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THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH

The season is again upon us when the world is busily planning for a big celebration on December 25th. Gifts are exchanged, millions of greeting cards are sent, thousands of barrels of strong drink are consumed, a fat man in a red suit is glorified, and the birth of our Saviour is discussed.

Why such a big thing over this day, when we read nothing in the Scriptures concerning celebrating the birth of our Saviour, Yahshua? We read nothing of His birth being on this big celebration day. Rather, the Scriptures indicate He could not have been born this time of year. Many, even knowing this, still engage in the worldly celebration. Why? Why do people do it even if they know it is a day of pagan customs and celebration? What makes peoples' minds think it is alright to partake of the heathen customs and associate the birth of our saviour with it? Every year we can read in the newspapers of the paganism in it. Why do people not even know the true name of our Saviour, Yahshua? Why do they think it is alright to call Him something else? Why do they think it doesn't matter what they call Him or His Father, Yahweh? Why have they forgotten the Scriptural Sabbath, the seventh day of the week? Why do they think time has been lost and that we don't know which day of the week is the Sabbath? Why do they even think it makes no difference which day we keep; or if indeed we should cease from our labor in business, and buying and selling, any day at all? Why don't they know the truth of these things? Why don't they know what the Scriptures say? Why do they not know the Word is truth? Why don't they know?

Actually, I was once caught up in this situation. As a young boy I loved the Christmas time -- the pretty trees -- the thrill of santa claus. I remember looking through the newspaper to see how many pictures of santa claus I could find. It all made me feel wonderful. A lovely feeling came over me. It was what is called "the christmas spirit". It was a thrilling feeling. But where did this spirit come from? Why would partaking of paganistic practices and believing a lie make me feel good?

WHY DO PEOPLE BELIEVE LIES? The Scriptures give us the answer. "For the secret of law violation does already work. Only he who now restrains will restrain, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall the lawless [one] be revealed, whom the Master shall consume with the Spirit of His mouth, and render entirely idle by the manifestation of His coming. The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of satan, with all power and signs and wonders of falsehood, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that PERISH, BECAUSE THEY RECEIVED NOT THE LOVE OF THE TRUTH, that they might be saved. AND FOR THIS CAUSE THE ALMIGHTY SHALL SEND THEM STRONG DELUSION, THAT THEY SHOULD BELIEVE A LIE, that they all might be judged who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. 2 Thessalonians 2:7-12.

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RETURN UNTO YAHWEH

"Come, and let us return unto Yahweh: for He hath torn, and He will heal us; He hath smitten, and He will bind us up." Hosea 6:1

We will do well if we find our way back to Yahweh where we can find rest, safety and peace. Is He not our maker, Father and the forgiver of all our wrongdoings? How many times have we gone away from Him who means only good towards us? It was Israel's downfall and it will be our downfall also. Must history always repeat itself? Can we not learn to go the right way (the narrow way), the only safe way; and choose from this point on to walk in it?

Looking back in history, Israel is described in Deuteronomy 32:5 as ... "a perverse and crooked generation." In Psalms 78:8 as ... "a stubborn and rebellious generation." And in Matthew 12:39 , ... "An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonah:"

The people in Nineveh repented in Jonah's time after his warning and were then forgiven. Eventually though, after going back to their sinful ways, they and their city were destroyed.

In Exodus 20:1-17, are the Ten Commandments which Yahweh gave to Israel to keep (guard), to follow and to obey. ... "I Yahweh thy Elohim am a jealous El, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments." (verses 5 and 6). The command is not only to love Yahweh, but also to keep His commandments! Verse 8, "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy." Holy means being set apart or separate from all other days. Verse 11, "For in six days Yahweh made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore Yahweh blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed (magnified) it." Men may try to change this, but Yahweh does not change. Remember, love Yahweh and keep His commandments! In 2 Thessalonians 2:3, ... "that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first,"... Apostle Paul was teaching about the day of the Messiah, the return of Yahshua. Paul did not change the commandment regarding the Sabbath day, but kept it.

Are we to follow man and his ideas, or are we to follow Yahweh? As for myself, I follow Yahweh. Yahweh promises good things to those who follow and trust in Him. The name of Yahweh is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe. Proverbs 18:10.

Yahweh promises in Zechariah 1:3, that if you turn unto Him, He will turn unto you. And in 2 Chronicles 7:14, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

We have seen in the scriptures the evidence of Israel's unfaithfulness, and the promise of Yahweh to heal them if they would return to Him. (The promise is for us also if we return to Yahweh and turn to His Son Yahshua and receive from Him, our reformation and our salvation through Yahshua's shed blood at Calvary.) In Deuteronomy 28:1-14, the promise is that if Israel would observe and do all His commandments, that Yahweh would set them on high above all nations of the earth and that many blessings would come if they hearkened to the voice of Yahweh. But also in Deuteronomy 28, the

scriptures go on with warnings that if Israel would not hearken to the voice of Yahweh and do all of His commandments and statutes that curses would come upon them and many curses were listed. As a result of Israel's unfaithfulness, many things did come upon Israel as a nation; they were overtaken and eventually the people were dispersed.

In Ezekiel 36:21-24, Yahweh said that He would sanctify His great name, which the children of Israel had profaned among the heathen and that the heathen would know that He was Yahweh, that he would be sanctified in them before their eyes and that He would take them from among the heathen and gather them out of all countries and bring them into their own land. In Ezekiel 36:32, "Not for your sakes do I this, saith the Sovereign Yahweh, be it known unto you: be ashamed and confounded for your own ways, O house of Israel." A most humbling proclamation against us all! "Thus saith the Sovereign Yahweh; I will yet for this be inquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them..." Ezekiel 36:37. In the last part of Zechariah 13:9 Yahweh says, "...they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, Yahweh is my Elohim."

So we now know that Yahweh will cleanse us when we call upon His Name! Do you see how important it is to know His Name Yahweh? No other name or title can do it. Our help comes from Yahweh. Our help is in the name of Yahweh, who made heaven and earth. Let us therefore get down on our knees on behalf of all believers, to confess our sins and ask the Almighty to forgive and to heal. And Yahweh will forgive and heal us from our iniquity. Hosea 14:1-2, "O Israel, return unto Yahweh thy Elohim; for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity. Take with you words, and turn to Yahweh; say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously..."

If our faith is firm, Yahweh will answer these prayers and prophecy predicts that Yahweh will answer positively. But, remember, as always it will be in Yahweh's own good time and in accordance with His will. Keep in mind: Yahweh has said He will do this, but not for our sakes, but for His Namesake. As individuals, we must be true believers in the blessed good tidings of Yahshua the Messiah. We must approach the throne of grace with deep humility, trusting only in Yahweh and not in ourselves, for we are as nothing. But for the grace of Yahshua the Messiah, Yahweh will respond. How to pray? 1. A moment of silence to recognize that we can only approach the throne of grace in prayer through the mediation of Yahshua our Savior and Redeemer. 2. To ask the heavenly Father to help us pray from our hearts in spirit and in truth. 3. To acknowledge and confess our sins.

Humbly let us ask Yahweh to cleanse us from our iniquity, to create in us a clean heart, to forgive us our sins and to receive us graciously through Yahshua by His shedding of blood in our behalf. Let all believers individually set aside a short time to pray in the morning and at evening and ask our great Elohim to cleanse us from all unrighteousness, for a clean heart and forgiveness for all sins. And that we would experience what Ezekiel 36:37 declares, "Thus saith the Sovereign Yahweh; I will yet for this be inquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them..."

May Yahweh bless you graciously and I pray that you can completely understand this message and may it reinforce your willingness to come closer to Yahweh, your maker, more than any time before. May you experience love and joy dwelling in you and may you be delighted in this closeness with Yahweh.

Submitted by: Elder Otto H. Miesel

FEAST OF TABERNACLES 2001

Eaton Rapids, Michigan

Theme: Drinking at the Springs of Living Water - October 3, 2001 - Rejoice, the Feast of Tabernacles has begun.

As usual, the Feast began with introductions and testimonies which included how many years individuals had been keeping the Feasts. Marjorie Graham, Eaton Rapids, Michigan had kept her first Feast of Passover at the age of 15, which was 75 years ago.

Scriptures were read from Leviticus 23:39, Numbers 29:39, Exodus 34:24, 2 Chronicles 8:13, Zechariah 14:1-2, Matthew 26:17-20, John 7, and Acts 20:6-16 with Samuel Graham emphasizing the word "rejoice". In many passages the children of Israel were commanded to rejoice. We as believers should rejoice also.

Believers came from all over Michigan and several other states, Alabama, Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, Ohio and a large group from Ontario, Canada.

Otto Miesel, Eaton Rapids, ministered on Romans 8, admonishing us to conform to the image of Yahshua the Messiah. "Obeying is our duty. Confession makes us strong. The unseen Yahweh shall be seen more and more in His people. Yahweh makes no mistakes, as He chooses His people. Yahweh, reign in us, reign in me, reign in me with all your might." We must set Him on high as Psalm 91:14 reads, ..."I will set him on high, because he hath known my name."

Rock Key Yah (Spence), Wood River, Illinois sang several songs of praise. "Come Ye Out" and "Alpha and Omega" are two that come to mind. He shared his thoughts on seeing with spiritual eyes. He drew an axle, a wheel and a carriage. The carriage is His people, Yahweh is the axle, He is holding us up; and the wheel (the universe) rotates around Him, our creator.

Robert McDonald, Newark, Ohio, gave several messages, emphasizing that when we realize Yahshua died for us, the least we can do for Him is to keep the ten commandments. A shepherd's responsibility is to provide food, rest, water, etc. for his sheep. Yahweh provides all of these through His son Yahshua (the Word became flesh, John 1); the sabbath day is our rest, the Spirit, the Comforter is our water. John 7, "Come unto me, I will give you living water." Bob also spoke on Yahweh's Feasts and what our attitude is in keeping them. "Have to keep?" or "Want to Keep?"

Jim (Harvey) Thompson, Jacksons Gap, Alabama spoke several times during the Feast. "The Kingdom is at Hand," - we have to get the message out. "Get Ready for the Wedding" and "Have We Forsaken the Fountain of Living Water?" Jim cautioned us to not sell our birthright to the kingdom. The congregation enjoyed Jim's many song and chorus offerings (Jim plays the guitar and mouth organ also).

David Klopfenstein, Albion, Indiana encouraged the congregation to stand fast and walk worthy of the vocation, Ephesians 4.

Those in attendance were blessed with an abundance of special song and instrument offerings throughout the Feast. There were specials from the groups from Ontario, Canada and Newark, Ohio (including Bob McDonald and Kevin May); Jim Thompson and Tony and Belva Bennefield, Alabama; Jean Fangboner, Josephine Cook, Hiawatha Cromer, Sarah Bristol and Samuel Graham (all local people).

The book of Deuteronomy customarily was read during the Feast (volunteers usually reading 3 chapters at each meeting).

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WITH WHAT BODY ARE THE DEAD RAISED?

By Voy Wilks

Did Yahshua ascend to the Father in his physical body?

When we review the several Scriptures dealing with this topic of study, we will see that the Messiah did, indeed, ascend to the Father in the same body which was buried, although it had been changed from a mortal body (one subject to death), to an immortal body (one unable to die), but it was the same body. The scars in his hands, feet, and side were the very reason, it seems, that Thomas was convinced Yahshua had indeed risen from the dead. The Apostle Paul further explains this:

“Lo! I tell [explain to] you a **mystery**. We shall not all sleep [die], but we shall all be **changed**, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised **imperishable**, and **we shall be changed**. For **this** perishable nature [or **body**] must **put on the imperishable**, and **this mortal** nature [or **body**] must **put an immortality**. When the **perishable [body]** puts on the **imperishable**, and the **mortal [body] puts on immortality**, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting?” (1 Cor. 15:52-55 RSV).

We mortal men and women gain the victory over death and the grave through Yahshua, the Messiah for, just as he arose from the dead to immortality, we too will rise from the dead to immortality (1 Cor. 15:42-44; Rev. 20:4-6). This **change** takes place when the dead come from the grave in the **first** resurrection. At that same time, the living saints will be changed in a moment (to immortality) to meet Yahshua in the air (1 Thes. 4:13-18). This will be at the sounding of the last (and seventh) trumpet (1 Cor. 15:52; 1 Thes. 4:16; Mt. 24:31; Rev. chapters 8,9,10,11, especially 10:7 & 11:15).

Scriptures tell us that even though we cannot completely understand it, we will “be like Him” (Yahshua) when he appears again (1 John 3:2). Job, the ancient saint, helped our understanding a great deal by writing,

“For I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet **in my flesh shall I see Elohim: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another;** though my reins be consumed within me” (Job 19:25-27 KJV).

This indicates a resurrection from the grave. Job in the flesh will, with his own eyes (not the eyes of another) **see** Yahweh. This, of course, will be after Job's flesh has been **changed** to immortal (undying) flesh; that is, his physical body will be transformed into a spiritual body, then his eyes will see Yahweh.

Comprehension of the spiritual body is made easier by the proverb which says, “The physical body is tangible and **real**, but the spiritual body is **more real** than the physical body.”

In line with this, may I call attention to Israel's great (and future) resurrection from the dead which Ezekiel predicted? It is found in Ezek. 37. Very dry bones lay on the plain of the valley, but at Ezekiel's command the bones stood upright, then sinew came upon them, then flesh came upon the sinew, then skin covered the flesh, after which breath came into each restored body. Because the exiled Israelites expected to die in a foreign land, many felt they were lost forever, so Yahweh revealed this prophecy to Ezekiel as an encouragement to the people showing he had not forgotten his promise to Abraham (Gen. 17) and to David (Jer. 33). There will be a resurrection from the dead and Israel will

return to the homeland, at which time they will once again become one kingdom with one king.

This is what "salvation" (being saved) is all about - being rescued from our greatest enemy - death and the grave (1 Cor. 15:26). It is our **physical bodies** which are held captive by death and the grave. Yahshua came to set us free from death, and from the fear of death (Ezek. 18:4; Rom. 6:23); "... to deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong **bondage** (Heb. 2:15). The Apostle Paul wrote that we and all creation are in "bondage" to decay and death, but we look forward to a time when we will be "set free" and will become children of Yahweh (Rom. 8:18-25). In the meantime "... we wait for the adoption as sons, the **redemption of our BODIES**" (Rom. 8:23).

In view of all these Scriptures it is reasonable to conclude that **this very human body** will rise from the dead, but in the moment of rising it will be given immortality, making it impossible to die again. **This** mortal "puts on" **immortality**, and so becomes a **spiritual being** at the moment of rising from the dead (1 Cor. 15:42-44). The fleshly body is first, and only later comes the spiritual body - the immortal body (1 Cor. 15:45-48). The very body which is placed in the grave (not some ethereal spirit within us) will be saved (redeemed) from death and the grave. Yahshua captured the keys of death and the grave, as indicated by the following Scriptures:

"Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the **living one; I died**, and behold **I am alive** for evermore, and I have the **keys of Death and Hades**" (Rev. 1:17,18 RSV).

He will, so to speak, unlock the doors to the prison which holds captive all mankind - death and the grave. This may be why the Messiah said to his disciples, "... be of good cheer, I have overcome the world" (Jn. 16:33).

"As they were saying this, Yahshua himself stood among them. But they were startled and frightened, and supposed they saw a spirit [a ghost, or apparition]. And he said to them, 'Why are you troubled, ...? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself; handle me, and see; for a spirit [or ghost, an apparition] has not **flesh and bone** as you see that I have. ... Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven" (Lk. 24:36-39, 50,51 RSV).

Halleluyah!

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ABSTINENCE FOR OUR YOUTH

We are instructed to train up a child in the way the child should go so that when they are old, they will not depart from that way, Proverbs 22:6. And, we are also to instruct each new Believer to abstain (abstinence) from fornication, Acts 15:28-29. If we should teach abstinence to new Believers, then certainly we should to our children also. It's been our experience that parents in general are weak at training children to remain pure, and often the last ones to train up their children in this vital area. Parents want to look to the Youth Directors in their churches or to schools to relieve them from this responsibility. Parents don't want to talk about this subject. We are not told in scripture to shift the responsibility to others. Rather, we parents are told to do it ourselves. So, where would parents begin?

After three years of giving extensive sexual abstinence (purity) for marriage presentations to youth, we have become convinced that we have to go back to the beginning and lay the foundation before we can teach abstinence. What do we mean? We have to go back to Genesis - back to the beginning of creation. Why? Most of us believe in creation in only six literal 24 hour days. Although there are some among us who believe in "theistic evolution," i.e., Yahweh created this place, but He did it through the process of evolution over millions of years. But, guess what! Kids are being bombarded with and taught through television, the media, movies, books, museums, and schools that we were not created. Rather, we evolved! Consider, for example, the dinosaurs. Dinosaurs are of great interest to kids and youth. That's why the movie Jurassic Park was such a big moneymaker. And hey, if dinosaurs lived millions of years ago, then Yahweh did not create this place only 6,000 years ago! Can you see what the enemy is doing?

Can any of you give three scientific proofs that we did not evolve, but, rather, that we were created? How many of you can give three scientific proofs that Noah's flood actually occurred and was worldwide? If we, ourselves, cannot come up with scientific statements backing up our belief, and if we are not able to give a reason for the hope that dwells within us, then look what this does to any encouragement we give our children about remaining sexually pure for their wedding day - it rips the foundation out from under us. If there is no Creator, there are **no standards** - except those man sets for himself. If man evolved, man is his creator - his Elohim - his maker - he can set his own standards, including what is right or wrong in the sexual realm. And, that's exactly what's being done in the world today whether it's sexual fornication, adultery within the assembly, killing of the unborn child, or homosexuality. If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do (Psalm 11:3), and what can you do to teach your children abstinence?

So? Get in there and dig for the evidence you need to support your creation belief. Build the foundation, and teach it to your children and grandchildren. Then, and only then, can you be credible in teaching your children sexual purity for marriage. Two good places for you to start are www.AnswersInGenesis.org and Institute for Creation Research, www.ICR.org.

Your fellow servants, Roger and Suzy Norman

COURTSHIP VERSUS DATING

Courtship is the wooing of a woman by a man in a courtly manner, to seek her favor, and affection and love, and mentioning desire to marry.

Dating is the going out on social engagements, without courtship intentions. Whereas courtship is a process by which young people can get to know and enjoy one another, while maintaining their physical and emotional integrity.

Courtship also offers practical benefits for young women and men that will help maintain a spiritual balance in their lives with good intentions.

Courtship offers a different set of behavioral guidelines and moral principles than dating.

Dating on the other hand is the going out on social engagements without courtship intentions which can be hard on spiritual minded individuals with heavenly principles. In Genesis 24:9-22, is a beautiful story of how Abraham chose a wife for his son Isaac. Isaac and Rebekah's relationship is a perfect example for courtship today. Their relationship was ordained by the Holy Spirit. There was no dating in their relationship. It was a commitment which meant marriage.

Young women and young men today should demonstrate a strong Biblical character, a spiritual depth in the Scriptures, a financial responsibility, sexual and emotional purity for each other in the eyes of the Heavenly Father, and the ability to lead a simple practical life.

My dear friends, would you be found dating when [Yahshua] comes? I pray and hope that you and I will take our stand for the truth before it is too late, and I will not be weighed in the balances of the sanctuary and found wanting. K. Patterson

SABBATH MEETING PLACE

Tampa-Bradenton Area

Simmons Park west of U.S. 41 near Ruskin, Florida. On U.S. 41 at north edge of Ruskin about midway between Tampa and Bradenton, turn west at the McDonald's restaurant. Go to the end of road to the park. Go straight. Turn at the first road to the left. Meet at the first pavilion on the right. Time is 1:00 or 1:30 p.m. Rarely someone else will be using this pavilion. In such case, if you are there on time, go with the believers to another nearby pavilion. Location may change sometimes due to the weather, so please call George Kinney for information (941-729-2938).

FEAST OF TABERNACLES 2001

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Four people gave their hearts to Yahshua and took another step on the road to salvation. Roger Anderson, Minnesota; Andrew Kevorkian, Diana Murphy and David Smith, Michigan were immersed into Yahshua the Messiah.

Other highlights were: the dedication to Yahweh of Andrew and Michelle Richard's baby son Joshua, the ladies tea, the field trip, the hay ride and hot dog (turkey) roast. We also want to thank all who came, joined in and helped in food prep and cleaning, etc.; for helping to make this Feast a joy and a blessing.

May Yahweh bless and keep you, and may Yahweh lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. Until we meet again, agape love.

In His Service, Samuel A. Graham

LET'S PARTY

Let's throw a party, have a great meal, followed by fun, music, fellowship, games, joy and happiness. But, who shall we invite? Hey, we don't have to worry about an invitation list. Yahshua has already given it to us! Here it is:

“And He also went on to say to the one who had invited Him, ‘when you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends, or your brothers, or your relatives, or rich neighbors lest they also invite you in return and repayment come to you. But, when you give a reception, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, since they do not have the means to repay you; for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.’” Luke 14:12-14

There it is - the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind.

Some of your "Texas connection" friends have been throwing these "Luke 14 parties" for years, usually twice per year, and who do they invite? The poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind. It is a great, joyful, happy time, and, now, it has been done long enough so that we all know each other well, and we can all relax and have a blessed time. Some of the best fellowship comes from the music and games following the meal.

But, you say, "we don't know any poor, crippled, lame, or blind folks." Don't worry! Simply ask Father Yahweh to send them to you, and the first thing you know, there they will be.

On a side note, your Texas friends have found it best to have either all men or all women at the party. We don't want to do anything that would give the appearance of evil. And, yes, the poor, crippled, lame, and blind can fall into temptation as quickly as the rest of us. So, clean up the house, get your menu, songs and games ready, and let's party.

Your Texas Connection

HUMBLE

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Mt:23:12: And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall **humble himself** shall be exalted.

2Cor:12:21: And lest, when I come again, my **YAHWEH** will **humble** me among you, and that I shall bewail many which have sinned already, and have not repented of the uncleanness and fornication and lasciviousness which they have committed.

Jms:4:6: But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, **YAHWEH** resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the **humble**.

Jms:4:10: Humble yourselves in the sight of YAHWEH, and he shall lift you up.

1Pt:5:5: Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with **humility**: for **YAHWEH** resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the **humble**.

1Pt:5:6: **Humble Yourselves** therefore under the mighty hand of **Yahweh**, that He may exalt **You** in **due time**:

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HUMBLE

Ex:10:3: And Moses and Aaron came in unto Pharaoh, and said unto him, Thus saith **YAHWEH** of the Hebrews, How long wilt thou refuse to **humble** thyself before me? let my people go, that they may serve me.

Deut:8:2: And thou shalt remember all the way which **YAHWEH** led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to **humble** thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no.

Deut:8:16: Who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that he might **humble** thee, and that he might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end;

2Chron:7:14: If my people, which are called by my name, shall **humble** themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

2Chron:34:27: Because thine heart was tender, and thou didst **humble** thyself before **YAHWEH**, when thou heardest his words against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, and humbledst thyself before me, and didst rend thy clothes, and weep before me; I have even heard thee also, saith **YAHWEH**.

Job:22:29: When men are cast down, then thou shalt say, There is lifting up; and he shall save the **humble** person.

Ps:9:12: When he maketh inquisition for blood, he remembereth them: he forgetteth not the cry of the **humble**.

Ps:10:12: Arise, **YAHWEH**, lift up thine hand: forget not the **humble**.

Ps:10:17: **YAHWEH**, thou hast heard the desire of the **humble**: thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear:

Ps:34:2: My soul shall make her boast in **YAHWEH**: the **humble** shall hear thereof, and be glad.

Ps:69:32: The **humble** shall see this, and be glad: and your heart shall live that seek **YAHWEH**.

Prov:6:3: Do this now, my son, deliver thyself, when thou art come into the hand of thy friend; go, **humble** thyself, and make sure thy friend.

Prov:16:19: Better it is to be of an **humble** spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.

Prov:29:23: A man's pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the **humble** in spirit.

Isa:57:15: For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is **SEPARATED**; I dwell in the high and separate place, with him also that is of a contrite and **humble** spirit, to revive the spirit of the **humble**, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

Jer:13:18: Say unto the king and to the queen, **Humble** yourselves, sit down: for your principalities shall come down, even the crown of your greatness.

Mt:18:4: **Whosoever** therefore shall **humble** himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

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WILL A MAN ROB YAHWEH?

The tithe belongs to Yahweh, Leviticus 27:30-33. Yahweh says the cattle on a thousand hills are His. Yahweh created all things. He only requires us to give one tenth back to Him. It's a matter of obedience to Yahweh's law. "Freely ye receive, freely give." The offerings are left to our own discretion. (Henry Ford was a famous man who proved that it paid to tithe.)

The Word says to prove all things, so practice tithing and receive Yah's blessings. The tithe is a tenth of anything. The tithes are demanded by Yahweh, Malachi 3:8. Abraham paid tithes to Yahweh; he gave one tenth of all his cattle and produce, Genesis 8:22 and Isaiah 6:13. "The tithe shall be holy," Leviticus 27:32. Jacob vowed to give one tenth of all he possessed, Genesis 28:22. These are commandments that were given to Moses.

We are advised to lay up our treasures in heaven. Matthew 23:23 tells you to tithe and be not like the pharisees, they say and do not. This was taught by our own dear Saviour Yahshua. Do you remember Yahshua talking about the widow's mite? Strong's Concordance, under the word monies, tells the widow's mite was the whole sum equal to 64 cents. It was her living, all that she had. Lay up your treasures in heaven where moth and thieves will not corrupt, Mark 10:19. Do not steal, that is a commandment of Yahweh. James 2:10, "For whosoever shall keep the whole law and offend in one point, he is guilty of all."

Praise Yahweh for our many blessings. Our Heavenly Father wants to bless us. Let us praise and thank Him. We are truly blessed when we tithe. HalleluYah!

Submitted by: M. Graham

ATTITUDE TOWARD TROUBLE

Scripture Reading: Exodus 33:12-14 and 2 Corinthians 4:7-15

"My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." (Exodus 33:14 RSV) As we go along a mountain highway, we see signs saying, "Beware of falling rocks." It makes no difference whether you are a good driver or a careless one, the hazard is the same. It is typical of those things in life we cannot control.

What shall be our attitude toward these things? Yahshua the Messiah said, "In the world you have tribulation." But He did not stop there. He added, "But be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

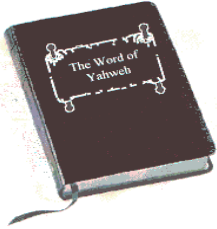
The Messianic believer's reaction to trouble is illustrated by the oyster. Into its shell a tiny grain of sand comes. Slowly and patiently, with infinite care, it builds upon the grain of sand layer upon layer of a milky substance which covers every sharp corner of the sand. Gradually a pearl is made - a thing of wondrous beauty wrapped around trouble.

Amid the falling rocks of life we, like Paul, can discover, "My grace is all you need." With Abba Yahweh's help, we can turn grains of sand into pearls.

Thought for the Month: The grace of Yahweh can lead us through any trouble.

Prayer: Our Heavenly Father (Yahweh) grant us the awareness of your grace, that we may live victoriously through any trial. In Yahshua's name. HalleluYah.

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Paul states in Romans 12:1-2, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of Elohim, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto Elohim, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of Elohim." (The Word of Yahweh version.)

ABUNDANCE

- A**cknowledge Yahweh as your Source and Treasure.
- B**e a cheerful giver to Yahweh, yourself and your neighbors.
- U**nderstand above all the value of putting Yahweh first.
- N**ever forget to honor Yahweh with your tithes and offerings.
- D**o as we are taught by Yahweh's Words of Truth.
- A**ct according to Yahweh's instructions and Yahshua's example.
- N**ever withhold kindness or any act of charity to the poor and needy.
- C**hoose Yahweh's Way only.
- E**xperience praying, walking and living by faith and not by sight.

ABUNDANCE comes when we surrender everything in Yahweh's Hands.

Composed by: Claribel G. Garcia

THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH

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Because they receive not THE LOVE OF THE TRUTH, they believe lies. They will perish (10th verse) unless they repent. Yahshua said, "REPENT... [or] PERISH." Luke 13:3. Yahweh is not willing that any should perish, but wishes that all would repent. 2 Peter 3:9, Ezekiel 33:11. **BUT THEY MUST REPENT -- OR PERISH.** They must repent of sin -- the transgression of the law (1 John 3:4) and start to obey Yahweh and keep His commandments. The atonement for our sin is by the death of our Ruler, Yahshua the Messiah; and it is a free gift. Romans 5:11 & 15. Then they can know the truth: "If you love Me, keep My commandments, and I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever, THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH, WHICH THE WORLD CANNOT RECEIVE, BECAUSE IT SEEKS HIM NOT, neither knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you, and shall be in you." John 14:15-17. "Howbeit when the Spirit of truth is come, He will guide you into all truth." John 16:13. Yahshua prayed, "Separate them through Thy truth; Thy Word is truth." And He said, "If you continue in My Word, then are you My taught ones indeed, and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 17:17 & 8:31-32.

There came a time in my young life that my dad decided it was time I knew the truth about santa claus. Guess what? On x-mas eve at my maternal grandparents farm house with decorated tree cut by grandfather from his own land, when I was with great expectation and joy, dad, aside, told me there was no santa claus. My dad was very effective in stating things in a few words at opportune times. And he saw to it that I learned Scriptural truths.

We see that those who believe lies and perish, have pleasure in unrighteousness. They do not know the truth because they do not love it. They do not seek it. If they would only love the truth simply because it is the truth, they could ask Yahweh and He would show them the way. He would show them the true way of healing, repentance, and salvation. Let us love every bit of the truth we learn and follow all of it, so we will not believe lies. "But we are bound to give thanks always to the Almighty One for you,

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THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH

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brethren beloved of Him, because He has from the beginning chosen you to salvation through separateness of the Spirit and belief of the truth. Whereunto He called you by our glad tidings to the obtaining of the esteem of our Master Yahshua the Messiah. Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you have been taught, whether by word, or our letter. Now our Master Yahshua the Messiah Himself, and the Almighty, even our Father, which has loved us, and has given us everlasting consolation and good hope through favour, comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work." 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17.

Elder: George Kinney

PASSOVER/MEMORIAL SUPPER

MARCH 29, 2002

Celebrate March 28, 2002

after sunset

"In the 14th day of the first month at even is Yahweh's Passover."

Lev. 23:5

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2002 Calendar

New Moon Days	Annual Convocation Days	Annual Convocation Days
Jan. 15	YAHSHUA'S MEMORIAL (Passover) MARCH 29 Celebrate MARCH 28 after sunset	March 30
Feb. 14	FESTIVAL OF UNLEAVENED BREAD MARCH 30 through APRIL 5	April 5
Mar. 16	FEAST (appointment) OF WEEKS MAY 19 See Leviticus 23:10, 11, 15, 16, 21	May 19
April 14	FEAST (appointment) OF TRUMPETS SEPTEMBER 9	Sept. 9
May 14	DAY (appointment) OF ATONEMENT SEPTEMBER 18	Sept. 18
June 13	FEAST OF TABERNACLES (Booths or Huts) SEPTEMBER 23 through SEPTEMBER 29	Sept. 23
July 12	LAST GREAT DAY SEPTEMBER 30	Sept. 30
Aug. 10		7 days
Sept. 9		in all - the
Oct. 8		number of
Nov. 7		completeness
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