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To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto Elohim, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me. Acts 26:18

For Elohim, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the majesty of Elohim in the face of Yahshua the Messiah. 2 Corinthians 4:6

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people, that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 1 Peter 2:9

Contending for The Faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. Jude 3

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EDITORIAL

And There was Light – From Creation to the Kingdom

The creation account of this world is found in the book of Genesis, chapter one. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of Elohim moved upon the face of the waters. And Elohim said, Let there be light: and there was light. And Elohim saw the light, that it was good: and Elohim divided the light from the darkness. Verses 14 and 19 – And Elohim said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: ... And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

This 14th verse mentions lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night which is the sun by day and the moon by night, and then the reasons for their existence is listed. Number one is *signs* (Strong's #226) – in the sense of appearing; a signal, as a flag, beacon, monument ... When watching or looking for the new crescent moon to start Yahweh's month, there is definitely a sense of appearing when this beacon of light is sighted. Number two is *seasons* (#4150, moed) – an appointment, i.e. a fixed time or season, spec. a festival; a year; an assembly; set, solemn feast, synagogue, set time (appointed). Number 3 is *days* (#3117) – a day (as the warm hours) ... lit. (from sunrise to sunset, or from one sunset to the next)... Number 4 is *years* (#8141) – a year (as a revolution of time).

The sun, the greater light to rule the day, which Yahweh created on the fourth day is precisely positioned in space to do exactly what Yahweh created it to do. The sun continues to spew out gases that ignite and has burned for thousands of years according to man's knowledge. What a creation, our sun that warms the universe, and makes plants grow for our food, also determines the starting and ending of a day. John 11:9 – Are there not twelve hours in the day? (an equal day and night). Yes, the sun is the center of our solar system. Psalm 19:1 and 4 – The heavens declare the majesty of El; and the firmament showeth his handywork. ... Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle (dwelling place) for the sun.

Psalm 72:5 – They shall fear thee as long as the sun and moon endure, throughout all generations. Verses 18-19 – Blessed be Yahweh Elohim, the Elohim of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things. And blessed be his honourable name for ever: and let the whole earth be filled with his honour; Amen, and Amen.

Psalm 113:1-4 – Halleluyah. Praise, O ye servants of Yahweh, praise the name of Yahweh. Blessed be the name of Yahweh from this time forth and for evermore. From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same Yahweh's name is to be praised. Yahweh is high above all nations, and his honour above the heavens.

Psalm 148:1-5 – Halleluyah. Praise ye Yahweh from the heavens: praise him in the heights. Praise ye him, all his angels; praise ye him, all his hosts. Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light. Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens. Let them praise the name of Yahweh: for he commanded, and they were created. We can see Yahweh created the light from the sun to provide for his creation. Mankind! We see Yahweh's plan for feeding, clothing and providing shelter

for his creation. The earth produces grains, vegetables, fruit trees, trees for building homes, assembly buildings, barns to store grains and other foodstuffs. All this comes from our great Creator's laboratory in the heavens, where all scientific work began and begins (the origin of all scientific evidence of creation).

Apostle Paul sheds some light on the creation account in Colossians 1:12-18 – Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: Who is the image of the invisible Elohim, the firstborn of all creation: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the assembly: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence (Strong's #4409 – to be first (in rank or influence).

Let's turn back to Genesis 1:26. If Yahshua was a creation of Yahweh, his first creation, then verse 26 makes perfect sense. And Elohim said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. Verse 27 – So Elohim created man in his own image, in the image of Elohim created he him; male and female created he them.

Yahshua the Messiah is recorded in John 8:56-58 – Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad. Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? Yahshua said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am. And in John 9:5 – As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

John 1:4-5 – In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

John 3:19-21 – And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in Yahweh.

John 8:12 – Then spoke Yahshua again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

Mankind is in darkness, until the light shines. Yahweh's great gift and plan of salvation – a son of righteousness to shine with grace, truth and light. John 14:6 – Yahshua saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. (Yahshua had to come to this earth, there was no other way to the Father.)

Revelation 21:23 – And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the splendour of Elohim did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. Revelation 22:5 – And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for Yahweh Elohim giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

Brethren, let us take every opportunity to enjoy this truth, walk in it, and tell someone of the hope (the light) that is in you. **Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and honour your Father which is in heaven.** Matthew 5:16.

WHAT IS THE WILL OF YHWH?

We speak regularly of YHWH's will. For instance, we say "YHWH willing" or "if YHWH wills it." However, have you ever wondered how the Scriptures define YHWH's will? I mean, how did Sha'ul (Paul) think of YHWH's will? Or how about the Master Himself? How about you? Do you know what YHWH's will is, according to the Scriptures? I mean, isn't it something we should know if we're hoping to serve Him properly? Just think of it. How well would any relationship last if the spouses were ignorant of each other's desires? Well, sadly, the majority do not know what YHWH's will is. Let's look into it for ourselves.

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of YHWH. (Romans 12:2)

Now this acceptable, and perfect, will of YHWH is spoken of by the Master, but many overlook it. As is written – Mattityahu (Matthew) 7 – (21) Not every one that saith unto me, Master, Master, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. (22) Many will say to me in that day, Master, Master, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? (23) And then I will profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. (The Greek word *anomia* actually means "lawlessness.")

The Emissary Sha'ul (Paul) spoke of it in this manner. As is written – Romans 2 – (17) Behold, thou art called a Jew, and rest in the Torah [law], and makest thy boast of YHWH. (18) And knowest *his* will, and approvest the things that are more excellent, being instructed out of the Torah; (19) And art confident that thou thyself art a guide of the blind, a light of them which are in darkness,

Kepha (Peter) also spoke of YHWH's will this way. As is written – 1 Kepha 4 – (1) Forasmuch then as the Messiah hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind; for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; (2) That he no longer should live the rest of *his* time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of YHWH. (3) For the time past of *our* life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries:

From all of this it should be getting clearer what their concept of YHWH's will was. And so, may we all be able to say: I delight to do thy will, O my El: yea, thy law *is* within my heart. (Tehillim [Psalm] 40:8)

For as is written elsewhere – 1 Yohanan [1 John] 2 – (15) Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. (16) For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. (17) And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of YHWH abideth for ever.

And finally, let's be clear. By Torah, although in a very strict sense we refer to the books of Mosheh (Moses), by definition Torah means instructions. Therefore the Writings are considered Torah (instructions) also (Yohanan [John] 10:34, as well as the Prophets (1 Corinthians 14:21). For indeed all inspired Scripture is profitable for instruction (2 Timothy 3:16). And so may you live by "every word" (Mattityahu [Matthew] 4:4), and not just the epilogue. Sadly this many do.

The Fear Of Yahweh Leads To:

Knowledge: Proverbs 1:7 – The fear of Yahweh is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Obedience: Deuteronomy 8:5-6 – And you have known with your heart that as a man disciplines his son, Yahweh your Elohim disciplines you. And you shall keep the commandments of Yahweh your Elohim, to walk in His ways, and to fear Him.

Wisdom: Psalms 111:10 – The fear of Yahweh is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding to all those who are practicing them; His praise is standing forever!

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

Humility: Jacob (James) 4:9-10 – Be distressed, and mourn, and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy into shame. Be humbled before Yahweh, and He will exalt you.

Grace: Psalms 103:8 – Yahweh is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and of abundant mercy.

Faith: Psalms 27:3 – If an army should camp against me, my heart shall not fear. Though war rises against me, in this I am trusting.

Love: Deuteronomy 6:4-5 – Hear, O Israel, Yahweh our Elohim is Yahweh echad. And you shall love Yahweh your Elohim with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.

Praise: Exodus 15:11 – Who is like You among the Elohim, O Yahweh? Who is like You, glorified in holiness, fearful in praises, O Worker of wonders?

Mercy: Psalms 147:11 – Yahweh takes pleasure in those who fear Him, those who hope in His mercy.

Holiness: 2 Corinthians 7:1 – Then having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilements of flesh and of spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of Yahweh.

Ecclesiastes 12:13 – Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear Elohim, and keep His commandments; for this applies to every man.

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WHAT IS THE WILL OF YHWH?

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May YHWH bless you and keep you and make His face to shine upon you as you seek to fulfill His will, the celestial blueprint, more fully in your life. And may these words be confirmed by many witnesses for all who seek.

Shalom, Sean Killian

Why Doesn't the Most High Discuss Things With His Servants?

An Encouraging Word – The Creator Yahweh has called us to be His servants. He is concerned about our lives and future. He is not only offering us the opportunity to help when Yahshua returns, He is offering us eternal [everlasting] life. He is leading us to His ways and writing His perfect laws in our hearts. He is intervening in our lives at times for our benefit.

Yet, He will not speak to us with audible words as He did to Abraham, the prophets and King Solomon. The Bible is a big book. Many times it is hard to find a situation in it that is like ours, to find a specific answer to prayers, yet still no voice is heard.

Many point out that we have to exercise faith, trusting in Him that the right answer will come our way. But why doesn't the Almighty loving Creator just TALK to us? The answer is for a reason. Maybe we have to learn to handle a situation with the best we can figure out. Maybe our sins are separating us from Him so He will not hear. Maybe we are not really stopping and getting on our knees and discussing a matter with the Most High, which would show that we greatly respect His greatness and authority.

And just maybe we haven't noticed a concept in the Holy [set apart] Scriptures. How long did Abraham live? How long did Job live? And how many times did Yahweh talk with them?

Abraham didn't go to his Creator and ask questions about his personal life and problems and always hear Yahweh discuss it with him. There is no record of Joseph going to his knees in prayer and asking questions about his personal affairs, and always hearing a strong, encouraging voice tell him the details of how to proceed, with the results hoped for promised. Our forefathers suffered just as much, generally, as we do without directions.

Why? Well, because of the same reason Adam and Eve were expelled from the Garden of Eden. Adam and Eve were sentenced to live an entire lifetime figuring out for themselves what worked and what didn't, if they could. And overall, they could not.

Yahweh sentenced them to a learning experience that would last forever. Because regardless of what they said, their actions showed the Creator that they were demanding to decide for themselves what was right and what was wrong. Yahweh had never given them the prerogative of deciding that. They were not at all capable of determining that, let alone being trusted to stay loyal to it for eternity. When they decided to eat of the fruit that was forbidden to them, their Creator saw that they had to learn an eternal truth. That truth is that – Yahweh's laws are perfect. Only Yahweh's ways can be made to work.

Adam and Eve had to learn that they just did not know the way to turn to find peace and plenty. So they were sent out away from the counsel of the perfect Elohim. And not only them, but every single human being who would ever live would also have to learn the principle, and learn it the only way that would unerringly convince them...for all eternity. No doubt the eternal living Creator knew full well that all His children – mankind – had to learn this foundational, irreplaceable monition. He knew surely that

Adam and Eve, in their naive total lack of experience, wouldn't stand much of a chance under the thousands of years practice of Satan the Destroyer, the murderer and father of lies.

Almighty Yahweh knew He would bring His beloved, lost, suffering children and all their offspring back to Him. At the right time. He is Master of Eons. The Destroyer, against Yahweh's long-sightedness, is but a stumbling failure. For every given instance in time on Earth, there are so many bazillion possible futures of the next given instance. And the Creator of mankind knows them all. He can easily bring all actions into His overall plan and use them for eventual good. And He had all those possible futures and eventual results accounted for before He laid the foundation of the cosmos.

It is impossible for the serpent to derail Yahweh's plan. It is impossible for the serpent to circumvent Yahweh's laws. There is a mathematical ratio between the military might of the USA in 2007 and a red ant. There is no mathematical comparison possible between an all powerful, all knowing, all loving Creator, and a limited, evil, created servant gone mad.

Without realizing it, all mankind has been in the process of learning that fact. Man is learning the vital, most important concept that must become the basis of his education. In the future time when all who ever lived on Earth are brought to life again, in the Great White Throne Judgment, they will be taught that is what they were doing; learning the FRUITS of their ways, resulting in great technological advancement, and social pain, misery and eventual failure; what it is like to live WITHOUT Yahweh.

Yahweh knows mankind cannot live happily forever unless he learns first that his own ways will not work, because they cannot work. And He has called us to be His servants, and wants us to live forever too. So we must learn this exact same schooling ourselves. Just because Yahweh loves us greatly doesn't mean we can manage for eternity without completely, irrevocably learning this inescapable objurgation that all have brought upon themselves. We cannot circumvent the plan of salvation for all mankind either. And when we are thinking right, we don't want to.

So we too must, to some degree, find our own way every day. Like all before us, we cannot get our Creator to tell us plainly which way to make every turn. We must suffer because of the mistakes and sins of others as well as ourselves, just like those other seven billion persons. Yet Yahweh is so, so capable that on the way to ETERNITY, He is teaching them one overall lesson, and He is teaching those who study Him two overall lessons. He is teaching His disciples the same thing He is teaching those who don't know of Him. Yet He is teaching us, at the same time, a sample of what it is like to live WITH Yahweh! He is teaching us two diametrical opposites at the same time. When we are thinking right, both lessons make us run to Him. Plus, He is teaching us to teach others these things we know.

He surely is a Teacher, teaching us all lesson number one – Thy Kingdom Come! – And it will! Then He will begin teaching us lesson number two – How GREAT are HIS ways! “And He humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that He might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of Yahweh doth man live.” Deuteronomy 8:3, Matthew 4:4.

HOW TO COUNSEL: BE A BRIDGE

How do you counsel someone? It does not take a degree to be a good counselor. More than anything being a good counselor means having a good ear, and a ready shoulder. What some people don't understand is that it's not always what we say, in as much as how we say it. It's for those who have a good ear to pick up those clues. What we say reflects how we feel at that time, or what we believe in. And this can lead to confusion in the person(s) you are trying to help. This is the last thing anyone wants.

To be effective one must be able to mask or control their emotions in spite of what they are hearing. This is something that is virtually impossible to do. Thankfully we as believers have outside help so we don't have to rely on ourselves to do this. We have Yahshua and through him we also have the power of the Holy [Kodesh] Spirit to help us overcome these obstacles.

No one likes being laughed at, ignored or thought of as an idiot. Believe it or not these are thoughts based on the emotions we feel from what we've heard, and how they were expressed to us. It's not like you or I don't want to help them. It's just that sometimes we cannot help ourselves. Especially when the person we are counseling gives the impression that maybe they are not completely sane or operating on a full deck. It's wrong for us to think or feel this way, because how we feel or what we think can and will be translated into our actions; and what we say, or how we say it.

Matthew 15:18-19 – But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, blasphemies, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness:

Proverbs 2:6 – For Yahweh giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. Proverbs 3:27 – Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thy hand to do it. Proverbs 6:2 – Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou are taken with the words of thy mouth. Proverbs 9:7-9 – He that reproveth a scorner getteth to himself shame: And he that rebuketh a wicked man getteth himself a blot. Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: rebuke a wise man and he will love thee. Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just man and he will increase in learning.

Proverbs 11:11-14 – By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted: but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked. He that is void of wisdom despiseth his neighbor: but a man of understanding holdeth his peace. A talebearer revealeth secrets: but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter. Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counselors there is safety. Proverbs 26:28 – A lying tongue hateth those that are afflicted by it; and a flattering mouth worketh ruin.

Yahshua tells us to love our neighbor as much as we do ourselves. So how much love are you showing them, when you show complete indifference, or aloofness, or ignore them openly, or worse yet you patronize them? What good are you, are we, as counselors then? As I said before though, we have a secret weapon; one of great and awesome power; one that can help us overcome the limitations of the flesh; one that the mortal mind fails to plumb or understand its depths and mysteries.

What is this power? The indwelling of the Holy Spirit, given to us by Yahshua to teach us, comfort us, guide us, and empower us to do mighty deeds, or to overcome our adversary. It is also there to remind us of the sacrifice Yahshua made for us and to remind us that we have to follow his commandments or face punishment.

How do we get this power? Through prayer. Hebrews 4:12-16 – For the word of Elohim is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do. Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Yahshua the Son of Elohim, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 10:35-36 – Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of Elohim, ye might receive the promise.

1 John 3:21-23 – Beloved if our heart condemn us not, then we have confidence toward Elohim. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight. And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Yahshua the Messiah, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.

We as believers have many assurances from Yahweh that if we simply ask, and believe, we will get what we ask for. Prayer is the key to opening the door in the life of the person we are counseling or will be counseling. So that we with the power and help of the Holy Spirit may be able to show them what they need to do, or pray about, then do. We will also be able to do what I consider the single most important thing, and most likely the hardest thing. Listen. Not to just the words, but how they are said, and the body language used. Because words can be misleading, but truth will always strive to be free and it will show in the person's mannerisms or inflections. Either way the truth is there. Then with the power of the Holy Spirit discern what the root of their problem really is.

From personal experience, no one aside from Yahshua truly tells you everything at first. They'll start by telling you what bothers them the most. Usually it is someone else they are talking about. In this way they are hoping for a quick fix, rather than telling you the whole story. Part of the reason behind this, is that they are trying to get out of taking responsibility for their actions. Personal responsibility (and the consequences there of) for our own actions is something society as a whole has been moving away from. This really shouldn't come as a surprise to anyone, as this has been going on since the time of Adam and Eve.

Genesis 3:12-13 – And the man said, the woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. And Yahweh Elohim said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, the serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. This was of course in response to Yahweh's question. Genesis 3:11 – And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

Only now this finger pointing seems to be in truly epic proportions, and picking up speed still. Thanks in part to new laws, technology, and man's tenacity to point the finger at someone else in order to draw some or all the attention away from them and their closet full of skeletons. They blame their parents, the neighborhood, their race, or skin color, etc. All because they got caught doing something they weren't supposed to be doing in the first place. My favorite excuse is "the devil made me do it." Yahweh can't

make us behave, but the devil, also a creation of Yahweh, makes us do something. They were obedient to the desires of the flesh. The devil (Satan) can't make anyone do anything, any more than Yahweh can. What we do is based on freewill and choice. Only society is steadily refusing to accept the responsibility for its self-caused problems.

Matthew 15:14 – Let them alone: they are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a ditch. Our society is currently at the precipice of that ditch. This in of itself is another reason for prayer, and for allowing the power of Yahweh's spirit to work. It may be that who we are talking to will need to keep coming back as the Holy Spirit softens their heart so that they can hear and accept the truth of life.

Isaiah 59:10 – We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as we had no eyes: we stumble at noonday as at twilight; we are as dead men in desolate places. And so they are until they accept the truth. To put it bluntly, the truth hurts because it cuts us to the core and releases all that poison inside our soul and heart. Because it does this, it allows us to heal if we let it.

However, when faced with the reality of their situation many people will invariably go right back to their personal pig sty and wallow in their filth, rather than accept responsibility for their actions, and accept Yahweh's gift and grace of salvation. As disheartening as that is, we must accept their decision. But we must also pray for them and let Yahweh handle the situation. We are powerless, we cannot do anything more than we have done for our Sovereign unless we have his blessing and assistance.

Now to be a bridge is something entirely different. To be a bridge is to be a connection between two points. In a way it's much like what Yahshua is for us to Yahweh. He is our intercessor (someone who pleads on our behalf before Yahweh our Sovereign and Father).

John 14:6 – Yahshua said to him, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes unto the Father except by me. This one verse really says it all. In order for us to reach Yahweh we need Yahshua. We only have Yahshua when we ask him to be part of us, and believe and accept what he has done for us.

John 14:13-14, 16-18 – And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be esteemed in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever; Even the spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. ...

Do we as believers truly walk in our Savior's steps regardless of the outcome or do we like many others pick and choose what we will follow and what we won't? As believers we are a bridge to the unsaved masses. Our bridge however is our works which show our Faith in our Savior.

James 2:26 – For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also. Revelation 2:2-5 – I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: and hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted. Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou are fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of its place, except thou repent.

Revelation 3:15-17 – I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would that thou were cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I

will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked.

John 8:12 – Then spoke Yahshua again unto them saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. John 3:19 – And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

Matthew 5:14-16 – Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and honour your Father which is in heaven. As a bridge we must be well grounded in the Word and in our Faith. Else we are of little use to those who wish to cross from the darkness into the light. If we are not well grounded, we will collapse under the pressure. But if we are well grounded we will bear the burden with relative ease.

Matthew 7:24-27 – Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And everyone that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

Matthew 16:24-25 – Then said Yahshua unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his stake, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. In order to successfully counsel someone, we also need to be well grounded. We also need to be well protected, and we need humility. The last thing any person who is seeking help wants is some self-righteous blowhard, who instead of listening to what they have to say, is saying something that may not have anything to do with their situation. The irony is that those being counseled may also be that selfsame spouting self-righteous blowhard. (This is where being a well-grounded bridge helps.) By our accepting all that poison with all the grace and poise we get from the Holy Spirit, that person tends to feel better, and may be more receptive to what they need to hear versus what they want to hear.

It also may be that they do not know how to unload their burdens to our Elohim, or how to pray, or even what to pray for. They might not even know Yahweh as we do. They may not know him at all. They may even have some form of demonic presence in their life. But we will never know unless we listen, and we will never know unless we are protected by the armour of Yahweh Elohim. With us so spiritually protected and grounded then all the enemy's attacks have no power and does no real harm.

Romans 13:12 – The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Ephesians 6:11-18 – Put on the whole armour of Elohim, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of Elohim, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore having your loins girded about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the good news of peace; Above all taking the shield of faith, wherewith

ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of Yahweh: Pray always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.

Part of this armour is the expression of a form of love that we by ourselves are incapable of showing. Matthew 22:37-39 – Yahshua said unto him, thou shalt love Yahweh thy Elohim with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. Now try to love someone who is spewing forth nothing but vile, venom and hate. By yourself you can't. You show this kind of love when you engage them at Yahweh's level not theirs. To have this kind of love we need the Holy Spirit, and we need to rely solely on that self same spirit. When we step outside our Elohim's protection and guidance, we are in essence saying to him, "I can do this on my own, now stop bothering me." And we enter the fray and do combat with our counselee at their level. Now what do we profit from all this? Nothing, and what is worse we stand to lose even more.

Matthew 16:27 – For the Son of man will come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and then he will reward each according to his works. Matthew 7:23 – And then I will declare to them, I never knew you: depart from me, you who practice lawlessness. Personally I wouldn't want to face my Sovereign when I did something I knew I shouldn't. I don't know how I could face him. But now when we respond with love, we immediately defuse the situation or keep it from getting completely out of hand. But once again this can only be done if we are properly armed and grounded. If that poor soul had been or is being tormented by a demon, we through the power and love of our Sovereign's Holy Spirit have the power to free that person, and help them to see the truth of life. But without this we could do nothing.

In John chapter 4 is a recorded counseling session between Yahshua and a Samaritan woman. It would be in our best interests as counselors to re-read this chapter periodically and ask Yahshua to help us be like him more and more. In that way we can have the same impact he did. Or we can have a worse one. The choice is ours.

Matthew 21:22 – And whatsoever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive. John 15:7 – If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. Romans 8:26-27 – Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of Yahweh. Just pray about it, have faith, and believe in our Savior; everything will be all right.

May Yahweh Bless You, Michael Bidwell

YAHWEH SAYS:

**READ MY WORD, NEED MY WORD, HEED MY WORD,
AND WHEN YOU DO, YOU WILL SUCCEED IN MY WORD.**

Russell Medina

FEAST OF WEEKS

DAY OF FIRSTFRUITS

PENTECOST

Exodus 23:14-16 – Three times thou shalt keep a feast unto me in the year. Thou shalt keep the feast of unleavened bread: ... And the feast of harvest, the **firstfruits** of thy labours, which thou hast sown in the field: and the feast of ingathering, which is in the end of the year, ... Exodus 34:22 – And thou shalt observe the **feast of weeks**, of the **firstfruits** of wheat harvest, ...

Leviticus 23:9-21 – And Yahweh spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the **firstfruits** of your harvest unto the priest: And he shall wave the sheaf before Yahweh, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it....And ye shall eat neither bread, nor parched corn, nor green ears, until the selfsame day that ye have brought an offering unto your Elohim: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings. And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete. Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meal offering unto Yahweh ... And ye shall proclaim on the selfsame day, that it may be an holy convocation unto you: ye shall do no servile work therein: it shall be a statute for ever in all your dwellings throughout your generations.

Numbers 28:26 – Also in the **day of the firstfruits**, when ye bring a new meal offering unto Yahweh, after your weeks be out, ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work:

Deuteronomy 16:9-12 – Seven weeks shalt thou number unto thee: begin to number the seven weeks from such time as thou beginnest to put the sickle to the corn. And thou shalt keep the **feast of weeks** unto Yahweh thy Elohim with a tribute of a freewill offering of thine hand, which thou shalt give unto Yahweh thy Elohim, according as Yahweh thy Elohim hath blessed thee:...

Joshua 5:10-12 – And the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal, and kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month at even in the plains of Jericho. And they did eat of the old corn of the land on the morrow after the Passover, unleavened cakes, and parched corn in the selfsame day. And the manna ceased on the morrow after they had eaten of the old corn of the land; neither had the children of Israel manna any more; but they did eat of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

2 Chronicles 8:12-13 – Then Solomon offered burnt offerings unto Yahweh on the altar of Yahweh, which he had built before the porch, Even after a certain rate every day, offering according to the commandment of Moses, on the Sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the solemn feasts, three times in the year, even in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the **feast of weeks**, and in the feast of tabernacles.

Acts 2:1-4 – And when the day of **Pentecost** was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 20:16 – For Paul had determined to sail by Ephesus, because he would not spend the time in Asia: for he hasted, if it were possible for him, to be at Jerusalem the **day of Pentecost**. 1 Corinthians 16:8 – But I will tarry at Ephesus until **Pentecost**.

Pentecost – Pentekostos..., an adjective denoting fiftieth, is used as a noun, with “day” understood, i.e., the fiftieth day after the Passover, counting from the second day of the Feast, Acts 2:1; 20:16; 1 Cor. 16:8. For the Divine instructions to Israel see Ex. 23:16; 34:22; Lev. 23:15-21; Num. 28:26-31; Deut. 16:9-11. (Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words by W.E. Vine)



YAHSHUA'S JEWELS

Young People for Yahshua

“Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.” (1 Tim. 4:12)



YAHSHUA'S YOUNG PEOPLE ARE VERY SPECIAL!!!

Yahshua's jewels (young people) are very special to him. For example, David was a young person who was very precious to Father Yahweh because he tried his best to serve him with a true heart. Although he made mistakes he repented and continued to try his best to serve Father Yahweh faithfully and Yahweh blessed him greatly.

Yahweh has made a covenant with his special ones and encourages us to keep our covenant with him. The covenant is our promise to try our best to obey all his commandments with Yahshua's help. No one can do it alone. Yahshua died so that we could overcome sin by his awesome power. Repent always and call on Yahshua for help. Yahshua has a special love for his young people, and encourages us to serve him with a true heart. **Matthew 5:8 - Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see Yahweh.**

Yahweh reminds his people:

Deut. 7:6 - For thou art a holy people unto Yahweh thy Elohim: Yahweh thy Elohim hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all the people that are upon the face of the earth. Deut. 7:9 - Know therefore that Yahweh thy Elohim, he is El, the faithful El, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations.

LET US TRY OUR BEST TO DO OUR PART AND KEEP YAHWEH'S COVENANT. THAT IS WHAT MAKES YAH'S PEOPLE EXTRA SPECIAL!!!

We welcome contributions from Yahshua's young people. Please send your contribution be it a poem, verse or inspiration with your first name (optional) and country to yahshuasjewels@yahoo.ca. Please keep in mind that not all contributions can be published.

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Submitted by Peter Laurin
Good News Newsletter
March-April, 2010

Yahweh's 2011 Calendar

New Moon Days	YAHSHUA'S MEMORIAL (Passover) APRIL 18 Celebrate APRIL 17 after sunset	Annual Convocation Days
	FESTIVAL OF UNLEAVENED BREAD APRIL 19 through APRIL 25	
Jan. 6		April 19
Feb. 5		April 25
Mar. 7	FEAST (appointment) OF WEEKS JUNE 8 See Leviticus 23:10, 11, 15, 16, 21	June 8
Apr. 5		Sept. 30
May 5		Oct. 9
June 3 (Borderline)	FEAST (appointment) OF TRUMPETS SEPTEMBER 30	Oct. 14
July 3		Oct. 21
Aug. 2	DAY (appointment) OF ATONEMENT OCTOBER 9	
Aug. 31		7 days in all – the number of completeness
Sept. 30	FEAST OF TABERNACLES (Booths or Huts) OCTOBER 14 through OCTOBER 20	
Oct. 29		
Nov. 27	LAST GREAT DAY OCTOBER 21	
Dec. 26 (Borderline)		

Begin YAHWEH's days with the sunset preceding the indicated Roman days lasting till the next sunset.

Letter to The Faith

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First off, please accept my tithes for the month. I would like to share real quickly some blessings Yahweh has shown me.

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Also, I recently had a visit with my father whom I haven't seen in 3 years. It gave me an opportunity to mend a relationship that has been broken for awhile.

You know it is kind of crazy how Yahweh works. If you give to him then he'll give so much more. Anyways please know that you are in my prayers. And thank you for increasing my knowledge and truth and may Yah bless you in all that you do.

Sincerely,
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