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Start the New Year Under the Blood Covering Of Yahshua the Messiah

Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28

For the bread of Elohim is he which cometh down from heaven and giveth life unto the world. John 6:33

And Yahshua said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. John 6:35

All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. John 6:37

I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. John 10:11

And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him. Luke 22:14. And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you. Luke 22:19, 20

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. John 14:3

... Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth? Luke 18:8

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

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EDITORIAL

Let Us Lift Up Yahshua The Messiah

John 12:32 – And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

Who is the King of Kings and Sovereign of Sovereigns? Revelation 19:16 – And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND SOVEREIGN OF SOVEREIGNS.

Who is the son of the living Elohim? Matthew 16:16 – And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Messiah, the Son of the living Elohim.

Who is the faithful witness? Who is the first begotten of the dead? Who is the prince of the kings of the earth? Who loved us and washed us from our sins? Revelation 1:5 – And from Yahshua the Messiah, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood.

Who is the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls? 1 Peter 2:25 – For ye were as sheep going astray, but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

Who is the Word of Elohim? Revelation 19:13 – And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of Elohim. John 1:1-14 – In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with Yahweh, and the Word was Elohim. The same was in the beginning with Yahweh. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. ... That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. ... And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his majesty, the majesty as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Who is the Head of the Assembly? Colossians 1:18 – And he is the head of the body, the assembly: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

Who said, before Abraham was, I am? John 8:58 – Yahshua said unto them, Verily, Verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.

Who said, not my will, but thine be done? Matthew 26:39 – And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt. Luke 22:42 – Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.

Whose sweat was as great drops of blood? Luke 22:44 – And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

Who could have called twelve legions of angels? Matthew 26:52-54 – Then said Yahshua unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword. Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?

Who was in the heart of the earth three days and three nights? Matthew 12:39 and 40 - ... and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonah: For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

Who was the Son of Yahweh? Matthew 27:54 – 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.**

When was Yahshua gone from the tomb? Matthew 28:1-7 – In the end of the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Miriam Magdalene and the other Miriam to see the sepulchre. ... And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Yahshua, which was executed. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Master lay. And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead.

Who became the firstfruits? 1 Corinthians 15:20-23 – But now is the Messiah risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in the Messiah shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: the Messiah the firstfruits; afterward they that are the Messiah's at his coming.

When do the dead rise? 1 Corinthians 15:52 – In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17 – For this we say unto you by the word of Yahweh, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Master shall not prevent them which are asleep. **For the Master himself shall descend from heaven with a shout**, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of Yahweh: and the dead in the Messiah shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Master in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Master.

Who was given all authority? Matthew 28:18-20 – And Yahshua came and spake unto them, saying, All authority is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.

Who will come in the clouds with power and great majesty? Matthew 24:30 and 31 – And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great majesty. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Who was called Faithful and True? Revelation 19:11 – And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

Who said he would never leave us? Hebrews 13:5 – Let your manner of life be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

Who is the same forever? Hebrews 13:8 – **Yahshua the Messiah** the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

*We are so blessed to have Yahweh the Father and Yahshua the Messiah forever in their offices. We don't have to go through an election process every four or eight years to choose our Heavenly Father or our Savior. They are always there, we only have to choose once and accept all the promises they have made. **HALLELUYAH!** We must tell our loved ones, our neighbors, all who will listen; time is short.*

Samuel A. Graham

CEO OF THE ASSEMBLY!

If you've ever been part of the reorganization of a company, you understand that there are many things that go into the "reorganization" process. Of these things, one stands out above the rest and is the foundational piece for any future success. As with many things in life, a person or group of people is given charge over the reorganization process. In most cases, one person is given the ultimate responsibility for making the company "profitable". That person is considered to be qualified by an owner or a group of shareholders. He has proven over time to be worthy of "righting their ship".

Of the qualifications held by the person that was selected, their ability to recognize the right people for various jobs is critical. Most of the time initially invested is in finding those people and installing them where it makes the most sense. In doing this you are giving yourself the best opportunity for future success. It doesn't always work out that way, but recognizing a need to make adjustments as you go is also very important to this process. A good CEO will pursue people and make sure they understand they have something to offer. He will never "force" a person to comply but will certainly encourage him.

An assembly of believers requires the same functionality. You need a person(s) that are able to recognize who fits the various pieces of the body to fulfill the needs of a complete person. As we know, Yahshua is the foundation and cornerstone of the body. He is the ultimate "CEO". However, he has given men the gifts, talents, and abilities to work toward building a body with the right pieces in place. Men that are humble, meek, and have a willingness to work hard are the core of putting the pieces together. No man gets to claim authority over another (unless done by Yahweh), but each man plays a part using his gifts to contribute to the success of the assembly. Today we are seeing some of this, but we need to take steps ongoing to ensure success. People need to be willing to contribute using what Yahweh has given them to help ensure success.

We continue to discuss the various needs and functions of the body. Understanding implementation requires a willingness on the part of the "people" to play their part. Each one has something to offer...however this is where it gets a little tricky! Each one of us sees ourselves in a certain biased way. This is very "natural" but certainly not the most beneficial. A CEO is able to recognize gifts of individuals and encourage participation using that gift. A CEO has to be both meek and humble, but also willing to encourage participation through an unbiased lens! He bears responsibility for making the company "profitable". He is a shepherd with only one desire...to facilitate a body that has the best opportunity to succeed!

The people in the assembly is what make a CEO successful! Some think they should be the CEO's right hand man (or CEO instead!) while others would rather sit back and contribute as one of many needed worker bees. Ultimately a good shepherd is able to discern whom fits what roles in a way that gives the best opportunity for success. If you are open to Yahweh's leading and carry a humble attitude, your ultimate goal should be the same as everyone else...success of the body!! Individualism is certain to bring an assembly to its knees. Humility and cooperation along with brotherly love will bring a spirit of unity, peace and joy. Look at the assembly at Thessalonica and how they came together. A model we can all emulate.

There are men today that are both willing and able to fulfill the CEO position in the assembly. They are few, but in my opinion do exist. The greatest qualification is their submission to their heavenly father and savior. Beyond that they must be able to recognize the right people for the various jobs. If they can do that and be willing to adapt to the various needs of the assembly as time goes by, success is almost certainly sure to follow. We need to help ensure success of the body by being part of the solution as opposed to part of the problem. Let those Yahweh has chosen to lead, lead and let those willing to work hard in the background with no need for accolades do so. We all have a part to play and Yahweh is looking for people today to fill their roles. Fill out an application today and see what job the body has to offer you!

Kevin Leys

THE UNSEEN KEY

Matthew 25:34-40 – Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungry, and ye gave me food: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Master, when saw we thee hungry, and fed thee? Or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, **Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.**

These verses (Yahshua the Messiah's words – our divine authority) are a great motivator to the multitude of people who take part in helping prisoners and/or inmates; and for those prisoners and others who read, accept and start obeying and following Yahshua the Messiah's directions.

This is your unseen key if you are released from prison, jail or a half-way house. Yahshua's direction does not stop after being released (freed). His love for mankind is a jump start to a new life. Your heartfelt thankfulness will motivate you to aspire to become a citizen in Yahshua's coming Kingdom, and should be your main goal in your life.

When you start living and following Yahweh's tenets, statutes and commandments, this new way of life will be a light and testimony to those people Yahweh will direct to help you in providing a job (a way to support yourself), a place to live, transportation, etc., and friends who will help and encourage you to be a follower of Yahshua the Messiah.

Submitted by Samuel Graham

**Yahshua does not want to give you a piece of His Love.
Yahshua wants to give you the peace of His Love.**

Russell F. Medina

His Eternal Word

Deuteronomy 4:2 Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish *ought* from it, that ye may keep the commandments of Yahweh your Elohim which I command you.

This verse tells us that the reason we should not add to nor diminish from is so that we can keep His commandments. If we add our own ideas to what He has given us it will become burdensome. By the time of Yahshua so much had been added that they needed teachers of the law to keep it all straight.

At the time of Moses, on the other hand, it was only necessary to read the book of the law once every seven years at the feast of tabernacles before the men, women, children and the stranger that is within your gates, that they may hear and that they may learn and fear Yahweh your Elohim, Deut. 31:10 And Moses commanded them, saying, At the end of *every* seven years, in the solemnity of the year of release, in the feast of tabernacles, 11 When all Israel is come to appear before Yahweh thy Elohim in the place which he shall choose, thou shalt read this law before all Israel in their hearing. 12 Gather the people together, men, and women, and children, and thy stranger that *is* within thy gates, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear Yahweh your Elohim, and observe to do all the words of this law: 13 And *that* their children, which have not known *any thing*, may hear, and learn to fear Yahweh your Elohim, as long as ye live in the land whither ye go over Jordan to possess it.

Also Deut. 30:11 states “For this commandment which I command thee this day, it *is* not hidden from thee, neither *is* it far off.”

The apostle John reminds us of this in 1 John 5:3 For this is the love of Elohim, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous., and Prov. 29:18 Where *there is* no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy *is* he.

All throughout scripture we see that the law was given to bless us and a special blessing if we **meditate on that law day and night**. Psa. 1:1 Blessed *is* the man that walketh not in the counsel of the wicked, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. 2 But his delight *is* in the law of Yahweh; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

Yahshua also says in Matthew 11:30 For my yoke *is* easy, and my burden is light. Deut. 18:18 I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him. The Father, speaking of His son says “**I will put my words in his mouth**”, and Yahshua says in John 12:49, 50 “For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.” So you see that the easy yoke that Yahshua is presenting to us, is the same perfect yoke written about in Psalm 19:7, For the law of Yahweh is perfect, converting the soul.

From these Scriptures we understand that Yahweh’s law is not too difficult, it is not burdensome, in doing it, it makes us happy, and it was given perfectly for His people, and

also He helps and guides us by His Spirit, Ezekiel 36:26, 27 “A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.” By the time the Spirit installs a new heart and a new spirit you practically have a whole new man. This is what we see in Ephesians 4:24 “And that ye put on the new man, which after Elohim is created in righteousness and true holiness.” But with all this, if we fail to follow the Father’s instruction as He intended, 1 John 2:1-3 gives us this encouragement “My little children, these things write I unto you that you sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Yahshua the Messiah the righteous. And he is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.” So, John’s desire for us is that we sin not but that we keep all His commandments as an expression of our relationship with the Father through His son Yahshua the Messiah the righteous, so do not add unto the word which He commands us neither diminish ought from it. If we add to it, we make it too difficult and if we diminish it then we are obviously not doing it anymore.

Deuteronomy 12:32 gives us this instruction again “What thing soever I command you, observe to do it, thou shall not add thereto, nor diminish from it.” Here we see the same instruction but with a different context. This instruction comes just before the chapter about being able to recognize the false prophet. Verse 5 of Deuteronomy 13 identifies the false prophet as the one who would turn you away from Yahweh your Elohim ... to thrust you out of the way which Yahweh your Elohim commanded you to walk in. Deut. 13:5 And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death; because he hath spoken to turn *you* away from Yahweh your Elohim, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, to thrust thee out of the way which Yahweh thy Elohim commanded thee to walk in...

So, the false prophet would thrust us out of the way in which we are to walk. John reminds us of that walk in 1 John 2:6, “He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk even as he walked.” Matthew 7:15 also warns us of the false prophet, “Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.” Wolves take life by killing and eating and similarly someone who would steer us away from the Father’s instruction, by their teaching, takes life from us according to Deuteronomy 30:15 “See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil.” And also in verse 19, “I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live.”

As we know from Galatians 3:7 “Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.” And again in verse 29 of the same chapter, “And if ye be Messiah’s, then are ye Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.” 2 Timothy 3:16 and 17 makes it clear that, “All scripture given by inspiration of Yahweh, indeed is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. That the man of Elohim may be complete, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.” These scriptures establish the framework that all of Yahweh’s word applies to all of Yahweh’s people.

Matthew 24:11 tells us that many false prophets shall rise and shall deceive many. Yahshua warns us of this human tendency by rebuking the scribes and Pharisees in Matthew 15:8, 9 “This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.” Proverbs 30:6 follows this same theme by connecting “adding to the word” with falsehood, “Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.” Isaiah 40:8 “The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our Elohim shall stand forever.” So, beware of the false prophet who might add thereto, or diminish from it.

Ecclesiastes 3:14 “I know that, whatsoever Elohim doeth, it shall be forever: nothing can be put to it, nor anything taken from it: and Elohim doeth it, that men should fear before him.” In this verse, the connection is made between His eternal and unchanging nature and the unchanging nature of His word, which seems so obvious, why should we have to say it, but it does need to be said, over and over because of the tendency of man to replace the word of Elohim with the ideas of man, and the traditions of man. And when we finally get this through our heads that if He doesn’t change, then also His word doesn’t change, then we put ourselves in the proper frame of mind to really fear Him, as the last phrase in the verse implies, “that men should fear before him.”

To fear Him includes the idea of respecting Him, but it’s much more than just respect. To better understand this, picture yourself as Isaiah in his vision standing before Yahweh’s throne, described in Isaiah 6:1-5 or as one of the four and twenty elders who fell on their faces and worshipped in Revelation 11:16 and 17. Then picture yourself as in Revelation 20:12 when we shall all stand before His throne and we will be judged out of those things which were written in the books according to our works. These scriptural accounts help us to grasp His awesome majesty to a greater level. In Genesis 22:11, 12 the angel of Yahweh points out that the fear of Yahweh is demonstrated in our obedience when he said “for now I know that thou fearest Elohim, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.” So, we must be doers of the word and not hearers only.

Finally, we see in Revelation 22 that the very last words given as inspired scripture emphasize the eternal principle, do not add to the words nor take away from. Rev 22:18 “For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, Elohim shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: 19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, Elohim shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and *from* the things which are written in this book.”

What He has spoken, He has spoken. Numbers 23:19 says it this way, “El *is* not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do *it*? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?”

And also Matthew 24:35 “Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.” Not only is this principle the very final words of scripture but He also wrote this concept into the laws of the universe, “Mass-Energy may not be created or destroyed but each may be converted into the other.” No one can escape His eternal unchanging word, nor should anyone want to, Halleluyah.

Harvey Feyen

[*Scriptures taken from The Word of Yahweh (Third Edition)*]

THE SOIL TEST

For those of you that have ever tried to grow some type of vegetation, be it a flower or vegetable plant, or whatever, you understand the importance of the soil quality. Good soil is probably the single most critical element in assuring the health of a plant. Everything from germination of a seed to overall growth rate and health of the plant depends on good soil. There are other factors as well, but the single most important factor is the quality of the soil!

When you look around you at this creation and gain a basic understanding of how things grow, you get a better feel for what is required to make it happen. You also begin to understand what it takes to make it flourish. Everything as Yahweh's creation has a tie to "good" soil. As the scriptures are also clear that we come from, and go back to the dust of the earth. These physical bodies are simply organic material woven together in a way that only our creator could accomplish!

One of the self "tests" that scripture allows us to take part in is the soil test. Although many of us rarely or never consider this a test or guideline for our walk on this earth. Too often we are concerned with various other aspects of the law and how well we adhere to them. When in fact, if we never do an honest evaluation of the condition of our soil, then any other aspect of the law and your overall walk very quickly becomes an exercise in futility. In the text that lays out Yahshua's parable of the sower, we see how he has equated us with the soil that the "seed" will be growing in. That seed of course is the word (instructions) of Yahweh. Just like any plant which Yahweh has given "instructions" on how to grow.

So, there are multiple types of soil or soil conditions that the scriptures equate to an individual's willingness to take on the "slave to righteousness" mentality. All but one has at least one component that makes it less than favorable for good growth. In one case, the soil will not even accept the seed to begin germinating. It is destroyed before it can even begin to grow! On the other hand, you also have soil which is healthy and perfectly suited for good growth. A place the seed and the resulting plant can thrive!

The parable of the sower text [Matthew 13] is truly a place that each of us can and should go to gauge where we are at in our walk. Use it as a tool to get an understanding of the condition your soil (you) are in spiritually. Are you rocky soil or are you soil fit for good growth. Be honest with yourself and it will pay dividends as you continue your walk. Don't be afraid to admit you are rocky soil or that you have thorns, as that will allow you to invest your time and energy into fortifying that soil so that it can produce healthy plants and eventually plenty of good fruit. Pluck out the thorns, remove the rocks and fortify what you are so that you are able to serve the body of messiah in the way Yahweh intended!

Kevin Leys

Torah Tidbit #9

Giving and Receiving.

Now that we have discussed some of the aspects of tithing, it is probably a good time to look at “offerings.” To begin, what is an offering? (*Please excuse the pagan names and terms.*)

Webster’s 1828 Dictionary:

OFFERING, n. That which is presented in divine service; an animal or a portion of bread or corn, or of gold and silver, or other valuable articles, presented to G-d **as an atonement for sin, or as a return of thanks for his favors, or for other religious purpose;** a sacrifice; an oblation. **In the Mosaic economy,** there were burnt-offerings, sin-offerings, peace-offerings, trespass-offerings, thank-offerings, wave-offerings, and wood-offerings. Pagan nations also present offerings to their deities. **Christ (Yahshua) by the offering of himself has superseded the use of all other offerings,** having made atonement for all men.

Most of the offerings mentioned above are the animal sacrifices that Yahweh dictated concerning the Levitical Priesthood and Tabernacle/Temple worship. As stated in the definition, the animal sacrifices required by the Levitical Law, that only covered our sins, were made obsolete by the sacrifice of Yahshua, the perfect lamb of Yahweh, who paid the penalty for our sins through His shed blood. The animal (blood) sacrifices have ended, so what offerings should we be concerned about and why?

Deu. 16:16 Three times in a year shall all your males appear before YAHWEH your Elohim in the place which He shall choose (Jerusalem): In the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and in the Feast of Weeks and in the Feast of Tabernacles. **And they shall not appear before YAHWEH empty,**

Deu. 16:17 but each with his gift of his hand, **according to the blessing of YAHWEH your Elohim, which He has given you.**

As indicated in these verses we should be concerned about bringing an offering to Yahweh, showing our appreciation for all of the blessings that he has bestowed upon us. What Abba has done is to place the burden on our shoulders to make the determination of what a proper offering should be. In other words, just how appreciative are you of His provision, and how well do you remember what He has done for you in the recent past?

Unfortunately, our family history in this area is nothing to brag about. Exodus 14 reveals that even before they had crossed the Red Sea, the Israelites seemed to have forgotten that Yahweh had just delivered them from the slavery that they had been suffering in Egypt for the past several decades. Even after having experienced the miracle of walking through the sea on dry ground and having witnessed the Egyptian army being destroyed, they soon forgot and murmured against Moses at the waters of Marah (Exo. 15:23 & 24). In fact, the history of the Israelites has been to “Cry, Gripe and Moan” about every little trial that they face today, and seem to forget completely about the miracles that He performed on their behalf just yesterday.

How is your memory? Better yet, do you even pay attention to what has happened, or is happening, in your life that can be nothing less than His provision, or even a clear and undeniable miracle. Did you notice? Do you remember? Are you truly appreciative of His intervention in your life? Yahweh provides you with that opportunity to demonstrate that appreciation on His Feast Days.

Deu. 16:10 And you shall keep the Feast of Weeks to YAHWEH your Elohim according to the measure of **the freewill offering of your hand**, which **you shall give according as YAHWEH your Elohim blesses you**.

These are not the only times that you may give an offering to our Father. Any occasion that you experience the fullness of His blessings toward you, should be an inducement for you to respond accordingly. As mentioned previously, what and how much you give as an offering is for you to determine. Do remember that there are offerings that are pleasing to Yahweh (which is what our goal should be) and those that He does not respect. We are given an example of this early in the book of Genesis.

Gen. 4:1 And the man knew his wife Eve. And she conceived and bore Cain, and said, I have gotten a man, YAHWEH.

Gen. 4:2 And she continued to bear his brother, Abel. And Abel became a shepherd of flocks. And Cain became a tiller of the ground.

Gen. 4:3 And it was in the end of days, it happened that **Cain brought an offering to YAHWEH from the fruit of the ground**.

Gen. 4:4 And Abel brought, he also, **from the firstlings of his flocks, even from their fat**. And **YAHWEH looked to Abel and to his offering**.

Gen. 4:5 And **He did not look to Cain and to his offering**.

Apparently Cain was less than diligent, or indifferent in selecting the offering that he brought. Abel, however, gave from the firstlings and the best of what he had been blessed to receive. In the book of Leviticus we find clear instructions of what our Father expects in the offerings that we bring to Him.

Lev. 22:18 Speak to Aaron, and to his sons, and to all the sons of Israel, and you shall say to them, Any man of the house of Israel, or of the aliens in Israel, who brings near **his offering**, of all **his vows**, or of all **his freewill offerings** which they bring near to YAHWEH for a burnt offering;

Lev. 22:19 at your own will a male, **without blemish**, of the oxen, of the sheep, or of the goats may be offered.

Lev. 22:20 **You shall not offer that which has a blemish**; for it shall not be acceptable for you.

Lev. 22:21 And when a man brings near a sacrifice of peace offerings to YAHWEH, to complete a vow, or for a freewill offering, of the herd or of the flock, **it shall be without blemish to be accepted**; no blemish shall be in it;

Lev. 22:22 blind, or broken, or maimed, or having a flow, or scurvy, or scabbed, you shall not bring these near to YAHWEH; and you shall not make of them a fire offering on the altar to YAHWEH.

Lev. 22:23 As to an ox or a sheep deformed, or dwarfed, you shall make it a freewill offering; but it is not acceptable for a vow.

Lev. 22:24 As to **anything bruised, or beaten, or torn, or cut**, you shall not bring it near to YAHWEH; even you shall not do it in your land.

What ever the case may have been, the offering that Cain brought was less than pleasing to Elohim, but He was pleased with the offering that Abel brought.

Psa. 50:9 I will take no bull out of your house, nor he-goats out of your folds,

Psa. 50:10 for **every beast of the forest is Mine**; the **cattle on a thousand hills**;

Psa. 50:11 I know all the birds of the mountains; and **all moving in My fields are Mine**;

Psa. 50:12 if I were hungry, I would not tell you, for **the world is Mine, and the fullness of it**.

He needs nothing from us, but does provide everything that we need, even to the air that we breathe. Are we thankful? Should we not show it? When we bring an offering, pleasing Yahweh should be our goal, so do be thoughtful in choosing the offerings that you bring to Him. We should bring of the best that we have, even of the fat (abundance) of what we have received, that is, from the abundance with which he has blessed us.

Joel 2:23 Then be glad, sons of Zion, and rejoice in YAHWEH your Elohim. For He has given to you the early rain according to righteousness, and He will cause the rain to come down for you, the early rain and the latter rain in the first month.

Joel 2:24 And the floors shall be full with grain, and the wine vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

B'Shem Yahshua,
Paige King

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2017 CALENDAR CALCULATIONS

Local time for Jerusalem, Israel

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“New Moon is generally not visible until at least 15 minutes after sunset.” Robert Victor

Conjunction January 28 – 2:07 a.m.

Sunset January 28 – 5:10 p.m. (2:07 a.m. to 5:10 p.m. = moon is 15 hrs. 3 min. old)

Moonset January 28 – 5:44 p.m. (5:10 p.m. to 5:44 p.m. = moon is up 34 min.)

Sunset January 29 – 5:11 p.m. (plus 24 hrs. 1 min. = moon is 39 hrs. 4 min. old)

Moonset January 29 – 6:43 p.m. (5:11 p.m. to 6:43 p.m. = moon is up 1 hr. 32 minutes)

***January 30, 2017 (1/30/17) is New Moon Day**

Conjunction February 26 – 4:58 p.m.

Sunset February 26 – 5:35 p.m. (4:58 p.m. to 5:35 p.m. = moon is 37 min. old)

Sunset February 27 – 5:35 p.m. (plus 24 hrs. = moon is 24 hrs. 37 min. old)

Moonset February 27 – 6:33 p.m. (5:35 p.m. to 6:33 p.m. = moon is up 58 min.)

***February 28, 2017 (2/28/17) is New Moon Day**

Conjunction March 28 – 5:57 a.m.

Sunset March 28 – 6:56 p.m. (5:57 a.m. to 6:56 p.m. = moon is 12 hrs. 59 min. old)

Moonset March 28 – 7:24 p.m. (6:56 p.m. to 7:24 p.m. = moon is up 28 min.)

Sunset March 29 – 6:57 p.m. (plus 24 hrs. 1 min. = moon is 37 hrs. old)

Moonset March 29 – 8:30 p.m. (6:57 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. = moon is up 1 hr. 33 min.)

***March 30, 2017 (3/30/17) is New Moon Day**

Conjunction April 26 – 3:16 p.m.

Sunset April 26 – 7:16 p.m. (3:16 p.m. to 7:16 p.m. = moon is 4 hrs. old)

Sunset April 27 – 7:16 p.m. (plus 24 hrs. = moon is 28 hrs. old)

Moonset April 27 – 8:25 p.m. (7:16 p.m. to 8:25 p.m. = moon is up 1 hr. 9 minutes)

***April 28, 2017 (4/28/17) is New Moon Day**

Conjunction May 25 – 10:44 p.m.

Sunset May 25 – 7:36 p.m. (7:36 p.m. to 10:44 p.m. = Conjunction is 3 hrs. 8 min. after sunset)

Sunset May 26 – 7:36 p.m. (10:44 p.m. May 25 to 7:36 p.m. May 26 = moon is 20 hrs. 52 min. old)

Moonset May 26 – 8:19 p.m. (7:36 p.m. to 8:19 p.m. = moon is up 43 min.)

***May 27, 2017 (5/27/17) is New Moon Day (Borderline)**

Conjunction June 24 – 5:30 a.m.

Sunset June 24 – 7:48 p.m. (5:30 a.m. to 7:48 p.m. = moon is 14 hrs. 18 min. old)

Moonset June 24 – 8:07 p.m. (7:48 p.m. to 8:07 p.m. = moon is up 19 min.)

Sunset June 25 – 7:48 p.m. (plus 24 hrs. = moon is 38 hrs. 18 min. old)

Moonset June 25 – 9:06 p.m. (7:48 p.m. to 9:06 p.m. = moon is up 1 hr. 18 min.)

***June 26, 2017 (6/26/17) is New Moon Day**

Conjunction July 23 – 12:45 p.m.

Sunset July 23 – 7:42 p.m. (12:45 p.m. to 7:42 p.m. = moon is 6 hrs. 57 min. old)

Sunset July 24 – 7:41 p.m. (plus 23 hrs. 59 min. = moon is 30 hrs. 56 min. old)

Moonset July 24 – 8:34 p.m. (7:41 p.m. to 8:34 p.m. = moon is up 53 minutes)

***July 25, 2017 (7/25/17) is New Moon Day (Borderline)**

Conjunction August 21 – 9:30 p.m.

Sunset August 21 – 7:16 p.m. (7:16 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. = Conjunction is 2 hrs. 14 min. after sunset)

Sunset August 22 – 7:15 p.m. (9:30 p.m. Aug. 21 to 7:15 p.m. Aug. 22 = moon is 21 hrs. 45 min. old)

Moonset August 22 – 7:51 p.m. (7:15 p.m. to 7:51 p.m. = moon is up 36 minutes)

***August 23, 2017 (8/23/17) is New Moon Day (Borderline)**

Conjunction September 20 – 8:29 a.m.

Sunset September 20 – 6:38 p.m. (8:29 a.m. to 6:38 p.m. = moon is 10 hrs. 9 min. old)

Sunset September 21 – 6:37 p.m. (plus 23 hrs. 59 min. = moon is 34 hrs. 8 min. old)

Moonset September 21 – 7:37 p.m. (6:37 p.m. to 7:37 p.m. = moon is up 1 hour)

***September 22, 2017 (9/22/17) is New Moon Day**

Conjunction October 19 – 10:12 p.m.

Sunset October 19 – 6:02 p.m. (6:02 p.m. to 10:12 p.m. = Conjunction is 4 hrs. 10 min. after sunset)

Sunset October 20 – 6:01 p.m. (10:12 p.m. Oct. 19 to 6:01 p.m. Oct. 20 = moon is 19 hrs. 49 min. old)

Moonset October 20 – 6:44 p.m. (6:01 p.m. to 6:44 p.m. = moon is up 43 min.)

***October 21, 2017 (10/21/17) is New Moon Day (Borderline)**

Conjunction November 18 – 1:42 p.m.

Sunset November 18 – 4:38 p.m. (1:42 p.m. to 4:38 p.m. = moon is 2 hrs. 56 min. old)

Sunset November 19 – 4:38 p.m. (plus 24 hrs. = moon is 26 hrs. 56 min. old)

Moonset November 19 – 5:36 p.m. (4:38 p.m. to 5:36 p.m. = moon is up 58 minutes)

***November 20, 2017 (11/20/17) is New Moon Day**

Conjunction December 18 – 8:30 a.m.

Sunset December 18 – 4:38 p.m. (8:30 a.m. to 4:38 p.m. = moon is 8 hrs. 8 min. old)

Sunset December 19 – 4:39 p.m. (plus 24 hrs. 1 min. = moon is 32 hrs. 9 min. old)

Moonset December 19 – 5:48 p.m. (4:39 p.m. to 5:48 p.m. = moon is up 1 hr. 9 min.)

***December 20, 2017 (12/20/17) is New Moon Day**

YAHSHUA'S MEMORIAL (Passover)

April 12, 2017 (14th Day of Abib)

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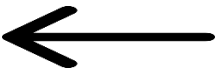


NO ONE LOVES ME.



YAHSHUA ALWAYS
LOVES ME!!

I HAVE NOTHING.



COUNT YOUR
BLESSINGS!!

NO ONE UNDERSTANDS
ME.



YAHWEH MADE
ME. HE
UNDERSTANDS.

I AM BORED.



TRY SOMETHING
NEW. ASK YAHSHUA
TO LEAD.

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE.



YAH SPECIALIZES IN
THINGS THAT SEEM
IMPOSSIBLE!



BE GRATEFUL!!

SOMETIMES WE FORGET ALL THE GOOD THINGS YAH HAS DONE IN OUR LIVES.

LIST 7 THINGS YOU ARE GRATEFUL FOR:

- ✓ 1. _____
- ✓ 2. _____
- ✓ 3. _____
- ✓ 4. _____
- ✓ 5. _____
- ✓ 6. _____
- ✓ 7. _____

GREATEST OF ALL IS THAT YAHSHUA DIED FOR YOU TO SAVE YOU! EACH DAY TRY AND THINK OF 3 THINGS YOU ARE GRATEFUL FOR AND ASK YAHSHUA TO HELP YOU SHINE FOR HIM.

Yahweh's 2017 Calendar

New Moon Days	YAHSHUA'S MEMORIAL (Passover) APRIL 12 Celebrate APRIL 11 after sunset	Annual Convocation Days
Jan. 30	FESTIVAL OF UNLEAVENED BREAD APRIL 13 through APRIL 19	April 13
Feb. 28		April 19
Mar. 30	FEAST (appointment) OF WEEKS JUNE 2 See Leviticus 23:10, 11, 15, 16, 21	June 2
Apr. 28		Sept. 22
May 27	FEAST (appointment) OF TRUMPETS SEPTEMBER 22	Oct. 1
(Borderline)		Oct. 6
June 26	DAY (appointment) OF ATONEMENT OCTOBER 1	Oct. 13
July 25		
(Borderline)	FEAST OF TABERNACLES (Booths or Huts) OCTOBER 6 through OCTOBER 12	7 days in all – the number of completeness
Aug. 23		
(Borderline)	LAST GREAT DAY OCTOBER 13	
Sept. 22		
Oct. 21		
(Borderline)		
Nov. 20		
Dec. 20		

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