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TRULY THIS MAN WAS THE SON OF YAHWEH

Two months ago we celebrated Yahshua's Memorial of the Passover. This most solemn occasion comes once a year in the spring. Spring is the time of renewal. What a perfect time to rethink our commitment to Yahweh through His Son Yahshua, the Messiah.

The entertainment sector of this society produced a movie this year titled "The Passion of Christ." For all who saw this film, it vividly brought to our eyes and minds a glimpse of our Savior's suffering for our sins (the whole world's sins for all generations). The agonizing and the suffering that was portrayed on the screen made viewers want to cry "stop, stop, enough!" Some hid their eyes or looked away as the Roman soldiers scourged the Savior. We remembered the scriptures in Matthew 27:54 and Mark 15:3. "Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Yahshua, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of Yahweh."

Today, more than anytime in history, we need to hear people say the same words, "Truly this was the Son of Yahweh." When Pilate stood before the people and said what shall I do then with Yahshua which is called the Messiah, they all said to him let him be executed. When Pilate washed his hands before the multitude and said I am innocent of the blood of this just person, see you to it, the people answered and said His blood be on us and on our children. This statement was made by a tumultuous (riotous) crowd. Do you think they were rational when they cried out? They took the blame. As we look back on this scenario, we realize truer words were never spoken. It was the sins of the whole world that brought Yahshua to be crucified (offered).

The true believers want Yahshua's sinless blood covering over them (us) today; over their children, spouses, even over homes and property. Looking back when the Israelites were in Egypt, at the first Passover, they were told in Exodus 12 to take on the 10th day of Abib a spotless, perfect lamb of the sheep or goats and keep it up to the 14th day at evening, kill it and put the blood on the lintel and side posts of their homes. At midnight the death angel sent by Yahweh passed through the land, and if there was no blood on the lintel or side posts, the firstborn in that home died. That blood of the lamb was a protection at the onset of Passover (Yahweh's plan of salvation for sinners).

As recorded in John 1:29, John saw Yahshua coming to him and said, "Behold the Lamb of Elohim, which taketh away the sin of the world." Peter affirmed Yahshua's sacrifice (offering) in 1 Peter 1:18-20, "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold,... But with the precious blood of the Messiah, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you."

The book of Revelation gives several examples: Rev. 7:14 – These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb; and Rev. 14:1 – A Lamb stood on the mount Zion, and with him 144,000 having His name and His Father's name written in their foreheads. We need the defense forces of the Holy (Kodesh) Spirit available through Yahshua as the woman (Israel) needed in Rev. 12:11 – They overcame him (the deceiver) by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

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A TESTIMONY

Dear Brethren,

With such great excitement I am writing you, that it is difficult to even begin! Without delay I present my testimony.

Although I had everything to be thankful for, I was miserable my entire life. Resentful, reasoning if I have this, this and this; why can't I and shouldn't I, have it all? Mine were not the demons of drugs, alcohol or any form of physical self-destruction. Mine were worse. Selfishness, greed, materialism, vanity; and self-love to the point I had none for anyone else. Clear headed, methodical and practical, I went after what I wanted without any social gatherings or friends.

It was four years ago, while on my high-pressure job that my temper flared. While working very hard, a laid back co-worker remarked (in a context of jealousy), "Wow, you're making a lot of money tonight." Angrily I turned toward him and said, "Yes, and I (curse word) deserve it!" Well, I don't have to tell you how our heavenly Father feels about that attitude! Immediately I felt the dark cloud and the inevitability of punishment. After two weeks of meetings and deliberations, I was discharged. Subsequently, over the next year, my 401k - gone, everything I owned - sold, apartment - lost and I found myself living in the front seat of a car that was on the "repo" list. At the age of 44, I was now homeless, penniless, without credit, no longer able to borrow from anyone and unemployed. Yet, believe it or not, I *still* did not seek Him!

It was my reasoning, since I had sacrificed a social life, even a relationship, and had maintained a "single eye" for *what I wanted* throughout my life, that I had been severely cheated! For 25 years the proverbial carrot dangled one inch from my nose, and it is my conviction, it was *never allowed* to be within my grasp. My frustration, unknowingly self-induced, was at its absolute pinnacle. Rather than turn to Him, I became more defiant, converting from agnostic to a nearly convinced atheist. In such doubt of His existence, I questioned the validity of right and wrong. In an act of blatant immorality, I defied His existence. What light there was, and this angelic presence that we sense within our souls, had completely vacated. Never had my soul been so dark, empty and hopeless. Ironically, it was this act of evil that gave me the greatest sense; He did indeed exist. Evidenced by the contrast within the soul; the light that always was vs. this hopeless darkness. Not that I would condone or advocate evil as a test for anyone. Because it was through His amazing grace that I was not destroyed and eternally damned! And still yet, though approaching His direction, the turning point was to come.

Personal desires still dominated for another four years, with a greatly increased sense of right and wrong. Therefore with the acknowledgement of goodness, goodness that is He. During this four-year period I relied on a friend, my only friend, for answers from *the Bible*. It was always; what does the bible say about this? What does the bible say about that? Until finally; surrender. Submission and admission, I can no longer "go it alone." Not only do I not have all the answers, I am lost and in much need of guidance. Along with this, there was a quest and a desire for goodness. Upon asking my friend if I could borrow his bible, he replied, "You can have my bible."

As you are aware, the difference between reading His Word and truly seeking it cannot even be conveyed to those yet to find it. I went through the motions of Catholicism as a child, and opened the Book briefly once about 17 years ago. However,

having experienced so much more at the age of 48, there was no doubt that the depth of what I was now absorbing, was in actuality, *communication from our Creator!* In addition to the incredible awe that accompanies this realization, the first thing that crumbled me was this consolidation of Leviticus 26:14-19: **"But if ye will not hearken unto me, If ye shall despise my statutes and not do all my commandments, ye shall sow your seed in vain. I will set my face against you, and I will break the pride of your power."** Then this: **"Yahweh shall send upon thee cursing, vexation, and rebuke, in all that thou settest thine hand to do; whereby thou hast forsaken me."** (Deuteronomy 28:20) What was all this? All I ever remember hearing was love, love, love. Our Father gets angry? He intercedes? Who knew? I thought the way the world thinks; if He exists, I'll just cover the bases by being a "good person" and go on my merry way. This really was news to me, both shocking and incredibly revealing! Our very lives, the heavens, the earth and all that is upon it, were created for our benefit! If you are under the illusion you do not need Him, and if you are so ungrateful and disrespectful you completely turn your back on Him, He will understandably *break you!* He feels the frustration a parent feels when they devote their entire lives to an ungrateful sibling, only multiplied by His Power and *His contributions!* For over 30 years, there was no attempt on my part to seek Him or submit to *"the laws of life!"* The quest for success being the only driving force and all important priority: **"No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve Yahweh and mammon (money)."** (Matthew 6:24; Luke 16:13) **"The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light."** (Matthew 6:22; Luke 11:34) These scriptures provided immediate explanation for the hardships of my life; continual, numerous and no longer even possible to attribute to coincidental "hard luck;" simultaneously confirming and validating, a lifetime predominant sense of "going against the grain" of some "universal force."

As these and many other truths were resonating in the deepest part of my soul, the next thing to hit me like a freight train was this: **"Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart."** (Jeremiah 29:12-13) As most, I was only aware of this scripture as, "seek and ye shall find." But *all your heart*, of course, being the KEY! Without this sincerity, this deepest heartfelt desire, we remain with; **"Eyes that see but see not, and ears that hear but hear not."** (Jr. 5:21; Ezek. 12:2; Ps. 115:5-6; Matt. 13:15; Mark 8:18) Consistent with the brilliance in everything else He does; until your heart manifests a genuine desire for all that is He, you remain in the dark! Unenlightened, and receiving a false sense of security in being one of the majority: **"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."** (Matthew 7:13-14) Unfortunately, *it is* the majority, smug and arrogant in the comfort of many, that scoffs and receives satisfaction in looking down upon those deemed "religious fanatics." Never realizing it is *they* who are on the outside: **"How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? And the scorers delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge?"** (Proverbs 1:22) In my case, 48 years! There was the breakdown, and the repentance, of which all you brethren are aware.

Then another knockout: **"My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in your weakness."** (2 Corinthians 12:9) Tears of joy for my whole life came

into focus. He brought me down with the least possible damage, allowing me to learn *the Truth!* I was able to step outside myself and understand my life from the perspective of an overseer. The entire, predictable blueprint as He knew it! The lack of success was not a form of damnation but *salvation!* For He knew if He gave me *this world*, I would have never found *His!* Because; **"It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, * than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of Elohim."** (Matthew 19:24) His incredible mercy, patience and *love!* These revelations, in addition to a multitude of others, have yielded the antithesis of a heart and soul transformation. From the torment of feeling hard-lucked and persecuted, to the incredible joy and appreciation in being absolutely blessed! I love Him so much! And of course, love and unspeakable appreciation for His Son! Gone is the need to impress the world. Peace and contentment now dominate a soul once filled with anxiety: **"Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."** (Matthew 11:29-30) Taken with love, light and a spirit closer to the Father and the Son, I now have love for my brothers as well. For I know we are all loved, and each an equal part of His greater plan. (*A small door built in a gate and opened after dark. In order to pass through, the camel must first be unloaded.)

As with all things Yahweh, the bad is very bad and the good is very good! The more you pull away from Him; He treats you in like manner. However, the more you come to Him, He makes His presence known! Beyond the confirmation upon confirmation His Word reveals as the absolute Truth, there have been two sacred and blessed personal experiences. What can one say when he is directed through divine intervention? There are no words. The first event, I will keep to myself in this writing. The second, however, should be shared, as it is wonderful news *for you!*

I prayed that I might find and obtain, the most perfect bible. It was a few weeks later, funds were available to purchase my own. That morning, the morning I was to begin my search, I awoke to something extraordinary. Still currently poor (by American standards), I was awakened by the morning light in my conversion van, in which I reside. Windows filled with dew as they are most mornings of the winter. Through the upper windows, the sunlight lit the upper wall revealing this: *F.a.* Yet, this was not inscribed on the windows. It was not a reflection. It was just there. Lest I would mistake this as something to be dismissed, there was this: *E.at.* This on the lower picture window I wake up next to. These letters were not simulating a reflection. They were inscribed inside the window, within the mist. Remember, alcohol and drugs are non-existent in my life, and I'm not a hocus-pocus type of guy. This was indeed something! But I didn't know what.

Later that day, I called several bible and bookstores within about a 50-mile radius, searching for a bible that referred to the Father and the Son by their sacred holy names. This search turned up empty. As it was too late to use the computer at the library, my search would have to continue the following day.

The following morning when I awoke, what was on the upper wall was no longer there. However, on the picture window the inscription remained intact, this one: *E.at.* Early that afternoon I began a search on the library computer. Not adept at computer use, I could not find what I wanted. As an afterthought, I asked the librarian the location of the bible section, just to see what they had. She asked, "What specifically are you looking for?" I replied, "A bible utilizing the sacred names of Our Father and His Son and information on how to purchase it." She was able to bring up four options:

- 1) An on-line version. (Not an option for me).
- 2) "THE SCRIPTURES" from South Africa, utilizing the Tetragrammaton only.

- 3) "THE WORD OF YAHWEH" from Eaton Rapids, Michigan.
- 4) "THE SACRED SCRIPTURES" 1901 ASV, from Bethel, PA.

It is with absolute belief, and immense honor, respect and fear of His commandments, I bring you this unembellished truth! What greater feeling than confirmation; **Our Father finds favor in your work!** You can cry now.

I mailed in my money order immediately, that same day, priority shipping. What comfort in knowing, I am privy to the world's most perfect transliteration, in this language that is mine! Blessings and congratulations for your great work!

In addition to finding *The Bible*, I believe, in the process, I have found my Brethren. The chosen of Our Father, His people of His Name: **"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."** (2 Chronicles 7:14)

I have been searching, with a list of short and simple criteria. Yet millions cannot fill it. This criteria being: Acknowledgement and use of The True Names. Sabbath honored on the 7th day, as we are explicitly commanded. And the understanding Master Yahshua is the Son of the Almighty Yahweh, as reiterated time after time throughout the New Testament. I see these truths clearly with child-like innocence, and it seems, so do you. Yet, we are so few. Let us pray for the others and shine our light for them. And pray for ourselves, that we never lose sight of the straight and narrow. Amen.

Though much is clear, I am still an infant in knowledge, only four months. I am not certain of the ways I must honor the imperative upcoming calendar. I am in immediate need of baptism, as the Catholic baptism received as a baby is surely inadequate. Can and should I, set my goals on flying to Michigan? Is there a group or an Elder I can get in touch with? If you are able to help, please write:

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We see in 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 that Yahweh didn't call many wise, or mighty or noble men but chose the foolish things of the world to confound the wise and the weak things to confound the mighty, that no flesh should boast in the presence of Elohim. But of him are ye in the Messiah Yahshua, who of Yahweh is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption.

Paul sums up Yahshua's sacrifice (offering) in Hebrews chapter 9. Verse 28 – So the Messiah was once offered to bear the sins of many, and unto them that look for him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation. Yes, after examining these texts we can say, Truly He was the Son of Yahweh.

Pastor Samuel A. Graham

Feast of Unleavened Bread Report

Ontario, Canada

Greetings in and through Yahshua our soon coming King. We thank Father Yah for HIS tender mercies to those who love Him and keep His Commandments.

We had a wonderful FOUB (Feast of Unleavened Bread) on the 15th of the first month (Lev. 23:6-8), as commanded by the Words of YAH that seven days ye shall offer an offering made by fire to Father Yahweh. Ye must eat unleavened bread.

Exodus 12:15-20 – Whosoever eateth leavened bread during this specified period shall be cut off from Israel. Exodus 13:7 – There shall no leaven be seen with thee, neither shall leaven be seen in thy quarters.

Paul in 1 Corinthians 5:6-8 said, Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? Purge out therefore the old lump that ye may be a new lump. (In other words purge out of your temples and your hearts the old leaven, 1 Cor. 3:16). Let us keep the FOUB not with old leaven neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Paul here was zeroing in on our spirituality, our conscience, our attitude, our behaviors, our moral and ethical conduct. Paul knew that the essence of the FOUB requires the purging out and getting rid of any type of leaven in one's heart the same way we try to rid our quarters of leaven.

A holy [separated] way of living is expected of Yahweh's people but this process of purging out all wickedness and evil from our hearts can only come through Yahshua's help. We cannot do it on our own. We remembered how difficult it is to meticulously rid our quarters of leaven. Now let us consider that the purging of leaven out of our temples is of the greatest importance for our salvation.

We need to ask Father YAHWEH and His Son YAHSHUA to sanctify us through the Words so we can live a holy (separated) life. Leviticus 11:45, Ye shall be holy, for I (YAHWEH) am holy. If our glorying, our actions, our rejoicing, our praises are not from a true, genuine, sincere heart in obeying the Words of Father Yah and His Son Yahshua, then our celebrating the FOUB would be in vain. If our heart is tarnished with any hidden leaven of wickedness, envy, strife, or stubbornness to the directive of the Words, our celebrating the Feast would be in vain.

Our prayer is that the FOUB will discipline us to be ever watchful of any type of leaven: to beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Scribes (Matthew 23:25-28); to beware of the leaven of false teaching of the Word (Matthew 16:6-12); to beware of those who have diluted the genuine words of Father Yahweh.

The FOUB has taught us to keep guard against what is not right in our lives spiritually and temporally, and that in order to adorn ourselves with righteousness, we must make the removing of any type of leaven from our lives a minutely [continual] intervention for our Salvation. Thank you for allowing us to share these encouraging thoughts with you. Halleluyah!

Submitted by: N. Roxby

WHAT MEN NEED TO KNOW ABOUT WOMEN

But, you just don't know my wife! True, I don't, but here are some general things known about women, and could it be that some of these principles apply to your wife and that knowing them will help you have a better relationship with her?

HER BASIC CHARACTER TRAITS - Women have three basic character traits: intuition, empathy, and sensitivity. Intuition – they just know something. They don't have to be taught. Example: They have great ability to spot a fraud, a sham. Empathy – they are more capable than are men of being able to empathize with the hurts of another person and console them. Sympathy – because they are so sensitive to hurt, they can readily comfort those who are hurting. And men, I'm sorry, but we only have one basic natural inborn character trait – protector and provider instinct. Example: “This is my wife, these are my children, and nobody better mess with them!” Melvin Anchell, M.D., California, very accurately points out, however, in his book, *What's Wrong with Sex Education?*, that these character traits need development during our years as a youth, and if a young girl, whose interests should be expanding into school, new friends, sports, proper attire, etiquette, and homemaking turns inward too soon (to sexual interests) and does not allow these normal interests to expand and fully develop so as to allow her basic character traits to develop, then she will not have all the intuition, empathy, and sensitivity she needs for life and for her family. Then, instead of being able to use her *woman's intuition* to spot a fraud, she ends up marrying one! And men, if we turn away (to premarital sex, for example) from healthy and normal outside interests which a young teenage boy has for developing his character through expanding his interests in education, sports, building and designing things, etc., then instead of being a great protector and provider, we end up being ordered by the child support court to pay up and quit abusing the very ones we are to protect and provide for. I am afraid that many men and women, beginning in the 1960's, began to fall into this “sex education”/pre-marital sex trap, and consequently do not now have all the basic character traits of intuition, empathy, sensitivity and protector and provider instinct which our Creator meant for us to have.

Now that we understand these basic character traits, we might ask: why does a woman need her foundational character trait of intuition to be able to spot a deception, fraud, and a sham? Because her original ancestor, Eve, was deceived by the great fraud himself! This “mutation” of deception is not something her Creator wants passed down to her future generations. Could that be why she is now gifted to develop that extra special intuition? And the man's need for protector and provider instinct? Adam should have protected his wife from Satan's deception and provided the instruction and guidance she needed to stay away from the big fraud himself – but he failed! So? His Creator then blesses man by giving him great protector and provider instinct - if men will allow their character to grow and develop while in their teenage development years. Knowing this, what do we, women and men, do if we have blown it and not allowed our traits to fully develop in order for us to be the blessing to our family we were originally designed to be? We ask forgiveness of our spouse and ask Yahweh to take, rebuild and begin anew in us, and then trust Him that He will, as we start over with our Savior becoming the third member of our marriage. And now that we know what is, or should be, the basic character traits of our wife and why she has them, what do we do about it? We use these character traits - we take advantage of them. They are a gift to you and your family from

Yahweh through your wife. That's why He designed her as He did. Seek her answers for decisions you face from day to day. For example: That great business deal that's sure to make a quick profit for you. Run it by her. If she's allowed her character traits to fully develop, then her *woman's intuition* is probably going to give the answer as to whether it's a fraud, a sham, or a good opportunity. Pick up on her character trait of empathy and begin to empathize more with the hurts of people. Show them sympathy as you pick up on her acts of sympathy. It will help you to develop into more of a complete man. Then, when she sees that she has a very important part in the marriage and the family and that her character traits are appreciated, received and acted upon, she will work even harder at becoming that helper she was designed to be for you, the family, the neighborhood and even her city and nation. She has a part, a very important part.

HER BASIC RESPECT - Women respect self-control. They have no respect for lack of self-control – it is repulsive to them. What is the basic test for a man to determine whether he has self-control? Was he a virgin when he married? Did he have premarital sex with her, even though he married her later? True, your now wife may have been the very one trying to unzip your pants before your marriage, but deep down in her inner being, she needs, and was looking for, a husband of self-control. Why? If he can control his sex drive before marriage, then he can develop and use self-control around her, the children, and problems that will come from time to time in every marriage. So, what do you do if you blew it and had sex with your wife before marriage? Go to her and ask forgiveness. You don't say, "Hey, I'm sorry"; you don't say, "I apologize." You don't say, "*If I made a mistake by encouraging you to have sex with me before marriage, ...*" Be up front, honest and to the point. Ask forgiveness! "I've come to realize that I was wrong when I failed to exercise self-control and had sex with you before we married. Would you please forgive me?"

HER BASIC DESIRE -

"But one who is married is concerned about the things of the world, how he may please his wife; . . . and the woman . . . who is married is concerned about the things of the world, how she may please her husband." 1 Cor. 7:33-34.

Yes, believe it or not, the basic desire of your wife, at least when she married you, was to please you. How? In everything – not only in the outward things of cleaning and decorating the house, cooking, and being your bedtime partner ☺, but in your fundamental needs of love, appreciation, and trust. What mistake do so many of us men make in this regard? We often fail to show our appreciation, especially in the smaller things, such as a thank you for a good meal, a thank you for being the mother of our children, etc. And what do women really appreciate? Flowers! They love them, but we men often forget to give flowers on our anniversary, her birthday, and Mother's Day. But, what do they really appreciate? Flowers just out of the blue! You come home on a Tuesday evening from work, it's not her birthday, or any special day, and you hand her beautiful red roses with a note attached, "These beautiful roses are a picture of you, my beautiful wife." Make her day! Show and tell her that you really appreciate all she does to please you. True, she may respond with, "Why did you blow our money on stupid flowers, when we need to pay the bills?" Your response? "Because you, my dear wife, are more important than bills, and these expensive, beautiful flowers are simply a representation of you, my very valuable and beautiful wife." (But, don't forget to timely pay your bills. Stay out of debt. It will do a lot for her mental attitude as you will see in the next paragraphs.)

HER BASIC NEED - Women were designed needing security. That is their number one need. Hey, don't argue with me – I didn't make them – your Creator did! But, you know, this need for security is not bad. They need security in financial, emotional, physical, and spiritual matters. So what do we men do about it? We provide the security they need – in every aspect – it's our job, and deep down, we really enjoy meeting these needs. If we are out of control and lose our temper, we have just blown her need for emotional stability and security. If we are spending more money than she thinks we should on golf or fishing, we are not meeting her financial security need. If we are not the spiritual leader we should be, this will knock the props out from under her about as quick as anything. You, husband, need to take the initiative and read your Bible with your wife and family. Pray with your wife and family; take them to an assembly of Believers (and take the time and effort to find a Bible believing, preaching Assembly); and say no to harmful movies, magazines, and TV shows. Yes, you may get some flack – big flack – from her, the very one who is needing you to take action. Be patient, be kind, be gentle, and when she sees you are for real, that you are not a fraud, that you “turn the other cheek, and go the second mile,” she will follow your lead.

What if she is not following your lead? After all, men are to be the leaders, and the scriptures say that the wife is to be subject to the husband in everything (Ephesians 5:22). Well? There are two approaches you can take if she is not following your lead. First, you can demand it, pound the table, and quote the Bible at her! It will get you nowhere. In fact, it will get you in worse trouble. Your only alternative is to earn her respect to such an extent that she automatically follows your lead, because she trusts you. When she sees that you are exercising self-control and being that protector and provider you are designed to be, she will follow your lead, sooner or later. Be patient, and do your part. Then her part will follow.

So, now that we know these general principles about women, and our wife, what next?

First, realize that they are different from men.

THEY ARE DIFFERENT - Yes, women are different from men. They are different in shape, the way they see things, and their role in marriage and the family. Eve was created from Adam's rib. The Hebrew root word for rib means “curve” – curvy. Think about it – she is “curvy” in just the right places – the soft places ☺. Why? To attract you to her. For what purpose? To attract you to *gallantry* (protection, courtesy, respect, and providing for women in general), to bring out the best in you, and not to bring out disrespect from you towards women. ... True, your wife may not currently be living up to her role designed for her by Yahweh, but, be patient, He is not finished with her yet. She sees things differently than we men. She's made different. Try to see with her perspective. It will help you both. Otherwise, we men can overlook and miss something which our help mate was designed to help us learn, see and appreciate.

BLESS HER - If she has already remarried, then recognize that your marriage to her has died. True, as with death of a spouse or child, divorce is one of the biggest hurts a man can experience. What do you do? Pray for her and her new husband that they will have a wonderful, happy marriage. Pay above and beyond court ordered child support. Establish a college savings account for the children. Speak kindly to her new husband and to her. Ask her forgiveness for failing to meet all of her needs. Why? Because where a man's treasure is – where he invests – is where his heart is going to be. If you can turn away from bitterness and bless her, the children, and her new husband, life is going to be a lot better from here on out, not only for them, but, believe it or not, for you.

True, there is no way the average man can do this. It takes supernatural power. Where are you going to get it? By getting saved and turning your life over to the Savior – the one whose mother called him Yahshua, a name which means Yah (Yahweh) is our savior (the Hebrew “shua” part of His name). He wants to become one with you – united with you. Then He will give you the ability and the power to walk in ways which bring healing and restoration. Don’t say it is too hard – that it is impossible to be at peace with her. In Proverbs 16:7 we are told that when a man’s ways please Yahweh then He makes even our enemies to be at peace with us. If He can make our enemies be at peace with us, then He can make her be at peace with you.

RE-COURT HER - And if she has not remarried? HalleluYah! Go and court her with the help of the third person in the marriage – Yahshua. And where do you begin? With her parents! True, her dad may be an alcoholic, and her mom may be a witch – it makes no difference. Go to them, and if you did not ask their permission to marry her in the first place, ask forgiveness for not asking their permission. Secondly, ask them for their permission for a second chance, another opportunity to re-court their daughter. Hey, she may hate the guts of her own parents! No problem, there is nothing too difficult for Yahweh (Genesis 18:14 and Matthew 19:26). Find out what special projects you can do for your in-laws, such as mowing the grass, washing or repairing their car, etc., and just do it. When you have visitation rights with the children, take the children to visit their grandparents, and paint a good picture of your in-laws with your children. Trust me, building a good foundation with her parents can rebuild the bridge between you and her.

IS IT ALL OVER? You started out happy with a beautiful wedding day, or you began living together without being married, but at least you were happy. But now, with things like they are, is it all over? Maybe, but if you will learn and apply the basic principles in this pamphlet, read your Bible, pray, and act on what you learn, there is an excellent chance for restoration. And, even though you may have blown it big time, you still have a part – a very valuable part in life. We are not told what the man possessed by the legion of demons did to get so messed up – living in the tombs, running around naked, and at times being bound by chains. But, he was so hyper he could even break the chains. Even Goliath was no match for that dude! You can read about him in Mark 5 of your Bible. After he met the Savior (and you can meet - or remeet - Him too), the man who had been demon possessed asked the Savior if he could join up with Him on His mission team. But Yahshua said no, go home, and tell the people - who had just run the Savior out of town “on a rail,” so to speak - what great things Yahweh had done for him and how He had shown mercy to him. We are told that the man then did just that (Mark 5:18-20). Look what happened sometime later. Yahshua went back to the region of the Decapolis – the very place He had been run out of – and this time, the people brought their friends to Him for healing. What did they say? “He has done all things well. He makes even the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak.” (Mark 7:31-37). They welcomed Him back! The man who had been demon possessed went back and did his job. He had a part, a very important part, even after his life had fallen apart, and so can you.

Now, may the Eternal Creator, Yahweh, bless you and keep you. May He cause His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May He lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace [as you go on in life now knowing what you do about women]. And, His name has been invoked upon you, and He will bless you. (Numbers 6:22-27 paraphrased).

Your Texas Connection

WISDOM

Wisdom according to the English Dictionary means experience and knowledge shown in making decisions and judgments. In our present day and with the high spate of technology, one is prone to believe that knowledge and divine wisdom comes or can be acquired through education or with age. This wisdom is greatly sought among the human race but the crowning irony of it is not everyone knows how to come by it. It has to be sought diligently of Yahweh through whom every good gift comes.

Like King Solomon, who was bequeathed the crown in his youth, felt it wasn't in efficient hands and asked Yahweh for wisdom, the wisdom of Yahweh distinct. James spoke correctly in his epistle, James 3:17: "But the wisdom from above is first pure, peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits without partiality and hypocrisy." These qualities completely contrast the common earthly wisdom which is sensual, full of pride and selfish.

Our ever example, Yahshua the Messiah, despite his youth illustrates divine wisdom during his discussion and sermons in the temple. "Now so it was that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers." (Luke 2:46-47). Yahshua increased in wisdom (Luke 2:52). With Yahshua, wisdom was knowledge of his Father in action.

Wisdom is invaluable, it's more precious than rubies (Proverbs 3:15). It is a quality or rather gift which has to be desired, earned and cherished. Have we sought to acquire this great gift? If we really seek this divine wisdom, how can we get it? The Almighty Yahweh in his words laments that his people die for lack of wisdom. Also, Yahshua advises that we be as wise as the serpent. He gave many of his teachings in parables. This is to say that wisdom is a vital weapon to understanding Yahshua and his words. One of such precious parables is that concerning the wise man who built his house on the rock. Another is about the wise five virgins who had extra oil for their lamps (Matthew 25:1-5).

Brethren, I personally believe Yahweh and his word which is represented by the Scriptures. You and I can get wisdom from Yahweh who freely gives it to those who desire it. In Proverbs 1:20-25, wisdom calls aloud in the streets. Read Proverbs 2:2-5 as how to obtain it. The question remains, are you willing to walk according to the dictates and statutes of Yahweh, to fear him and keep all his commandments? He will then store up wisdom for us (Psalms 19:7).

We are created in Yahweh's image. "By wisdom Yahweh founded the earth, ordered the seasons, established the heavens, and arranged the stars to his pleasing." (Proverbs 3:19). Since we are created in his image, he surely has made a great provision for his divine wisdom in us. With such wisdom, we are happy and content in life. Read Proverbs 3:13-18 for the benefits of wisdom. Also, with divine wisdom we are saved from the way of the evil, from men who are perverse and from the wrath of Yahweh (Proverbs 2:10-15). With wisdom, we are prepared for whatever lies in the future. The wise man built his house on the rock which we all know means Yahshua – he obeyed the words of Yahshua.

Let us also beware of the wisdom of this age. I have observed that most people prefer this worldly wisdom to Yahweh's divine wisdom. Well, we all want to flow with the dictates of this world or rather, the environment in which we find ourselves...

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Josephine and Garth began meeting with a small group of believers on Scout Road in Eaton County, Michigan during the 1950's. They believed in helping their neighbors and encouraging people to live a sanctified life. They were involved for several years with a garden project in Lansing, Michigan, which helped senior citizens and the needy.

Josephine loved to talk of her childhood days and she loved to sing. She was always ready to sing in the Assembly on Sabbath and during the Feasts. Two of her favorites were How Great Thou Art and In The Garden. Josephine lived in the hope of the resurrection (1 Corinthians 15). A memorial service was held at the Assembly of Yahweh, Eaton Rapids, Michigan, celebrating her life.

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Important as that may seem, Paul in his epistle to the saints in Corinth writes: “For it is written I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age?” (See 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 and 2:1-16). Only by becoming fools of this age can we become wise before Yahweh.

The wisdom of this age is foolishness with Yahweh. He has chosen the foolish, base things of this age to confound the wise. Read 1 Corinthians 1:26. The wisdom of Yahweh has been ordained before the ages, yet it is hidden from the mighty and the rulers of this age. It has been and is only being revealed through his spirit to them who are ready to be fools of this age. Love Yahweh and do his will. Only when the spirit of Yahweh gives such revelation and wisdom can we understand the will and teachings of Yahshua. Only then can we listen to him and do as he instructs us. Only then can we understand that his commandments, Sabbaths, statutes and feast days are binding and cannot be changed. Just as Yahshua told his disciples, “To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of Yahweh...” (Matthew 13:10-12).

Brethren, it is the wish of most people to be wise and many go in pursuit of it in schools while many others resort to elders, but Yahweh Elohim is the giver of wisdom. If we come to him in prayer, believing and trusting, he is ever able to supply our needs according to his riches in Yahshua the Messiah. Hallelu Yah.

Shalom in the Name of our Saviour, Yahwehka Anikwue, Enugu, Nigeria

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Feb. 22	FESTIVAL OF UNLEAVENED BREAD APRIL 6 through APRIL 12	April 12
Mar. 23	FEAST (appointment) OF WEEKS MAY 26 See Leviticus 23:10, 11, 15, 16, 21	May 26
April 21	FEAST (appointment) OF TRUMPETS SEPTEMBER 16	Sept. 16
May 21	DAY (appointment) OF ATONEMENT SEPTEMBER 25	Sept. 25
June 19 (Border-line)	FEAST OF TABERNACLES (Booths or Huts) SEPTEMBER 30 through OCTOBER 6	Sept. 30
July 19	LAST GREAT DAY OCTOBER 7	Oct. 7
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