises of Yahweh. So, they lost that in the Garden of Eden through treason and rebellion.

And now we have this access anywhere in the world through prayers. It doesn't matter where you are. You could be in an island somewhere. You could be in prison somewhere. You could be in the bottom of a well that you got stuck in. It doesn't matter where you are, you have direct access to the throne of Yahweh. Use it ... use it, and don't neglect that.

Isaiah 59 ... Isaiah 59, verse 1. So, what stops our relationship? What hinders the relationship that we have with Yahweh? Isaiah 59, verse 1 says:

Isaiah 59:1-4 *Behold, the hand of YAHWEH is not shortened from saving, nor is His ear heavy from hearing ... Right? It's not Yahweh. Like I said, if you don't feel close to Him, who moved? ... But your iniquities are separating between you and your Elohim; and your sins have hidden His face from you, from hearing. For your hands are defiled by blood; yea, your fingers with iniquity. Your lips have spoken falsehood; your tongue murmurs perverseness. No one calls for righteousness; and no*

*one pleads with truth. Trusting emptiness, and speaking vanity, they conceive mischief, ... hovah [should be **amal**], right? ... and give birth to iniquity.*

So, it might not be open sin. It doesn't mean you have to be openly committing adultery, or stealing, or lying. But like he says here, *your hands are defiled with blood*. What are your words? *By your words you'll be justified, and [by] your words you'll be condemned*. Are your words, words of life? Or are your words, words of condemnation? Are you always criticizing and putting down, or are you lifting up? Yahweh is the Elohim of reconciliation. Yahweh is the Elohim of encouragement. It doesn't mean there aren't times where ... *iron sharpens iron* ... you need to go to a person and share something with them and share a change they might need in their life. But are we doing it in a positive, uplifting way?

So, this is what it is, it's our sins. Our sins separate us from our [should be *His*] throne. And remember **1st John 3:4**? I'm not going to go there, but what does it say? *Sin is the breaking of the Torah*. So, if the Torah is done away with, then there is no sin. And if there's no sin, why do we need a Savior? But *sin is the breaking of the Torah*. So, like I said, obedience brings blessings. Disobedience brings cursing.

And I tell this to non-believers, I say, people that don't even believe, I say it doesn't matter whether you believe or not, it's cause and effect. If you keep these things, ... It doesn't matter. You don't have to believe that there's any Elohim, you don't have to believe in the Bible, if you're faithful to your spouse, if you don't lie, and you don't steal, if you love your neighbor as yourself, you're going to be blessed. They're laws of cause and effect. So, we have to see this, that sin is what's separating us from our relationship, from Yahweh. Romans 5 ... Romans chapter 5 and verse 8 ... Romans 5, verse 8 says:

Romans 5:8-11 *but Elohim commends His love to us in that we being yet sinners, Messiah died for us ... Right? While we were yet sinners ... Much more then, being justified now by His blood, we shall be delivered from wrath through Him. For if while being enemies we were reconciled to Elohim through the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be **saved by His life**; and not only so, but also glorying in YAHWEH through our Master Yahshua Messiah, through whom we now received the atonement.*

Right? That's why I said **Passover is about forgiveness and death; Atonement is about reconciliation and life**. Right? Reconciliation and life. Passover is about His death; Atonement is about His life, right? So, **we're forgiven through His death, but we're saved through His life**.

If Yahshua did not live a sinless life on our behalf, then He wouldn't qualify to be the Messiah. And that's why He has to be Elohim. A human being couldn't do that. A human being could do it for himself, if there was a human being that never, ever sinned; he's not going to lose his salvation over something he didn't do, but that would be *eye for eye, tooth for tooth, life for life*, he can only save himself. Only—only by Yahshua being the Creator of every human being [that] ever lived is His life worth equal to or more than all His creation and could He die for everybody. So, of course, He has to be Elohim. He has to be.

Romans 12:1 through 2. So, like I said, the First Covenant was about sacrificial system, the killing of an animal, right? And Yom Kippur is the Day of Covering, right? It's not the day of removal; it was the day of covering. So, every year on Yom Kippur, the sins would be covered to another year. The sins would be covered, but when Yahshua came to earth and died and literally paid the penalty, now all those sins were removed. They were not just covered, they were removed.

So now, now why would there have to be sacrifices when the sin has been removed? The sacrifices were only there to remind us year to year that the sins weren't removed; but now that they're removed, there's no need for sacrifices. Because like it says in the book of Hebrews, His one sacrifice is in perpetuity. He doesn't have to die every year. That one sacrifice is in perpetuity. It means *ongoing, for all time*, right?

So that's why now, now we don't have to kill a lamb at Passover, or any other time for that matter, to remind us of sins that are already been taken away, right? *For where forgiveness is, there is no more need for sacrifice*, just read the book of Hebrews, very clearly. But there is a sacrifice Yahweh still requires; not the sacrifice of an animal, but the sacrifice of our life—*eye for eye, tooth for tooth, life for life*—not the killing of our life, but the living of our life. And **that's what Yom**

Kippur is about. It's not about the death of Passover; **it's about the life of Yahshua, us being saved by His life, and now our life has to represent the life that He gave for us.** Romans 12 and verse 1.

Romans 12:1 *Therefore, brethren, I call on you through the compassion of Elohim to present your bodies **a living sacrifice**, ... not a dead sacrifice, a living sacrifice ... holy, ... kadosh ... pleasing to Elohim, which is your reasonable service.*

Comment: Of course! We are only here today, we are only alive, we are only going to live forever and be given immortality by His sacrifice and death for the awful sins that we committed.

Romans 12:2 *And be not conformed to this age, but **be transformed** ... Right? Ministry of Reconciliation; ministry of change ... be transformed by the renewing of your mind, in order to prove by you what is the good and pleasing and perfect will of YAHWEH.*

Right? We are being transformed by the renewing of our mind. So now it's not just, like it talks about in Corinthians, it's not just about words that are cut into stone; it's about words that are cut into our heart. Not words that are cut into tablets of stone, but words that are cut into the fleshly tablets of our heart. And that's what it's about. It's about being not conformed to this age, but being transformed by the renewing of our mind.

So, like I said before, it was ... Before you had the Spirit of Yahweh, before you had the Ruach, it was, "Oh, I know this is wrong." And sometimes you overcome, sometimes you don't, but you're distraught. Like it talks about in **Romans 7**, *I do the things I don't want to do, and the things I want to do, I can't do.* But through the Spirit of Yahweh now, through time, you don't even want to do it anymore.

Doesn't mean every now and then ... We're still human ... Doesn't mean that you're not going to sin, and we do sin. We will have sin from time to time, but it's not a way of life anymore. And when sin comes up, as bad as it may be, you have to repent and you have to move on. But it's not a way of life. Because **the Holy Spirit is helping us to change. It's helping us to become like Yahweh.** And that's why Yom Kippur is so important.

Melchizedek order is not about killing an animal, but about being a living sacrifice. It's about every day of our life going out. And that's why people will see ... How do people come to faith? Yahshua said, *greater works than this, you will do.* What did He mean by that? How can we do any greater works than Him? He died for the sins of the world. What He meant was, by His sacrifice right then and there, there was a few thousand people that came to faith in Israel. But by Him living in His disciples and that multiplying, that meant, in time, it was going to go all over the world; and millions upon millions of people would get salvation through that. That's what He was talking about. So, the Melchizedek order is not about killing an animal, but about being a living sacrifice.

1st John 4. Let's go back to 1st John 4 ... 1st John 4 and verse 7. Because like I said, it doesn't come through intellectual thinking. It doesn't come through memorizing a scripture. It comes from changing our heart. It comes from allowing Yahweh's Ruach to transform us into Him. And that's what it's about. We were made in His image; we have to grow in His likeness. And Yom Kippur, being one with Yahweh, is about us doing that. Every year we should be more like Yahweh. Every year our relationship with Him should be better. Every year we should have a stronger kindred relationship with Him. So, 1st John 4 and verse 7 says:

1 John 4:7-10 *Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of YAHWEH, and everyone who loves has been generated from Elohim, and knows Elohim. The one who does not love has not known Elohim, because YAHWEH is love ... Yahweh is love. It's not just an emotion, it's what He is ... By this was the love of Elohim toward us made known, because YAHWEH sent His only-begotten Son into the world, that we might live by Him. In this is love, not that we loved YAHWEH, but He loved us, and sent His Son to be the atonement for our sins.*

Comment: Right? The atonement, which means to be reconciled back to Yahweh.

1 John 4:11-13 *Beloved, if YAHWEH so loved us, we also should 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 that He's given us.*

So, **number one, you can't do this on your own. It's the Ruach ha' Kodesh. It's the Spirit of Yahweh that transforms our human spirit.** There's two spirits. The spirit of life that Yahweh gives when He breathes into us, that allows us to be a living human, and have intellect and a mind and free will. But then there's His Ruach that's His righteousness, His kadosh, that His Ruach that we get upon conversion. Meaningly upon baptism, upon us repenting of our sins, having hands laid on by a true elder. And that's where the real change comes.

And it doesn't happen overnight, because it's compared to like a baby being born. And it takes nine months for a baby to be born. And it's the same with us. At baptism you're still 99% carnal, 1% holy. But then as time goes by, and as you make this a way of life, and as you condition yourself and discipline yourself, you should be 30% holy, and then 50% holy, and hopefully, Yahweh willing, by the time He returns, 90 something percent kadosh and only a few percent worldly, until we leave these fleshly bodies for good. And then we'll be 100% kadosh to Him forever. That's what this day represents. Yahweh is love. Through His spirit we need to also be love, as our character, every action needs to be that way.

Let's go to 1st Corinthians 13, and let's see this, how the Ruach can transform us into this. And unless you realize without His Spirit, unless you realize your limitations, unless you realize how selfish you are, how self-serving you are ... And like I said, even a lot of times when people do something good, they do it for the wrong reason. They want to be known. They want to be seen. They want to be rewarded ... **until we realize what our nature is, we'll never change. You have to actively work on it. You have to discipline yourself, and you have to do it every day of your life.** So, here it says:

1 Corinthians 13:1 *If I should speak in every language of men, ... Right? Like some of the brethren do duo lingo. So, if you're speaking in these different languages of duo lingo ... and with cherubs, ... even with cherubs ... but I do not have love, I become as sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.*

Comment: Right? So, it's great to speak in other languages. It's terrific if you can do it. Nothing wrong with it. It's a gift of the Ruach even, one of the gifts. But if you can speak in other languages and you don't have love, it doesn't mean nothing [should be *anything*].

1 Corinthians 13:2 *If I have prophecies, ... Right? The gift of prophecy, another great gift ... and know all mysteries and all knowledge, ... Right? Gift of knowledge, another gift ... and if I have all faith ... Wow, the things that is a foundation. You can't have a relationship with Yahweh without faith. And even if you have that ... so as to move mountains, but you don't have love in your heart, you're nothing.*

Comment: Because you know what? Yes, faith is important. Because you must believe that Yahweh is. It has to be 100%, not 99%, right? Because faith, you only need that faith in the 1% of that real bad time, not the 99% where you don't need it. So, you need 100% faith to have real faith. But even if you had that, faith is just belief. That's just belief. So, it will motivate you. But if you don't have love to back up that faith, if your actions aren't going to be love, then what good is the faith? Like he says here, *if you don't have love in your heart, ...* Because like I said, it's not an emotion. It's a character. It's what you are ... *you're nothing.*

1 Corinthians 13:3-4 *And if I give all my possessions to the poor, and I surrender my body so that I may boast, but I do not have love in my heart, I am not profited anything. Love has patience, ...*

Comment: Now you can test yourself. Write down ... Write all these things that love is, and see how much you're faring. On a scale of 1 to 10, put patience, 1 to 10.

1 Corinthians 13:4-5 *... love is kind; ... 1 to 10 ... love is not envious; ... 1 to 10. And write down and see how good you're doing ... love does not make a vain display of itself; love does not boast; ... Where are you, 1 to 10? ... it does not behave indecently, does not pursue its own things, ... 1 to 10 ... is not easily provoked, thinks no evil;*

Comment: Right? Is everything always evil? Is it always, “Uh oh, war’s coming,” “a storm’s coming,” “the end is coming”? Is your mind always on only disaster and misery? Or is it on Yahweh overcoming it, right? One to ten, put it down. *Thinks no evil.*

1 Corinthians 13:6 *does not rejoice in unrighteousness, ...*

Comment: Right? There's people out there that are actually happy when people are getting killed and things are happening, “Ooh, things are lighting up. We're getting close to the end.” It's not the Spirit of Yahweh, not the spirit of love. Where are you in 1 to 10 there?

1 Corinthians 13:6 *... but rejoices in the truth.*

Comment: Put there, where are you in that one, 1 to 10? *Rejoices in the truth.* Where are you, a five? Or are you a two? Or are you an eight or a nine? Do you rejoice in the truth?

1 Corinthians 13:7 *Love quietly covers all things, ...*

Comment: Right? Are you a gossip? Are you when something happens, you can't wait to, “You know, I'm only saying this for this, right?” And then you try to coat it as if you're doing it for a good reason, when you're doing nothing but gossiping. “I'm only telling you this for this reason.” Right? If somebody's not involved in something, they don't need to know. That's what we have to get. First thing is, is it true? And then the second thing is, does the person really need to know this? Sometimes they do, but sometimes they don't. So:

1 Corinthians 13:7 *Love quietly covers all things, believes all things, ...* Right? So, have to have faith, or we can't have love ... *hopes all things, ...* Right? And that's not hope like, “Ooh, I hope it happens.” That's hope that's assurance, an assurance that you fully believe it's going to happen ... *endures all things.*

Comment: So, love never quits. Love endures. Love overcomes.

1 Corinthians 13:8-11 *Love never fails ...* Right? Because that's what Yahweh is ... *But where there are prophecies, they're going to cease to happen; where the languages, languages are going to cease; ...* Right? In the Kingdom there's only one language ... *if knowledge, it will be caused to cease. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part; but when that which is perfect comes, ...* talking about Yahshua's return ... *then that which is imperfect will come to an end. When I was an infant, I spoke as an infant, I thought as an infant, I reasoned as an infant. But when I became a man, I put away childish things.*

Comment: And that word in the Aramaic is literally ***gabra***, which means *a protective guardian*. Not just like a man, but literally Yahweh has put us as protective guardians over His Word, over His Sabbath, over these things. So, when you become an adult, that you can be baptized and be a protective guardian. *I put away childish things.* It's the time to mature. It's the time to get humble. It's the time to get rid of our pride. And it's the time to change.

1 Corinthians 13:12-13 *For now we see through a mirror in dimness, but then face to face ...* Wow, to see Yahweh face to face and live ... *Now I know in part, but then I will fully know even as I am fully known. And now faith, hope and love, ...* agape ... *these three things remain; but the greatest of these is agape.*

Because that's what Yahweh is. So, we have to grow in these things. If you want, like I said, make this year ... Write it down. Don't just say it. Write it down. Get a plan of action ... Make this year the greatest year in your life of your relationship with Yahweh growing.

And 1st Corinthians 13, copy it, put it on your wall, because you have to grow in these things. And like I said, look at your chart, where you are with all these things. Are you a five? Are you're a three? Are you a two? Are you a six? Write them down. Just keep them for yourself, right? And look at them and see how you're growing after one month. Did I grow in

patience? After three months, did I grow not being envious? After five months, did I grow in being kind? Use it ... use it. Because as you grow in this, you grow in your relationship with Yahweh because that's who He is. That's what He is, and that's who He is.

So, forgiveness is by His death, but we're saved by His life. *Now we see dimly, but then face to face.* Wow, being echad with Yahweh, being one with Him, how wonderful that is ... how wonderful that is!

Okay, Psalm 103 ... Psalm 103. Let's look at Yahweh's great mercy and forgiveness that He has. It's just you can't even imagine it because we're not that way. We might be it to a degree, but praise Yahweh He is that way. That is His character. And this is a Psalm by David, Psalm 103.

Psalm 103:1 *Bless YAHWEH, O my soul, all within me, bless His holy name.*

Comment: Yes, the name of Yahweh matters! Yes, it matters because He told us His name 7,000 times. And His name is Yahweh, and it does matter.

Psalm 103:2 *Bless YAHWEH, O my soul, and forget not all His rewards;*

Comment: Right? Whatever you focus on becomes most real to you. Focus on what He's doing in your life. Focus on what you have. Focus on appreciation, not what you don't have.

Psalm 103:3-10 *He who forgives all your iniquities; who heals all your diseases; ... You have to believe it ... who redeems your life from destruction; who crowns you with kindness and tender mercy; ... He crowns us with that, right? Praise Him for that ... who satisfies your desires with good; your youth is renewed like the eagle's. YAHWEH works righteous deeds and judgments for all the oppressed. He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the sons of Israel. YAHWEH is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abundant mercy. He will not always strive, nor will keep His anger forever. He has not done to us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.*

Comment: Praise Yahweh for that. Because we're all sinners and fall short of the glory of Yahweh. And if He actually rewarded us according to what we deserve, we're all done. No, it's His mercy. It's His forgiveness. It's His atonement.

Psalm 103:11-12 *For as the heavens are above the earth, so is His mercy mighty over those who fear Him. And as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.*

Comment: And it's not just an analogy, He has done it. When you ask for forgiveness and Yahweh forgives you, He puts it from the east to the west. Don't keep reminding Him! Don't keep bringing up the sins you did! Forget them. And other people that forgive you, they need to forget it too. So, you can't five years later say, "Well, remember the time you did this, remember when you ..." Yahweh puts it from the east to the west. Let's forget it like He does. **If we want to be like Him, then we have to forgive the way He does and forget the way He does.**

Psalm 103:13 *As the pity of a father over his sons, so YAHWEH pities those who fear Him.*

Those who fear Him. Fear and reverence, that's what that means. So, praise Yahweh for this ... praise Yahweh for this, that He's that way. Yahweh is so merciful and loving and tender-hearted; He just wants us to repent and change. Romans 6 and verse 16 says:

Romans 6:16 *Do you not know that whom you present yourselves as slaves for obedience, you are slaves to whom you obey, whether sin to death, or obedience to righteousness?*

So, we're all slaves. Nobody created himself. Nobody has life inherent in himself to give to himself. You are a slave. You are a created being, and you're a slave. What you have, though, is you have free will. So, you can choose. Do you want to be the slave of Yahweh, who wants to make you His child and a partner with Him in ruling the universe? Or do you want to be

a slave to Satan and commercial Babylon? But you will be a slave to one or the other because those are the only two choices that are in life. There is no other choice.

And people deceive themselves thinking, “Oh, I'm not religious,” or “I don't believe in the Bible. Hahaha, I'm not a slave to anybody. I'll never follow a man.” And yes, they are. No, they're not following a man; they're following a demon. They're following Satan because that's exactly what Satan wants people to believe. And that's what it is. So, you're the servant of what you're obeying.

And many are servants to the system and obeying the system not to be cut off. We saw it through COVID, right? People fear the cancel culture. They fear losing their job. They fear being cut off from Facebook and social media, things you shouldn't be on to begin with, nonsense, time wasters. They fear not being able to go to sporting events and theaters, right? “Oh, how bad that was!” Not being able to go to a restaurant. They're all overpriced anyway. You can make the food better at home and not have all the additives they put in there. Or travel on an airplane. Eh, so be it.

I travel all year long on airplane, going around the world to Yahweh's people. Have a big conference coming up right after Sukkot, in Africa. But you know what? That's up to Yahweh. I'm His ambassador, right? I'm here to do His work. And if I can't get on an airplane because I have to compromise with His Word, then I won't get on an airplane. So be it. It's up to Him.

People who are faithless in Yahweh and only have faith in the system of Babylon, they will take the mark of the beast. I will guarantee you it. Because the Bible says it. Most people will do it. Because like a drug addict that's addicted to the drug, they are addicted to commercial Babylon. And unfortunately, sadly, some brethren are ... some brethren are.

It's time! You have to get rid of everything from commercial Babylon and certainly things that are connected with the mark of the beast. I mean, I wish I never even ever got on internet to begin with. Now, I'm on it for certain things that I have to, but I look forward to the day where I won't be on it for nothing [should be *anything*]. So, you have to limit yourself. But certainly, social media and all of these other things you can get rid of. We talked about, at the school, those iPhones that's connected with the mark of the beast. Get rid of it. If you want to be one with Yahweh, then you can't have things in your life that are 100% contradictory to Yahweh.

And it's sad, when you look down and you write these things down, how many people might have more in common with Satan than they do with Yahweh. Because they're more part of commercial Babylon than they are being one with Yahweh. So, we have to believe this. Hebrews 13 and verse 5 ... Hebrews 13 and verse 5 says:

Hebrews 13:5-6 *Set your way of life without money-loving, being satisfied with present things; for He ... Yahweh ... has said, “Not at all will I leave you, not at all will I forsake you,” never! So that we may boldly say, “YAHWEH is my helper, I will not be afraid. What shall man do to me?”*

Comment: Right, what is man going to ... If Yahweh be for you, who can be against you? Man? Come on. Man that's going back to the dirt, what is he going to do?

Hebrews 13:7-8 *Remember your leaders who spoke the Word of Elohim to you, considering the completeness of their works, imitate their faith: Yahshua Messiah, the same yesterday, today, and forever.*

He doesn't change. Right? Because He's like the Father. He's love. They're both love and everything of love—patience, kindness, goodness, ... All the fruits of the Spirit are all fruits of love ... faith, ... And that's what we need ... discipline. All these things we need in our life.

Psalms 91. And Yahweh will be there for us. Don't worry. Don't worry, Yahweh will be there for us—*if*—if we're there for Him, if we are obedient, if we put Him first in our life, and if we're seeking every day of our life to have that relationship with Him. Psalm 91.

Psalm 91:1-2 *He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide in the shade of the Almighty ... Wow! Don't you want to be there in the secret place of Yahweh? ... I will say to YAHWEH: My Refuge and my Fortress, my Elohim; I will trust in Him.*

Comment: It doesn't matter the outcome. Because like I said, in the end, His Kingdom will come, and we'll be given a glorified spiritual body, and we'll be like Him. So, it doesn't matter what happens between now and then. It doesn't matter if you're sick. It doesn't matter if you die. It doesn't matter if you lose something. It really doesn't matter. *All things work to the good for those who love Yahweh and called according to purpose.* But He is our refuge and our fortress. Verse 3.

Psalm 91:3-8 *For He delivers you from the fowler's snare, from destruction's plague. With His feathers He will cover you, and under His wings you shall seek refuge; His truth is a shield and a buckler. You shall not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day; ... Right? Don't worry about war, or storms, or any of these things ... of the plague that walks in darkness, ... Right? Like COVID ... nor of the destruction laying waste at noon. A thousand will fall by your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; it shall not come near to you. Only with your eyes you shall look, and see the reward of the wicked.*

Comment: We're going to see it. Like it says, ... It's like being in a theater ... when Yahshua returns, and we're going to see Him, and all the wicked being destroyed; and we'll watch.

Psalm 91:9-12 *Because You, O YAHWEH, are My refuge; You make the Most High Your habitation, no evil shall happen to You, nor shall any plague come near Your tent. For He shall give His cherubs charge over You, to keep You in all Your ways. They shall bear You up in their hands, that You not dash Your foot on a stone.*

Comment: Right? And what did Satan ... he used this very scripture, tried to distort it with Yahshua, but Yahshua kept it right. So, we want to make sure we're not distorting the scripture.

Psalm 91:13-14 *You shall tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent You shall trample under foot. Because He has set His love on Me, therefore I will deliver Him; I will set Him on high because He has known My name.*

Comment: *He has set His love on Me.* What does Yahweh require? For us to love Him with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength. And when you do this, look what He says: Because you set your love on Him, He will deliver us.

Psalm 91:15-16 *He shall call on My name and I will answer Him; ... Right? Because He has known His name ... I will be with Him in distress; I will rescue Him and honor Him. I will satisfy Him with length of days, and will make Him see My Y'shua.*

Wow. So that's what Yahweh has for us. That's what Yahweh has. Our hope is in the Kingdom of Yahweh, not in the world or its demonic system. Our refuge is Yahweh. We must trust in Him with all our heart, our mind, our soul and our strength, so that Satan will not be able to tempt you by fear and the wares of commercial Babylon.

Last scripture, John 17 ... John 17. Because, like I said, Yahweh's Spirit is love. And there are two beings, separate beings—Yah Yahweh the Father, Yahshua Yahweh the Son. They are one by His Ruach. They have one Spirit, meaning one mind, one thought pattern. The way They think, the way They act, Their character, it's exactly the same through that Ruach. And Yahshua's prayer was Yom Kippur. His prayer, that we could have that same with Yahweh that He has. So, John 17:6 and 7 says:

John 17:6-7 *I revealed Your name to the men whom You gave Me out of the world ... Right? That's the way we know the name of Yahweh ... They were Yours, ... Yahshua's talking to the Father ... and You gave them to Me; and they have kept Your Word ... Right? Obedience only brings blessings ... Now they have known that everything that You have given to Me I have given to them and they receive them.*

Comment: We are going to be co-heirs with Yahshua of the universe, with Him ruling through the Millennium and throughout all time. Verse 20.

John 17:20-23 *And I do not pray concerning these only, ... talking about the ones that are there at that time, the disciples when He was alive ... but also concerning those who will believe in Me through their Word; ... And here we are. We're only here because of the word they did ... that all may be echad, ... that we all may be united; that we be one ... as You are in Me Father and I in You, ... Right? Through the Ruach ... that they also may be echad in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And I have given them the glory which You have given Me, that they may be echad, as We are echad (united): I in them, and You in Me, that they may be perfected in one; and that the world may know that You sent Me and loved them, even as You loved Me.*

John 17:24-26 *Father, those whom You have given to Me, I desire that where I am they might also be with Me that they might see the glory that You have given to Me because You have loved Me from before the foundations of the world ... Right? Yahshua was there beforehand ... Righteous Father, indeed the world did not know You, but I knew You; and these have known that You sent Me. And I made known Your name to them, and I will make it known, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.*

So, like I said, the name of Yahweh is the cornerstone of the restoration ministry, but that's only the beginning, right? It's the relationship. It's the relationship that we can have with Him. It's being one with Him. It's allowing through His Ruach to get rid in our character all the things of the flesh—pride, arrogance, selfishness, lust, greed—getting all these things, letting His Spirit kill all those things, and letting love, joy, patience, peace, goodness, kindness, mercy, faith, all these things to grow in that stead. And like I said, then we're not just created to look like Yahweh, but we're made, we become in His likeness; we're being just like Him. That's what Yom Kippur is about, the Day of Atonement, the day of being at one with Yahweh.

And this was Yahshua's last prayer, right? John 17 is His last prayer before His crucifixion. So, He was there on the earth for 30 some odd years, right? He had a ministry for between two and three years, probably two and a half. And then right before He's ready to die, this is the last prayer He gives; that we would be echad. That's His prayer. That's what Yom Kippur is about.

Are you working every day of your short life to be one with Yahweh, the One who created everything? Fulfill the great purpose that you were born for. Are you living, working every day of your short life to be at one with Yahweh and fulfill the great purpose you were born for? This day, Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement), pictures the day we will see Yahweh face to face and live. Wow!

Passover is about death and forgiveness. Atonement is about reconciliation and life and being at one with Yahweh because we will fully have His mind and His character, which we should be growing in, and we will be like Him. We will think like Him. He won't have to go and do something. The same way He sends Yahshua out and He knows when Yahshua does something He'll do it exactly like Yahweh, we'll be the same way. We will do it exactly like Him. But you have to surrender your human will to His will. Because right now we don't do everything just like Him. And we will shed our earthly, mortal bodies and be given a glorified spiritual body just like Him.

What an honor that He has called and chosen us to be part of His Kingdom and to have a real one-on-one relationship with Him. What an honor! Like it says, kings and prophets would have given everything to have and see what we have, and didn't. So, what an honor! And are you taking that appreciation for what Yahweh has given us, being the last generation, being the one right before His kingdom comes, and are you dedicating your whole life and loving Yahweh with all your heart, your mind, your soul, and your strength?

So, I pray this message was a blessing to you. And like I said, remember, go to Corinthian 13. Write those things down. And from a scale of 1 to 10, how are you in each one now? And then do it in a month, or two months, three months, and see how you're growing in them. Because make this year the greatest year in your life to become one with Yahweh. So, Chag sameach. Shabbat shalom, and Yahweh bless.