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YAHSHUA'S HUMILITY - OUR SALVATION

Philippians 2:5-8

Let this mind be in you, which was also in the Messiah Yahshua: ... he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the stake.

All believers are familiar with this wonderful passage. Paul is speaking about one of the most simple, practical things in life, "humility." Yahshua came down, was found in the likeness of man and became obedient even unto death. We have His exaltation, Yahweh has highly exalted Him. We have the promise of His Kingdom, that every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess.

How does the apostle Paul present it? As a simple call to a life of humility in our fellowship with each other. Our life on earth should be linked to all the eternal magnitude of Yahweh and His Son Yahshua. Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many. Matthew 20:28.

As you know, He took the place of a servant, girded Himself with a towel and washed the feet of His disciples. Likewise He took the place of a sinner, that He might bear our load, that He might serve us in saving us from our wretchedness, that He might by His precious blood, win deliverance for us! That He might by His blood, wash us from our stain and our great guilt. He bowed down into the very depths for our salvation. Yes, the humility of Yahshua is our salvation!

What can we see? A lamb standing on the throne in His majesty, and He is still the meek and gentle Lamb of Yahweh. His humility is the badge He wears.

Behold the Lamb of Yahweh that taketh away the sins of the world! Do you know Him by His true name Yahshua? Do you worship Yahweh on the day He set apart from all other days? Read Genesis 2:2-3; and Exodus 20:8-11. Man needs humility to worship on the seventh day.

Yes, man needs humility. Should we not think and act as our Savior acted? The salvation which Yahshua the Messiah brought is not only a salvation that flows out of humility, it also leads to humility and is exactly what you and I need.

What is the cause of all the wretchedness of man? Primarily, it is pride! Pride is the root of every sin, and so the Lamb of Yahweh comes to us in our pride and brings us salvation from it, if we allow Him. We need, above everything, to be saved from our pride and our self-will. It is good to be saved from sins of stealing, murdering and every other evil, but man needs to be saved from the root of all sins, man's self-will and pride. In his pride, man reads his Bible less, prays less, not caring to worship His Creator, not knowing Him by His eternal Name Yahweh. Exodus 3:15, Psalm 68:4, Isaiah 42:8, Zechariah 13:9, Matthew 12:21, Romans 2:24, Revelation 2:17.

Everyone needs to be saved from nothing more than from themselves! That is the lesson which we must learn if we are to enter into the life of rest. How can we enter into that life, dwell there in the mighty arms of Yahweh, and let Yahshua have His home in us? Pride must leave and Yahshua must come into our lives. Then and only then are we at one with our Savior and He will rule us.

What causes divisions, strife and envying? What causes evil speaking, estrangement between brethren, selfishness and indifference to the feeling of others? Simply this, man's pride. He lifts himself up and claims the right to have his opinions and judgments as he pleases. The salvation we need is indeed humility, because it is only through

humility and repenting that we can be restored to our right relationship with Yahweh the Almighty.

"Waiting on Yahweh," is the only true expression for the real relationship of the Believer to his Creator. Psalm 27:13-14, and Psalm 37:1-11. Oh that we become as nothing before Yahweh Almighty! What is the essential idea of being made by our Creator Yahweh? It is this: to be a vessel in which He can pour out His fullness, His goodness, His power and strength, and His love. If we are to be filled with the Life of Yahweh, we must be utterly emptied of self. This is the majesty of Yahweh that He will fill His redeemed and repentant people. Be empty and as nothing before Yahweh and wait upon Him and let Yahweh be all in all! Psalm 130:5.

Humility has a prominent place in almost every epistle of the New Testament. Paul says to: walk with all lowliness and meekness, with long suffering, forbearing one another in love, and so keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Ephesians 4:2-3. The nearer you are to Yahweh and His fullness, the lowlier you will be. It is good to read 1 Peter 5:5-6. Peter understood and preached humility to all. It is indeed the Salvation we need! What is it that prevents people from coming to that entire surrender I have spoken of? It is simply that they do not dare abandon themselves and trust in Yahweh more than any time before. They are not willing to be nothing, to give up their wishes, their will and their honor to Yahshua. Can we refuse the Salvation that Yahshua offers us? He gave up His own will, His own honor, and lived dependent upon His Father, as a servant whom the Father had sent. This is the salvation we need, the spirit of humility that was in Yahshua! Let us learn from our elder brother and high priest Yahshua, it will do us good. Please read James 4:6 and Luke 14:11.

Dear friends and brethren, Yahshua can be yours. He was the perfect sacrifice/offering that Yahweh could accept. Come and see the Lamb of Yahweh who took away all our sin. Let us give thanks to Yahweh because He, Yahweh, spared our lives and made us righteous in and through Yahshua, the Lamb of the Almighty, which took away our sins, guilt, shame and unbelief. Through Yahshua we have all received unthinkable riches and wealth!

Have you worshiped Him and given Him the high esteem and honor due Him every day? Is He really living in you? Have you ever thought about His atonement and His exaltation? Do you know about and have you accepted His feast days and His ways, or do you still hang onto other worldly days and ways? If so, then humble yourselves, repent, pray and ask Him to make Himself known to you. Ask Yahshua and He will surely save you. Be humble, be meek and ask for forgiveness for your sins. Ask and receive His salvation. Let Yahshua live in you and praise Him. Read Psalm 135.

How to possess humility? First we must desire it above everything. Let us pray, or let us learn to pray that Yahweh will deliver us from every vestige of pride. Let us learn to set aside other things in our lives, read Yahweh's true Word, the Scriptures, believing what it says. Every word of Yahweh is infallible. Pray every day that Yahweh the Sovereign may show you meekness and teach you humility. He will fulfill the desire of your heart. Will you claim and accept humility as yours? Read Philipians 2:9-15. Verse 13, "For it is Elohim which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." Oh, that Yahweh might give us a vision of what this means. Yahshua is around us and is waiting for us to surrender. There is nothing in heaven and on earth that can keep the light of Yahshua from shining into the heart that is empty and lonely.

Do not be afraid. He is the light of the world. It is His pleasure to enlighten the paths of His own here on this dreary earth. Come today, get refreshed in the blessed power of

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BLOOD

Leviticus 17:11 For the life is in the blood and I have given it for you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that makes atonement, by reason of the life (which it presents). **Romans 3:24** All are justified and made upright and in right standing with Yahweh freely and gratuitously by His grace, through the redemption which is (provided) in Yahshua the Messiah. Verse 25 Whom Yahweh put forward (before the eyes of all) as a mercy seat and propitiation by His blood-- (to be received) through faith. This was to show Yahweh's righteousness, because in His divine forbearance He had passed over and ignored former sins without punishment. Verse 26 It was to demonstrate; and prove at the present time (in the now season) that He Himself is righteous he who has (true) faith in Yahshua. So if blood is life then if we accept Yahshua's life in place of ours in true faith and allow our life to be replaced by His, we will have to live as He would live and not as we selfishly live for ourselves. Maybe that is what it means to die daily. **Let's make sure that we are covered by His Blood every hour of every day.**

Blood What exactly does it mean to be covered by *The Blood*? Let's explore the functions of the *blood* to understand. **Blood** has four functions: Life, Nutrition, Elimination, and Protection.

1. It delivers Oxygen to every cell in the body, without which we would quickly die. **Genesis 2:7** Elohim ... breathed into his nostrils the BREATH (pneuma, spirit) of life: and man became a living being. He sent His Holy Spirit (pneuma, inspire, ... respiratory system) to inspire us, to lead and direct our lives.

2. It delivers Nutrition to every cell in the body, without which we would starve to death. **John 6:35** Yahshua replied, I am the Bread of Life. He who comes to Me will never be hungry and he who believes on and cleaves to and trusts in and relies on Me will never thirst any more -- at any time. **John 1:1** In the beginning (before all time) was the Word (#3056 logos, referring to the Messiah) and the Word was with Yahweh (#2316 Theos meaning the Supreme Divinity), and the Word was Yahweh*. **Revelation 19:13** He dressed in a robe dyed by dipping in blood, and the title by which He is called is The Word of Yahweh. The word of Yahweh is hidden throughout the Bible, and we should eat (read) the word daily or we will starve to death, the second (final) death. **John 5:39** You search and investigate and pore over the Scriptures diligently, because you suppose and trust that you have eternal life through them. **And these very Scriptures testify about Me.**

3. The third function of the Blood is Elimination (to carry away impurities....sin). **John 1:29** The next day John saw Yahshua coming to him and said, **Look! There is the Lamb of Yahweh, Who takes away the sins of the world.** Aren't you tired of carrying the heavy burdens of sin. **If** you give all your cares and worries, bad habits,

*John 10:30 I and My Father are One. ... John 17:11 And [now] I am no more in the world, but these are in the world and I am coming to **You, Holy Father**, keep in Your **Name** [in the knowledge of Yourself] them whom **You** have given **Me**, that they may be One as We are One.

My point here is to establish that though the Father and Son are separate persons, they are One in spirit and purpose even as we are to be one in spirit and purpose, though we are still separate individuals. In Genesis the Creator is called Elohim, which is plural, meaning that both the Father and the son were doing the creating..... Genesis 1:26 Elohim said, Let US make mankind in OUR Image. The same idea is given in Genesis 2:24. Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and shall become united and cleave to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. In a marriage, two people become one in purpose, they bear the same Name.

difficulties, etc. all of your problems to him, **He will** carry them away. **Matthew 11:28-30** Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy laden *and* overburdened, and I will cause you to rest --- relief, ease and refreshment and recreation and blessed quiet --- for your souls. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am gentle (meek) *and* humble (lowly) in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My Yoke is wholesome (useful, good) -- not harsh, hard, sharp or pressing, but comfortable, gracious, and pleasant; and My burden is light *and* easy to be born.

4. The fourth function the blood performs is **Protection** (guards against infection and helps maintain homeostasis). **Ephesians 6:10** Be strong in Yahweh, be empowered through your union with Him; draw your strength from Him -- that strength which His (boundless) **might provides**. Now that we know what being covered by the Blood means, and we have accepted Yahshua's Sacrifice, What do we do next? Many people labor under the misunderstanding that this gift of Grace, unmerited favor is free. **It is not** Yahshua the Messiah paid dearly, He gave His all, His Life for ours. We now belong to Him. We **must** do our part **2 Thessalonians 1:11** With this in view we constantly pray for you, that our Elohim may deem *and* count you worthy of (your) calling and (His) every gracious purpose of goodness, and with power, complete in every particular (your) **work of faith**, (faith which is that leaning of the whole human personality) on Elohim in **absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom and goodness**.

You will **never** be alone, He will **never** leave or forsake you (Hebrews 13:5). We have this promise. **Isaiah 65:24** And it shall be that before they call I will answer, and while they are yet speaking I will hear. **Isaiah 58:9-11** Then you shall call, and Yahweh will answer; you shall cry and He will say, Here I am, **IF** you take away from your midst yokes of oppression (where ever you find them) the finger pointed in scorn (toward the oppressed or the people of Elohim) and every form of false, harsh, unjust *and* wicked speaking. And **IF** you pour out that with which you sustain your own life for the hungry, and satisfy the need of the afflicted (less fortunate), then shall your light rise in darkness and your obscurity *and* gloom be as the noonday. And Yahweh shall guide you continually, and satisfy you in drought *and* in dry places, and make strong your bones. And you shall be like a watered garden and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.

That the Name of our Savior Yahshua the Messiah be glorified *and* become more glorious through *and* in you, and may you (also be glorified) in Him according to the grace (favor and blessing) of our Elohim and the Savior Yahshua the Messiah, the Anointed One.

James 2:26 For as the human body apart from the spirit is lifeless, so faith apart from (its) works of obedience is also dead. *We have a work to do!!!*

Ephesians 6: 11-17 Put on Yahweh's whole armor -- the armor of a heavy-armed soldier, which Yahweh supplies -- that you may be able successfully to stand up against (all) the strategies *and* deceits of the devil (to stand your ground on the evil day of danger), and having done all, (the crisis demands) to stand firmly in your place. Your uniform: **Ephesians 6:13-17** Tighten the **Belt** (girdle) of truth around your loins (we need to have the strength of truth to overcome). Put on the **Breastplate** of Integrity and of moral rectitude and right standing with Yahweh (from the smallest --- no little white lies --- to the largest). Shod your **Feet** with preparation..... be prompt and ready to share the good news of Peace (memorize Scripture). Take the **Shield** of Faith

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FORGIVENESS

Forgive or Forget It!

There I was seated in row 17, flying from Miami to Oklahoma. I began to daydream, thinking about a friend of mine who had once treated me (what I thought was) unfairly in a financial dealing we had had. As I turned the whole incident over in my mind, I remembered how I had originally consoled my bruised feelings by thinking to myself, "Well, that's okay, it's Yahweh's money anyway - Yahweh will deal with him."

However, flying on that jet through the night, I started to get an uneasy feeling inside, almost like vengeance. All of a sudden, it was not enough to put the whole thing in Yahweh's hands. I found myself thinking, "Sure hope the Mashiach [Messiah] brings that whole thing up when so-and-so stands before Him on the day of judgement."

Then, immediately, the Mashiach [Messiah] broke into my thoughts and said to me, "I'll be glad to bring it up -- as long as you don't mind Me bringing up all the stupid things you've done!" I burst out laughing, right there in row 17. All at once, I saw the sad hilarity of it all. I had never really forgiven him at all! Even with all my spiritualizing about the Judgement Seat, what I was really saying in my heart was, "He'll get his!" With one sentence, the RuachHakodesh [Holy Spirit] showed me gross unforgiveness in my heart - not only toward this brother, but also toward many others that had hurt or offended me.

In an instant, I completely understood Yahshua's words, *But if you do not forgive others their trespasses [their reckless and willful sins, leaving them, letting them go, and giving up resentment], neither will your Father forgive you your trespasses.* Mattityahu (Matthew) 6:15.

THE UNMERCIFUL SLAVE

In the 18th chapter of Matthew (vs. 23-35), there's an incredible tale about this person who owed the king a whole lot of money. *"And... there was brought to the king, one who owed him 10,000 talents" (worth more than ten million dollars today). "But since that slave did not have the means to repay, the king commanded him to be sold, along with his wife and children, with all that he had, and repayment to be made. The slave, therefore, falling down, prostrated himself before the king saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will repay you everything.' And the [master] of the slave felt compassion and released him and forgave him the debt."*

I think the most beautiful part of this story is the fact that the king forgave him the debt... over ten million dollars worth! The main reason he canceled it was that although the slave promised to eventually repay it, it was obviously an impossible amount of debt to ever work off in one lifetime. Therefore, in his compassion, the king released him from it forever... or did he? Let's read on...

It says immediately in the next verse (vs. 28) *"But that slave went out and found one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denari" (a denarius was a day's wage--worth about 18 cents) [maybe worth \$100 today?], "and began to choke him, saying, 'Pay back what you owe!' So his fellow slave fell down and began begging him, saying, 'Have patience with me and I will repay you.' He was unwilling, however, (to forgive him) but threw him into prison until he should repay what was owed."*

Can you imagine the nerve? You have just been forgiven ten million dollars, and instead of going out and celebrating, you go and find some poor Joe who owes you 18 bucks [\$100?!] He's probably heard about your good fortune through the grapevine and

thinks you are gonna invite him to the party, when all of a sudden you start strangling the daylight out of him. In addition, when he asks you to be patient and give him a few days to repay you, you refuse and throw him in jail. It might not sound like something you would do, but I bet you have done it before. Remember Matthew 18:28.

You see, if Yahshua has forgiven your sins, you have had an incredible debt erased. Any bitterness or unforgiveness in your heart, after the total amnesty you have received, makes you as bad as the unmerciful slave. His unforgiveness was not only stupid; it also blew the whole deal with the king!

For... "when his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were deeply grieved and came and reported it to the king. Then, summoning the slave, the king said, You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Should you not also have had mercy on your fellow slave, even as I had mercy on you?"

*"And in anger his master turned him over to the jailers for punishment until he paid back every thing he owed." Yahshua adds the stinger... "**This is how my heavenly Father will treat you, unless you each forgive your brother from your hearts.**" Matthew 18:34.*

Yahshua certainly could not have made Himself any clearer about how upset our Father in heaven gets when, after forgiving us for an eternal debt of sin, we hold some little five-and-dime grudge against someone else "for whom the Mashiach [Messiah] died."

I think it is also important to note that the debt the king had originally called off was now on again--**and in full!** ... "Whoever has ears, let him hear."

A ROOT OF BITTERNESS

Bitterness is a deadly thing -- a real cancer. In Hebrews 12:15, it says, *Exercise foresight and be on the watch to look [after one another], to see that no one falls back from and fails to secure Yahweh's grace (His unmerited favor and spiritual blessing), in order that no root of resentment (rancor, bitterness, or hatred) shoots forth and causes trouble and bitter torment, and the many become contaminated and defiled by it.*

According to this Scripture, bitterness cannot only hurt you, but it can spread like gangrene to others! When you trace the life histories of men like Adolph Hitler, for example, you find that the great evils they engaged in later in life had their roots in deep-seated hurt from early in their childhood.

The mass-murders of the Charles Manson family stemmed from Manson's bitterness toward a record producer who did not like music. Outraged, Manson sent his "family" to the producer's house (not knowing that he had moved) and told them to kill anyone they found there. The appalling result was that all of the victims ended up to be people who Manson had never ever met, showing that when bitterness runs unchecked in our hearts it can spill over into other people's lives, and *"by it, many be defiled."* ...

Because when they knew and recognized Him as Yahweh, they did not honor and glorify Him as Yahweh or give Him thanks. But instead they became futile and godless [unrighteous] in their thinking [with vain imaginings, foolish reasoning, and stupid speculations] and their senseless minds were darkened. Romans 1:21

"IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING AGAINST YOUR BROTHER..."

At any rate, all this goes to warn us that if we have **anything** in our hearts against **anyone**, we should go to that person quickly and get the whole matter totally cleared up. It might be our parents, or an employer, teacher, or even a husband or wife. However, in

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ORDAINING ELDERS

We may hear: Is he ordained? Who ordained him? Is he an ordained elder?

Just what is an ordained elder? Let's let Scripture answer.

In only two places do we read of ordained elders: Acts 14:23 and Titus 1:5. In Acts 14:23 the Greek word from which "ordain" is translated means to elect by stretching out the hand. In Titus 1:5 it means to place down. Many translations say "appoint" rather than "ordain." "Establish" and "institute" are also used. To place one in a position is the obvious meaning.

The word for "elder" means an aged person. And from Titus 1:5-7 we see that an ordained elder is a bishop. The Greek word for bishop means overseer, superintendent; and indeed, numerous translations say "overseer" rather than "bishop." He is also a male as Titus 1:6 and 1 Timothy 3:2 indicate. Other qualifications are also given in these two places.

So an ordained elder is an aged male who has been placed down to be an overseer, superintendent. Notice that it was to be done in every assembly and city. It simply means to put a qualified person in charge of overseeing assembly operations. Chaotic disorder can develop without such a one. The Almighty is not of disorder, 1 Corinthians 14:33.

The ordained elder is not necessarily extremely old because he may yet have children at home to keep ruly, Titus 1:6 and 1 Timothy 3:4. The Hebrew word for elder as in 1 Kings 8:3 suggests "bearded."

Whether elaborate ceremony is attached or not, the very act of placing him down, appointing him to the overseeing position, makes him an ordained elder; because "ordained" means placed in a position.

Of course it would be good it seems to anoint and pray for the person in the Name of Yahshua, the Messiah, that he will well perform in his position of elder, overseer, Exodus 30:30, James 5:14; and it could be publicly proclaimed at such time that he is an ordained elder.

It is common practice to simply call him an elder. Elders and deacons are spoken of like Philippians 1:1 speaks of bishops and deacons, without the word "ordained." But keep in mind that any aged person is an elder. However, they have not all been placed down (ordained) into overseeing positions. So there are elders not ordained. And there are ordained elders customarily called merely "elders." Thus there are elders, and there are elders -- the latter title usually written with a capital "E", such as Elder John Doe.

By: Elder George Kinney

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the light of this parable, we can see that however much anyone has hurt us, it does not even compare to the free gift - Yahweh's pardon for our sins. We must not put that forgiveness in danger of being made void by our refusal to "go and do likewise." For the Word of Yahweh says, "If possible... be at peace with all men... for these things are from Yahweh, who reconciled us to Himself through Yahshua the Mashiach [Messiah], and gave us **the ministry of reconciliation.**" Romans 12:18; 2 Corinthians 5:18.

By: Rabbi Dr. Joseph J. Miraglia Th. D Ph.D.

THE HOLY SABBATH

One of the questions often asked by a person just coming into the faith is, "How can I please Yahweh?" One of the ways they might find is to obey the Ten Commandments. The Commandments cover a wide range of love to Yahweh and man. The first four, we find, show us how to love our Creator.

1. He tells us to have no other gods [deities] before Him.
2. We shouldn't make any graven image, to serve or bow down before it.
3. We shouldn't take His name in vain.
4. Lastly, in the commandments pertaining to loving Yahweh, we should remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy [separated].

Neither the reader, nor anyone around them should work on that day. The reason: "For in six days Yahweh made heaven and earth, the sea and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore Yahweh blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it." (Exodus 20:8-11).

These verses are full of basic truth for us today. Why do we remember the Sabbath? To **keep** it holy. Who made it holy? Yahweh, when He blessed and hallowed it. Should we keep the one He instituted, or choose one that is convenient for us? He says He rested on the seventh day. He sanctified and made that day holy. He didn't make any other day holy. Later, He did thousands of miracles while the children of Israel were in the wilderness to show them which day that was, because they had lost knowledge of it.

Today we might say, "Well a day begins at midnight, so we'll keep the Sabbath from midnight to midnight." We would find we would be wrong in Yahweh's eyes if we kept it by Roman time. He shows us what His day is in Genesis one.

Genesis one, verse 5 says, "...And the evening and the morning were the first day. In verse 8 we read, "...And the evening and the morning were the second day. In verse 13 of the Bible we see, "...And the evening and the morning were the third day." He repeats this explanation for the fourth day in verse 19, the fifth day in verse 23 and the sixth day in verse 31. This pattern of evening and morning showed how He created and counted the days. As a further proof, He spelled it out for the children of Israel in Leviticus 23:32, speaking of the yearly Sabbath of the Day of Atonement. He said, "It shall be unto you a Sabbath of rest, and ye shall afflict your souls: in the ninth day of the month at even, from even to even, shall ye celebrate your Sabbath." Yahweh's day is **from even to even**.

The Sabbath day is the **sign of the covenant** between Yahweh and the children of Israel. Yahweh told Moses, "Six days may work be done; but in the seventh is the Sabbath of rest, holy to Yahweh: whoever doeth any work in the Sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath throughout their generations for a perpetual covenant. It is a sign between me and the children of Israel forever: for in six days Yahweh made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed." (Ex. 31:15-17). He's telling us here that the day the children of Israel were told to keep holy was the same one that He had rested on after the Creation. This sequence of days has not been lost: Yahshua agreed with the Jews in His day and recognized the Sabbath day.

"And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up for to read." (Luke 4:16).

Ezekiel 20:12 says, "Moreover also I gave them my Sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am Yahweh that sanctifies them."

Isaiah 56:2, "Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that layeth hold on it; that keepeth the Sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil."

In the New Testament, Paul went into the synagogue on the Sabbath. See Acts 13:14, Acts 13:42-44, Acts 16:13, and Acts 18:1-4.

The Commandments are the basic part of the law that was to be kept from Creation to the present. They showed people their sin. Sin is the transgression of the law. "... I had not known sin, but by the law, for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet." (Romans 7:7).

When one came to Yahshua asking what good thing he should do to have eternal life, Yahshua said to him, "...if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments." (Matthew 19:17). To show that He meant the original ten, He said, "Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Honor thy father and thy mother: and Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." (Matthew 19:18-19).

Yahshua summed it up for us in Matthew 22:37-40: "Yahshua said unto him, Thou shalt love Yahweh, thy Elohim with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Revelation shows the assembly to be keeping the Commandments, too, in the end time: (Revelation 12:17). Certainly, the New Testament upholds the law of the Old. If we love Yahweh, we will obey Him. If we keep His Sabbath, it is a sign that we are His. That specific time has been sanctified and made holy. In the end time, those who will not take the mark of the beast are described this way: "Here is the patience of the saints that keep the commandments of Yahweh and the faith of Yahshua." (Rev. 14:12). You can't keep His commandments and ignore the fourth one, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." (Ex. 20:8). **The Sabbath is the seventh day of the week.** There have been attempts to change the calendar, but the seventh day has stayed the same through history. Let us obey. Pneuma Publishing - Jean Zachary - January 4, 2001

YAHSHUA'S HUMILITY - OUR SALVATION

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His humility. Say to Yahshua, "I am willing to learn, to live my life in meekness to demonstrate your attitude around me."

Yahshua is aware that our lives are lacking and that we may not know what we are lacking. Our self-will, our pride hinders us from completeness. When we are willing to hand to Yahshua what we hold dear, He will take over and will fill the empty places with His peaceful presence. A new "You" is born! From then on, take hold of His strong arm and His guiding light. Fear nothing anymore, because your Savior is on your side and He will guide you. Look up to Him, learn daily of His humble attitude and His love toward you.

With Yahweh's Spirit in you now, rejoice and testify, "Yahshua is mine and I am His. I am eager now to walk as my Master walked in humility and meekness that I may magnify His great Name and become His child; and humbly belong to that great family of Yahweh!" May Yahweh bless you and keep you closest to His heart.

By: Elder Otto H. Miesel

WELLNESS CENTER

In the general population, degenerative diseases are on the rise, almost everyone knows someone who has lost a loved one to cancer, heart attacks, strokes, diabetes, etc. The believers in the Body of Yahweh are suffering from the same diseases as the general population. We advocate the Clean Food Laws. However, many believers are consuming harmful substances, perhaps unaware of so doing. “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.” (*The Word of Yahweh* version). Believers are consuming harmful substances, such as ice cream, diet pop, white sugar, white flour, coffee, salt and meat. The ice cream that was made by our grandmothers was not as harmful as ice cream that is mass produced today with harmful chemicals. The flour products used by our foreparents were not bleached and contained the bran and wheat germ. Animals that were raised for food thirty years ago did not have the growth hormones that are used today to speed up the growth of the animals, to market them as soon as possible. Livestock in the distant past was not fed grains grown with pesticides and herbicides.

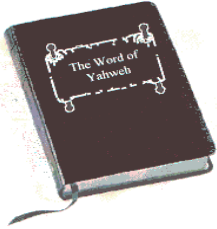
Many believers in the Body do not want to hear the subject of “Health.” We want to continue to be creatures of habits and we do not want anyone to suggest that there is a relationship between what we eat and the degree of health or lack of health that we experience. People of Yah should be set apart from the habits of people of the world and should concern themselves with the dietary laws that were given by Yahweh. We need to go back to the garden, to the original diet given by Yahweh in Genesis 1:29. We need to eat more raw fruits and vegetables and stop destroying the life force in our foods by cooking them. Paul states in Romans 12:1-2, “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of Elohim, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto Elohim, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of Elohim.” (*The Word of Yahweh* version).

Many people, suffering degenerative diseases, have been able to overcome their problems by merely changing their dietary habits. Much suffering will be alleviated if we become more conscious of the quality of food that we put into our bodies. If it tastes good, we eat it without asking, “How is this food going to nourish my body temple, the indwelling place of Yahweh’s Spirit? Generally, we do not give any thought to the fact that the state of our health is determined by the food we partake. We often pray to Yahweh for healing, expecting Faith Healing, without works on our part. “Even so faith, if it has not works, is dead, being alone.” (James 2:17, *The Word of Yahweh* version).

Due to our concern for the brethren, we are in the process of starting a Wellness Center at the Assembly of Yahweh, Eaton Rapids, MI, where Yahweh’s people can come to health retreats for one to two weeks of training in the Living Foods Lifestyle. This includes: indoor gardening year round, sprouting for health, colon cleansing, the importance of fasting for spiritual, emotional and physical well-being, meditation on scriptures, food preparation, food combining for better digestion, and transitioning from the Standard American Diet (SAD) to healthy eating.

For more information, please forward your inquiries to the Assembly of Yahweh, Wellness Committee, P.O. Box 102, Holt, MI 48842.

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We have a sizable waiting list of requests from prisoners and a very large number of requests from foreign countries (some dating back several years). The Eaton Rapids Assembly endeavored to fill requests for free Bibles for several years before publishing The Word of Yahweh. If you would like to help us in this endeavor to spread the good news, please fill in the above form and mail with the necessary information, your donation (check or money order/U.S. dollars please) to the Assembly of Yahweh, 1017 N. Gunnell Road, Eaton Rapids, Michigan 48827. All designated donations, orders, etc. go directly into the Bible Fund which is separate from the Assembly's funds. All labor is a labor of love and is strictly volunteer.

E-MAIL LETTERS

Tuesday, April 17, 2001

This is Tony Suckla writing from South India and I want to thank you so much for the Bibles that you sent and I just received them on Monday, April 16, 2001. It was the last day of the Feast of Unleavened for us here in India. I consider these Bibles more valuable than gold. There were ten Bibles in all, the one that I ordered and nine donated ones. Do thank Dorothy Snethen, Jeffery Thomas, Mona Baylon and Alex Jay who sponsored them. ...

I have given one to my translator and I plan on giving one to a man named M.S. Naidu. I will distribute the others to dedicated English speaking believers as the Spirit leads me. ...

In Yahshua's Name,
Tony Suckla

Thursday, April 19, 2001

Greetings to you in the name of our Heavenly Father Yahweh through His son Yahshua the Messiah. Hoping that the just concluded Feast of Yahweh was a feast of joy.

The Word of Yahweh Holy scripture came to hand on April 11, 2001 and I wish to express my profound gratitude for this wonderful gift. I am short of words of appreciation especially to the assembly that made the donation. All I can say is that may our Heavenly Father reward their efforts and count us worthy of His Kingdom during Yahshua the Messiah's second coming.

Thanks and may Yahweh bless you all - Hallelu Yahweh. ...

Yours,
Elder Yanathan Ajimuda
Lagos, Nigeria, West Africa

BLOOD

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with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. (Be in the habit of turning to him with any and all problems, large or small.) **Wear the Helmet of Salvation** (Philippians 2:5 Let the same attitude *and* purpose *and* (humble) mind be in you which was in Yahshua the Messiah -- let Him be your humility). **Carry the Sword of the Spirit which is the word of Yahweh** (Psalms 19:14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Yahweh, my (firm, impenetrable) rock and my redeemer.

Ephesians 6:12 For we are not wrestling with flesh and blood -- contending only with physical opponents -- but against the despotism, against the power, against (the master spirits who are) the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spirit forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) sphere. *Thank you for taking time to read this study. May Yahweh abundantly Bless you.*

By: G.H. Mizell

IN MEMORIAM

Ruth Fink

(Philadelphia, Pennsylvania)

Ruth Fink fell asleep in Yahshua April 6, 2001, after a period of illness, just one day after her 95th birthday. Ruth was the wife of the late Wilbur Fink and mother of the late Paul, Doris and Janet, and surviving sons Fred, William and Robert; 24 grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. She also leaves behind two sisters, Mary Taylor and Ella Michaelis; and two brothers, Richard and Alfred Francis.

Ruth taught school for many years, retiring in the early '70's. Ruth played the piano and organ and was enthusiastic in her search for truth in the scriptures. She conducted meetings in her home for many years. She purchased cartons of bibles and sent them overseas to missions and friends. She attended many Feasts of Tabernacles at the Assembly of Yahweh in Eaton Rapids, Michigan and was always a blessing with her sweet and loving spirit. She was always a good samaritan who saw to the needs of others. Ruth was a faithful supporter of The Faith magazine for many years. She wrote several articles which were printed in The Faith. Ruth was a crusader, spreading the message of the scriptures to others.

She will be missed by her family, her friends, her spiritual brothers and sisters; all who knew and loved her.

Elisha Shuler

(Virginia)

Elisha Shuler was born on April 26, 1911 in Hartsville, South Carolina, he departed this life on April 6, 2001. Elisha Shuler married Melrose Sweeney in 1938. In 1955, Elder Shuler relocated his family to Washington, D.C. Melrose passed away in 1961. Later, Elder Shuler accepted the Sacred Name of Yahweh and joined Congregation of the Messiah as an associate minister in 1963. There he met Mymie L. Portier.

In his early years, Elisha worked as a superintendent for Hartsville Print and Dye Works. After moving to Washington, D.C., he worked for Cantwell Paper Company and retired about 1965. He then ran a parking lot business until relocating to Virginia.

In the 1970's, Elder Shuler began the Latter Day Disciples Ministry. He will be remembered for teaching on Israel, prophecies, and his stand on Yahweh's truth. Many people came into the knowledge of this truth through him and his wife, Mymie Shuler. Elder Shuler leaves to mourn his devoted wife Mymie, 14 children, 17 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, 4 daughters-in-law, 3 sons-in-law, 2 sisters-in-law, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Yahweh's

2001 Calendar

New Moons		Annual Convocation Days
Jan. 26	YAHSHUA'S MEMORIAL (Passover) APRIL 9 Celebrate APRIL 8 after sunset	April 10
Feb. 25	FESTIVAL OF UNLEAVENED BREAD APRIL 10 through APRIL 16	April 16
Mar. 27	FEAST (appointment) OF WEEKS MAY 30 See Leviticus 23:10, 11, 15, 16, 21	May 30
April 25	FEAST (appointment) OF TRUMPETS SEPTEMBER 19	Sept. 19
May 25	DAY (appointment) OF ATONEMENT SEPTEMBER 28	Sept. 28
June 23	FEAST OF TABERNACLES (Booths or Huts) OCTOBER 3 through OCTOBER 9	Oct. 3
July 22	LAST GREAT DAY OCTOBER 10	Oct. 10
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