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PSALM 22:27-28

All the ends of the world shall

Remember and turn unto

YAHWEH:

And all the kindreds of the nations Shall worship before thee.

For the kingdom is YAHWEH'S:

And He is the governor among

The nations.

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

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EDITORIAL

SALVATION

The time line for all human beings is upon us. We must realize there will be a stopping point, a day of reckoning, when we must make the decision to follow in Yahshua's footsteps.

The marriage concept is in the scriptures. Why would Yahweh use this concept? He knew almost all civilization would or could understand this relationship. This covenant was instituted in the Garden of Eden with Adam and Eve. Marriage is honourable in all, Hebrews 13:4. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. Revelation 19:7 and 9.

There are rules/guidelines in every relationship and Yahweh instructed Adam and Eve on the rules in the garden. He instructed them to help themselves to all the fruits in the garden except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the midst of the garden. Genesis 3:3 - ... Elohim hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. But the serpent said to the woman, Ye shall not surely die. For Elohim doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as Elohim, knowing good and evil. The deceiver is ever present to try to nullify or make light of Yahweh and his instructions and commands.

The serpent tempted Eve and she did eat the fruit of that tree; she also gave it to Adam and he did eat; and the eyes of both were opened. Adam and Eve, until they disobeyed Yahweh, were naïve, sinless, innocent and righteous. Mankind has ever since been trying to regain that level of righteousness in which Adam and Eve were created.

Because of failings and breaking Yahweh's commandments, mankind needed and still needs a Savior. A Savior who will show us the way back to the original relationship man (Adam) enjoyed with his Creator Yahweh; a relationship that was built on trust between the Creator and His Creation, (Yahweh and mankind).

Yahweh was very clear in his instructions to Adam and Eve when he told them to not eat of that tree, but the serpent countermanded Yahweh and put his own interpretation on it. The serpent said they would be as Elohim.

It isn't much different today. With elections in the near future, we hear speeches by those running for office. Then we may hear two or more interpretations from others regarding those speeches. Those interpretations/interpreters can sway listeners to their way of thinking and this thinking could be 180 degrees different than the original points or thoughts of the speaker.

Genesis 3:1 – Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which Yahweh Elohim had made. Subtil means cunning (usually in a bad sense), crafty, etc. This beast has not changed his characteristics throughout his existence on this earth, so beware.

Yes, mankind needs a Savior to lead us back to the paradise man once had in the Garden of Eden. Yahshua the Messiah is the Savior; he will be successful and will accomplish this task.

Yahshua the Messiah died, was buried, and resurrected. As believers, He became our atonement and reconciled us back to Yahweh.

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We know Yahshua the Messiah is ready for this battle and for the victory over all evil whatever the source. Israel, Yahweh's chosen people, will have to depend on Yahshua the Messiah. Mankind will have to repent, those who have opposed Yahweh's laws, including the Sabbath, will have to acknowledge and keep/observe/guard Yahweh's royal law. This will be a hard decision for those who have not accepted Yahshua as their Savior. For centuries certain sects or groups have made it a giant doctrinal point that the Savior has not yet arrived on the scene.

Yahweh is a merciful Elohim; He has not opened up the earth and let the nonbelievers in His Son be annihilated. He has a work for these people; Genesis 49:8-12 – Judah has a special task. Verse 10, The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.

Ezekiel 37 states how the uniting of the tribes of Israel will take place. Verses 15-23 - The word of Yahweh came again unto me, saying, Moreover, thou son of man, take thee one stick, and write upon it, For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions: then take another stick, and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel his companions: And join them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one in thine hand. And when the children of thy people shall speak unto thee, saying, Wilt thou not shew us what thou meanest by these? Say unto them, Thus saith the Sovereign Yahweh; Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, even with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand. And the sticks whereon thou writest shall be in thine hand before their eyes. And say unto them, Thus saith the Sovereign Yahweh; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land: And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all: Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwellingplaces, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their Elohim. Verse 26 - Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them:

We look around us at the present situation of Judah and Benjamin and the other ten tribes; and wonder how this can be accomplished. We need to leave that miracle up to Yahweh and His Son. Let us stand and see the salvation of Yahweh. Yahweh will put man into a better location than the Garden of Eden. The holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from Elohim out of heaven (see Revelation 21:1-27). That holy city, new Jerusalem, will come down at Yahweh's timeline. New Jerusalem, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb.

Matthew 24:31 – And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Do you want to be there? Be an overcomer, repent of sin, honor Yahweh and His only begotten Son, be baptized/immersed, keep the commandments Yahweh gave to all mankind. Give Yahshua the opportunity to save you.

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REPENT

Righteousness exalts a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people. Proverbs 14:34. Repent and believe the Good News. Mark 1:15. Repent and be immersed – baptized every one of you in the Name of YAHSHUA for the remission of sins and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:38. Remember the Sabbath Day (7th day) to keep it holy [guard it]. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. James 4:7b. Seventh day = Saturday not Sunday.

Examine me O YAHWEH, and prove me; try my reins and my heart. Psalms 26:2. Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of which I told you before, that they which do such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of YAHWEH. Galatians 5:19-21. Examine yourselves whether you are in the Faith: prove yourselves. Know your own selves, know that YAHSHUA the Messiah is in you, except you be reprobates? 2 Corinthians 13:5.

Prepare you the Way of YAHWEH, make straight in the desert a highway for YAHWEH. IsaYah 40:3b. Press for the mark of the high calling of YAHWEH in the Messiah YAHSHUA. Philippians 3:14. Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17. Pray for the peace of YAHrusalem, they shall prosper that love you. Psalms 122:6. Preach the word, be instant in season and out of season, reprove, rebuke and exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. 2 Timothy 4:2.

Every good and perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness neither shadow of turning. James 1:17. Every word of YAHWEH is pure: He is a shield unto them that put their trust in Him. Proverbs 30:5. Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which YAHWEH has prepared for them that Love Him. 1 Corinthians 2:9. Behold He comes with clouds; and every eye shall see Him. Revelation 1:7.

Nevertheless the foundation of YAHWEH stands sure, having this seal, Yahweh knows them that are His. And let every one that names the Name of YAHSHUA the Messiah depart from iniquity. 2 Timothy 2:19. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is no other Name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved. Acts 4:12. Now know I that YAHWEH saves His anointed, He will hear Him from His holy heaven with the saving strength of His right hand. Psalms 20:6.

Think not that I have come to destroy the law or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. Matthew 5:17. Trust in YAHWEH with all your heart, lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your path. Proverbs 3:5,6. Trust and obey. Acts 5:29,32. Wherefore come out from among them, and be you separate, says YAHWEH, and touch not the unclean thing: and I will receive you. 2 Corinthians 6:17. Touch not, taste not, handle not. Colossians 2:21.

Dear heavenly Father YAHWEH, Holy [Kodesh] is your Name. May your kingdom come and your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us our daily provision of bread, water, food and clothing. Thank you for salvation through your Son YAHSHUA the Messiah. Forgive us as we forgive those who have sinned against us. Leave us not in temptation, but deliver us from the evil one (the devil and his helpers), [the adversary]. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever and ever. HalleluYAH.

Congregation of Yahweh, Pastor B. Gordon

THE PROMISE OF THE FATHER

JOHN ROBINSON

In this article I will attempt to answer the following question -- What was the difference between the ministry of John The Baptist and Yahshua our Messiah?

Concerning John it was prophesied that "...many of the children of Israel shall he turn to Yahweh their Elohim" (Luke 1:16) and that he would "give knowledge of salvation unto His people by the remission of their sins." (Luke 1:77)

Both John and Yahshua told the people to repent for the kingdom of heaven was at hand. (Matt. 3:2, Matt. 4:17) Both men reiterated the message of the law and the prophets, and warned people to flee from the wrath to come.

So what was different about Yahshua's ministry? If His message was the same then what was the purpose in Yahshua's coming?

John gives us the answer in Luke 3:16. To paraphrase that scripture, he said that he came baptizing in water but Yahshua would come and baptize believers with the Holy Spirit. This was the ultimate end result that John the Baptist was laying the groundwork for. This was the promise of the Father mentioned by Yahshua just before he ascended into Heaven. This promise was not a secondary issue or an afterthought, but rather had been in the planning from the foundation of the world. It was prophesied in Joel 2:27-32, Ezek. 39:29, and even alluded to in Gen. 3:15, where the seed of the woman is said to bruise the head of the serpent, because without the power of the Holy Spirit there will be no spiritual victory.

Yahshua had plenty to say about this great promise that would enable us to do greater works than even He did. He said this spirit would bring comfort, peace, instruction, foreknowledge of things to come, and power. Power to witness, power to heal, power to cast out evil spirits, power to raise the dead, and power to overcome sin.

On the day of Pentecost after Yahshua had ascended, Peter shared a message which brought 3,000 people to repentance. His effectiveness was not made possible by new information, but rather by a transformation of his mind, which enabled him to articulate the simple truth that he had already possessed. This was all the result of Yahshua's sacrificial death and miraculous resurrection after which His spirit came back to make the difference. It was destined to happen just as it did.

This had such an impact on the disciples that people were amazed at how they lived with such love, boldness and energy. They were so excited about their recent life change that when they met believers they asked them if they had received the Holy Spirit since they believed. At one point Peter and John made a special trip from Jerusalem to Samaria to pray for some new believers that they would receive this divine gift. (Acts 8:14,15)

In many churches the traditional form of water baptism is to sprinkle some "holy water" on people instead of submerging them in water. By the same token many people today have been sprinkled with the Holy Spirit, but have not been completely submerged in it. Of course that sprinkling is a wonderful thing just like the dew that falls on the ground to moisten the grass, but Yahshua died so that we could have more than a sprinkling. Even though I am grateful for the dew and the little drizzle that helps us to grow, that is not all there is for us.

We are told to follow after love and desire spiritual gifts, especially that we might prophesy. Most of us don't consider ourselves to be prophets, but the very testimony of Yahshua is the spirit of prophecy. We are told that prophecy is what edifies the body.

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If we ever needed edification I believe we do today. The word "prophesy" means to sing or speak with anointing. What good are our words if they are not anointed and who can resist our words if they are anointed?

In Eph. 5, we are told not to be drunk with wine but rather to be filled with the spirit. That comparison is used for good reason. When a person gets inebriated they usually lose their inhibitions. They no longer are worried about looking foolish and tend to say and do things that are out of the ordinary for them. Quite often they will say things that they did not have the courage to say while sober.

Likewise with the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The whole purpose of the Holy Spirit is to empower us and to free us from unhealthy inhibitions, so that we can truly do and say what the Father has impressed on our hearts, which in many cases is long overdue.

We are also told to redeem the time that we have, and to understand what the will of the Father is. You won't find that in the sports page. It's not a sin to read the sports page, and neither is it a sin to eat cardboard, but if you make a steady diet of eating cardboard you won't be very healthy. If we are going to serve Him with all our minds then we will have to seek out the book of Yahweh and read it, line upon line, and precept upon precept. By so doing we will save ourselves and those who hear us. (1 Tim. 4:13-16)

Some people like Apollos (Acts 18:24) bear the fruits of the Holy Spirit without even being introduced to the Holy Spirit. But when these kind of people are introduced to the Holy Spirit they become that much more productive for the kingdom. Then there are some people who have experienced the Holy Spirit but they are not producing the fruit of the spirit, which is a dangerous position to be in. Here is one case in point. Miriam was a prophetess who had danced before Yahweh, but she was put out of the camp for seven days because she spoke out about Moses' wife. She said "has Yahweh only spoken by Moses? Hath He not indeed spoken also by us?" What she was saying was true. Yahweh actually had spoken by Aaron and her, but she was resisting the authority that the Father had put over her.

Going back to Eph. 5, women are told to submit to their husbands and husbands are told to love their wives. Some who have had the baptism of the Holy Spirit are not faithful in these areas. The same could be said about any biblical doctrine, for instance there are Sabbath observers who fail in these areas as well. This is a reminder that there are not any magic bullets that will take away the need for self-discipline.

The baptism of the Holy Spirit is not a fix all, but it is a necessary tool for us to accomplish what we have been called to do, and will not be left out of the equation without changing the final sum total of our lives.

PLEASE NOTE:

Elder Frank Brown (P.O. Box 32, Clarksville, Arkansas 72830), wishes to inform believers/readers that while he has given the work of publishing the Search the Scriptures Newsletter over to another, he has not given up his ministerial duties or the prison ministry. Elder Jerry Healan (YEA, P.O. Box 31, Atlanta, Texas 75551 – 903-797-7420) is continuing the work of publishing the Newsletter. Elder Frank will continue the prison ministry; there are several inmates who have requested baptism/immersion. He also plans to maintain a correspondence with those wishing to write; as Yahweh gives him strength.

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UNITY CONFERENCE – 2012

The 28th Annual Unity Conference was held at Yahweh's Assembly in Messiah, Rocheport, Missouri, August 3-5, 2012, and was brought to order by Elder Pete Vacca. Elder Vacca reminded everyone that the Conference now rotates every year between Rocheport, Missouri; Eaton Rapids, Michigan; and Cisco, Texas. He read a very interesting speech entitled, "If I were the Devil" given by Paul Harvey on April 3, 1965. It is amazing how the things mentioned have become real in today's time. We cannot depend on traditional churches or the government—the Assemblies are the glue and we must stick together as we go further into the end times. We may not agree on everything and when Yahshua returns, you may be surprised that you were wrong on some things, someone else was wrong on other things, and we were all wrong on even other things.

Pastor Sam Graham (Eaton Rapids, MI) gave some enlightening opening remarks and went into some of the history of the Conferences. Some have said nothing good ever came out of them, yet several things have over the years. First of all, the "Word of Yahweh" Bible came out of the Conference back in 1999 and we have printed over 12,000 copies of it! The India ministry that Tony Suckla has been maintaining is another productive endeavor which came out of the Conference. Another very important offshoot of the Conference is that the elders assist each other such as in baptizing when an individual is closer to another assembly or an elder from one assembly is going to an area where someone desires baptism. Something we need in the assemblies and the world is shalom. He then requested the elders present to go throughout the room, anointing each and every individual for shalom in their lives.

Roger Norman (Ft. Worth, TX) spoke on maturity and gave a meaning to Exodus 23:19 regarding boiling a kid/young goat in its mother's milk. He equated boiling a kid to the apron strings that bind parent and child. Parents are to raise their children, preparing them for the day they go out on their own. How can we avoid "boiling" a new believer (young kid) in mother's milk? He proposed that one way would be for the assemblies to permit any doctrine to be discussed. On the first day of a Feast for instance, to warn the flock of that possibility and hope a strange doctrine comes up the first day. He equated assemblies not permitting different doctrines in their assemblies subject to review to keeping new believers in a glass bubble without being exposed. He expressed it may be better to have them exposed in an assembly setting so they would be able to deal with it on the outside. This was an interesting presentation with a fair amount of discussion afterwards with most believing scripture supports not sowing discord and the leadership attempting to keep "wolves" out of the assembly while teaching truth to all members.

Johnnie Mize from Cisco, Texas, presented a PowerPoint on "The Controversy of Messiah." There are doctrinal beliefs that separate us (such as calendar, Sabbaths, timing of the Feasts) yet the belief in Yahshua brings us together. We cannot tolerate those who teach against Messiah; That person is *Anti-Messiah*. 1 John 2:22-23, Who is a liar but he who denies that Yahshua is the Messiah? He who denies the Father and the Son is anti-messiah. Everyone who denies the Son neither has the Father. The *one* confessing the Son also has the Father. He has seen an increase in Jewish writers convincing some of our members that Yahshua is not the Messiah. He emphasized the need to believe what scripture says. He had an excellent comparison on the lineage of Messiah. As a final note, he states among other things that we cannot allow those who don't believe to infiltrate the assemblies. This was followed by some positive discussion

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bringing up points such as when Paul was speaking and writing back then had a problem with legalism for show; Yahshua was expressing it had to come from the heart.

After lunch on Friday, Dwayne Wilson (Rocheport, MO) brought up some points to consider on unity, prefaced with a question for all to consider that are with an assembly: Have you contemplated leaving that assembly at one time in your life? Most splits of assemblies are based on doctrine, personality, control, or sin. It was pointed out how sometimes Yahweh will be telling us something at some of the strangest times and He puts us in places unbeknownst to us for a reason. Read Romans 12:10-21—excellent verses to consider pertaining to be devoted to one another in brotherly love and giving preference to one another, serving Yahweh; not being wise in our own minds or seeking our own revenge as vengeance is Yahweh's. If you don't look for opportunities, you won't find them. He mentioned six things for opportunities: (1) leadership training in the body; (2) family seminars, discussions, workshops; (3) missionaries—fields are ripe (such as Kenya); (4) share resources with other assemblies (such as literature); (5) Evangelism in the assemblies (if there is a problem in an assembly, can request an elder from another assembly come in and give message which will be better received); and (6) serve Yahweh's people without an agenda. Presentation was followed by good discussion wherein most agreed good ideas. We tend to be zealous. It was mentioned that we could come up with some sort of biblical methodology on how to approach a situation and how to act toward one another in that process.

The next speaker was John Thomas Reynolds (Augusta, GA) who spoke on the indwelling of the spirit. Three years ago, he had given a presentation on John 10:30, I and my Father are One; handed out a paper in Eaton Rapids on the Spirit of Messiah and asked the assemblies to address the distinction of the spirit of Messiah. In John 14:22, Yahshua is asked, "how is it that thy will manifest to us and not the world?" Yahshua gives a Midrash on that statement which speaks to the spirit being poured out on Pentecost. He appeared to people in a glorified body, sent back and then comes and dwells with us, teaching us all things. It is His spirit dwelling in us that makes us righteous. This doesn't negate the keeping of the law. In reality, it is because He dwells in us that we will keep the law—He is telling us how to walk and where to go. The spirit of the Master IS the Master (2 Corinthians 3:17). One question asked was what is the need for Yahshua to have a different spirit than Yahweh? The answer was because He is a different being, a created being. Several seemed intrigued with the presentation and may look into it more. Not seen as something which would hinder growth.

Mike Banak, Kingdom City, Missouri, addressed a trend in the assemblies. The cause of all disunity is lust, moral impurity—lust for leadership, power, authority. If someone was at one assembly, being rude, starting arguments, hurting people's feelings, creating discord, etc. and we addressed the issue by having the elders working with him. Finally, he was sat down and said, "Enough, you're causing people to leave. You're welcome to stay so long as you submit to counseling." Suppose the scoffer says, "No." He leaves, finds another congregation within driving distance, worships with them and he's happy. You have people hurting down the road because of him ... should we recognize each other's marks? He discussed "church-hopping" which many were familiar with. There are laws that govern assemblies. If someone is put out of one assembly and finds sanctuary at another, something is wrong. Rules must be enforced and at times we have to get rough. The three "R's":

Revival – people ready to be fixed.

Restoration – where religion you have is a train wreck and you're trying to fix

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Reformation – tidying up; David instituted tabernacle worship in Jerusalem (1 Samuel) relocated from Shiloh to Jerusalem

Elders don't like to enforce, would prefer many times to wait and see if it blows over. Some think it may be too soon to act and assert that Yahweh's will and laws in the assemblies are hard to enforce. Teaching more truth than you practice is hypocritical. When someone is blatantly breaking Sabbath, should something be said? Are there messages about the commandments? At times it is good to have an outsider speak of things, such as dress. If you must put someone out of the assembly, publish it! If you don't, it looks fishy and tell them how to get back into shalom with the assembly. This was a much needed, apparently well-received message and it was mentioned there is a coalition of elders and assemblies who have worked together. There is currently a plan to get everyone together, all who are part of a network. To help keep in focus, think about the victims. If you ever call for a day of fasting, let it be known to give others an opportunity to fast with you. It was mentioned that sometimes people in the assembly do not know or understand an issue and it creates division in the body. If they are taught judgment and scripture and told why, you would have less division in the body over it.

Prior to dinner Bob McDonald (Newark, OH) spoke a few moments on his T-shirt ministry and if anyone would like information, to talk to him. Hector Castillo of Shalom Assembly of Yahweh (Sterling, IL) is a distributor of the HalleluYah Scriptures. This one is free for those who do not have the scriptures and they are trying to send overseas where they do not have the ability to buy one. He brought enough copies to give to the elders to check it out. This bible is not to be sold. Theresa Cecil mentioned she had been in touch with HalleluYah Scriptures and will give prisoners their website information. Hector will find out if it is being made available for e-Sword inclusion.

Following dinner, Dan Mertley from New Mexico handed out a presentation entitled "Worship Songs and Yahweh's People." The report deals mainly with Yahweh's people using Christian songs in worship of Yahweh. Although he understands the spirit of even Christian songs getting you feeling positive and spiritual, the question is whether it is being done properly and whether it is acceptable to Yahweh. Most everyone would agree we would not use Hindu songs and he would put Christian songs in the same category. He is presenting this here because of so many assemblies from all over being represented. This report was an extremely in-depth, well-researched paper which should cause all assemblies to look at this issue in a different light. Most assemblies have already decided to purify spiritual activities to the best of their abilities—keeping a special day of worship and other days throughout the year; not keeping Christmas or Easter, etc. If Yahweh knows something isn't good for us. He finds it an abomination; don't walk in manner of nations. Other areas which were delved into regarded copyright infringement pertaining to the songs and even Bibles. There was substantial discussion following this since it is a very controversial topic but one which may be causing some assemblies to look at their music in a different light.

What a full day it was! Sabbath started out with an opening prayer by Elder Vacca and a message of encouragement from Elder George Garner. Elder Garner then gave a brief but enlightening talk on wearing tassels in accord with the scriptures. He mentioned how when he first came to Missouri from Pennsylvania, a lot of young people were wearing the fringes and it seems like it died out and many are taking them off. When Yahweh circumcised his heart, he put the tassels on. He went into Numbers 15 which contains a lot of strong words pertaining to this topic. It is commendable for mothers to teach their young sons about the fringes and when they are older they will be embarrassed to be without them. They are there to remember ALL the commands of

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Yahweh and how can that be bad? There was no disagreement from the comments made. In fact, Don Esposito said that in Israel, he is asked about tassels in Torah and mentioned the blue thread was a sign of the Messiah. It was mentioned that we should think about binding them around our hand as that is part of it also—they can be burned into leather or embroidered on a band. Another very easy command is posting them on your gate.

John Robinson (Emory, TX) spoke on the Promise of the Father, starting with William Bradford, the Governor of Massachusetts. He came on the Mayflower, one of the Pilgrims. Most people do not know he was a Hebraist. "The Hebrew Exercises of William Bradford"—a book which is actually a copy of old documents where he was learning. His reason was to be able to read scriptures in original language with his own eyes. Before he died, on tombstone, he had a Hebrew inscription with YHWH on it. There have been great men of Yahweh--Snow, Traina, Voy; but now, it's US—are there no more new frontiers; no more light to come forth out of His word. When you first came into Sabbath; to understand a holy day to be kept; opened your mind and read scriptures. The day of Pentecost brought 3,000 people! The effectiveness was not because of any new information; only thing that made the difference was he had the power and boldness, freedom to speak effectively without condemnation; it was everything. He was able to articulate simple truth and we can, too! Not a sin to read sports page, and not a sin to eat cardboard, but you can't live on either.

Jake Meyer of Frystown, Pennsylvania, spoke on how it is no mystery the entire world is living in troubled times but he spoke pertaining to coming into one fold—a unifying spirit is Yahshua's spirit. We know and profess how the Name of Yahweh is powerful and a strong tower. We must learn to respect one another more as we are each unique and all come from different backgrounds, different lifestyles. We are called to be one; Yahshua's prayer is to be one and that should be priority in worship and lives. Prophets are coming and the greatest evidence is the trouble on the horizon—economically, financially, spiritually. Literally thousands of people are worshipping Yahweh around the world, the body is developing and strengthening as it has not done in thousands of years. Offices are real and necessary. Discussion ensued and it was mentioned how you used to wonder HOW Yahweh's words would go to the ends of the earth and such and today, with internet and cellphones, we can SEE the "how."

Don Esposito, of the Congregation of Yahweh, in Jerusalem, Israel for the past 15 years gave some valuable information on what is going on in Israel. He's been working on a study bible, Hebraic Roots Bible, which should be appreciated by many. In the end time, everything has to do with covenant and there are three things that never change: people are always Israel, land is always Israel and Torah is the Torah of Israel. Compared what is happening to Matthew 24. Yahweh is with modern day Israel, though He may not like what He sees. Yahweh is alive!

Sabbath services were held consisting of two messages. Elder Farris Wilks of Cisco, Texas, gave a very encouraging message, thanking the assembly and saying how it is good to help support what all is taking place. We are blessed with the best laws and it takes courage to be part of Yahweh's people. Elder Hector Castillo of the Shalom Assembly of Yahweh in Illinois gave the second message from the book of Nehemiah regarding building. If we build our "houses" on Yahshua, then when all the stress comes, we will be prepared and use the material from Yahweh to get through it.

Following dinner Don Esposito and Hector Castillo gave several PowerPoint presentations on Israel in Prophecy and a summary of "Who's Who" today in Israel and neighboring countries. This could be vital information for folks to know as time goes on and we MUST be watching and listening to what is going on in Israel. There was

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considerable discussion with one thing brought up several times and that is to teach repentance and for people to turn to Yahweh.

The last speaker for the evening was Frank Kennedy from Delaware. After a brief history of his walk, he gave a sermon on the authority of Messiah and the present kingdom. Two areas of overview mainly from the glad tidings—look at what exactly did Messiah bring to this earth and how important is he in it—it's really all about the spirit of Messiah dwelling in us.

Saturday night there was a meeting of the elders who were present and a report was given during the Conference on Sunday. However, one very noteworthy item is that recognition was given to an "unmentioned" gentleman who has been involved with the Sacred Name movements for many, many years giving of his time and resources to help others wherever they are. He has been to every single Unity Conference, except one because of surgery. Since he does not like recognition, I will not mention his name here either—suffice it to say, recognition was well-deserved.

On Sunday, there was a report from Hector on the elders' meeting. There is in process a group starting up called the United for Yahweh Alliance in an effort to get more elders together to enable them to work together, share resources, and help each other. Some of the objectives would be to foster greater communication; assist in areas of concern or challenges; goals including monthly conference calls, training programs; coordinate one event besides the Unity Conference to get together (such as this year's "Family Builders' Conference"). There was a general feel that all should support the UYA.

Martha Holsti (Spearfish, SD) gave the results of a survey taken. There was a letter read from Tony Suckla from India. Jack, Dwayne, Keith discussed missionary efforts in Kenya and presented a slide show. Some discussion also on the work in the Philippines.

Next year's Unity Conference will be held in Eaton Rapids, Michigan, on August 2-4, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

REFLECTIONS

I would like to say what a Blessing it was to be a part of the Youth Day at the Assembly of Yahweh, Eaton Rapids, Michigan. Everyone in attendance was encouraged and edified by all the young people who took part in the services. Yahshua must have had a big beautiful smile of joy to see His children give praise. HalleluYah! Aaron Wells' talk was inspirational and uplifting to me, knowing Yahweh wants all His children not to perish but have everlasting life and be a blessing to Him. We know that Yahweh turns all things for good to those who love Him, for His ways are not our ways nor are His thoughts our thoughts.

Douglas Panetta

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The Sin Nature in Man

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned (Romans 5:12). Every human being that is born into this world inherited sin from the first man – Adam. Adam's disobedience brought sin-nature inheritance to man. Man is not only a sinner because of the sin he has committed, but he is a sinner because of the sin-nature he inherited by natural birth.

As it is written, there is none righteous, no not one ... Romans 3:10. For all have sinned ... Romans 3:23. Any natural man born into this world has no light in him. He is born into the darkness of this world, enslaved by the power of sin and darkness. More so, any man born into this world, born in the flesh, has no light (the true life). But death reigns in his mortal body. The sin-nature separates him from the true life and the true Creator.

He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of Yahweh hath not life (1 John 5:12). Consequently, man cannot stop sinning until the sin-nature is removed from him and divine nature restored back to him. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart (sin contaminated heart) out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh (recreated heart). And I will put my spirit (the Holy Spirit) within you and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments and do them (Ezekiel 36:26-27)

This is the spiritual operation, the spiritual surgery that the Almighty Creator determines to perform in man before man can stop sinning. It is this single manifestation of the power of Yahweh and operation of the Holy Spirit in man that can remove the sinful nature in man. The work of salvation is only performed in a man when he accepts Yahshua the Messiah as his personal Saviour. The Word of Yahweh makes it clear this way – And ye are complete in Him (the Messiah) who is the head of all principality and power: In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of the Messiah (Colossians 2:10-11).

It is only the Messiah who can perform the circumcision made without hands in man; which is, putting away or the total removal of Adamic sinful nature in man. A natural man born into this world with the sin nature cannot please the Almighty our Heavenly Father, no matter how much he tries and no matter how religious he determines to be (See Romans 8:7,8). The Almighty Yahweh our Creator knows this. That is why He said that, We are all as an unclean thing and all our righteousness is as filthy rags (Isaiah 64:6).

It is for this reason that Yahweh our Creator sent His Son into this world to save man from this hopeless state and to restore man to fellowship, communion and a personal relationship with Him. Why do you delay, still with your sin nature controlling you? Accept the Messiah today and experience the true freedom from sin. Yahweh intends to do this by having man go through a New Birth in His Son, Yahshua the Messiah (John 3:3-8). This New Birth or spiritual birth involves: creating a complete moral and spiritual nature in man, ... having a new life restored and renewed in him, ... and having The Nature of Righteousness created in man. Thus, to free man from the sin nature or the Adamic fallen nature!

For the one who did not know sin was made to be sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of Yahweh in Him (2 Corinthians 5:21). This is the major purpose why Yahweh our heavenly Father sent His Son into this world to save man from the power



YAHSHUA'S JEWELS

Yahshua's Young People

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



YOU GOT TALENT!!

Do you realize how talented you are? Even if it is big or small, Yah has blessed each one with an amazing talent for his glory. Unleash your potential. You have special abilities. The young people of the Toronto Assembly had an AMAZING Talent Show with songs, music, poetry and skit for Yah's glory. We encourage all Assemblies to have a Talent Show to showcase the many talents Yahweh has given his young people.

Here are some of the offerings from the Talent Show:

Poem by Jonathon, age 11: **NEVER GIVE UP**

still praise Yahweh and his son Yahshua and you may never be sad.

If famine strikes, some pay the cost, but those in Yahshua will never be lost.

Though Satan may try to make you go astray,
just pray to Yahshua and he'll clear the way.

With all the things that life can throw, if they be good or bad,
just praise Yahweh and his son Yahshua and you will always be glad.

Though people can truly be so mean, Yahweh can comfort you for he is as a
gentle stream.

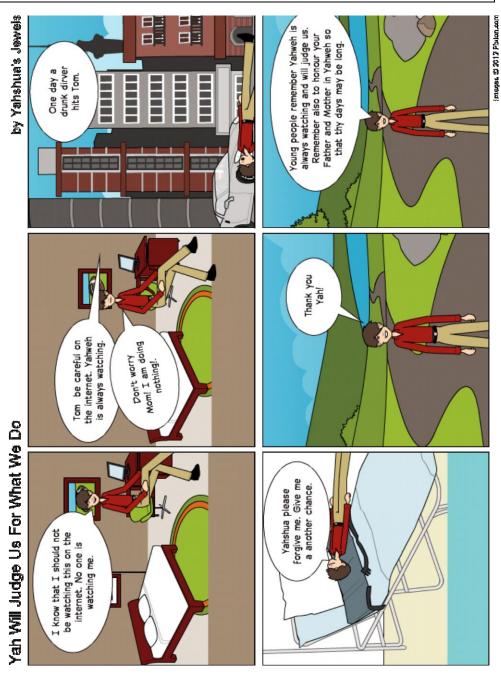
All the things that life can throw; if they be good or bad,

Song Composed by Nathon, age 14: YAHSHUA MY KING

(see it on YouTube: Type in Yahshua my King or go to link http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SARXZ3uD5dY) (Parental supervision suggested)

YAHSHUA'S JEWELS - FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

Ecc. 12:14 - For Yahweh shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil.



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IN MEMORIAM

Catherine Louise Schattke, 74, of Holts Summit, Missouri, was born in Aurora, Illinois March 19, 1938, and lived near there much of her life. She lived in Fort Wayne, Indiana from 1987 to 2004. Since then she has lived in Rocheport and Holts Summit, Missouri. She was married to Thomas (Tom) Schattke on May 25, 1984.

After a long bout with cancer, she entered her rest just before the beginning of Sabbath on July 27, 2012 at about 8:00 pm. She is survived by her husband Tom, her children, David Griggs, Tammie Oliver, Kim Thayer, Cindy Bitterman, Jeffery Griggs, Kevin Griggs and step-children Carl, Arthur, Nathan and Jonathan Schattke, Nora Parkman and Elise Wilson; 30 grandchildren and 2 great-granddaughters.

She was a dedicated member of the Evangelistic Assembly of Yahweh in Holts Summit. She had worked very successfully as a homemaker, factory manager, and day care provider. Her spirit of love, friendship and grace drew people to her from her own family to total strangers and the nurses who cared for her.

Isaiah 57:1,2 – The righteous perishes, and no man lays it to heart; and merciful men are taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil [to come]. He enters into shalom; they rest in their beds, each one who walks in his uprightness.

Donald Mansager, age 88, (Missouri), passed away on Saturday (Sabbath) July 14, at Mexico Veterans Home. He was born February 19, 1924, in Volga, South Dakota and attended high school in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota. Donald served as an interpreter in the US Army as a Private First Class from February 15, 1943 through January 4, 1946. He received a bronze star for his assistance in evacuating a German Town and was also involved in the Battle of the Bulge. He also worked for Bell Telephone and Roche Laboratories, where he retired.

Donald was ordained as an elder in Yahweh on October 3, 1969. He was instrumental in the establishment of several Sacred Name assemblies, including Yahweh's Assembly in Messiah and Yahweh's New Covenant Assembly. He was also an active member of Yahweh's Restoration Ministry. He enjoyed carpentry, Bible study, and visiting family and brethren all over the world.

Donald is survived by: one sister, Jan (Roger) Meyer of St. Cloud, MN; three children, Linda (Greg) Lowe of Denver, CO, Alan (Margie) Mansager of Holts Summit, MO, and Gary (Stacy) Mansager of Omaha, NE; six grandchildren, Beth (Ken) Wright of Castle Rock, CO, Lindsey (Ryan) Cole of Littleton, CO, Ryan (Jessica) Mansager and Jennifer (Randy) Folliard of Holts Summit, MO, Jordan Mansager of Cisco, TX and Rachel Mansager of Omaha, NE. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mildred Mansager and two brothers Dwayne Mansager and Raymond Schwandt.

Elder Donald Mansager was a man who dedicated his life to the work of his Father in Heaven. Through his devotion and love he showed himself to be a man of Yahweh in all ways. May he be remembered for his sacrifice and many years of steadfast service.

REMINDER

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and slavery of this sin nature and to have a new man created in righteousness restored in man. (Ephesians 4:24). That is why the Bible says: Therefore, if any man be in the Messiah he is a new creature: old things (including sinful nature) are passed away; behold, all things are become new (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Now is the time for your salvation, tomorrow may be too late for you. Repent now and accept Yahshua the Messiah as your personal Saviour and Redeemer. Ask Him to come into your heart and save you from your sins and the sinful nature. He will come into your heart, change your life; make you a new man and give you Eternal [everlasting] life!

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