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THE SABBATH DAY AND SABBATH BEFORE SINAI

Many consider the observance of Sabbath as something that relates only to Israel and their observance of the Law of Moses. The Sabbath day however, like all of Yahweh's timeless principles, was in existence and was observed a long time before Moses and the giving of the Ten Commandments.

In Genesis 2:1-3, Yahweh had completed the creation of the heaven and the earth on the sixth day. Then by the seventh day (Elohim) had finished the work he had been doing. He rested from all his "work." Yahweh rested on the seventh day of the week. This would establish the pattern for future generations concerning the Sabbath day; a day in which we rest from our labors and give thanks and praise to Yahweh for his wonderful creative work.

Furthermore, we read that Yahweh blessed the seventh day and sanctified it. We see from this scripture that Yahweh invoked a blessing on the Sabbath that like all his creation, still exists today. In sanctifying it he set it apart from all the other days of the week. It is special to him because he made it so.

In Exodus 16:1-30, we read of the children of Israel who had been redeemed out of Egypt and were heading towards Mount Sinai... Israel was murmuring to Moses, their leader, because they were hungry. Yahweh heard them and provided bread from heaven, also known as manna. Each morning the food would be outside their tents and they were to gather it in. The children of Israel accumulated the food each day for six days each week, but on the sixth day a double portion was to be collected because of the Sabbath day rest.

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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.

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The Influence of Prayer

Ezekiel 22:30-31 – And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none. Therefore have I poured out mine indignation upon them; I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath: their own way have I recompensed upon their heads, saith the Sovereign Yahweh.

Yahweh searched for a man to fill the gap. Yahweh was upset with the sins of the people. He found none who would stand before Him to fulfill His expectations. He wanted His people to lift up their hearts and voices in prayer toward Him, acknowledge their sins and evil acts to Him and ask forgiveness, and pledge to follow Yahweh's commands. None were willing to do it, therefore He poured out His anger and consumed them "with the fire of His wrath."

Yahweh has never changed, He is still waiting for His creation to appear before Him in prayer, in petition and in praise. Prayer is simply talking to the Creator of all things. In creating every thing Yahweh did not have any contact with humans. He created humans after he had established the heavens and the earth, the sun and moon, and all the creatures. After He had created all, He wanted fellowship with His people. He longed to bless them and show them how to live their lives. But again and again they ignored His calling and went the wrong way.

When reading the Book of Ezekiel it is hard to understand how stubborn and willfully they acted against Yahweh! In spite of all the sinning of the people, Yahweh was (and is still) ready to forgive. He waited for their prayers, but to no avail. There was for Yahweh no other way to deal with these people than to consume them.

This event may awake us to consider how much value Yahweh puts on our prayers. He is waiting for us to talk to Him. No time limit is set when and how often we can talk to Him; the more often, the better. You may say, I have prayed for my condition, for my family, for my friends, for a long time, but there is no change. Do not lose your zest, your zeal! Yahweh's time is not our time.

"But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with Yahweh as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. Yahweh is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering towards us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." 2 Peter 3:8-9. It must be self-evident for Yahweh's children to pray for every need, for every desire that enters our thoughts. Yahweh knows how tricky Satan is. Many of us probably have never given much consideration as to how insidious the adversary can be.

Yahshua admonishes us in Luke 21:36, "Watch ye therefore, and pray always,"... Yahweh's promise to answer prayers brings us comfort and encouragement to continue talking to Him. Yahshua's words in John 14:13-14, make us bold enough to pray. "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be esteemed in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it." And in John 16:23, ... "Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, He will give it you." These words of Yahshua, spoken to His disciples, give us strength and courage to prevail in prayer.

We have the assurance the Father's ear is open to His children seeking Him and to their requests. When we hear the question, "Would prayer help?" then we can be fairly certain there is no relationship between this person and Yahweh. Yahweh's Word is full of examples of how to pray and be esteemed when in fellowship with the Father and His

Son Yahshua. Our prayers, when we are close to Yahshua, will be prayers of intercession. World affairs will be directed by Yahweh through the supplication of His children. Yahweh is waiting to hear us pleading before Him for the immortality on this earth. So it is on us that we show obedience to the words Yahshua spoke to His followers.

When we neglect to pray and do not bring our concerns to Yahweh, all authority Yahshua gave to His disciples is defused and Yahweh's heart will not be stirred to intervene in people's affairs. It is understood that we are on earth to be trained to rule with the Messiah in the Father's Kingdom. Spiritual warfare, conquering evil forces direct us to be in constant prayer. Yahweh has selected the bride for His Son and expects her to stay close to Him in daily prayer, to support His will on earth. Without prayers from His appointed ones, Yahweh will not disburse His decision in the occurrences on earth.

The following Scriptures show how much authority Yahweh gave to the bride of His Son. Matthew 16:19, ...“and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” Matthew 18:19, ...“That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.” We must understand this assignment of authority to Yahshua's bride; it keeps His bride responsible for affairs on earth. It established and promoted her to the highest level of all creation. Yahweh established the bride to the bridegroom's throne. No angel can achieve this level of honor.

Redeemed human beings belong to the family of Yahweh and will sit with Yahshua on His throne. Revelation 3:21, “To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in His throne.” When Yahshua's followers will not pray, Yahweh will not stick to His plan. It must be very clear to the world-wide Assembly of Yahweh that He gave us the responsibility to pray for the occurrences here on earth. Only then, when we fulfill the expectations of Yahweh, can we be brought to full ability to reign with Yahshua!

One of Yahweh's servants said: Yahweh shapes the world by prayer. The more praying there is in the world the better the world will be. The mightier the forces against evil. The prayers of Yahweh's saints are the capital stock of heaven by which Yahweh carries on His great work upon earth. Yahweh conditions the very life and prosperity of His cause on prayer.

If this is true, then prayer should be the main business of our day! But the reality today is we are too busy to pray! We are so much absorbed in our daily routines. All prosperity, all modern development is not helping to bring us nearer to Yahweh. The fact is, we draw farther and farther away from Him. Television, computers, cinemas, sports events, friends, new and old car models, and much, much more contribute to mankind's distancing itself more and more from the Creator. No time to pray, no time to have fellowship with Yahshua.

By our omission to pray, we deprive the world of Yahweh's best plan for it, and we are limiting our status in the kingdom and eternity. **Are we ready to fill the gap?**

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NOTICE: Messianic Musicians' Retreat this Winter

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LETTER TO THE FAITH

From the Assembly of Yahweh South Africa
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Dear Brother;

1. Determination of Date for New Moon.

We are a little Gideon's band of believers in Cape Town contending for the faith according to Jude 3. We have prayed about and examined the clarion call from Elder George Kinney calling for calendar unity. We believe the time is more than ripe that we come to full agreement by the guidance of the Ruach Ha Kodesh [Holy or Separated Spirit] that this important issue be given substance by all believers who claim to be children of Abraham according to Galatians 3:26-29 to acknowledge humbly that the time of the New Moon determined for Jerusalem be respected as the guideline for every tribe, tongue and nation.

If you have a list of groups who have subjected themselves to this ruling, you can add our group's name to the list. We agree with the 2004 calculations for the new moon times and we take courage that the date determined for Yom Kippur [Day of Atonement] is in line with the date determined by the rabbis in Judaism because on that day we send special prayers for the Yahudim to the throne of Elohim.

We have also come to acknowledge day of the New Moon as a day of many prayers in line with the sacrificial system commanded in Bemidbar [Numbers] 28 and 29. We have joyfully come to learn that because the moon has no light of its own but reflects the light of the sun, we as believers have no light of our own, but must reflect the light of Yahshua Ha Mashiach [the Messiah] of Israel. We cherish day of the new moon as a prime opportunity to gather as a body to look up to Yahshua the finisher of our faith according to Hebrews 12:1-3. Hallelu-Yah.

2. Counting the Omer towards Shavuot [Feast of Weeks].

From Volume 68 of The Faith received recently, we see the date determined for Shavuot is May 26, 2004, which we have also come to embrace as the correct way to follow. We have learned of this great bone of contention that there was between the Pharisees and the Sadducees: the Pharisees who counted from the High Sabbath of Week of Unleavened Bread, and the Sadducees from the weekly Sabbath so that Shavuot is bound to fall on the first day of the week year after year. We have located The Book of Yashsar from the Yackov Gittin library attached to the Jewish Centre here in Cape Town, and from Chapter 82 verse 6, that our beloved forefathers received The Torah on the 6th day of the 3rd month..

By the guidance of the Ruach Ha Kodesh, we have come to realize that the Sadducees did not believe in life after death and because our dear brother Paul (Shaul) was a Pharisee [Acts 23:6-8 and 26:5]...; we have come to cherish that he never departed from the straight ways of Almighty Yahweh. That is why he as a Pharisee was chosen by Almighty Yahweh to take the glad tidings to the gentiles.

According to Galatians 1:10-12, Shaul declared that he received the glad tidings by a revelation from Yahshua and by the guidance of the Ruach Ha Kodesh, we can assume with 100% certainty that the words he received from Yahshua came directly from Abba Yahweh as Yahshua stated He did not speak His own words in Yohanan (John) 12:44-50.

My request is, brother, to ask for literature you may have on the important subject to count the Omer to Shavuot. We require it to help us to formulate or compile a similar document for general information to supply to seekers for The Truth.

3. Encouraging and challenging people to read the Bible.

I include a copy of our general booklet going out to many homes of our land. This booklet is the spin-off of our great celebration of Shavuot with directions from the Sadducees. Today we have progressed further and have come to realize why people must be encouraged and challenged, because if we don't read the Scriptures, we could be neglecting our basic duty to inform all mankind of the Glad Tidings. You are most welcome to render comments on it and also suggest adaptations to it to be more effective by the guidance of the Ruach Ha Kodesh.

4. Contact with believers in Kenya.

On Page 11, Volume 68 of The Faith (1-3, 2004), a Feast of Tabernacles report appears from believers in Kenya. We have contact with the Keore Assembly of Yahweh, P.O. Box 62, Ogembo, Kenya; with Elder Shem Motanya. I would like to get the addresses of groups known to you in Kenya so that I can inform Brother Shem Motanya about them.

There is a real need for us to pray for one another on a world-wide scale because we are few and scattered.

5. Anointing received with baptism in the Name of Yahshua.

We cherish our baptism in the Name of Yahshua more and more having the blessed assurance that by laying on of hands by the brethren, new converts receive the anointing recorded in 1 Yohanan 2:20-29; to be equipped and have a better understanding of what the full counsel of Yahweh is all about from Acts 20:27. What is the perfect desire of Elohim from Matthew 7:21. And what are the witnesses of Yahweh, as we read especially from the Psalms. The secret of Yahshua from Colossians 4:3 and the great matter of Shalom Elohim is busy with.

Shalom, the password in the Kingdom of Elohim. Shalom that should not be regarded as a license to please the flesh, but rather the Shalom that is tempered by obedience, fear, reverence, thankfulness and humility. Strive to worship Elohim in Spirit and in Truth as Yahshua indicates in Yohanan 4:22-24. We also subject ourselves to the authority of The Torah by the guidance of Abba Yahweh's Ruach to start to experience more and more the Shalom Shaul writes about in Philippians 4:4-9, because Yahweh is our Elohim of Shalom. Shalom brings harmony between man and his creator.

Let us pray that this Shalom will be established between all believers baptized in the Name of Yahshua so there be no more disunity.

With Messianic Greetings and Love Wishes, SHALOM
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THE 20TH ANNUAL UNITY CONFERENCE REPORT

The Assembly of Yahweh at Eaton Rapids, Michigan hosted the 2004 Unity Conference. There was a spirit of anticipation as the local congregation planned, prayed and fasted for a successful Conference.

Believers gathered from Michigan and several other states; California, Texas, Missouri, Louisiana, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Arkansas, Kentucky, Pennsylvania; and from Ontario, Canada, which made it an international Conference.

Elder Otto Miesel from the local Assembly opened the Conference with prayer. Samuel Graham gave a history of the Conference (20 years), and the proposed goals, reading several scriptures regarding unity and the spirit of cooperation between the assemblies. We started with a two-minute introduction of the delegates and then moved into the first presenter for the day.

The brethren who addressed the congregation are listed in order of their presentations.

Larry Acheson, Plano, Texas – “Do We Honor Yahweh by Referring to Him as ‘Our G-d’?” Yahweh is worthy of our utmost reverence, praise and worship. In light of such awesome majesty and the respect due Him, why would we want to assign a title to Yahweh that we know is the name of a heathen idol, ... and condemned by Yahweh Himself?

Jerry Healan, Atlanta, Texas – “The History of Yahweh’s Dwelling Places.” A marvelous story is being told to us in the Scriptures. But that story is also being declared in the heavens. This story becomes very clear when the two are compared as well as a trace of the history of Yahweh’s dwelling places, past, present and future are considered.

John Hawkins, DeSoto, Texas – “Understanding Yahweh’s Appointed Feast Days and Calendar.” This is a 140 page book about the calendar, equinoxes, new moons, feast days, International Date Line and how present day astronomy can help determine Yahweh’s Feast Days.

Michael Banak, Oak Lawn, Illinois – “Yahshua as Lawgiver.” Yahshua is a Lawgiver, whose commands are binding; He is not a mere commentator. Like Moses He will sometime, add to the law, or else re-direct its application. Beyond Lev. 19:17, sinners are now held to peer accountability, Matt 18:16.

Matthew Janzen, Conyers, Georgia – “The Virgin Birth Controversy.” Matthew believes most of us agree in the doctrine of the virgin birth, and wanted to strengthen our beliefs. Does this doctrine determine one’s everlasting life destiny? Yes, for we must believe that Yahshua is the only begotten son of Yahweh.

Isaac Williams, Independence, Louisiana – “Unity.” We must have unity at the local level before we reach out to others. The evil one, “the devil is not divided.” Let us put this house together, humbling ourselves, putting ourselves in subjection to one another. Live the words in Ephesians 4:1-6, One hope, one faith, one baptism. “I want to take something back to my people to give them hope and assurance and answers.”

George Garner, Rocheport, Missouri – “Who was Yahshua Before He Became a Man? Can a Man Die for our Sins?” The supremacy of Messiah, the first born of Yahweh (John 1:14), all the fullness of Yahweh dwells in Him to reconcile to Himself all things. Hebrews 9:15 teaches us that Yahshua became the mediator of the new covenant so that they which are called may receive the promise of eternal inheritance because He died for our sins.

Rock Key Yah, Brighton, Illinois – “Malleable,” meaning that which can be hammered, rolled, or extended into various shapes without being broken; adaptable, yielding. The message – Yahweh’s Word is like a sword, it can change us, mold us into a citizen of Zion or Yahweh’s Word can cut us off from the body and from His blessings. We all can be formed into His body if we so desire.

David Roberts, Jefferson, South Carolina – “Community Living.” Elder Roberts related the history of the Victory Community, which is patterning itself after the Essenes who lived in the first century. They keep Yahweh’s laws, the Sabbath, Feast Days, live a set-apart life (no television, etc.), raise much of their own food, and sponsor Voice of Victory Radio Broadcast on WWRB, 5,050 Mhz Short-wave, Mon.-Fri. 7:00-8:pm EST.

Mike Mastropaolo, Huntington, Arkansas – A look back at the accomplishments of the conferences, see what was and is working and look ahead to future conferences. “Send invitations to other groups; send the message, ‘Us versus the world of sin;’ and bless other assemblies weekly in our prayers.”

Scott Leys, Zeeland, Michigan – “Unity”- repeating Mike Mastropalo’s request to invite other groups to the Conference. New groups are being formed and this movement is larger than we realize. Ideas brought forth: utilizing workshops, all need to submit to each other.

Mike Klopfenstein, Kendallville, Indiana – “A Biblical Perspective on the Importance of a Caring Heart for Relationships.” The state of relationships in our homes, communities, assemblies, and nation; a case for change. The bottom line is LOVE, love of Yahweh, Yahshua, husband, wife, children, brethren and neighbors; and how to restore broken relationships.

Baruch Bobo, Toledo, Ohio – “Are the Words and Numbers in the Scriptures backed up or Substantiated by Mathematical Equation?” Many examples were presented thus proving the validity of Yahweh’s Word then and now.

Todd Danael, California – Focused on the relationship of Yahweh the Father and Yahshua the Son; Yahshua beginning from above. We came from the earth and go back to the earth. Yahshua came from Elohim and went back to Elohim.

Jerry Healan reported on the missionary trip to the Philippines with George Garner and Bill Selman. Jerry is planning another trip there next year. Jacob C. Meyer from Frystown, Pennsylvania is planning another missionary trip to Kenya during the 2004 Feast of Tabernacles.

These plans were announced so others could join hands in these endeavors.

Plans are being made for a Messianic Musicians’ Retreat this winter and an Elders and Pastors Meeting in the central United States at the end of this year.

The 21st Annual Unity Conference will be held (Yahweh willing), August 5, 6 and 7, 2005 at the Assembly of Yahweh 7th Day in Cisco, Texas.

May Yahweh bless you and keep you; may Yahweh make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; and may Yahweh lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Shalom until we meet again.

In His Service,

Pastor Samuel A. Graham

WHAT WOMEN NEED TO KNOW ABOUT MEN

But, you should know my husband! He is not like other men!

Well, maybe, but here are some general things known about men. Could it be that these principles apply to your husband and that knowing them will help you develop a wonderful relationship with him?

His Basic Character Trait. Men are born to be protectors and providers. “This is my wife, and these are my children, and no one can mess with them!” Why is the husband generally larger than the wife? A mistake in design? No. It simply pictures that he is to be the protector and provider. If a young man allows this protector and provider character trait to develop during his years as a youth, then more than likely he is going to be the responsible protector and provider he was designed to be. On the other hand, if young men, during their childhood years, turn away from healthy and normal interests which a teenage boy should have for developing his character through expanding his interests in education, sports, building and designing things, etc., and instead turns to unhealthy activities (drugs, sex, irresponsibility, etc.) during this time, this character trait often fails to fully develop. Consequently instead of being a great protector and provider, he ends up being ordered by the child support court to pay up and quit abusing the very ones he was to protect and provide for!

Why is man designed to have this fundamental protector and provider instinct? Adam should have protected his wife, Eve, from Satan’s deception and should have provided the instruction and guidance she needed to stay away from the Big Fraud himself. But, he failed. So what did our merciful Creator do? He then blessed man by endowing him with great protector and provider instinct – if he will allow this character trait to grow and develop while in his teenage development years. Knowing this, what should a man do if he has blown it and not allowed this character trait to develop in order for him to be the blessing to his family he was designed to be? He should ask forgiveness of his Creator, wife and family and ask Yahweh to take, rebuild, and begin anew as he trusts the Almighty to do just that, and as he starts over with our Savior becoming part of his marriage and his family.

Can a wife make this choice for her husband? No, but now that a wife knows this, what should she do about it, how can she encourage development of this protector/provider trait in the life of her husband?

His Mistakes, Your Opportunities. I have bad news and good news for wives. The bad news? A woman is not going to marry (and did not marry) a perfect husband! A few weeks or months after the marriage you will find he has some character traits and habits you do not appreciate. He is not the perfect husband you imagined after all! But, there is good news. You can use your attractiveness to attract him to the best in life and away from that which is hurtful. And, why are women so attractive? To attract your husband to you and your high standards. If you have holy, high standards and continue to develop them as you go through life, you will attract him to the best and away from the hurtful. More bad news, however: your outer attractiveness and beauty will fail with age. But, good news: your **inner** attractiveness, character and beauty can continue to develop and grow even more as you go through life, attracting your husband to the best. Your choice.

So, what do you do when he makes mistakes? And, for sure he will make mistakes. Your response is the key to success. For example, he wants to invest in a venture which you, through your woman’s intuition, know is not a good deal – it may even be a sham or a fraud, but he does anyway. And, sure enough, your investment is lost! You have two

choices. “I told you so! You idiot! Why did you do it?” Your second choice? “Hey, that is OK. We made a mistake, but we can learn from it, and I still love and trust you. You are my husband. You are my leader, my protector, my provider.” What does the first response do to motivate him to become a better husband, protector, and provider? What does the second response do? Which response motivates him to trust you and rely upon your future advice, counsel and intuition?

Abusive and Hurtful? What if he is abusive – hurtful to you and/or the children? First of all, do not place it on the prayer request list at church! Ask him if he will agree to his father and your father sitting down with the two of you and discussing how to work on, correct, and solve the problem. (And, no, I do not know your fathers. But, when they see you need their counsel and advice, and asking for such, they will realize that you are sincere. And, their involvement will help them see that they “have a part,” they are important. And, it will help them become a better person.) If he does not agree, then the next time he is abusive, tell him that if it happens again, you will have to call in the fathers to help the two of you work on the problem. If that doesn’t solve it, then call in the dads. Lay all the cards on the table. Deal with the problem up front. During the counseling session with the fathers, ask what you can do to be a better wife for him and mother for your children – even though he is the abusive, hurtful one, not you. When he sees that you are willing to work on yourself, this will motivate and lead him to do the same with himself. Set a good example for him to follow.

What He Appreciates. A husband appreciates a wife who trusts him, who has faith and confidence in him – even when he blows it. The more he senses your faith, trust, and confidence, the better job he will do for you and the children, a better person he will become. He appreciates the simple things in life: a neat house, home cooked meals, an attractive, beautiful wife, outwardly and inwardly – who does not flaunt her beauty to others. He appreciates all the things that you do to keep the household running – grocery shopping, laundry, housecleaning, transporting the kids to all their various functions, etc. And yet, he will often be the last one to tell you and thank you! He won’t really appreciate you, what you are, and what you have done until you have died, which hopefully will be well into your 70’s, 80’s, or 90’s. Then, as he looks back, he will realize how blessed he truly was and appreciate all you did. He will then wish that he had expressed his appreciation much more – even daily. He will wish that he had brought flowers home for you, left you little notes of appreciation, and given you more hugs and thanks. He will then truly realize that you were, indeed, his “helpmate” (Genesis 2:18). He will also appreciate your prudence. In fact, Proverbs 19:14 says that a prudent wife is a gift from Yahweh to him. Prudence? Careful management, economy and efficiency, wise in handling practical matters, exercising good judgment and common sense, careful about one’s conduct. Hey, Ladies, it is OK to be a prude – it is a good thing ☺. Yes, he appreciates all these things, although he will often, not to his credit, be the last to tell you.

Your Appeal Power. Check your Bible and you will see that, with one exception, every time a wife appealed to her husband, he did it. A few of the many examples are Genesis 3:6, 16:2, 21:10-14 and Matthew 27:19 and 24. True, the husband is the one in authority in the family (Ephesians 5:22), but our Creator has given those under His protection and care great appeal power. Consider the children who are under both the father and the mother. Normally when they appeal to their parents for anything, the parents will do it – even though they don’t need that extra candy. Ladies, you can use your appeal power for good or you can use it for bad. You can make a proper appeal or you can nag and be contentious. Nagging and contention will drive him away.

A proper, gentle appeal will motivate him to trust you more and solidify your marriage and family even more. Consider the book of First Peter in your Bible. Chapter 2 talks about the terrible suffering our Savior endured at the hands of those in authority in His day, and then Chapter 3 begins as follows:

“In the same way, you wives, be submissive to your own husbands, so that even if any of them are disobedient to the Word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives, as they observe your chaste and respectful behavior. Let not your adornment be merely external - braiding the hair and wearing of gold jewelry ...; but let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of [Yahweh].” New American Standard Bible.

Your actions speak much louder with your husband than your words. If your actions are in line with Scripture, the Word of our Maker, then your words will have the appeal power which Yahweh wants them to have to in turn encourage the one in authority, the husband, to develop good character so he can make right decisions and act properly.

An example of an improper appeal would be a threat – “you do that again and I will divorce you.” Does divorce solve anything? Does the threat of divorce solve anything? This would be one of the worst mistakes a wife could make. An example of a proper appeal would be: “Honey, what would you think about celebrating our honeymoon in Cancun this year?”

Persuasiveness: Guiding vital truths around another’s mental roadblocks, pointing others in the right direction, not stretching the truth in order to make it more attractive, appealing to their conscience in terms of their character, waiting for the best time to appeal, and not arguing. And remember, before you can be persuasive with him, you must have earned his respect.

His Sexual Desires. Yes, he has sexual desires that are sometimes more than they should be. Proper sexual desires will be fulfilling to a husband and wife. But if he wants you to do anything improper – and you know what I am talking about – then politely let him know you would like to meet his desires but in a proper way. Ask him to read and discuss with you Hebrews 13:4:

“Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled; . . .”

Keep in mind our Maker is not against sex. In fact, the very first command He gave mankind was to “be fruitful and multiply” (Genesis 1:28) and we can’t fulfill that command without having sex – proper sex. ☺

His Outlook. Men are more interested in today than they are in tomorrow. He is interested in earning a living and supporting and protecting his family. On the other hand, the wife, more than the husband, is interested in the future. She wants to have everything in order with a feeling of security as she and the family move into the future. This is normal and natural - the way it should be. For example, you will find that women are more interested in having the Wills, Powers of Attorney, and estate planning documents prepared and in order, whereas, he wants to put those things off to another day – “until he gets old.” Simply be aware of these differences and your awareness will help you find the best way to gain an even balance between the things of today and the things of the future.

His Ticket to the Kingdom. Now that you have read this pamphlet, you may be saying,
“But you simply don’t know my husband – there is no hope for him. He will never shape up.” Yes, that is possible. But here is an interesting question for you to ponder: are you his ticket to eternity? In Hebrews 12:14, we are told to pursue peace with all men, and **sanctification** without which no one will see Yahshua. The implication is that if we are sanctified we will see our Creator on that day, but if not, we will not see Him. Then, let’s add to that concept First Corinthians 7:13-14:

“And a woman who has an unbelieving husband, and he consents to live with her, let her not send her husband away. For the unbelieving husband is sanctified through his wife . . .”

That is powerful! The unbelieving husband is sanctified through his wife. No, I don’t understand it, but that’s what it says. If he is sanctified, then will you, assuming you are a believer walking with Yahshua in His good Word, ways, and precepts, take your unbelieving husband to heaven with you? I don’t know. But, “For how do you know, wife, whether you will save your husband? . . .” First Corinthians 7:16. No, I don’t know of any preacher who would agree with this concept, and I certainly don’t understand all of it, but that’s what it says. I did not write the book. Something for you to ponder as you think about and act upon what women need to know about men. ☺

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Later the feast of Passover speech was given by Bro. P. Benny Paul (Leviticus 23:5; John 13:1-30, 39; Exodus 12:2-14, 21-28; and Matthew 26:1-2). Spread about Passover should be done in the night as our Messiah Yahshua did in the night. We finished the Passover message by singing the sorrowful prayers. Later we finished supper and started the cleaning of feet and participation of John 13:4 and 14; and the bread Matthew 26:26, Luke 22:19. After completion of Feast of Passover, we had decided the flexibility.

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Bro. P. Benny Paul
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THE SABBATH DAY AND SABBATH BEFORE SINAI

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Sadly, some of the Israelites neglected this instruction of Yahweh. [Exodus 16:28-30, "And Yahweh said unto Moses, How long refuse ye to keep my commandment and my laws? See, for that Yahweh hath given you the Sabbath, therefore he giveth you on the sixth day the bread of two days; abide ye every man in his place, let no man go out of his place on the seventh day. So the people rested on the seventh day."]

There is something very positive about the words Yahweh gave in these verses. We discover that the Sabbath is a gift given in fatherly love to his people. Divine love really is the basis of this gift of rest as I, Jude Odikaesieme write, "The commandments are like a colorful spectrum from the highest heavenly perspective to a most sensitive earthly perspective; from the heights of heaven to the low place on earth through love."

Isaiah 56:6-7 tells us of numerous blessings that will come upon gentiles for keeping this day holy. "Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people."

The mouth of Yahweh has spoken. Indeed the Sabbath is a delight to both our bodies and souls; for six days the body has been under the rigors of work and is affected by the meals and clothes relating to our employment. Yet on Sabbath we have the privilege of sanctifying a special choice of meals and garments in loving harmony with Yahweh's own words. Keep it holy [separate]. We may delight our souls with the pleasures of things pertaining to holiness and rest. Truly this day is one of freedom and joy... Shalom.

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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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