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HE STANDS IN YAHWEH'S PRESENCE

YAHSHUA stands for me in judgment,
He the Lamb all bleeding, torn;
Pleading now for me His merits,
There before His Father's throne.

YAHSHUA stands for me in judgment,
Stands to answer for my name;
Hear the law demand perfection,
Hear Him answer without shame.

YAHSHUA stands for me in judgment,
Naught have I to pass the test;
But in Him is all perfection,
He is all my righteousness.

YAHSHUA stands for me in judgment,
Stands to hide my nakedness;
Blotting out my shameful record,
And on me His seal impress.

YAHSHUA stands for me in judgment,
Now my hope is not in vain;
Love divine in all its fullness,
Will descend in latter rain.

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Wife of Elder G. D.U. Intong

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This magazine is published for the sake of truth in honor of our Heavenly Father and His only begotten Son. It upholds the originally inspired Scriptures, teaching to declare all the counsel of The Almighty One. It proclaims the Father's scholarly recognized name, YAHWEH, and the Son's, YAHSHUA, rather than substitutions. It upholds the Ten Commandments, recognizing the name, Yahweh, in the third, and the seventh day Sabbath (not the first day of the week) in the fourth. It stands for baptism (immersion) in the name, Yahshua, the Messiah, according to Acts 2:38 and Matthew 28:19; the ordinance of feet washing and the commemoration of the Messiah's death, at the Passover season; the set times of Unleavened Bread, Weeks (Pentecost), Tabernacles, with all the yearly set apart convocation days of Leviticus 23. It advocates tithing and the observance of Yahweh's laws for our well being including clean foods. It teaches repentance of sin (disobeying Yahweh), and justification by faith in Yahshua, the Messiah, in whom we have redemption through His blood; making right the whole man, physically and spiritually; stressing the importance of the set apart righteous life, and the Power of Yahweh's Spirit of separation teaching the obedient to do His will. It is supported by "called out ones of Yahweh," which is the meaning of "Assembly of Yahweh." It is for those hearing and heeding the call of Revelation 18:4, and is proclaiming to the world that Yahweh reigns, Psalm 96.

Original editor, C.O. Dodd

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ORIGINALLY INSPIRED
SCRIPTURES!

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LEARNING TRUTH AND UNLEARNING ERROR

We find a text (Phil 3:13), which applies unto our search for Scriptural knowledge, although Apostle Saul's meaning is more inclusive. He says, "This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before. I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of Yahweh in the Messiah Yahshua."

Most of us have had religious experiences in our past lives. Most have had religious parents and were trained in the religions of our fathers and mothers. We revere them, we honor their endeavors to train us for life eternal [everlasting], and so many of us are loath to relinquish some of the teachings we received in our former years.

The fact that we cling to the "church teachings" of our former life, bringing them with us into the "true way," thus "muddying" the clear waters of truth, causes the divisions that are manifest among the true children of Yahweh.

We must forget those things behind – whether we were Catholic, Methodist, Baptist, Pentecostal, Adventist, or Sabbatarian. We must forget every teaching and start over again. Yes, I mean just that. If you had a truth in the former church of your experience, it will not hurt to examine that subject anew, under the search light of Yahweh's Scriptures. If it is truth, it will not be harmed. If it is error you have thought truth, then you are the wiser.

My experience in striving to work with brethren, equally honest and sincere and consecrated as am I, is one of bitter trial, when such forget to leave doctrines of their church days behind, but bring them in and mix them with their new found truth.

Back in 1929, when Yahweh awakened me to the knowledge that there were truths in His blessed old Book that the churches did not know, I rejoiced greatly and began to study diligently; but I soon came to the conclusion that I could not make the Scriptures harmonize with the creeds and doctrines of the Churches. There remained only one thing to do and that was to forget "those things behind."

I had been born and reared in the Methodist Church. I knew its doctrines well, for was I not the teacher of a "Men's Bible Class" in a large city church, whose membership consisted of learned and successful businessmen? I had to know, and I did know, Methodist doctrines; but these I delegated to the scrap heap when I went to digging for truth. And, praise Yahweh, when I learned a truth from the Scriptures, if it harmonized with the Methodists, the Baptists, the Adventists, the Pentecostals, the Sabbatarians, or other sectarians, I rejoiced with them; but if the Scriptures taught another fact, and it disagreed with all of them, then I rejoiced the greater, for Yahweh was leading me on. Halleluyah.

Now, beloved brother, or sister, if you are desirous of learning the truth, let the Holy Spirit lead, but do not hinder its work in your life. Forget your former teachings – learn everything anew – start over – try your former doctrines by Yahweh's Word, and "hold fast to that which is good." 1 Thess. 5:21.

You will find, beloved, it is much harder to unlearn error than it is to learn truth. Try and see! C.O. Dodd (deceased), Original Editor of The Faith

BLESSINGS OF THE LAW

Sabbath Greetings – Reading Time 6 minutes

Dear Friends in Yahshua,

We have been discussing the blessings of keeping Yahweh's law as given through Moses. Today we will consider Yahweh's laws concerning the SABBATH and the HOLY DAYS.

Of course the Commandments include commands about the weekly Sabbath. To keep the Sabbath Holy: Exodus 10:8-11. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

The Sabbath is Holy Time. It should be observed with special care by those who love Yahweh. We should begin the Sabbath scripturally clean. This probably means to change the bed and take a shower before Sabbath begins so that we can remain clean. We should also be careful not to use Sabbath wrongly for our pleasure. It should be a day of peace and quiet in our homes. This does not mean that children cannot play at all on Sabbath but only that the wild and very energetic activities should be saved for another day.

When we are in services on Sabbath and on Holy Days we should be sure our children get SOMETHING from the service. They should certainly not be disturbing or distracting others. They should be still with heads bowed and eyes closed during prayer. They should be able to answer a few general questions on their own level about what was taught. I believe this goes with keeping the Sabbath Holy. Anyone have other ideas?

Not to do work on the Sabbath nor ask others to work: Exodus 20:9-11. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, But the seventh day is the Sabbath of Yahweh your Elohim. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. For in six days Yahweh made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore Yahweh blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

This next scripture brings out the necessity of getting together for services on Sabbath: Leviticus 23:3. Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, A HOLY CONVOCATION. You shall do no work on it; it is the Sabbath of Yahweh in all your dwellings.

To put the same thing more positively, we must rest on the Sabbath: Exodus 23:12. Six days you shall do your work, and on the seventh day you shall rest, that your ox and your donkey may rest, and the son of your female servant and the stranger may be refreshed. Exodus 34:21. Six days you shall work, but on the seventh day you shall rest; in plowing time and in harvest you shall rest.

Rest: Go to bed early, get up late, take a nap. Sometimes it is hard to avoid thinking about some project or task but we must try. I believe we can do scripture study on Sabbath even though we may like it a lot.

Hebrews 4:9-11 JNT. So there remains a Sabbath-keeping for Yahweh's people. For the one who has entered Yahweh's rest has himself also rested from his own works as Yahweh did from His. Therefore, let us do our best to enter that rest, so that no one will fall short because of the same kind of disobedience. You can read the booklet "Keeping Sabbath" at www.scripturalhelps.org.

Without going into all the Torah requirements for each of the annual Holy Days at this time, we can discuss a few general instructions. Leviticus 23:4. These are the feasts of Yahweh, holy convocations which you shall proclaim at their appointed times. Once again, Yahweh emphasizes that these are HIS COMMANDED assemblies.

Torah says several times that we are to rejoice on the festivals. Deuteronomy 16:14. And you shall rejoice in your feast, you and your son and your daughter, your male servant and your female servant and the Levite, the stranger and the fatherless and the widow, who are within your gates. Other references are Leviticus 23:40, Deuteronomy 12:5-7, 12-18, Deuteronomy 14:26 and 16:11.

And to appear before Yahweh on the festivals: Deuteronomy 16:16-17. Three times [Seasons] a year all your males shall appear before Yahweh your Elohim in the place which He chooses: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the Feast of Weeks, and at the Feast of Tabernacles; and they shall not appear before Yahweh empty-handed. Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of Yahweh your Elohim which He has given you.

These are Yahweh's commanded holy assemblies. Every man is required to attend and bring an offering. Everyone is required to rejoice before Yahweh. We have been obeying these commands for 42 years and I can assure you it is a good way to walk. It keeps getting better and better.

Someone sent us this nice blessing and we send it to you. Today...I wish you a day of "ordinary" miracles --- A fresh cup of tea you didn't have to make yourself. An unexpected phone call from an old friend. Green lights and smooth roads as you drive. I wish you a day of little things to rejoice in. The fastest line at the grocery store (but not on Sabbath). A good sing-along song on the radio. Your keys right where you first look. I wish you a day of happiness and perfection – little bite-size pieces of paradise smiling on you, holding you so gently because you are someone special and rare. I wish you a day of shalom, happiness and joy.

Friends, may Yahweh bless you in many little and big ways on this Sabbath Day. Shabbat Shalom from Tom and Cathy Schattke – BrTom@comcast.net

“WHOSOEVER” AND “BELIEVE”

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was a good man,” or even, “I believe that Yahshua the Messiah lived, died, and rose again.” Something more is necessary. It is, “I believe that Yahshua the Messiah is the Son of Yahweh.” He who believes on the Son has everlasting life!

“He, who believes in the Son of Yahweh, has that testimony in himself. He, who does not believe Yahweh, has called Him a liar; because he has not believed the testimony that Yahweh has given about His Son.” (1 John 5:10). Faith and feelings should not be confounded. Faith is ours to exercise in the word of Almighty Yahweh, regardless of our feelings, and often in opposition even to our feelings. Many fail to accept the pardon, an assurance of the acceptance of the Heavenly Father, because they do not take Yahweh at His word, but instead turn their attention to their changeable moods and feelings. Faith always precedes the joyful feelings which naturally result from the assurance of forgiveness and acceptance.

“WHOSOEVER” AND “BELIEVE”

Elder Gorgonio D.U. Intong

“Whosoever and “Believe” is the good news for everybody, everywhere, every age, that Yahshua is our Savior. Some words may be bigger and some deeper, but none broader than “Whosoever”. It makes Almighty Father Yahweh’s plan for man’s salvation a very personal matter. It declares that every individual on the face of the earth is included. Nobody is left out. Not a single man or woman. Not the smallest boy or the tiniest girl. Most definitely it takes in you.

Wherever you read “WHOSOEVER” in your Scriptures you can substitute your own name, for in its all-inclusive offer of salvation it takes in the whole human race. The poor and the well-to-do, the sick and the well, the educated and uneducated, laborers, businessmen, miners, goldsmiths, carpenters, clerks, sailors, shipbuilders, actors, authors, professors, doctors, preachers, everybody!

Whatever you are, wherever you live, whoever you may be, Yahweh’s offer of salvation is for you. It doesn’t matter how big a sinner you may have been. Father Yahweh welcomes you just the same. If you feel that your life has been too unholy for Him to receive you, open your Scriptures to Romans 5:6 and read the blessed assurance, ...“In due time Yahshua died for the unholy [wicked].”

He ...“delivered Him up for us all,” (Romans 8:32), supplanted by great declaration that, “For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Father Yahweh over all is rich unto all that call upon Him. For WHOSOEVER shall call upon the name of Yahweh shall be saved.” (Romans 10:12-13).

When Yahshua died on Calvary He reconciled the world unto Yahweh (2 Cor. 5:19). He paid the price of sin. He bridged the gulf that sin had made. After that there was no excuse for anyone to be separated from Father Yahweh anymore. He made it possible for a sinful race to come back into full fellowship with its Maker. As Son of the Heavenly Father Yahweh and son of man, He became ... “the way, the truth and the life:” (John 14:6); the way to the Father, back to the Almighty for all men, for all time.

The glorious transaction is summed up and crystallized in the most exquisite of all scripture passage, “For Yahweh so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16). There it is again, that wonderful WHOSOEVER.

How it must have touched the hearts of the first disciples! For “WHOSOEVER” meant fishermen as well as rabbis, tax gatherers as well as priests, little people up in Galilee as well as the l-o-r-d-s of the Sanhedrin in Jerusalem. It took in the lame, the blind, the crippled, the lepers. It left out nobody who wished to be included.

When on the day of Pentecost Peter saw around him a crowd of strangers from “every nation under heaven” the same lovely word was cried aloud, “And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of Yahweh shall be saved.” (Acts 2:21). Again, when he visited the home of Cornelius, the Roman centurion, he recalled the blessed word. As he talked about Yahshua he said, “To Him give all the prophets witness, that through His name whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins.” (Acts 10:43).

Almost the last message from Yahshua in your Scriptures is a reminder of the same gracious, unlimited invitation, "I Yahshua have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the assemblies. ... And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." (Rev. 22:16-17)

If you think that your life has been too deeply steeped in sin, remember that, "But Yahweh commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Yahshua died for us." (Rom. 5:8). If you feel that you have been so unjust, unkind and cruel that Almighty Yahweh couldn't possibly take you into His kingdom, do not worry, for "Yahshua also hath once offered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to Yahweh."... (1 Peter 3:18).

If you think that you have sunk so low that even the love of Yahshua could not possibly reach you, you are mistaken, "Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto Yahweh by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them." (Hebrews 7:25). Whosoever will may come.

Says Shaul again in Ephesians 2:4-8, "But Yahweh, who is rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith He loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Yahshua, ... That in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through the Messiah Yahshua. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of Yahweh."

Those who think they must do something to win Almighty Yahweh's favor and bring His power into their lives are sadly mistaken. No amount of money, no lengthy pilgrimage, no painful penance, no sacrificial service, not even meticulous observance of His commandments, can buy His wonderful salvation. It must be accepted as a gift of Father Yahweh's grace. The story is told of a wealthy man who, for a wager, walked down the main street of his city offering bills of high denomination to passersby. Nobody took one, for all assumed they must be counterfeit, because they were free! Surely, they thought, no one would give away good money like this. But it was good money, and the people to whom it was offered lost the opportunity to gain instant riches.

Likewise Almighty Yahweh's offer is good, the best ever made, and we need to be careful that we do not value it lightly because it is free. You may be wondering just what you should do about it. You may be asking, like the Philippian jailer in Acts 16:30, ... "what must I do to be saved?" There is but one answer. It is the same as Shaul and Silas gave to that poor, distraught man (in verse 31), as the prison still trembled from the earthquake, "And they said, Believe on the Master Yahshua the Messiah, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."

BELIEVE is the strongest word; to trust Him, trust in our illustrious Redeemer, and accept what He offers. Peter says in Acts 15:11, "But we believe that through the grace of the Master Yahshua the Messiah we shall be saved, even as they." To the Ethiopian official who requested baptism, "And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Yahshua the Messiah is the Son of Yahweh." (Acts 8:37).

"He who believes on the Son has everlasting life; but he who does not believe the Son will never see life, for the wrath of Yahweh rests upon him." (John 3:36). Here a most important fact should be noticed. It is not sufficient to say, "I believe that Yahshua the Messiah was a real person," or "I believe that Yahshua the Messiah

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THE 19TH ANNUAL UNITY CONFERENCE REPORT

The 2003 Unity Conference was held August 1-3, at Yahweh's Assembly in Messiah Campground in Rocheport, Missouri. The brothers and sisters of the local Assembly were there to greet us as we drove in. Elder George Garner opened the Conference with prayer and welcomed all those attending. First on the agenda were short introductions and filling out attendance sheets.

The first speaker was Mike Mastropaolo, Ft. Smith, Arkansas, whose subject was How Assemblies and Small Groups can Work Together on Non-Doctrinal Projects. An outline of his presentation is in this issue of The Faith.

Jerry Healan, Atlanta, Texas, spoke on How the Name Yahweh Reveals Yahshua. He used various scriptures (Ex. 17:1, Jer. 31:31-34, Mal. 3:16, Rom. 5:1, John 17:1 to name just a few), explaining the relationship between Yahweh and Yahshua. He spoke of parables and shadows and how the Levitical priesthood was only a shadow of the priesthood of Yahshua the Messiah, the true heavenly priesthood after the order of Melchizedek.

Dan Chaput, Pawtucket, Rhode Island, presented The Sabbath, A Higher Perspective. Dan began by reminding us the Scriptures are a contract, a covenant between mankind and Yahweh. The Sabbath is from above, it cannot be changed, it leads us to liberty. We have weekly, yearly (Moeds) and land Sabbaths. Some of the scriptures read were: Gen. 1:14-19, Jer. 51:19-20, Ex. 15:3-5, Deut. 15:5-6, Ezek. 20:20, 1 John 2:3-7.

Larry Acheson, Plano, Texas, presented an outline study on the subject Feast of Firstfruits and passed out a booklet for everyone to study at home. Larry included testimonies of noted historians such as Josephus and Philo, and read from the Septuagint and Masorite text in his overview of the Feast. History relates two ways of counting, one which the Pharisees embraced was from the 16th day of Abib; and the Sadducees who used the day after the weekly Sabbath that fell during the Feast of Unleavened. Some Scriptures used: Lev. 23:9-16, Matt. 22:29, John 5:39 and 20:9, Acts 17:10, Isa. 34:16, Matt. 23:1-2 and 16:6.

John Dupus, Rocheport, Missouri, presented his views regarding wearing of "Tzitziyot-Tassels," who they are for and their purpose. Matt. 14:35-36 – Yahshua wore tzitziyot. The word for "hem" is the Greek word kraspedon, it is the same used in the Septuagint for Tztzit which is also used in Matt. 23:5 and Mark 6:56. The blue thread is to remind us of Yahweh's law. (Mark 5:25, Luke 8:43-48, Zech. 8:20-23).

Dennis Bitterman, Fulton, Missouri, presented his studies on which day of the Passover week to start eating unleavened bread, the 14th or 15th of Abib. (Isa. 28:9-10 and 34:16, Ex. 12:8-20 and 34:18, Lev. 23:6, Num. 28:17, Deut. 16:4-8).

Michael Banak, Oak Lawn, Illinois, addressed several issues we as Yahwists and believers are facing. His topic Undoing Disunity covered three parts: Specific Remedial Action; Analysis of specific situations that tend to cause disunity; and What is Elohim really doing and not doing? The Bible says there is one leading cause of disunity: Lust (James 4:1). Mike's position is that an Elder who has been found in sin can step down peaceably, letting the work continue. Another good point was that you do not have to be ordained to serve the Master. (Deut. 18, Jer.

44:15, Job 1 and 2, Rom. 12:12, Matt. 25:26, Phil. 1:14). Mike also spoke on the Feasts (Moeds) of Yahweh, and the result of the input he received from various believers regarding his presentation/proposal at the 2002 Unity Conference calling for Unity in the Calendar.

Arnold Bowen, Conyers, Georgia, started his presentation by asking for input from the audience, to show him if he is in error. He does not want to be judged by Yahweh as speaking error. Arnold gave his ideas of how to count to Pentecost starting from the seventh Sabbath after the Feast of Unleavened. (Ex. 9:22-32, 19:1-3, 23:16, 31:18, and 34:22; Lev. 23:16, John 2:23, 4:6, 4:35, and 5:19).

Matthew Janzen, Conyers, Georgia, presented his thoughts on the three days and three nights that Yahshua was in the tomb (the sign of Jonah). He thinks they are only partial days and nights, not a full 72 hour period. (Matt. 12:39-40, 21:8-15, 27:59-66, and 28:1; Mark 15:42 and 16:1-2; 1 Cor. 15:4).

Jerry Healan spoke also on "Debunking the Moon/Sabbath Cycle." He utilized quotations and information from a booklet entitled "Keeping Yahweh's Appointments" by Jonathan David Brown and in answer to these quotes and info Jerry used the history of the Babylonian calendar, the Biblical account of manna from Exodus 16, the creation week in Genesis 1 (the moon was brought forth on the fourth day, not the first or second), and from a book called The Seven-Day Circle by Eviatar Zerubavel. The land Sabbath and the Jubilee witness to the seven day weekly cycle and the fifty day Pentecost cycle. (Gen. 1:14, Ex. 20:8-11, 23:12-17, 31:12-17 and 34:18, 21-22; Lev. 23:1-44, Deut. 5:12-14, Num. 9:1-3).

Tom Schattke, Jerry Healan, George Garner and Samuel Graham each reported on the prison ministry in their local areas/states. Please pray for more cooperation from prison officials.

The Sabbath Day services were a blessing to all: Tom Schattke and George Garner each gave inspiring messages and we all enjoyed the special musical offerings.

We want to thank the Rocheport Assembly for hosting the Conference this year. Thank you for your hospitality, hard work, good food and most of all your spirit of good will. The 2004 Unity Conference will be held at the Eaton Rapids Assembly of Yahweh, 1017 N. Gunnell Road, Eaton Rapids, Michigan, on August 6, 7 and 8, 2004 (Yahweh willing). We look forward to seeing everyone again.

Comment – "A Conference consisting of scripture-based believers who discuss doctrines of diverse subjects, with open minds and open Bibles, and after three days still extend the hand of fellowship, is extremely rare."

Pastor Samuel A. Graham

FEAST OF TABERNACLES

October 12 through October 18, 2003

Last Great Day October 19

**Will be held at the
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How Assemblies and Small Groups can Work Together on Non-Doctrinal Projects

Relevant Factors to Consider:

1. We are called to serve.
2. It is not “our” stuff – we are to be good stewards.
3. We are not independent but all dependent on Yah.
4. Yah seems to be more concerned with quality, not quantity.

Some examples of possible projects involving unified cooperation:

1. Sharing of baptism responsibilities and publication of a unified guide to baptism.
2. Mutual publication of feast and Sabbath convocation sites, recommended pamphlets and web sites.
3. An on-going effort to minimize jealousy, competition, pride and exclusiveness.
4. Establish a fund, with donor safeguards, to be used only for no-interest loans to saints in need.
5. Set up a prayer “hot line” and notification network.
6. Before this conference is over, have a core of one or more volunteers from each group to pray for guidance and do whatever it takes to make something happen.

Submitted in Yahshua’s Name by Michael Mastropaolo
Unity Conference, Rocheport, Missouri, August 1-3, 2003
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Please note: Janet Garner, Rocheport, MO (573-698-4335) volunteered to be the connecting link on the prayer “hot line”.

News for “The Faith” Magazine

It gives us immense joy to share a few moments of our journey towards extreme north east of India (Manipur and Mizoram States), nearly 3000 km from our State of Andhra Pradesh.

Elder Y. Sunith P. David and Elder Tony B. Suckla ventured to travel this long distance to strengthen the Assembly and Yahweh worshippers. Since these two States are very sensitive, strict vigilance is kept by police and military people. The grace of Yahweh has surpassed all the hindrances and we managed to pierce through these States to greet them and strengthen the Assembly in Manipur and Mizoram.

As Elder Y. Sunith P. David speaks good Hindi language also in addition to his own mother tongue Telugu, things went on peacefully. Many Manipuri brethren claim that they are Jews of the tribe Ephraim (Joseph’s son). Many adopted Judaism and migrated to Israel. The remnant are believing in Yahshua the Messiah and Salvation through Him.

The Eastern Ghats and scenic beauty with mountains and valleys filled with clouds adds a great praise to Yahweh our Creator.

Elder G. Israel in Manipur and Elder J.M. Thangliana of Mizoram (Aizawl) cooperated with us in a great way all through our stay in these blessed States. Kindly pray that much be accomplished in our trip.

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The Man Blessed by Yahweh is:

Separated from the world – set apart, drawn apart, split up, divided, disconnected, departed. Psalm 1:1, Psalm 6:7-9, 2 Corinthians 6:17-18

Saturated with the Word of Yahweh – drenched, superabundance, full, fullness, soggy. Psalm 1:2, Jeremiah 15:16

Secured by and in Yahweh – fastened, bound, sheltered, through the love and blood of Yahshua our Savior. Psalm 1:3a, Psalm 40:1-2, & 8

Planted by water – fruitful, cultivated, implanted. Psalm 1:3b, John 15:5

Successful in labor – prosperous, flourishing, triumphant, satisfied. Psalm 1:3c, 1 Corinthians 3:9, 15:58

Safe in his walk – secured, protected, nourished, shielded, ministered. And rejoicing! Psalm 1:6, Psalm 48:14

Satisfied in forgiveness – welcome home, pardon, fulfilled, forget all that is behind in our lives. Psalm 32:1-2

Steadfast in trust – firm, fixed, settled. Psalm 34:8

Growing in the discipline of Yahweh – strong, firm, faithful. Psalm 94:12

Shining like a light in obedience – toward Yahweh's Word and Commandments. His Word is true and gives life forever. Psalm 112:1

Elder Otto Miesel

LUKE 23:34

“Then said Yahshua, Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.” It has been suggested that a more correct reading of this verse should be as follows: “Then said Yahshua, Father, forgive them not, for they know what they do.”

If we change the reading of Luke 23:34, we will be obligated to also change the readings in the Scriptures listed below. In view of this, the King James reading in Luke 23:34 appears to be correct.

Acts 3:17 - Peter reported they acted in ignorance.

John 11:49-51 - It seems that Caiaphas did not understand his own prophecy.

Acts 13:27 - Those who lived in Jerusalem, and their rulers did not understand or recognize Yahshua as the Messiah.

1 Cor. 2:8 - None of the rulers of this age understood, else they would not have crucified the Savior Yahshua.

At least two other Saints had a generous and forgiving spirit, as did Yahshua:

Acts 7:60 - When dying, Stephen said, “Yahweh, do not hold this sin against them.”

2 Tim. 4:16 - Paul reported, “At my first defense, no one took my part. All deserted me. May it not be charged against them.”

Matt. 18:35 - Yahshua said, “So also will my heavenly father do to every one of you if you do not forgive your brother from the heart.”

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A Letter to The Faith

Dear Pastor Graham;

Halleluyah! The tracts you sent me are wonderful! Especially “Was the Law Abolished?” You were so generous and I just happened to be sharing scriptures with my cellmate when your package arrived. I was so joyful because we were studying scriptures about the law not being abolished! Your material then, was in the right place, at the right time. Only Yah could have provided this. I have introduced many in the past few months to His Name and the Name of His Son. I have used the book “What is His Name?” quoting many paragraphs in it concerning the Sacred Name. ...

I really want to meet with you one day. I know you love Yah and so do I. Maybe we can enjoy some nuts, fruit, and cranberry juice together. I wrote a poem/song to Yahweh, enclosed [see below]. I also wrote a poem about the Shabbat. What do you think about them?

I know Yahshua is coming soon. If I don't get to see you here, I shall see you in His Kingdom. I continue to pray for the Assembly of Yahweh and my friend, Pastor Samuel Graham. Thank you, Thank you. It took me a lifetime to know Yahweh. I came to prison when I was 50 years old. Praise His Name, He spared me from the eternal fire. And you by your generous gifts of tracts are enabling many to know the truth!

Sincerely,
Cebu Mandrake (Obadyah)

Please Forgive Me Yahweh

You were there throughout my life of sin, the life you gave me.

And you watched me throw away the life, the life you gave me.

You were there when I had great joy, but I couldn't thank you when the day was through,
Because that joy was not a blessing from you, oh my Father.

You saw me when I thought I had the world by a string, oh what a fool I was.

I could not do what was right. My selfish actions were never hidden from your sight.

Please forgive me for ignoring you, oh Yah, Yahweh. Please forgive me for ignoring you, oh Yah, Yahweh. Please, please forgive me, oh Yah, Yahweh.

You saved me from death many, many times. I didn't have the sense to turn from my ways.

Yet you never left me alone in my sins. Oh, my Father.

Then you placed me where I had time to think. When I asked for the truth, I learned of your will.

Through obedience and observance, you would make me into your child, your son, and your humble servant.

Now I will never again be the way I once was. You gave me new life and my salvation.

The pure faith which came from you, through Yahshua Ha Mashiach.

Please forgive me for ignoring you, oh Yah, Yahweh. Please forgive me for ignoring you, oh Yah, Yahweh. Please, please forgive me, oh Yahweh.

My Heavenly Father, I would never, never ignore you again.

Please forgive me, forgive me, oh Yahweh.

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Health Tips

In an e-mail message to THE FAITH I was taken to task regarding my health tips article about sugar in the 4-6, 2003 issue. I asked a question: If 68 per cent of what we eat is converted to sugar by our body, do we need to add any at all? I was reminded that Proverbs 24:13 states that we are to eat honey. Honey is sugar. We are also to eat the honeycomb (same verse). Note that Proverbs 25:16 indicates to eat only as much honey as you need (what is sufficient). In view of the facts, I suggested maybe we didn't need any. However, in view of the verses mentioned, along with Proverbs 25:27 which says it is not good to eat much honey, I might better have asked, Why add hardly any?

In the book, Folk Medicine, by D.C. Jarvis, M.D., some interesting facts about honey and the honeycomb are mentioned: Bacteria cannot live in the presence of honey. Honey is the one sweet offering life-giving qualities not found in any other. Honey contains all of the vitamins which nutritionists consider necessary to health. By means of the bees' salivary glands, sugar in the nectar is converted into simple sugars, making it unnecessary for the human gastrointestinal tract to do this work, important in a person having weak digestion, or who lacks the two enzymes to help.

Other advantages of honey over other sugars mentioned are: It is non-irritating to the lining of the digestive tract. It is easily and rapidly assimilated. It quickly furnishes the demand for energy. It is of all sugars, handled best by the kidneys. It has a gentle laxative effect. It has sedative value, quieting the body. Chewing honeycomb has quickly relieved a stuffed up nose.

Nevertheless, recently I had a constant headache for several weeks. I was moved to quit the intake of sugars to see if that would help. The aches immediately stopped. I did like to put honey on my shredded wheat; but if I did, I again had headache. Therefore it seems that there are times when not eating sugars, including honey, is necessary for relief of a problem.

At the American International Hospital, Zion, Illinois, where cancer patients were treated, I received an article titled, Sour Facts About Sugar. Write to THE FAITH if you would like a copy.

Elder George Kinney

LOVE (YAHSHUA'S LOVE)

Love ever gives, forgives – outlives

And ever stands, with open hands

And while it lives, it gives.

For this is Love's provocation

To give...and give...and give...

Elder Otto Miesel

LUKE 23:34

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As for salvation by means other than Yahshua, please keep in mind that many of these very people who demanded his execution later believed, repented, and so were saved by the blood of Yahshua (Acts 2:38, 46-47; 4:4; 5:14; 6:1).

Elder Voy Wilks

Yahweh's

2003 Calendar

New Moon Days	Annual Convocation Days	Annual Convocation Days
Jan. 5	YAHSHUA'S MEMORIAL (Passover) APRIL 16 Celebrate APRIL 15 after sunset	April 17
Feb. 3	FESTIVAL OF UNLEAVENED BREAD APRIL 17 through APRIL 23	April 23
Mar. 5	FEAST (appointment) OF WEEKS JUNE 6 See Leviticus 23:10, 11, 15, 16, 21	June 6
April 3	FEAST (appointment) OF TRUMPETS SEPTEMBER 28	Sept. 28
May 3	DAY (appointment) OF ATONEMENT OCTOBER 7	Oct. 7
June 2	FEAST OF TABERNACLES (Booths or Huts) OCTOBER 12 through OCTOBER 18	Oct. 12
July 1	LAST GREAT DAY OCTOBER 19	Oct. 19
July 31		7 days
Aug. 29		in all - the
Sept. 28		number of
Oct. 27		completeness
Nov. 26		
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