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REPENTANCE

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Yahshua the Messiah for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy [Kodesh] Spirit. Acts 2:38

Yahweh is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:9

And the times of this ignorance Elohim winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent. Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead. Acts 17:30-31

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

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EDITORIAL

America...Scattered Israel = Abraham's Seed

What happened to the blessings the United States of America had in the past? The most prosperous nation in the world has resorted to borrowing money to stay in business; borrowing more than the gross national product of a year in 2011; with government officials unable to get together to solve problems. Is this a blessing or cursing according to Deuteronomy 28?

Floods, forest fires, drought, sandstorms; famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places (Matthew 24:7). Famine in Africa, with millions of people misplaced in overflowing refugee camps. Tropical storms/hurricanes traveling up the eastern coast of the U.S. and the Gulf of Mexico (Luke 21:25), with multiple deaths and destruction, millions of people without electrical power, roads and bridges washed away. The cost of rebuilding the infrastructure is staggering.

What is the answer? Faith in government or Faith in our Heavenly Father Yahweh? Repent, ask for forgiveness of our sinful acts (Matthew 3:6). He said if we would return unto Him, He would return unto us. He will do it, if we do it. Do we need a national day of prayer to return unto Yahweh? What if individuals got down on their knees and cried out to Yahweh every day? **America, wake up! Who is coming to your aid?**

Let's go back to the beginning and look again at Yahweh's plan for His creation. Genesis 12:2-3 – And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed. And, again in Genesis 26:4-5 – And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.

This same promise of blessings is written in Deuteronomy 28:1 – And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of Yahweh thy Elohim, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that Yahweh thy Elohim will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:

Yahshua reaffirms these promises in Matthew 6:30-33 – Wherefore, if Elohim so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, What shall we eat? Or, What shall we drink? Or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first His kingdom and righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Returning and Rest. Isaiah 30:15-18 – For thus saith the Sovereign Yahweh, the Holy One of Israel; In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength: and ye would not. But ye said, No; for we will flee upon horses; therefore shall ye flee: and, We will ride upon the swift; therefore shall they that pursue you be swift. One thousand shall flee at the rebuke of one; at the rebuke of five shall ye flee: till ye be left as a beacon upon the top of a mountain, and as an ensign on an hill. And therefore will Yahweh wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he

be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for Yahweh is an Elohim of judgment: **blessed are all they that wait for him.**

The message of waiting upon Yahweh for direction in times of despair or in times of trouble is revealed in verse 21 of Isaiah chapter 30 – And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

We must remember Yahshua's words in Matthew 7:13-14 – Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. 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. Verses 12-15 – Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. 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. If ye love me, keep my commandments.

When we accept Yahshua the Messiah and the plan of salvation and keep His Father's commandments, He has a bonus gift for us: the Comforter, the set apart Spirit as we read on in John 14:16 – And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

The natural disasters listed above should be viewed as a wake up call or message to return to the scriptural way of life: repentance, accepting our Savior Yahshua the Messiah, keeping the commandments of Yahweh, treating or loving our neighbor as ourselves.

The book of Jonah gives the example of Yahweh using the wind and storm (a mighty tempest) in persuading Jonah to go and warn Nineveh to repent of their wickedness.

Does the world need another prophet raised up in 2011? Would the world listen and heed to one? We know Yahweh's two witnesses in Revelation 11 will have power over the rain and power to smite the earth with plagues. Yahshua left us a warning message in Matthew 24, Luke 21 and Mark 13. We need to read and reread these chapters to keep informed and abreast on what to expect now and in the future.

Dear readers, it is time to return to the Mighty One of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and receive the blessings of obedience. Samuel A. Graham

Unity Conference — 2011

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Tabernacles with about 80 people in attendance. Praise Yahweh for the opportunity to witness His truth to these people. Brother Tony would like to express his appreciation to all the brethren who have helped to support the work and make it possible for him to be there.

We were blessed to have a baptism during the Unity Conference. Will Brinson from Huntsville, Texas was immersed into Yahshua's name. Let's keep this newly-baptized brother in our prayers.

We would like to thank the Cisco assembly for their wonderful hospitality, and for all the work they put into making this Unity Conference one of the best ever. Each year they just seem to keep getting better and better. We hope to see you all at Rocheport for next year's Unity Conference, to be held August 3, 4 and 5, 2012. HalleluYah!

Report from Yahweh's Assembly in Messiah, Rocheport, Missouri

ESSENTIAL HUMILITY

By Tom Schattke
Unity Conference 2011

As much as Yahshua talked about the Kingdom, I guess we all think about it sometimes.

We may think about our position there. Yahshua told his disciples that they would be important rulers there, each one ruling over one of the tribes of Israel. That leaves a lot of other nations to be ruled. You could be a ruler over a city or a nation. It is possible, but only if you meet one important requirement.

A LITTLE CHILD

Any one of us can learn important things about Yahweh's Kingdom from a little child.

We will learn an important principle from Yahshua about the Kingdom that holds **VERY TRUE** for each of us. Along with **love for one another** the **humility of a little child** is an important foundation principle of our faith.

The vivid and startling **truth** is that each of us must HAVE AN ONGOING PROJECT to **change our personality** to make it like the personality of a little child. Just like the top goes down on a convertible, we have to let any pride and arrogance go down and we have to be changed and **converted** into humble individuals. Can you be a convertible believer?

How humble do we need to become? Like a sweet, obedient, quiet, little child. That is a giant step for most of us! But it is a step FORWARD and UPWARD.

In scriptural history humility has been a key to many epic, historical, life-changing events. Some positive and some negative.

Three scripture lessons about humility are drawn from the time of the Exodus from Egypt.

HUMILITY was a major factor in the destruction of the great Egyptian culture and society at that first Passover in Egypt.

Exodus 10:3 Moses and Aaron came in to Pharaoh and said to him, "So says Yahweh, the Elohim of the Hebrews, 'How long will you refuse to **HUMBLE YOURSELF** before Me? Let My people go, so that they may serve Me.'"

I think Yahweh still likes for His people to come out and serve Him.

While the lack of **HUMILITY** in Pharaoh brought about the destruction of Egypt, the great Humility of Moses was an important factor in the success of that prophet.

Numbers 12:3 Now the man Moses *was* very meek, more than all men on the face of the earth.

Moses was able to follow Yahweh in everything because he didn't think he knew it all or that his way was always better. He just wanted to do whatever Yahweh desired and help the chosen people. He was able to encourage the Israelites because he loved them and was one of them.

Lack of HUMILITY caused the children of Israel to spend an extra 40 years in the wilderness. That was a lesson for all of us to remember. At the end of their 40 years Moses told them this:

Deuteronomy 8:2 “You shall remember all the way which Yahweh your Elohim led you these forty years in the wilderness in order **TO HUMBLE YOU**, to prove you, to know what is in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not.”

What Yahweh was looking for in Israel was courage, faith, and fearlessness - not what we usually think of as humility, but they just did not have it. Would 40 years of wandering around on a diet of manna help with your humility? Would you like to find out?

What makes **HUMILITY** to be of interest to EACH ONE OF US, is that Yahshua said that if we do not have it, we will **NEVER** enter Yahweh’s Kingdom! Is that important to you?

This is unexpected, and even amazing to me. A surprising requirement to impose for leaders - that they must be humble like little children! I always wrongly assumed a good leader was aggressive, bold, showy, and demanding.

Each child of Yahweh is intended to be a leader in Yahweh’s Kingdom – Kings and Priests.

Let’s look at the scripture:

Matthew 18:1-4 At that hour the disciples came to Yahshua, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of Heaven?” 2) And Yahshua called a little child to Him and set him in their midst, 3) And said, “**Truly I say to you, Unless you are converted [CHANGED], and become as little children, you shall not enter into the kingdom of Heaven.** 4) **Therefore whoever shall HUMBLE himself like this little child, that one is the greater in the kingdom of Heaven.”**

Yes, an essential key to enter Yahweh’s Kingdom is HUMILITY, and Yahshua says it is a change we have to make within ourselves. That means we can do it. Yahshua is not going to require something that may be impossible for some of us. Every person Yahweh has called is capable of making the change to become more humble!

We are not intended to make it into the Kingdom on our natural humility that we were born with or that we may have had as a little child. As we grow up we lose that childlike humble attitude. Somewhere between the terrible twos and the troubled teens we become too proud and arrogant. As we mature further and begin a relationship with Yahweh, we recognize that these attitudes are **not** Yahweh’s way. We are supposed to be **working** on changing from the proud way we have become, to the **HUMBLE WAY** Yahshua tells us we need to be.

Colossians 3:12-13 Therefore, as the elect of Yahweh, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with tender feelings of mercy, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, patience; 13) Forbearing and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against any: as the Messiah forgave you, so you must also *do*.

Paul presents a picture of a believer dressing himself in these essential garments as he (or she) talks with the Father to begin each day. Yahweh will hear and support those who seek humility.

This is an ongoing project for each believer!

What is Humility?

HUMILITY is the opposite of pride but it does not mean confessing our sins in public. Our sins must be confessed and repented of before Father Yahweh.

It is not saying you are less than or worse than you are. That would be lying.

It is not humble to be presumptuous. That means arrogant, or excessively forward or bold.

We cannot just **pretend** to be humble but then congratulate ourselves internally for fooling people. Of course Yahweh cannot be fooled.

Philippians 2:3 *Let nothing be done through **strife** or **vainglory**; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than themselves.*

Strife is: Angry or bitter disagreement. Vainglory is: Excessive pride in oneself or one's achievements; excessive vanity. We don't base our actions on **strife** or **vainglory**.

A humble person certainly does not need to keep talking about how bad he is. He just does not boast or brag or talk about how good he is.

Part of being humble is certainly being submissive to the will of our Father Yahweh. **Habakkuk 2:4** is quoted in the NT because it links salvation to faith:

Habakkuk 2:4 Behold, the soul of him is puffed up, *and* is not upright; but the just shall live by his faith.

But notice the first part of the verse. The prophet is contrasting pride to faith. Truly, he is contrasting pride to salvation as Yahshua did in **Matthew 18!**

This personality trait is truly BASIC to our future as Yahweh's children. By 'basic' I mean that it is essential and also that it must be a part of our core being. Humility has to be as much a part of our nature as faith, hope, or love. It has to be firmly imbedded **deep in our heart** and mind.

We're going to look at three areas of Humility: **1)** The first is humility in the life and teachings of Yahshua the Messiah. **2)** The second will be our own individual humility. **3)** The third will be the part of humility in the congregation of Yahshua's followers.

1. Yahshua's Humility

We look at Yahshua first because he sets the standard by his example and his instructions.

Torah commands us to correct our brother when we see that he is sinning,

Leviticus 19:17 You shall not hate your brother in your heart: you shall in any way rebuke your neighbor, and not allow sin upon him.

This is difficult to do but Yahshua had a way of bringing sin to someone's attention without being too direct so as to hurt the person or cause him to reject the message. We can learn to do this too if we have humility and love.

Yahshua's name itself proclaims his mission to help people keep from sinning. The angel told Joseph:

Matthew 1:21 "And she shall bear a son, and you shall call His name Yahshua: for He shall save His people from their sins."

Yahshua didn't save us only by dying as a sacrifice for the sins we have committed. He also showed us how to obey the full **intention** of Yahweh's laws. By his instruction

he helps us to keep from breaking the **heart** of each law of Yahweh. That is an even better way of saving someone - to help them **keep from sinning** in the first place. That's much better than fixing it after they have sinned.

An example of this in Yahshua's life can be found in the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5 where Yahshua explained the true meaning of several Torah passages so that people could know better how to avoid sinning. He talked about the full meaning of commandments not to kill, not to commit adultery, not to bear false witness, and not to hate others, but to forgive. All these teachings are to help us **keep from sinning**.

Another example is when Yahshua was with the man who said he had done all the commandments since his youth. Yahshua was gentle with him but soon made his sin clear to him. That story is in **Matthew 19:21**.

Yahshua's humility is clear in the garden prayer where he says, "**Your will be done.**"

Yahshua also showed his submission to the Father by telling people, "**I have been sent...**" rather than standing on his own authority. He only wanted to be known as the Father's agent.

John 5:30 "I can do nothing of My own self. As I hear, I judge, and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of *the* Father who has sent Me."

John 6:38-40 "For I came down from Heaven, not to do My own will but the will of Him who sent Me. 39) And this is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all which He has given Me I should lose nothing but should raise it up again at the last day. 40) And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes on Him should have everlasting life. And I will raise him up at the last day."

Did he think others were better than him? In one sense he did not. Remember we said a humble person could not lie by saying he was not good. Yahshua certainly understood that he was a powerful person through the power of the Father. And he surely understood that he had wisdom and real brilliance through the Holy Spirit of the Father. He also made sure to stay righteous to fulfill his salvation mission.

But Yahshua did esteem **you** to be more valuable than his own life. He was very willing to painfully sacrifice his life so that you can live. That's just a really short version of the longer story about Yahshua and our salvation.

We have seen Yahshua's example of humility. Now we'll look at how he taught us to be and to become humble.

Above, we looked at **Matthew 18:1-4** where Yahshua brought the example of a little child to the disciples. His teaching was, "**Unless you are converted [CHANGED] and become as little children, you shall not enter** into the kingdom."

Another example comes at Passover:

John 13:12-15 So after He had washed their feet and had taken His garments and had reclined again, He said to them, "**Do you understand what I have done to you? 13) You call Me the Teacher, and Master, and you say well, for I AM. 14) If then I, the Master and the Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash**

one another's feet. 15) For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you."

That is a very clear teaching about the humility of a leader. And, make no mistake, this goes much farther than foot-washing once a year. It is the leader's humble attitude every day. Then, a little later that evening He taught:

John 13:34-35 "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you, you should also love one another. 35) By this all shall know that you are My disciples, if you have love toward one another."

Yahshua waited until his last night on earth to give this command. In that way they had the full example of Yahshua's time with them. When he said, "**Love the way I have loved you,**" they were able to understand exactly what he meant. We can gain that understanding by reading the accounts in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. I encourage you to spend some time learning from Yahshua at least once every week.

2. Humility for Individual Believers

- We are to be humble as a little child - but of course not a little brat. The child Yahshua is talking about is an ideal child; well taught to be quiet and obedient, helpful, friendly, open and loving.
- We must **decide** to be humble. Coming to it **by decision** will assure that our heart is really in the project. Each of us must consider it and decide if we want to be humble.
- We must follow Yahshua in his example of humility and act on his teachings about it.
- Do we sometimes start sentences with "I"? "I am...", "I want...", "I deserve...", "I am entitled to...", "By my authority...", I **SAID**...?

If I get to feeling pretty good about myself I have a sure-fire way to bring myself down to earth. I compare myself not to other people but only to Yahshua and to Yahweh.

2 Corinthians 10:12 For we do not dare to rank or compare ourselves with some of the ones commending themselves. But they, measuring themselves among themselves, and comparing themselves to themselves, are not perceptive.

Proverbs 26:12 Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? *There is* more hope for a fool than for him.

What does Yahweh say about it?

Isaiah 55:8-9 "For My thoughts *are* not your thoughts, nor your ways My ways, says Yahweh. 9) For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts."

We don't even think the same way as Yahweh, and his thoughts are higher than ours. Humility is definitely in order for us.

Who IS High and Mighty and what the rest of us need to do about that:

Isaiah 57:15 For so says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity; whose name *is* Holy; **“I dwell in the high and holy place, even with the contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.”**

3. Congregations

I believe we can say that each congregation has a personality, and that this factor of humility is vital to the success of every congregation that has been or ever will be.

- Yahshua and New Testament writers made an analogy of the congregation to a bride. Like a new bride - she is quiet, helpful, sweet and humble. Focused on pleasing her husband and his family.
- A lot of the personality of a congregation comes from the leaders of it.
- Yahshua already told us that only a person who is humble like a little child can ever enter Yahweh’s Kingdom. That was **Matthew 18**. We have to believe that applies to congregation leaders.
- But not one will enter the Kingdom who is an aggressive bully, who hollers at people, a tough guy, arrogant, drill instructor type, dictator, Rabbi with his man-made rules, a ruler, a boss, or most lawyers and other “suits.” Someone said we don’t need over-governing, just love-one-anothering.
- It seems like the leader of Yahshua’s congregation may be hard to identify. He probably leads mostly by example and by quiet, loving conversations.
- Only the path of humility that Yahshua followed leads to where Yahshua is now, by the Father’s side.

Think about this - Would it make sense to follow a congregation leader whom Yahshua says cannot enter Yahweh’s Kingdom? He would need help, not followers.

In any teaching situation who is it who learns the most? Isn’t it the teacher? So a leader who takes his job seriously would be teaching this message of essential humility. This is a message of eternal life!

We have seen some really good reasons for each of us to overcome pride and **work** on teaching and learning better HUMILITY.

HUMILITY is VERY IMPORTANT and even **ESSENTIAL** for us as individuals and as a congregation, together with loving one another.

This is very much a salvation issue and I hope this article is something you can remember and use to help you reach Yahweh’s wonderful Kingdom. I have just scratched the surface of this topic. I’d like to hear about other messages. Please contact me at my email below and tell me about them.

Yahweh is calling you to be in His Kingdom and He really wants you to be there. If you ask Him then He will surely help you.

2 Chronicles 7:14 “If My people, who are called by My name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”

Psalms 34:18 Yahweh *is* near unto them that are of a broken heart; and saves such as are of a contrite spirit.

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[While The Faith endeavors to use Yahweh and Yahshua exclusively (and Elohim, Messiah, Savior, Anointed), the editor deemed the following article in its original form (with quotations using other titles and other names) as informative, noteworthy, eye opening and timely.]

America's Heritage

By James King
Unity Conference 2011

I am not now, nor have I ever been, a conspiracy theorist. My wife calls me a "Spokesman for the Government" and in many cases I am. For those who don't know me, I am a sitting Justice of the Peace and a municipal court judge for two additional jurisdictions. I have a background in law enforcement both in military and civilian police forces, with a combined 14 years of law enforcement and have been a judge for over 4 ½ years. In many cases I am THE spokesman for the government.

Government in itself is not inherently evil. This government, like any other, is made up of people who rule over other people. The people in leadership may, or may not be evil. We do not have a perfect government because we do not have perfect people in our government. There is only one government that is perfect, and that is the one prophesied to be led by King Messiah.

Daniel 7:13-14 ¹³ I was watching in the night visions, And behold, *One* like the Son of Man, Coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought Him near before Him. ¹⁴ Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom *the one* Which shall not be destroyed.

Isaiah 2:2-4 ² Now it shall come to pass in the latter days That the mountain of YAHWEH'S house shall be established on the top of the mountains, And shall be exalted above the hills; And all nations shall flow to it. ³ Many people shall come and say, " Come, and let us go up to the mountain of YAHWEH, To the house of the God [Elohim] of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, And we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, And the word of YAHWEH from Jerusalem. ⁴ He shall judge between the nations, And rebuke many people; They shall beat their swords into plowshares, And their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war anymore.

Until that perfect government comes, we are stuck with ruling ourselves. Our current government is not perfect, but it did get a pretty good start.

This great country of ours was founded by courageous men determined to forge a nation that was founded on biblical principles and guaranteed the greatest amount of freedom for its citizens.

Declaration of Independence:

When in the Course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another and to assume among the

powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness...

...We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these united Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States, that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. — And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor.

The men who signed this document were literally risking everything for a cause they truly believed in. On July 4, 1776, at the signing of the Declaration, Benjamin Franklin said, "We must all hang together, or, assuredly, we shall all hang separately."

These people were trying to leave an oppressive government to establish a system of government based upon individual freedom and biblical values.

John Quincy Adams (6th President) said that the Declaration of Independence laid the cornerstone of human government upon the first precepts of Christianity.

John Adams (2nd President & father of John Quincy) – "The general principles on which the fathers achieved independence, were the general principles of Christianity. I will avow that I then believed, and now believe, that those general principles of Christianity are as eternal and immutable as the existence and attributes of God."

Some have said that the founding fathers weren't Christian, but were Deists instead, who although they believed in a Creator, didn't necessarily believe what the Christians believed. Well, this can be said of us too. But they did create a nation based upon biblical principles that sought to guarantee to every person the free exercise of whatever form of religion they chose.

In 1984 two researchers from the University of Houston did a study, which later led to a book titled *Original Intent*, where they selected approximately 15,000 samples of writings of the founding fathers to find out who they were most often quoting so that we could get an idea of the reasoning they were using. The study found 3,154 direct quotes, 34% of which were directly out of the bible. Many more were quotes of other scholars speaking about biblical principles.

George Washington

"Father of Our Country", 1st President of the U.S.

"It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible."

1 Source: George Washington's personal prayer book. W. Herbert Burk, B.D., *Washington's Prayers*, (Norristown, PA...: Published for the benefit of the Washington Memorial Chapel, 1907), pp. 87-95.

John Adams

Founding Father and 2nd President of the United States

"We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Avarice, ambition, revenge, or gallantry would break the strongest cords of our Constitution as a whale goes through a net. Our Constitution was made for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

Source: October 11, 1798, in his address as President to the Military. Charles Francis Adams, ed., *The Works of John Adams—Second President of the United States*, (Boston: Little, Brown, & Co., 1854), Vol. IX p. 229.

The law given from Sinai was a civil and municipal as well as a moral and religious code; it contained many statutes . . . of universal application—laws essential to the existence of men in society, and most of which have been enacted by every nation which ever professed any code of laws.

(Source: John Quincy Adams, *Letters of John Quincy Adams, to His Son, on the Bible and Its Teachings* (Auburn: James M. Alden, 1850), p. 61.)

Patrick Henry

American Revolutionary Leader

"It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religions, but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

Source: Steve C. Dawson, *God's Providence in America's History*, (Rancho Cordova, CA: Steve C. Dawson, 1988), Vol. I, p. 5.

James Madison

Known as the "Chief Architect of the Constitution"

"[A] watchful eye must be kept on ourselves lest, while we are building ideal monuments of renown and bliss here, we neglect to have our names enrolled in the Annals of Heaven."

"To the same Divine Author of every good and perfect gift we are indebted for all those privileges and advantages, religious as well as civil, which are so richly enjoyed in this favored land."

Source: November 9, 1772, in writing to William Bradford. William T. Hutchinson, ed., *The Papers of James Madison*, (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1962), Vol., p. 75.

U.S. Supreme Court

Church of the Holy Trinity v. United States (1892)

"Our laws and our institutions must necessarily be based upon and embody the teachings of the Redeemer of mankind. It is impossible that it should be otherwise; and in this sense and to this extent our civilization and our institutions are emphatically Christian."

Source: February 29, 1892. Justice Josiah Brewer, Church of the Holy Trinity v. United States, 143 U.S. 457-458, 465-471, 36 L ed 226.

Benjamin Rush - Signer of the Declaration of Independence

"I do not believe that the Constitution was the offspring of inspiration, but I am as perfectly satisfied that the Union of the United States in its form and adoption is as much the work of a Divine Providence as any of the miracles recorded in the Old and New Testament."

Source: To Elias Boudinot on July 9, 1788. Letters of Benjamin Rush, L. H. Butterfield, ed., (Princeton, NJ: American Philosophical Society, 1951), Vol. I, p. 475

Thomas Jefferson

3rd President of the United States

"God who gave us life gave us liberty. And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are a gift from God? That they are not to be violated but with His wrath? Indeed I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just, and that His justice cannot sleep forever." (excerpts are inscribed on the walls of the Jefferson Memorial in the nation's capital)

Source: Merrill. D. Peterson, ed., Jefferson Writings, (New York: Literary Classics of the United States, Inc., 1984), Vol. IV, p. 289. From Jefferson's Notes on the State of Virginia, Query XVIII, 1781.

The phrase "Separation of church and state" that everyone hears actually came from Thomas Jefferson and is universally misused today. The separation of church and state means that the legislature cannot pass a law establishing a "state religion" nor prohibiting any person's exercise of their religion. Today "free exercise" is often prohibited in the name of separation of church and state.

The government run schools of today have prohibited prayer and biblical instruction, but it was instrumental in the education of our founding fathers.

The first textbook in America, "The New England Primer", taught the alphabet by attaching a phrase to each letter of the alphabet and having the students memorize those phrases. Nearly every phrase associated with the letters was a bible verse.

A – A wise son maketh a glad father, but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother.

B – Better is a little with the fear of the Lord, than great treasure & trouble therewith.

C – Come unto Christ all ye that labor and are heavy laden and he will give you rest.

D – Do not the abominable thing which I hate saith the Lord.

E – Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

These were all phrases that children memorized as they were learning the alphabet for nearly 200 years. This is the type of education that our founding fathers went through.

Noah Webster

Statesman, Lexicographer

“In my view, the Christian religion is the most important and one of the first things in which all children, under a free government ought to be instructed...No truth is more evident to my mind than that the Christian religion must be the basis of any government intended to secure the rights and privileges of a free people.”

Source: 1828, in the preface to his *American Dictionary of the English Language* (reprinted San Francisco: Foundation for American Christian Education, 1967), Preface, p. 12.

Benjamin Rush

Signer of the Declaration of Independence

The only foundation for a useful education in a republic is to be laid in religion. Without this there can be no virtue, and without virtue there can be no liberty, and liberty is the object and life of all republican governments.

(Source: Benjamin Rush, *Essays, Literary, Moral and Philosophical* (Philadelphia: Thomas and William Bradford, 1806), p. 8.)

We profess to be republicans, and yet we neglect the only means of establishing and perpetuating our republican forms of government, that is, the universal education of our youth in the principles of Christianity by the means of the Bible. For this Divine Book, above all others, favors that equality among mankind, that respect for just laws, and those sober and frugal virtues, which constitute the soul of republicanism.

(Source: Benjamin Rush, *Essays, Literary, Moral and Philosophical* (Philadelphia: Printed by Thomas and William Bradford, 1806), pp. 93-94.)

Early courts ruled that the bible was required material to be taught in public schools. One of the foundational books of our legal system is the Blackstone Legal Dictionary. When Sir William Blackstone wrote his legal Commentaries, he provided so much information on the laws and biblical concepts that the laws were based on, that people read more of the bible in studying law at that time than most people do in church today.

John Jay

1st Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court

“I recommend a general and public return of praise and

thanksgiving to Him from whose goodness these blessings descend. The most effectual means of securing the continuance of our civil and religious liberties, is always to remember with reverence and gratitude the source from which they flow.”
“Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers, and it is the duty, as well as the privilege and interest of our Christian nation to select and prefer Christians for their rulers.”

Source: October 12, 1816. The Correspondence and Public Papers of John Jay, Henry P. Johnston, ed., (New York: Burt Franklin, 1970), Vol. IV, p. 393.

John Adams – We have no government armed with power, capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Our constitution was made only for a moral and a religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.

The difference between a Republic and a Democracy

When Benjamin Franklin left the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, he was asked what kind of government they had created. He replied: “A republic, if you can keep it.”

When most people talk about the United States government they say it is a democracy. This is false. Or at least it has been false.

A **republic** is a government of law under a Constitution. The Constitution holds the government in check and prevents the majority (acting through their government) from violating the rights of the individual. Under this system of government a lynch mob is illegal. The suspected criminal cannot be denied his right to a fair trial even if a majority of the citizenry demands otherwise.

A **democracy** is majority rule and is destructive of liberty because there is no law to prevent the majority from trampling on individual rights. Whatever the majority says goes! A lynch mob is an example of pure democracy in action. There is only one dissenting vote, and that is cast by the person at the end of the rope.

Historian Alexander Tytler explained the problem with democracies like this:

“A democracy cannot exist as a permanent form of government. It can only exist until the voters discover that they can vote themselves largesse from the public treasury. From that moment on the majority always votes for the candidate promising the most benefits from the public treasury, with the result that a democracy always collapses over loose fiscal policy, always followed by a dictatorship. The average life of the world’s greatest civilization has been two hundred years.

In a republic, the elected representatives create legislation within the limited framework established by the Nation’s charter, The United States Constitution. The founders saw many dangers inherent in a democracy, and they rejected it as a dangerous form of government, prone to a kind of “mob rule” mentality. They unequivocally established a republic, placing limits upon the power of the

legislature by which they could create law, thus seeking to prevent tyranny.”

(Source: *A Republic, If You Can Keep It*, by Scott N. Bradley)

The government today is shifting more and more away from our constitutional republic and toward a “representative democratic” form of government. This is seen by the increasing lack of respect for our restraining document, the Constitution.

The majority of our current government totally ignores the Constitution or calls it a living document that evolves based on our circumstances. It evolves based on what you want to do and what argument you have to make to get around it.

Many claim that the Constitution is no longer valid, that it doesn’t address the issues that we deal with today, or that our society has evolved to a point that it is too outdated, and therefore we should not be concerned with the restrictions that it places on our government. Many also claim that the “Law” was nailed to a cross, and they no longer have to obey its requirements. Both groups are trying to justify the evil they commit by removing the founding document that places restrictions on our behavior.

Proverbs 11:3 Dishonest scales are an abomination to YAHWEH, But a just weight is His delight.

In the 1960s we began seeing a change in public perception of Yahweh’s authority and usefulness in everyday activities.

1962 School Prayer was banned.

1963 Bible banned from school – could be harmful to students.

In the years afterward, child sexuality, sexually transmitted diseases and divorce rates have skyrocketed.

It’s hard to teach morality when you can’t teach the source of moral authority and so we began our moral decline as a nation.

Daniel Webster

Early American Jurist and Senator

[I]f we and our posterity reject religious instruction and authority, violate the rules of eternal justice, trifle with the injunctions of morality, and recklessly destroy the political constitution which holds us together, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us that shall bury all our glory in profound obscurity.

(Source: Daniel Webster, *The Writings and Speeches of Daniel Webster* (Boston: Little, Brown, & Company, 1903), Vol. XIII, p. 492.

From "The Dignity and Importance of History," February 23, 1852.)

The problem we have today is that the Constitution itself and the religious principles of the founding fathers have been abrogated for atheism, secularism, humanism, hedonism, and a bunch of other “isms” out there that are contrary to the word of Yahweh.

Prov. 1:25-29 ²⁵ Because you disdained all my counsel, and would have none of my rebuke, ²⁶ I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your terror comes, ²⁷ When your terror comes like a storm, and your destruction comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. ²⁸ Then they will call on me, but I will not

answer; they will seek me diligently, but they will not find me.²⁹ Because they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of YAHWEH.

This has been brought on not by government, but by society. Government follows society, not the other way around. The majority has discovered that the key to the treasury lies in the hands of the people they elect. The elected officials are representatives of the people that elected them and rightfully want to represent their interests in government. We have reached a tipping point where the majority of the electorate has their hand out wanting their special benefit from those they elected. The elected officials, who want to stay in office, keep handing out benefits, no matter what it does to the country as a whole.

A wise and frugal government, which shall restrain men from injuring one another, which shall leave them otherwise free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and improvement, and shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned. This is the sum of good government.... Thomas Jefferson, First Inaugural Address.

We have given over a frugal government and have created a monster that is destroying our economy and the economy of the entire world with levels of public debt never before seen.

In speaking of debt, Thomas Jefferson wrote:

"We must not let our rulers load us with perpetual debt. We must make our selection between economy and liberty or profusion and servitude.

...private fortunes are destroyed by public as well as by private extravagance.

This is the tendency of all human governments. A departure from principle becomes a precedent for a second; that second for a third; and so on, till the bulk of society is reduced to mere automatons of misery, to have no sensibilities left but for sinning and suffering... And the fore horse of this frightful team is public debt. Taxation follows that, and in its train wretchedness and oppression."

This week, US debt exceeded the annual Gross Domestic Product for the 2nd time in history. The first was at the end of WWII. By 1981 US debt had shrunk to 32.5% of GDP. There is no shrinking this time. In fact, instead of finding ways to lower our national debt, the fight in Washington is over how much to increase it.

I'm sure everyone has heard about the budget battle that has been going on in Washington.

When a cut is not a cut

By Rep. Ron Paul (R-Texas) - 08/01/11 12:15 PM ET

"One might think that the recent drama over the debt ceiling involves one side wanting to increase or maintain spending with the other side wanting to drastically cut spending, but that is far from the truth. In spite of the rhetoric being thrown around, the real debate is over how much government spending will increase.

No plan under serious consideration cuts spending in the way you and I think about it. Instead, the "cuts" being discussed are illusory, and are not cuts

from current amounts being spent, but cuts in projected spending increases. This is akin to a family "saving" \$100,000 in expenses by deciding not to buy a Lamborghini, and instead getting a fully loaded Mercedes, when really their budget dictates that they need to stick with their perfectly serviceable Honda. But this is the type of math Washington uses to mask the incriminating truth about their unrepentant plundering of the American people.

The truth is that frightening rhetoric about default and full faith and credit of the United States is being carelessly thrown around to ram through a bigger budget than ever, in spite of stagnant revenues. If your family's income did not change year over year, would it be wise financial management to accelerate spending so you would feel richer? That is what our government is doing, with one side merely suggesting a different list of purchases than the other.

In reality, bringing our fiscal house into order is not that complicated or excruciatingly painful at all. If we simply kept spending at current levels, by their definition of "cuts" that would save nearly \$400 billion in the next few years, versus the \$25 billion the Budget Control Act claims to "cut". It would only take us 5 years to "cut" \$1 trillion, in Washington math, just by holding the line on spending. That is hardly austere or catastrophic.

A balanced budget is similarly simple and within reach if Washington had just a tiny amount of fiscal common sense. Our revenues currently stand at approximately \$2.2 trillion a year and are likely to remain stagnant as the recession continues. Our outlays are \$3.7 trillion and projected to grow every year. Yet we only have to go back to 2004 for federal outlays of \$2.2 trillion, and the government was far from small that year. If we simply returned to that year's spending levels, which would hardly be austere, we would have a balanced budget right now. If we held the line on spending, and the economy actually did grow as estimated, the budget would balance on its own by 2015 with no cuts whatsoever."

In closing, what we are seeing is the rapid degradation of our government as a result of the degradation of our society. This budget battle was brought on because a majority in the nation began to recognize the need for fiscal discipline, however only a small minority is willing to sacrifice on a personal level to achieve it. No one wants to give up their pet project, military base, or government check.

So while we wait for the establishment of our true government, by the rightful King, we are doomed to Armageddon right here in America.

[Editor's note: Psalm 145:10-13 – All thy works shall praise thee, O Yahweh; and thy saints shall bless thee. They shall speak of the honour of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power; To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the honour of the majesty of his kingdom. Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.]

Yahweh's Feast of Tabernacles

October 14 – 21, 2011

Lev. 23:34-36, 39-41; Deut. 16:13-16; Zec. 14:16

Unity Conference — 2011

The shofar sounded, and the 27th annual Unity Conference, held in Cisco, Texas, came to order. Elder Farris Wilks opened with words of encouragement to those in attendance, then introduced Pastor Sam Graham, who moderated the conference again this year.

Brethren came from as far away as Arizona, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Missouri, Illinois, and South Dakota, to take part in this annual event.

Pastor Sam read from Psalm 133, and led us in a few verses of “The Family of Yah.” He then went around the room and allowed each person to introduce themselves. It was interesting to hear what each one had to say.

The first message was given by Brother Roger Norman. He talked about having Yahweh’s anointing Spirit and credibility when witnessing to new people, and how to build unity within the Body. He gave examples of how we can allow Yahweh to increase the character trait of credibility within us so that we may be a better vessel to reflect His ways, salvation and Word to those around us, in our community and beyond.

Brother John Hawkins discussed his new booklet, “Understanding Yahweh’s Appointed Feast Days & Calendar,” and quoted from Ezekiel 20:12, **“Moreover also, I gave them My Sabbaths to be a sign between Me and them, that they might know that I am Yahweh that sanctify them.”**

Elder James King gave a very timely message on “America’s Righteous Heritage & Hell-Bent Future.” He talked about our current government and some of the turmoil going on in our country today. He said that we will never have a perfect government until the One comes that is prophesied to rule with righteousness. **“... His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His Kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed,”** Daniel 7:14. He mentioned how our founding fathers were determined to forge a nation that was founded on biblical principles, and guaranteed the greatest amount of freedom for its citizens. We are still blessed with these freedoms today, making it possible to worship Yahweh however we choose.

Elder Frank Kennedy gave a report on his small assembly in Delaware, and what they do to witness for Heavenly Father, Yahweh. They have a “conference call” ministry allowing people to call in and listen to the messages being given, then they can participate in the scripture discussion that follows. Brother Frank said that they spend hours on the Sabbath worshiping and discussing scripture. Technology can be a very helpful tool in witnessing Yahweh’s word.

Brother Mike Banak gave a serious, but humorous, message on the many possibilities of pronouncing Yahweh’s name, and asked for “grace” from the brethren on condemning those who do not pronounce the Name just as they do. He brought out the many vowel sounds in Hebrew, and the “suprasegmentals” representing additional modifications to vowel sounds, thus making the pronunciation of Yahweh’s name almost impossible to match exactly according to what they heard at Mt. Sinai. In the end, he came up with 270,000 possibilities. His conclusion was: How do we cope with these uncertainties? **By grace.** If you are interested in having a booklet covering his message, please write in and we will send it to you.

Elder Tom Schattke spoke on “Essential Humility.” He said that along with love for one another, the humility of a little child is an important foundation principle of our faith. Lack of humility caused the children of Israel to spend an extra 40 years in the

wilderness. And Yahshua said that if we do not have humility, we will never enter Yahweh's Kingdom, making it a very important part of our existence.

Sabbath morning, Elder Dwayne Wilson gave a good message on "We are to be a Light on a Hill." He asked if we are caught up in the cares of the world or are we on the path that leads to eternal life? Matthew 5:14 & 16 says, **"Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."** We cannot straddle the fence forever. We will be forced to choose whether we want to be a part of the world or if we want to serve Yahweh.

We had two wonderful messages on "Unity" at the Unity Conference this year. Brother Jonnie Mize asked, "How do we achieve unity?" He summed up his talk by saying, "Until Yahshua comes, although we might not be totally united in doctrine, we can still be united in love." This year was a good example of "being united in love" in spite of differences in doctrine, and there was, indeed, a good spirit.

Elder Marvin Wilson also spoke on "Seeking the Truth in the Unity of the Spirit." He quoted Eph. 4:13, **"... Till we all come in the unity of the faith (belief), and of the knowledge of the Son of Yahweh, unto a complete man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Messiah."** He asked the question, "Do we have the love of truth?" We are not all at the same point, but we should be searching for truth in our daily walk with Yahshua.

Elder Jake C. Meyer gave a very interesting talk on the "Sacred Name Legacy." Just as the children of Israel were told in Deut. 8:11, **"Beware that thou forget not Yahweh thy Elohim, in not keeping His commandments, and His judgments, and His statutes, which I command thee this day,"** we should not forget Yahweh's laws, and the Sacred Name legacy. We need to guard against letting this message flounder or falter. We are Satan's target and his desire is to destroy Yahweh's work.

Elder Jerry Healan gave an in-depth study on "The Curse That Comes Upon the Earth." When Yahweh brought the children of Israel out of Egypt, He made a marriage covenant with them. He promised that if Israel would obey the conditions of the covenant, they would be greatly blessed throughout all the earth. Instead of obeying the terms of the covenant, they went into idolatrous worship and left the worship of Yahweh. We are still experiencing the curse of the sins of Israel today.

Paul Nison gave a seminar on nutrition and natural healing by using Yahweh-given herbs. He also talked about "common sense kosher" and said that, although a food is considered kosher, with all the additives they put in our foods, it is not necessarily healthy for our bodies. He talked about relieving stress and how harmful it is for our health. The presentation was very interesting.

The conference concluded with a report on foreign ministries. Elder Dwayne Wilson gave an update on what is happening in Kenya, and explained the plans in progress to drill a well on the assembly's land. At the present time, they have to walk approximately 3 miles to get water. The well will be a blessing for the brethren, and will also serve people from other towns around the area.

Although Tony Suckla was not able to attend the Unity Conference this year, an encouraging report was given on the magnificent work he is doing in India. Brother Tony is involved in a school for children from Kindergarten through eighth grade. There are 285 children attending the school, with a staff of 28, not including Tony. These children can count on getting at least one good meal a day, thanks to Brother Tony. On Sabbath, the children and teachers come to school where he teaches them out of the scriptures, and sing songs, along with appropriate activities for children. They also observed the Feast of

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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	7 days
Aug. 31		in all – the
Sept. 30	FEAST OF TABERNACLES (Booths or Huts)	number
Oct. 29		of
Nov. 27	OCTOBER 14 through OCTOBER 20	completeness
Dec. 26 (Borderline)	LAST GREAT DAY OCTOBER 21	

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

IN MEMORIAM

Mildred Mansager, 84, of Jefferson City, Missouri, (beloved wife of Donald Mansager), fell asleep in Yahshua January 20, 2011. Mil accompanied Elder Don on numerous ministerial trips around the country. She loved to sing songs dedicated to Yahweh and write letters of encouragement.

Carol Mallery, fell asleep in Yahshua June 14, 2011. She and her husband, Maurice were residing in Brooksville, Florida at the time. She was a dedicated sister in the faith and held on to the promise in 1 Thess. 4:16, For the Master himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of Elohim: and the dead in the Messiah shall rise first.

Andrew Carson, of Washington, DC, was born December 2, 1930, and departed this life June 29, 2011. He was the founder of Mount Zion Church, at 3628 Alabama Avenue, SE, Washington, DC. He was an avid reader of the Bible and taught himself the Hebrew language.

“... for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.” 1 Corinthians 15:52-53

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