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John 20:26-31

And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came **YAHSHUA**, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you.

Then saith he to Thomas, Reach here thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach here thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.

And Thomas answered and said unto him,
My Sovereign and my Elohim.

YAHSHUA saith unto him, Thomas because thou has seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

And many other signs truly did **YAHSHUA** in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.

But these are written, that ye might believe that **YAHSHUA is the Messiah**, The Son of Elohim; and that believing ye might have life through **his NAME**.

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Editorial

NOT BY BREAD ALONE

...Man shall not live by bread alone but by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of Yahweh. Matthew 4:4.

Mankind needs food to exist; for power and energy, etc.; and has needed this since he became a living soul. In the beginning Yahweh allowed Adam and Eve to live in the “garden,” this perfect environment with fresh fruits and vegetables to eat and plenty of green plants to give off oxygen for man to breathe.

Adam and Eve were banished from that perfect garden, because of disobedience to the commandments of Yahweh. He told them they could eat of all the trees except they were not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Genesis 2:16,17.

In the course of time an evil influence entered the garden; the serpent (the adversary, the devil). That spirit entered into Eve and Adam to disobey Yahweh’s direct command not to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Their eyes were opened and out of the garden they had to go, with the proclamation that by the sweat of their brow they would have to feed themselves. Genesis 3:17-19.

Genesis 3:23 – Therefore Yahweh Elohim sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. This has continued down to this day. Farmers and gardeners are well aware of what it takes to raise food for themselves and others. There’s a portion of the population who are trying to return to raising food more naturally (organic or as near organic as possible). Many do not want their food contaminated with insecticides, pesticides and herbicides.

There is a parallel also with mankind coming back to Yahweh’s instructions in the Scriptures and their desire to live in an environment close to the life in the garden of Eden. (Man shall not live by bread alone but by every Word that proceeds out of the mouth of Yahweh.)

Yahweh has a great desire for his creation to be obedient to him and his instructions (laws, commandments, the Torah). He even sends out invitations to his chosen people – Come now, and let us reason together, saith Yahweh: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: (Isaiah 1:18,19.)

Revelation 18:4 – And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

John 15:16 – Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

1 Peter 2:9 – But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people, that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light:

Isaiah 51:3-13 – For Yahweh shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of Yahweh; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody. Harken unto me, my people; and give ear unto me, O my nation: for a law shall proceed from me, and I will make my judgment to rest for a light of the people. **My righteousness is near; my salvation is gone forth, and mine arms shall judge the people; the isles shall wait upon me, and on mine arm shall they trust. ...**

Yahweh's righteousness is near and his salvation is gone forth. Our righteousness and our salvation is Yahshua the Messiah. When a believer decides to live under Yahweh's directions and instructions, it is a monumental decision/period in his or her life; a monumental change; a heartfelt change. This decision includes repentance, believing and immersion. Believers must repent of anything in their past that might displease Yahweh. Then we must believe that Yahshua came to this earth, lived and died for mankind; was resurrected after 3 days and 3 nights; and sets on Yahweh's right hand on the throne in heaven. The next step is being immersed into Yahshua the Messiah by water baptism, with the laying on of hands by Elders for the indwelling of the Holy (Kodesh) Spirit to lead, guide and direct.

We must change from being headstrong and wanting things our way to letting Yahweh lead us; we must have a circumcised heart and be willing to be instructed.

Isaiah 64:8 – But now, O Yahweh, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand. A good example of how we can be instructed – a potter working a bit of clay into a beautiful useful vessel, ready to be fired, then used in His work. The potter must fire his work before it is usable. Likewise, we go through the firing process. Mark 9:49 – For every one shall be salted with fire ... Luke 3:16 – John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire:

We read in the book of John how the word became flesh and dwelt among us – the true Word, Yahweh's only begotten Son, Yahshua the Messiah. Yahshua is the bread from heaven, he declared it to his followers (John 6:31-35). For the bread of Elohim is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. John 6:51 – I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

In the spring of the year (March-April) at the Passover season, (Exodus 12, Leviticus 23:4-8, Deuteronomy 16:1-8); we show our acceptance of Yahshua's blood offering and sacrifice for us by observing and celebrating the Passover/Memorial Supper and the Feast of Unleavened Bread which was instituted many, many years before Yahshua became that bread that came down from heaven for us.

Submitted by Samuel A. Graham

Editor's Note: Regarding the emphasis this time of year on the birth of Yahshua, please read in this issue "The Origin of Merry Christmas" by Elder C. O. Dodd (deceased), the Original Editor of The Faith.

SHOULD YOU BREAK THE TEN COMMANDMENTS?

Did the Messiah Abolish the Ten Commandments?

In the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5, Yahshua unmistakably answered all questions of whether He came to end His Father's commandments: "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil." (Verse 17.)

How incredible that so many teach that the Messiah destroyed the commandments when He proclaimed just the opposite! Yahshua goes on to point out that in His Kingdom the commandment keepers will be called "great". Not so with commandment breakers. "Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:19.

Yahshua didn't come to destroy the Ten Commandments, but it was prophesied that He would do something else to them.

The Ten Commandments Made More Important

In one of his many prophecies about the coming servant of Yahweh, Isaiah prophesied, "...He will magnify the law, and make it honorable." Isaiah 42:21. Not destroy the law, but magnify it!

In Matthew 5, after Yahshua declared that He wasn't going to destroy the law, He proceeded to magnify it. "You have heard that it was said by them of old time, You shall not kill; ...But I say unto you, that whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment:" Matthew 5:21,22. A hard-hearted Israelite might have hated his neighbor for years, but unless he actually killed him, he was thought to be keeping the Sixth Commandment. Under the expanded Sixth Commandment, not only can you not kill your neighbor, you can't even desire to!

Yahshua went on: "You have heard that it was said by them of old time, You shall not commit adultery: But I say unto you, that whosoever looks on a woman to lust after her has committed adultery with her already in his heart." Matthew 5:27,28. The commandment against adultery, instead of being done away, now prohibits even setting your mind on such a thing.

As Isaiah prophesied, Yahshua certainly magnified the law. He didn't end His Father's commandments; He made them broader and more inclusive. Today the called-out ones, spiritual Israel, have to obey these commandments. They observe them not just with an outward show but from the innermost being, in spirit and in truth.

Yahshua said, "... I have kept My Father's commandments,"... (John 15:10), and He was our example (1 Peter 2:21). We either follow His example and obey the commandments, or we follow the example of rebellious Israel and disobey them.

New Covenant Requires Inner Change

The Book of Hebrews discusses the difference between the Old Covenant and the New Covenant. The Old Covenant was flawed because of disobedience to Yahweh's laws, but those under the New Covenant will, with the help of His Holy [Kodesh] Spirit, obey Yahweh's laws.

“For finding fault with **them**, He says, Behold, the days come, says Yahweh, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, says Yahweh. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says Yahweh; I will put My laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts:”... Hebrews 8:8-10.

This passage reaffirms that the fault with the Old Covenant was with the people, not with the Covenant. Under the New Covenant, instead of the law being done away, the commandments will be more effective by being put into the hearts and minds of believers. Disobedience is to be done away! The fault was with the people, so Yahweh is changing the people. Through His Holy Spirit He is changing the minds of His followers from rebellious, disobedient, self-willed, commandment breakers like Israel to humble, dedicated, obedient people like Yahshua the Messiah. Which example will you follow?

Should You Break the Commandments?

Love Yahweh and love your neighbor. This is the great law of creation, explained by the Ten Commandments. To obey these commandments is to be blessed by peace of mind, sound families, and good health.

To disobey Yahweh's commandments is to be cursed with unhappiness, broken homes, and dreadful diseases. To the degree that you put other things before Yahweh by taking part in pagan worship, dishonoring your parents, killing or hating, committing sexual sins, stealing, lying or coveting – that is the degree to which you will be cursed. ... Most people have been taught that the Ten Commandments are harsh and evil, instead of being taught that it is evil to break them. What a satanic twist!

If you are ignoring Yahweh's commandments and living your life by repeatedly transgressing this holy, spiritual law, you need to stop! Repent, be sorry for what you have done, and then change. Yahshua died for your transgressions, but His blood can be applied only on repentance – real, heart-felt change.

Should you break the Ten Commandments? Yahshua's words are crystal clear: ... “If you will enter into life, keep the commandments.” Matthew 19:17. Yahshua the Messiah did not spend His whole life obeying the Ten Commandments, never once breaking them, just so you could be like hard-hearted Israel and ignore them.

He did not die to rid the world of His Father's laws. He died to rid you of the death penalty of sin. If you accept His sacrifice for your transgressions and stop breaking the commandments, your life will be most richly blessed – both now and forever.

Author Unknown

The Origin of Merry Christmas

Christmas is a very popular holiday with the world, and in the churches; but the writer of this article does not observe it, and it is also ignored by many Bible believers throughout the world. Many, not knowing the history of Christmas, think us queer, and question our motives; and we, therefore, take the opportunity to present the truth regarding the origin and history of this world-wide popular holiday.

“Christmas” is a word meaning Christ’s Mass. It is commonly spoken of as the day upon which the birth of the Savior is celebrated. However, there are few people who have taken the time, or have the desire, to make a study of this question in order that they might really know the origin and purpose of this day. They take it for granted that it is the most notable day of the year, and continue to celebrate it in various ways: by religious formal worship, gluttonous eating, reveling, unbridled drinking, or more commonly, by the exchanging of useless, costly, unwarranted, or embarrassing gifts. We are all aware of the fact that during Christmas season the spirit of rivalry and competition enters into the giving of gifts, and the poor often give more than they can afford, and thus leave honest debts unpaid, or go without necessities until they have caught up with their “Christmas-spending-spree.”

It must be admitted that the manner in which Christmas as a whole is observed is no honor unto the Savior; but, on the contrary, is a dishonor. He truly cannot be honored by frivolity, debauchery, reveling, drunkenness, much less by the prevalent practice of telling falsehoods unto the children about “Santa Claus.” He is never honored with a lie, and we must reap from our children just what we have sown in their lives.

We believe that at least a good seventy-five percent of the Christmas season is taken up with commercial advertising, and “Santa Claus” as the central figure. In fact, Santa Claus and not the Savior, is the center of the modern observance of Christmas. Read your daily papers, listen to the radio, [television and movies], hearken to the conversation of the people, and we know you will be forced to agree with us.

The apostles and early saints observed no such season as Christmas. Tertullian, writing about 230 A.D., lamented the fact that some disciples were beginning to apostatize in his day, and accepting the pagan Brumalia and Matronalia, and gifts are carried to and fro, new year’s day presents are made with din, sports and banquets are celebrated with uproar; oh, how much more faithful are the heathen to their religion, who take special care to adopt no solemnity from the Christians. (Tertullian, *De Idolatria*, chap. 14, vol. 1, p. 682).

Thus we learn that disciples, long after the death of the apostles and the writing of the New Testament, began to observe the pagan festival, but to change the name to agree with their faith. Though they changed the name, the spirit remained, and the worship was in the spirit of the Babylonian religion.

Hislop, the English clergyman, in his unexcelled treatise on Roman so-called holy days adopted from the pagans, has this to say about Christmas:

The Festivals of Rome are innumerable; but five of the most important may be singled out for elucidation – viz., Christmas-day, Lady-day, Easter, the Nativity of St. John, and the Feast of Assumption. Each and all of these can be proved to be Babylonian. And first, as to the festival in honor of the birth of the Savior, or Christmas. How comes it that the festival was connected with the 25th of December? There is not a word in the Scriptures about the precise day of His birth, or the time of the year when He was born. What is recorded there, implies that at what time so ever His

birth took place, it could not have been on the 25th of December. At the time the angel announced His birth to the shepherds of Bethlehem, they were feeding their flocks by night in the open fields. Now, no doubt, the climate of Palestine is not so severe as the climate of this country; but even there, though the heat of the day be considerable, the cold of the night from December to February, is very piercing, and it was not the custom of the shepherds of Judea to watch their flocks in the open fields later than about the end of October. It is in the last degree incredible, then, that His birth could have taken place at the end of December. There is great unanimity among the commentators on this point. Besides Barnes, Doddridge, Lightfoot, Scaliger, and Jennings in his "Jewish Antiquities", who are all of the opinion that December 25th could not be the right time of our Savior's nativity, the celebrated Joseph Mede pronounces a very decisive opinion to this same effect. After a long, and careful disquisition on the subject, among other arguments he adduces the following: - At the birth of the Savior every woman and child was to go to be taxed at the city whereto they belonged, whither some had long journeys; but the middle of winter was not fitting for such a business, especially for women with child, and children to travel in. Therefore the Messiah could not have been born in the depth of winter. Again, at the time of His birth the shepherds lay abroad watching with their flocks in the night time; but this was not likely to be in the middle of winter. And if any shall think that the winter wind was not so extreme in these parts, let him remember the words of the Savior in the gospel, "Pray that your flight be not in winter." If the winter was so bad a time to flee in, it seems no fit time for shepherds to lie in the fields in, and women and children to travel in.

Indeed it is admitted by most learned and candid writers of all parties that the day of our Savior's birth cannot be determined, and that within the Church no such festival as Christmas was ever heard until the third century, and not till the fourth century was far advanced did it gain much observance. How, then, did the Romish Church fix on December the 25th as Christmas-day? Why, thus: Long before the Christian era itself a festival was celebrated among the heathen, at that precise time of the year, in honor of the birth of the son of the Babylonian queen of heaven; and it may be fairly presumed that, in order to conciliate the heathen, as well as to swell the number of the nominal adherents of Christianity, the same festival was adopted by the Roman Church, giving it only the name of 'Christ'. This tendency on the part of Christians to meet Paganism half-way was very early developed ..."

Upright men strove to stem the tide, but in spite of all their efforts, the apostasy went on, till the Church, with the exception of a small remnant, was submerged under Pagan superstition. That Christmas is a Pagan festival, is beyond all doubt. The time of the year, and ceremonies with which it is celebrated, prove its origin. – Hislop, *The Two Babylons*, pp. 91-93.

From the Scriptural records, as found in Luke 1:5-24, compared with the texts of 1 Chr. 24:7-19, 1 Sam. 20:24-27, Exo. 12:2, Lev. 23:5-11; the writer, in common with such learned scholars of Biblical data as Lightfoot and Bullinger, computes that the Savior was born at the time of the Feast of Tabernacles, about the first of October. It is said that the Pyramid of Gizah measurements give October as the date of the Messiah's birth. Some Biblical students, however, compute the birthplace to be in the spring, at the time of the Passover; while others, from their study of the Scriptures, reckon his birth to have been the last of May, or early in June.

Should we, therefore, celebrate our Savior's birth as a feast day in the spring, or in the summer, or even in October, according to our calculations? No! Never! There is not one word in the entire Bible which even intimates that we observe His birth. Nowhere in

all the Scriptures do we find Christmas mentioned.

Inasmuch as we find no comment in the Scriptures to authorize us to observe Christmas, and as the day is not mentioned in the Bible, from whence did the day come, and how came we to be observing it as the birthday of the Messiah?

If an unabridged, or exhaustive dictionary or encyclopedia, or a good book on mythology be consulted, it will be quickly learned that the 25th day of December was celebrated by the pagans centuries before the birth of the Savior, and today is observed by practically every heathen religion under heaven.

Christmas, like all other heathen feast days, still retained in the churches of our day, came from Babylon. After the flood of Noah's day, there lived a very wicked man named Nimrod, a great-grandson of Noah, and the founder of ancient Babylon. This man was so evil that it is said his own mother, Semiramis, bare a child to him. After Nimrod's death, who was slain by Shem, it is said, Satan used this wicked mother to propagate the evil doctrine of the survival of Nimrod as a spirit being. Semiramis claimed that a full grown evergreen tree sprang overnight from a dead evergreen tree stump, which symbolized the springing forth unto new life of the dead Nimrod. She also claimed that on each anniversary of his death Nimrod would visit the evergreen tree and leave gifts thereon. This, then, is the origin of the Christmas tree. The 25th of December is said to be really the birth of Nimrod. Santa Claus is but another form of the name of St. Nicholas (Nick-Claus), and reliable reference books explain that old Nick is a name for the devil.

This very identical date, December 25th (with Mother's night as December 24th), was observed as the birthday of the son of Isis, Nimrod, in Egypt, in Babylon, among Pagan Anglo-Saxons, among Arabian Sabeans, and other far-removed countries prior to the birth of our Savior the Messiah at Bethlehem. (Wilkinson's Egyptians, vol. 2, p. 337, B; Mallet, vol. 1, p. 130; Sharon Turner's Anglo-Saxons, vol. 1, p. 219; Salverte, Des Sciences Occultes, p. 491; Stanley, p. 1066, col. 1, etc.)

The Chaldean Mysteries founded by Semiramis have come down to us through the Pagan religions, into the Catholic Church, and from thence into the Protestant denominations; and today many accept them without question, and observe them according to the custom of the day.

In 1644, the English Puritans forbade any merriment or religious services by act of Parliament, on the ground that it (Christmas) was a heathen festival, and ordered it to be kept as a fast.

We shall now give certain references gleaned from reliable encyclopedias, which confirm our conclusions just given. First, we quote from the New Standard Encyclopedia's article, Christmas:

"Among the Romans certain practices were adopted from an older pagan feast in honor of the birth of the Sun, or Sol."

"The prejudice against Christmas observance, as too strongly tinged with the heathen traditions, was so strong in Scotland that, until recently, children in Presbyterian families had no Christmas."

"The custom of making presents at Christmas time is associated with the gifts presented to the Savior by the wise men of the East; but, in reality, at least so far as English speaking people are concerned, **it is derived from an old heathen usage.**"

"This season observed (as Christmas-New Year) to this day in Scotland, is sometimes called Hogmanay." Jamieson's Scottish Dictionary, sub. voce, says **it is of Chaldee derivation.** Now, Hog-mani in Chaldee signifies "The Feast of the Numberer," in other words, "The Feast of the Pagan Deity Meni." See Isa. 65:11, mgn.

“Pagan Rome observed this season, and it was regulated by the emperor Caligula, and lasted for five days, being given over to drunkenness and revelry.”

“Many of the usages of the Germans and Romans were adopted from heathenism to Christianity.”

From the Encyclopedia Britannica, Edition 1910, article, Christmas, we glean the following:

“Before the 5th century there was no general consensus of opinion as to when it should come in the calendar, whether on **the 6th of January, the 25th of March, or the 25th of December.**”

“In Britain, the 25th of December, the day was a festival long before the conversion to Christianity.”

“The 25th of December, the day that was observed at Rome as the day when the victorious god reappeared on earth, was held at the *Natalis invicti solis*, ‘The birthday of the unconquered Sun.’ Now the yule log is the dead stock of Nimrod, deified as the sun-god, but cut down by his enemies; the Christmas-tree is Nimrod redivivus – the slain god comes to life again.” – Hislop, p. 98.

“In many countries the boar was sacrificed to the god (Nimrod), for the injury a boar was fabled to have done him.”

“On Christmas day the Continental Saxons offered a boar in sacrifice to the Sun.” ... In Rome a similar observance had evidently existed; for a boar formed the great article of the feast of Saturn” ... “Hence the boar’s head is still a standing dish in England at the Christmas dinner, when the reason of it is long since forgotten.” – Idem, pp. 99-101.

“Even where the sun was the favorite object of worship, as in Babylon itself and elsewhere, at this festival he was worshipped not merely as the orb of day but as god incarnate. It was an essential principle of the Babylonian system, that the Sun, or Baal, was the one only god. When, therefore, Tammuz was worshipped as god incarnate that implied also that he was an incarnation of the Sun. In the Hindoo mythology, which is admitted to be essentially Babylonian, this comes out very distinctly. There, Surya, or the Sun, is represented as being incarnate, and born for the purpose of subduing the enemies of the gods, who, without such a birth, could not have been subdued.” Idem, p. 96.

“The wassailing bowl of Christmas had its precise counterpart in the ‘Drunken festival’ of Babylon; and many of the other observances still kept up among ourselves at Christmas came from the very same quarter. The candles in some parts of England, lighted on Christmas-eve, and used so long as the festive season lasts, were equally lighted by the Pagans on the eve of the festival of the Babylonian god, to do honor to him; for it was one of the distinguishing peculiarities of his worship to have lighted wax candles on his altars. The Christmas tree, now so common among us, was equally common in Pagan Rome and Pagan Egypt. In Egypt that tree was the palm-tree; in Rome it was the fir; the palm-tree denoting the Pagan Messiah as Baal-Tamar; the fir referring to him as Baal-Berith. The mother of Adonis, the Sun-god and great mediatorial divinity, was mystically said to have been changed into a tree, and when in that state to have brought forth her son. If the mother was a tree, the son must have been recognized as the ‘Man the branch.’ And this accounts entirely for the putting of the Yule Log into the fire on Christmas-eve, and the appearance of the Christmas-tree the next morning.” – Idem, p. 97.

“There can be no doubt then, that the Pagan festival at the winter solstice – in other words, Christmas – was held in honor of the birth of the Babylonian Messiah.” – Idem, p. 102.



YAHSHUA'S JEWELS

Yahshua's Young People

"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."

(1 Tim 4:12)

YOU ARE LOVED!!

Yahweh and Yahshua love you so much. Do you know that even before you pray that your Heavenly Father knows what things you have need of even before you ask him? (Matt. 6:8). He loves you deeply and understands your every thought and problem (Psa.139:2). You are precious to him that the very hair on your head he has taken the time to number (Matt. 10:30). Even before you were born, he knew who and what you would be and the great plans he would have for your life (Psa. 139:16,17).

Has anyone ever given their life for you that you may live and have life more abundantly (with great joy)? Yah 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). How many of your friends would die for you? Yahshua is the best friend you will ever have. The love of Yah surpasses any other love. His love is perfect because he is perfect.

You will encounter problems and obstacles in this life. Satan knows his time is short and is working overtime to take away your joy. But don't let him win. Never believe his lies. Great is Yahweh in the and will fight for you. He and everlasting life. Yah that will blow you away. **ear heard, neither have man, the things which them that love him. But unto us by His Spirit: all things, yea the deep things of Yah (1 Cor. 2:9,10)."**



the midst of his people. universe loves you dearly wants you to have fun, joy has big things for your life **"Eye hath not seen, nor entered into the heart of Yah hath prepared for Yah hath revealed them for the Spirit searcheth**

Remember to look at yourself through Yahweh's eyes, your Father's eyes. He wants the best for you. You are his prince or princess. You are dear to his heart. He will never leave nor forsake you if you truly come to him. He loves you and will always love you. Give him a try. Do your part with Yahshua's help and ask him to help you keep Yah's commandment. Don't give up. Yahshua is always there ready to help you. Ask Yahshua to come into your heart and he can help you conquer any problem or weakness. He loves you big time. Never forget how extra special you are in his eyes. You are his JEWEL!

WORD SEARCH



POSITIVE POWER: REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE IN

YAHWEH'S EYES



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UNIQUE

HANDSOME

POSITIVE

SMART

TALENTED

LOVED



WORD MYSTERY

Solve the mystery verse by unscrambling the words below.

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CLUE: Psalms 139:14a

TO YAHSHUA

Sharon L. Mattson
November 2, 1999

Yahshua, I praise your name,
You died for me. You wore my shame.
You ask so little, yet you gave all.
I hear Your sweet voice as you call.

Oh, let me never bring fear or pain,
To any child that You shall name.
It is for You and You alone,
To raise the call, to bring them home.

Let me grow, Dear Yahshua I pray,
More and more like you each day.
Let my cry be ever more,
To help my brother find the door.

The path I walk, the road is clear,
For You, Yahshua have brought me here.
Could I but wonder or ask why?
On my own I crawl, through You I fly.

The tears I've shed, wrong paths I've tread.
Life on my own was all but dead.
You took me from the miry clay,
And brought me to this glorious day.

You give me joy a song to sing,
My precious Yahshua, my
Sovereign King.
My life I give, and gladly too,
That I may always be with you.

To serve and be what you would ask,
That I may in Your Glory bask.
Your love, **Yahshua**, has made me strong,
Complete, fulfilled, a brand new song.

The rock that once I called a heart,
Through your love, given a new start.
No longer dead to worldly cries,
I now see others through your eyes.

I thank you, Yahshua, and pray this day,
That I may please you in every way,
No longer cold, or lukewarm, just
Now flames of passion fill this bust.

Now I see through your dear eyes,
I hear their voices, I hear their cries,
Oh, let me never lose this sight,
My mission, Yahshua, to fight your fight.
To win this battle is my quest,
To bring all home, home to your rest!

Praise, Prayer and Fasting Group

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same
Yahweh's name is to be praised. Psalm 113:3

Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud:
and he shall hear my voice. Psalm 55:17

Please join the group daily at sunrise, noon, and sunset. The phone number:
605-475-4000. The access number: 1047923#. You will need unlimited phone
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For additional details about this daily prayer group, call Mother ShemaYah
Shropshire at 1-202-529-0254. We want believers who will commit to at least one
day weekly.

In times like these we need to "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

Submitted by Mother Hiawatha Cromer

In Memoriam

Herbert Otto Miesel, aged 93, began his final rest on the Sabbath July 27, 2013 at home after only one day in bed. He was preceded in death by his parents: Otto Herbert and Martha, his three sisters, Johanna, Dora, and Ilse, his son, Lothar Heinz. He is survived by his beloved wife, Esther, his children John (Bonnie) of Morley MI, Daniela Andrejowich of Winnipeg, Manitoba, 12 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

Herbert Miesel was born in Chemnitz, Germany, on December 1, 1919. He was trained as a tool and die maker for 4 years until he was drafted into the German army at age 20. His father gave him a Bible, admonishing him to read it daily. Psalms 91 became a most meaningful scripture to him.

At the beginning of his army training, Herbert was selected to serve as a doctor's assistant, which he did faithfully for six years--the duration of the war. Herbert always professed that it was Yahweh's guidance and protection that placed him in the medical corp, and throughout his life passionately gave witness to the Divine protection afforded him throughout those six years, from 1939 - 1945. On October 1, 1943 Herbert married Esther Uhlig. (They were two months short of celebrating a 70th wedding anniversary when he died.)

After the war, the eastern part of Germany was given over to the Russians. His homeland was now under communist rule. Upon Herbert's return after the war, he was not able to find any work unless he joined the communist party. As a Christian he felt his allegiance belonged only to Yahweh (G-d) and would not join any political party so he and his wife decided to work on Esther's grandfather's farm, working there for seven years. Work was hard, yet satisfying, until Herbert and Esther were strongly encouraged by the community to be leaders for the communist farmer's union. Here again they felt they could not stay in a country which required allegiance to a political party.

After much secret planning, and the death of Esther's mother, plans came together that brought about their miraculous escape from East Germany in 1952. By this time Herbert and Esther had two boys, aged seven and three. The family spent one year in Hamburg, West Germany in a refugee camp where their last child, Daniela was born in 1953.

The next six years of their life were spent in Brazil where again times were very hard: learning a new language and new culture, finding work to support a family of five. Yahweh was always their constant source of help and their faith was tested and strengthened time and time again. The Father's intervention again took place enabling the family to immigrate to Chicago, Illinois. There they were with a Christian community and enjoyed the Christian fellowships they had lacked in Brazil.

Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan became the last three states Herbert resided in with his family. There he was able to work at his trade, which he trained for in Germany, and continued to fellowship with Christians who introduced him to the truths of the Sabbath and the name of Yahweh, which he held very dear. For many years he was very active in the Assembly of Yahweh of Eaton Rapids, MI, serving as elder, speaker, and also as a contributor to the Faith magazine. Those who knew him will always connect him with Psalm 91.

Even in his final years of struggling with memory loss, Herbert was always very thankful and praising Yahweh for the many blessings that came his way. He endured to the end.

Thank You Letters

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I wanted to say thanks a bunch for The Word of Yahweh. Thanks! I love it! I received it a couple of weeks ago. Sorry I did not write sooner, but I finally got some metered envelopes this morning. It made my day to see you sent me that bible! Thanks again!

Scott David Perreault
Ionia, Michigan

I would like to say thank you very much, for continuing to send The Faith magazine, also for The Word of Yahweh, and for the effort you do in sending the requested materials I ask for. I can't express how this Assembly has helped my faith and my spiritual growth. I just want everybody there to know that they are truly appreciated. Yahweh Shalom.

Quentin Barnes
Freeland, Michigan

Dear Fellow Yahwehist,

I hope this letter finds all of you in great health and spirits. Thank you so much for our Bible. I have to tell you how I felt when I received our Bible, which was on 10/27/13. I am 56 years old, but you just can't stop the feeling of joy when you read the Bible with Yahweh in it.

I do go to our Seventh Day Adventist service here in LCF. Out of 20 people only one had The Word of Yahweh. Mine hadn't arrived just yet. We read out of the bible going around the circle. When we get to the Yahweh bible person I just look around to see whose face cringes when he says Yahweh, Yahshua or Elohim. When he first read from the bible I would see the cringes, but now I think they are getting used to it. Now when I read from the bible just last week, I saw and heard nothing negative. I think they shouldn't have negative thoughts because we are all there in Yahweh's Name. I think that's fine. I'm still glad to plug away and share Yahweh's Name.

As for our Sabbath Day, our 7th Day Adventist service is on Tuesday mornings. On Sabbath we have a bible study in the morning. It started just over a year ago in one of the Units here; when our brother started, when he first came here, with only one person. A month later it went to 2 to 4 people, but they were only in one unit. Now we're in our Rec. Building sharing with up to 20 people and still growing. It is true! Just say Yahweh and they will come.

Okay, I'll keep this short. When I lived in Eaton Rapids I thought your building was just another church that doesn't know G-d [Yahweh] and J.C. [Yahshua]. Boy was I wrong. You know the TRUE Names. And now, so do I. Thank you all from the heart. Praise Yahweh and His love.

With much love,
Dennis Faber
Coldwater, Michigan

Daily Meditation – AOY Prayer

Master Yahweh, You have begun to show Your servant Your greatness and Your strong hand, for who is a mighty one in the heavens or on the earth who accomplishes according to Your deeds and according to Your strength? (Deb. 3:24 – Deuteronomy.)

Please remember the word that You commanded Your servant ... saying, “if you trespass, I will disperse you among the nations, but if you will turn back to Me,” thus said Yahweh, “if you turn back then I will turn back to you; and you will stand before Me. And if you bring forth the precious from among the worthless you will be as My mouth.” (Neh. 1:8; Yirm. 15:19 – Nehemiah, Jeremiah.)

Forever, Yahweh, Your word stands firm in the heavens, I call out to Elohim, and Yahweh delivers me. Evening and morning and at noon, I will bow and cry out; and He hears my voice. (Teh. 119:89; 55:16,17 – Psalms.)

I know my transgressions and my sin is stretched out before me. Against You, You alone, have I sinned, and done grievously in Your eyes. For being circumspect You will be just in Your order, You will be blameless in Your judgment. (Teh. 51:3,4 – Psalm.)

I thank You, Yahweh, though you were enraged with me, Your displeasure has turned back, and You have comforted me. See El is my deliverance. I trust and am not afraid; for Yah, Yahweh, is my armor and my song. (Yesh. 12:1,2 – Isaiah.)

Give ear to my words, Yahweh, consider my meditation. Attend to the voice of my cry, my Sovereign and my Elohim, for unto You I pray. (Teh. 5:1,2 – Psalm.)

And, in the greatness of Your kindness, I will enter Your house; in respect I bow myself toward Your set-apart Temple. (Teh. 5:7 – Psalm.)

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IN MEMORIAM

We were saddened to hear of Brother Bill Olsen having suffered a stroke which led to his death on the weekly Sabbath of October 19th, 2013. He was baptized in the saving Name of Yahshua, at the Feast of Tabernacles in 2010, at Camp Woodland Hills in St. Clair, Missouri.

He was 68 years old. His gentle nature and kindness towards others was a good example for all of us. He had mentioned that his desire and prayer was to sleep through the Great Tribulation which is yet ahead of us.

We will look forward to seeing him in the resurrection, when Yahshua returns.

Submitted by David Butts, Coon Rapids, Minnesota

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Yahweh's 2014 Calendar

New Moon Days		YAHSHUA'S MEMORIAL (Passover) APRIL 15 Celebrate APRIL 14 after sunset	Annual Convocation Days
		FESTIVAL OF UNLEAVENED BREAD APRIL 16 through APRIL 22	
Jan.	3		April 16
Feb.	2		April 22
Mar.	3	FEAST (appointment) OF WEEKS JUNE 5 See Leviticus 23:10, 11, 15, 16, 21	June 5
Apr.	2		Sept. 26
May	1		Oct. 5
May	31	FEAST (appointment) OF TRUMPETS SEPTEMBER 26	Oct. 10
June	29		Oct. 17
July	29	DAY (appointment) OF ATONEMENT OCTOBER 5	
Aug.	28		7 days
Sept.	26		in all – the
Oct.	26	FEAST OF TABERNACLES (Booths or Huts) OCTOBER 10 through OCTOBER 16	number
Nov.	24		of
Dec.	24	LAST GREAT DAY OCTOBER 17	completeness

Begin YAHWEH's days with the sunset preceding the indicated Roman days lasting till the next sunset.

The Origin of Merry Christmas (Continued from Page 10)

Thus we learn from these reliable authorities the fact about the 25th of December, and that it is not a Scriptural holy day; but, on the contrary, it was a pagan feast day, adopted and retained by the churches to our present day. Those who follow the custom of observing Christmas, follow not the Bible, but pagan ceremonies. Of accepting and observing the manners of the heathen, the prophet of the Messiah is very explicit, as he denounces the practice in words which cannot be misunderstood. We quote about the well-loved Christmas tree:

“Thus saith Yahweh, Learn not the way of the heathen, ... for the custom of the people is vain (useless, foolish): for one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe. They deck it with silver and gold (or, as in our day, with artificial silver and gold, or in tinsel); they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not.” – Jer. 10:2.

May we repeat: **“Thus saith Yahweh, Learn not the way of the heathen.”** The propagation of Christmas, with all its heathen practices, is pagan and harmful. Those who accept and observe the ancient pagan holiday should heed the admonition of the Messiah himself who said:

“In vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrine the commandments of men.”

We trust that each reader will seek out of the Bible, not only the heathen rite of Christmas, but also other pagan rites and ceremonies and days, such as sprinkling, Easter, Sunday, etc., which have crept into the churches of today. Verify our references from the reliable books we have given, or others you may have at hand. Be among those who prove all things, and hold fast to those which are good. May Yahweh bless the message and the reader.

From a tract by Elder C. O. Dodd (deceased), Original Editor of The Faith

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