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**Seek ye Yahweh while He may  
Be found, call ye upon Him  
While He is near:**

Isaiah 55:6

**Seek ye Yahweh, all ye meek  
Of the earth, which have wrought  
His judgment; seek righteousness, seek  
Meekness: it may be ye shall be hid  
In the day of Yahweh's anger.**

Zephaniah 2:3

**But seek ye first His kingdom and  
Righteousness; and all these things  
Shall be added unto you.**

Matthew 6:33

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

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## EDITORIAL

# Seek ye First His Kingdom

Matthew 6:33 – But seek ye first His kingdom and righteousness: and all these things shall be added unto you. Yahshua spoke these words as a confirmation when speaking to the multitudes on the mountain (Matthew 5).

What are these things that shall be added unto us? Matthew 6:25-32 – Therefore I say unto you, Be not anxious for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? Which of you while anxious can add one cubit unto his stature? And why are you anxious about clothes? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his dignity was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if Elohim so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

Yahshua told the righteous Israelites that their priority was to seek the Kingdom of Yahweh first. The prophet Zephaniah wrote an admonition regarding the great day of Yahweh. Zephaniah 1:14 through 2:3 – The great day of Yahweh is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of Yahweh: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly. That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, A day of the trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities, and against the high towers. And I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against Yahweh: and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as the dung. Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of Yahweh's wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy: for he shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land. Gather yourselves together, yea, gather together, O nation not desired; Before the decree bring forth, before the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of Yahweh come upon you, before the day of Yahweh's anger come upon you. Seek ye Yahweh, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of Yahweh's anger.

See Zechariah 8:20-22 – Thus saith Yahweh of hosts; It shall yet come to pass, that there shall come people, and the inhabitants of many cities: And the inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, let us go speedily to pray before Yahweh, and to seek Yahweh of hosts: I will go also. Yea, many people and strong nations shall come to seek Yahweh of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before Yahweh.

Also Micah 4:1-5 – But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of Yahweh shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of Yahweh, and to the house of the Elohim of

Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of Yahweh from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of Yahweh of hosts hath spoken it. For all people will walk every one in the name of his mighty one, and we will walk in the name of Yahweh our Elohim for ever and ever.

And almost the same words in Isaiah 2:1-4 – The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of Yahweh's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow into it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of Yahweh, to the house of the Elohim of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of Yahweh from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Please read Malachi 3 the whole chapter, it begins – Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Sovereign, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith Yahweh of hosts. But who may abide the day of his coming? And who shall stand when he appeareth? ... Verses 7-10 – Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith Yahweh of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return? Will a man rob Elohim? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith Yahweh of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing of sufficiency. ... Verses 16-18 – Then they that feared Yahweh spake often one to another: and Yahweh hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared Yahweh, and that thought upon his name. And they shall be mine, saith Yahweh of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him. Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth Elohim and him that serveth him not.

I'm sure we all remember reading the account of Zacchaeus and Yahshua in Luke 19:1-10 – And Yahshua entered and passed through Jericho. And, behold, there was a man name Zacchaeus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich. And he sought to see Yahshua who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature. And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him: for he was to pass that way. And when Yahshua came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for to day I must abide at thy house. And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner. And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Master; Behold, Master the half of my

goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold. And Yahshua said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forso much as he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

Yahshua, the savior of the world, visited Zacchaeus in his house! Notice that he repented of his wrongdoing and immediately wanted to make it right. We may see a brother or sister going around asking for forgiveness; paying an outstanding debt; making right a wrong; on the road to salvation. Yahshua said to Zacchaeus, This day is salvation come to this house. We also see in the account of Zacchaeus and Yahshua that Yahshua knew this publican had influence over many people, so he made it a point to seek him out and visit him, giving Zacchaeus the opportunity to repent and change his ways.

Luke 15:1-7 – Then drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him. And the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them. And he spake this parable unto them, saying, What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it? And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost. I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance. Many readers might think this is referring to someone else, not themselves. What if you were the lost sheep? Or I? We would be rejoicing!

Ezekiel 34:11-16 – For thus saith the Sovereign Yahweh; Behold I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out. As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day. ... I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick: but I will destroy the fat and the strong; I will feed them with judgment.

When the woman of Samaria met Yahshua at Jacob's well (John chapter 4), after speaking with him; in Verse 19 she said, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet. Verses 23-26 – But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. Elohim is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. The woman saith unto him, I know that the Anointed cometh, which is called the Messiah: when he is come, he will tell us all things. Yahshua saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he.

Yahshua indeed was a prophet, and the Anointed One, and the Messiah. He came to seek and to save that which was lost. Our duty is to seek the Kingdom, live according to the Commandments, choose the right way (righteousness), love one another, go the extra mile, forgive seventy times seven: **Love Yahweh and Yahshua with all our heart, mind and soul, and love our neighbor as ourselves.**

Samuel A. Graham

# WHO RULES?

Who rules our life? This is an interesting question. Many readers may answer that Yahweh is the ruler of their life. That is a good thought. In a sense it is true. Yahweh can do as He wills with any person. He can strike down a “healthy” person by lightning, heart attack, or traffic accident at any moment. But I doubt that He does that very often.

He did do it once: **Genesis 6:7** Yahweh said, **"I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky; for I am sorry that I have made them."**

We have to admit that most of mankind has not gotten better since Noah's time. Even so, Yahweh still lets us live and He gives us a choice to do good or to do evil. Moses wrote: **Deuteronomy 30:19** **"I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So CHOOSE LIFE in order that you may live, you and your descendants, 20 by loving Yahweh your Elohim, by obeying His voice, and by holding fast to Him; for this is your life and the length of your days, that you may live in the land which Yahweh swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them."**

Yahweh has given every person freedom to choose his or her path. He has also given us a guide book which tells us the best path to follow. **Jeremiah 6:16** Thus says Yahweh, **"Stand by the ways and see and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is, and walk in it; and you will find rest for your souls. But they said, 'We will not walk in it.'"**

I believe that Yahweh made man to be His companion, His child, and His co-worker forever. He wanted us to love Him with a whole heart and He wanted us to do some good work together with Him. In His wisdom Yahweh knew that only in freedom can there be true love, true obedience, and truly great creativity. Compelling us to come to Him is not what Yahweh had in mind at all. When man was created Yahweh already had angels. Angels are powerful spirit beings who follow directions well. But angels were made without the free will He needed for His children. (The angels did have enough free will to follow Lucifer into rebellion. Apparently they were told to follow him and Lucifer had enough free will to rebel.)

We find Yahweh saying things like this: **Exodus 19:5** **"Now therefore, if you will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then you shall be a peculiar [very special] treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: 6 And you shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation. These are the words which you (Moses) shalt speak unto the children of Israel."**

It is not that Yahweh demands obedience AS A PAYMENT for the privilege of being His special people and having a close relationship with Him. It is just that we must have that nature within us in order to be physically and emotionally near to Him. Our relationship with Yahweh depends on us having that character.

He makes it pretty clear in the clean foods chapter: **Leviticus 11:44** “**For I am Yahweh your Elohim, and you shall sanctify yourselves, and you shall be holy, for I am holy. Neither shall you defile yourselves with any kind of swarming thing that swarms on the earth. 45 For I am Yahweh who brought you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your Elohim. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.**”

He wants to be our Mighty One. That is why He brought us out of Egypt. That is why He sent His only son to die for us. But it can't work unless we are clean, and pure in our hearts and minds.

If we want to be with Yahweh and the resurrected Yahshua then we must have that changed nature. Paul describes it as “incorruptible:” **1 Cor. 15:50** “**And I say this, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of Yahweh, nor does corruption inherit incorruption. 51 Look, I'm telling you a secret; we shall not all fall asleep, but we shall all be changed; 52 in a moment, in a blink of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall all be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal put on immortality.**”

So, Yahweh needs children who love Him and love one another. Humans all have the creativity He is looking for. But the love seems to be the problem for us. He is willing to help us with it but we have to make that main hard decision all by ourselves. Will we love Yahweh with all our heart and all our soul and all our strength? Will we dedicate our lives to being holy as He is holy? Will we make and keep that covenant with Yahweh through Yahshua, the anointed one of Yahweh, His son?

Only then is it possible to spend eternity, or even a moment with Him. **James 1:12** “**Blessed is the man who endures temptation, because having been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Master has promised to those who love Him.**”

Yahweh has granted each person the rulership over ourselves. Now He is watching to see if we are good stewards of that liberty He has given us. If we are then He can give us the crown of life.

Let us join together to strengthen and encourage one another in love and obedience.

Get to Know Our Shepherd's Voice

**“I am known by those who are Mine.” John 10:14**

**“Do not at all fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the Devil will cast some of you into prison, so that you may be tried. And you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.” Revelation 2:10**

May Yahweh bless each of you with love for others, and especially for your brothers and sisters in Yahshua.

Tom Schattke

# The Sacred Name Movement

The Sacred Name Movement began in the late 1930s when members of the Church of God, 7<sup>th</sup> Day, began to think on the question proposed by the wise man in Proverbs 30:4: “What is his name and what is his son’s name, if thou canst tell?” But the groundwork was being laid almost a century earlier when, in 1857, Alexander MacWhorten of Yale University wrote a book called *The Memorial Name*, which he believed was Yahveh. Around the turn of the century, the Hebrew scholar F.L. Chapell delivered 6 lectures on the names of deity; these were published in 1911. Dr. Chapell referred to the stir caused by the publication of MacWhorten’s book and said, “...but there has been, especially during the last fifty years, a great interest among the scholars in this name” (*The Standard Bearer*, Dayton, Ohio, 1911).

Research revealed that the Hebrew form of the name of the Most High was four Hebrew letters (tetragrammaton) transliterated variously as YHWH, YHVH, JHWH, JHVH and pronounced variously as Yahweh, Yahveh, Yahve, Yahvah, Jahoveh, Jahaveh, as well as the commonly used Jehovah. Elder A.B. Traina of New Jersey did much research on this topic, and eventually the general conclusion reached by the early pioneers in the movement was that the proper transliteration of the Hebrew name was YHWH pronounced Yahweh. However, Elder L.D. Snow from Arkansas was persuaded that Yahvah is the correct pronunciation. The Savior’s name in Hebrew is Yahshua (no “j” sound in the Hebrew language), which means Yahweh’s Salvation (Luke 1:31; 2:30). The English language did not exist in those days; and the Greek “Jesus” (from whence comes the English “Jesus”) would not be given to a Judean child whose language was Hebrew.

In addition to Elders Traina (now deceased) and Snow, other early pioneers of the Sacred Name Movement were John Briggs, William Bishop, Joseph Owsen, Ralph Kinney (all from Michigan and now deceased); LaRue Cessna (Detroit); Paul Penn, Elder Clarence O. Dodd (West Virginia, now deceased); Elder William Bodine (Arkansas); and Bro. Marvin Gay (Indiana) and Elder James Roley (Cincinnati).

Elder L.D. Snow traces the roots of the movement to a Church of God (7<sup>th</sup> Day) campmeeting held at Galena, Kansas, in 1936; the topic for a ministers’ meeting was “the exact words to be used in the ceremony of water baptism according to Acts 2:38.” The name Jahovah figured in the discussion and may have led to the later development of the sacred name truth.

In the Spring of 1937, Elder C.O. Dodd of Salem, West Virginia, began publishing a paper called *The Faith*, advocating the feasts of Leviticus 23. Beginning with a small filler paragraph in one of the early issues, articles concerning the sacred name of the Almighty appeared in his paper from time to time. The October 1938 issue contained an article by A.B. Traina entitled “What Is His Son’s Name?” and another on the subject by William Bishop and John Briggs. During the Church of God (7<sup>th</sup> Day) Feast of Tabernacles that fall in Warrior, Alabama, lectures



by Elder Traina about the sacred name figured prominently. Elder Snow, who was there along with C.O. Dodd, considers that campmeeting the real beginning of the name movement.

In the November 1941 issue of *The Faith*, Bro. Dodd inserted the names Yahweh and Yahshua in the masthead of his magazine, stating that the titles Lord, God, and the name Jesus Christ would no longer be used for referring to the Father and His Son. Many Sabbath keeping believers supported his magazine and through it, many people around the world were introduced to the sacred names. After his death in December 1955, his wife and subsequently his daughter, continued to print his tracts and the Halleluyah Hymnal, which many groups here and abroad use in their services. They are available from Faith Bible and Tract Society of Amherst, Ohio.

In 1940, Elder Traina published a pamphlet called "The Deed" in which he used the name, Yahweh. In 1950, he published *The Sacred Name New Testament* and organized Scripture Research Association at Irvington, New Jersey. His plan was to form autonomous groups in various areas which would be called Assemblies of Yahweh for their localities and which would be branches of the Scripture Research Association. In 1963, he edited *The Holy Name Bible*, retaining the text of the King James Version. In 1964, the major part of Scripture Research Association work was carried on by the then newly incorporated Universal Assembly of Yahweh, Washington, D.C., located at Brandywine, Maryland. Pastor Traina died in 1971, almost 82 years old. The association continues to distribute Bibles and sacred name literature from College Park, Maryland. Sabbath services and the feasts are still held in Brandywine under the leadership of Ben Simon and Philip Wisman.

Beginning in about 1945 Elder L.D. Snow and his co-workers published *The Eliyah Messenger and Field Reporter*, now continued as the official organ of The Assembly of Yahvah of Winfield, Alabama. Elder Snow was instrumental in beginning The Assembly of Yahvah in Ft. Smith, Arkansas, and at Emory, Texas, in 1949. Today he publishes *World Today Analyzed* from his home in Ft. Smith.

After the death of C.O. Dodd in 1955, *The Faith* magazine was continued by Beecher Wright in Missouri (1956-1961). Then Bro. Werner of Washington D.C. became the editor. It was my joy and privilege to visit him, along with my brother, Alfred Francis, and his wife Doris, in August 1961. We helped to proofread the articles and arrange them for the September 1961 issue. From then on members of the Morton, Pennsylvania, Assembly of Yahweh did the mailing and later edited the magazine until December 1968, when the brethren at Eaton Rapids, Michigan, undertook this endeavor.

The Eaton Rapids Assembly had its origin in the late 1920s in a home Bible study class where the commandments were taught and Sabbath Day observed. Later one of the class members, Mrs. Pearl T. Smith, established Camp of Yah, where beginning in the early 1940s, the feasts of Yahweh were held for many years. The

group incorporated in 1939 as “Assembly of YHVH (Transliterations Yahovah, Yahveh, Yahweh, Yah, Yahavah).” Among the original signers were Joseph Owsinski, John Briggs, LaRue Cessna, William L. Bodine, and Marvin Gay; and, according to Elder L.D. Snow, this is the oldest chartered general sacred name organization. Eventually the property at Columbia and Gunnell Roads in Eaton Rapids was acquired, and in 1957 the name was changed to Assembly of YaHWeH. The members there cooperate in the continued publication of *The Faith*, printing 4400 copies each issue, and mailing this message of the sacred name to many parts of the world. George Kinney (son of pioneer Ralph) serves as editor along with Samuel Graham. In spite of an all-volunteer staff, the present cost of printing and mailing is more than \$1900 for each issue.

In Jacksons Gap, Alabama, there is an assembly under the direction of Elder and Mrs. Bob McBride. They have been active in the sacred name message for a number of years and publish a paper called “*The Restorer.*”

The Assemblies of Yahweh of Bethel, Pennsylvania, is an outgrowth of The Sacred Name radio broadcast begun by Elder Jacob O. Meyer in 1966. Currently the program is aired on 20 radio stations as well as on a 50,000 watt short wave station operated at Bethel. This group publishes *The Sacred Scriptures, Bethel Edition*, numerous books, booklets and articles, and a monthly magazine. *The Sacred Name Broadcaster*, which goes to around 12,000 subscribers in many countries, making it the largest circulation sacred name periodical.

Another group, Yahweh’s Assembly in Messiah of Rocheport, Missouri, publishes the *Master Key*, a bi-monthly periodical, a correspondence course and tracts carrying the sacred name message. ...

There are sacred name believers in Jamaica, in the West Indies, in India, Africa, the Philippines, England, Norway and many other places. Over forty sacred name groups, including those mentioned in this article, are listed in the Directory of Sabbath Observing Groups published by The Bible Sabbath Association.

Since the early beginnings in the 1930s, the Sacred Name Movement has spread. More and more we find scholars using the name Yahweh and ministers referring to Yahweh rather than Jehovah. “I am Yahweh, that is my name” (*The Emphasized Bible*, Joseph Bryant Rotherham); “My Name is Yahweh” (*The Jerusalem Bible*); “I am Yahweh: that is My Name” (*The Holy Name Bible*, Exodus 3:15, Isaiah 42:8).

Editor’s Note: The above excerpts were taken from the article The Sacred Name Movement by Ruth Fink (deceased) published in The Sabbath Sentinel September 1988.

The Editor thought it good to reminisce and remind believers how long this movement has been going on, and hopes/prays this information encourages our readers to continue on in holding up Yahweh’s Banner.

# OBEDIENCE

## The Foundation for Healing

A curse on anyone who does not pay attention to the words of this covenant. – Jeremiah 11:3. Man began to suffer with disease and other consequences after Adam broke the covenant with Yahweh in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3:6). Man has been cursed since (Genesis 3:16-17). At some point in every person's life, Adam's disobedience has tormented us.

Many scriptures show that we will suffer if we displease Yahweh. Even David, one of the most righteous servants, suffered because of his disobedience to Yahweh (adultery and murder). No one is released from this eternal covenant. Just like Adam and Eve and just like David, we suffer for our sin today.

Accepting Yahshua into our hearts doesn't excuse us from the covenant; it makes us more accountable. When we accept Yahshua into our hearts, we are personally renewing the covenant our fathers made with Yahweh to live according to His Word and do things that will please Him, to love the things He loves and to hate the things He hates. We are admitting that we know and accept the terms and are accountable to live righteous lives.

Yahweh knew that because of our weakness of the flesh, people would blame their troubles and sins on their parents, taking no responsibility for their own actions. So that we will not have this excuse to fall back on, Yahweh has made a newer covenant (renewed promise) to make us responsible for our own actions (Jeremiah 31:31-34); but because of His kindness, He gave us His son Yahshua, and Yahshua gave us the Set Apart Spirit (Holy Spirit). Hallelu-Yah!

It brings me such joy to know that I can personally renew the promise that our fathers have drifted away from and break this chain of disobedience. It brings me even more joy to know that Yahweh can look beyond our transgressions and take the most unrighteous man and make him righteous. Shaul (the apostle Paul) is a great example. If Yahweh can forgive such a misguided soul as Shaul and turn his life around to use him in such a powerful way, then no matter how far we have drifted from the covenant, there is always hope for us. No matter how much we have suffered for our iniquities and transgressions, relief is always possible. No matter how sick or diseased you might be, healing is still possible! Hallelu-Yah!

The overall message Yahshua preached was, "Return to the promise your fathers made with Yahweh, and you will no longer commit and suffer from iniquity, and your transgressions will be forgiven" (Matt. chapters 4-8, Isa. 44:22, Jer. 4:1).

Our focus must always be in the right place (on Yahshua); otherwise, it is very easy for us to be led astray. Let Yahweh control your thinking, and you will be strong and persevere always, regardless of what you go through. So when you make a promise to Yahweh, don't delay in following through, for Yahweh takes no pleasure in fools. Keep all the promises you make to Him.

It is better to say nothing than to promise something that you don't follow through on. – Ecclesiastes 5:4-5 (NLT)

By Brother Paul Nison, advocate for eating according to the Scriptures.

# TRUE BELIEVERS

A true believer hates his sins, repents of them, and hungers for what is right Romans 7:15-25. Being righteous doesn't mean you never sin. It means you confess them to Yahweh (1 John 1-10, 1 John 2:9). A true believer cannot continue in sin; only those who are broken and mournful over their sins ever receive salvation.

We must be meek and hunger and thirst after righteousness and we will be filled (Matthew 5:3-6). Some may think they are doing Yahshua a service. When you come to Yahshua in obedience you will hunger for His Word. When we come to Yahshua on His terms, we are to be peacemakers, merciful and pure in heart; but because of this we may be persecuted, hated or killed, etc. (Matthew 5:7-11). We are to be the salt of the earth, a light upon a hill: we should be **changed** (Matthew 5:13,14). A child of Yahweh is to be obedient (Matthew 5:17-19).

If you really are a Believer you will think differently. The Israelites at times controlled their outward behavior and their thoughts as they pleased. No one is a true believer because he or she went forward at a church/assembly meeting and signed a card; or a preacher said he was; no one can be sure you are saved; the Holy [Kodesh] Spirit gives you assurance of that. James 2:17 – Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Sadly today, evangelism assures that it is a given to a division of believers who talk your salvation because of your decision, but “If you **continue** in my word, then you are my disciples indeed; John 8:31.

Salvation has to do with repentance of your past, changing the future, following the Messiah's Word, His teachings, and sincere worship, if we want to be citizens in Yahshua's and Yahweh's Kingdom. Matthew 6:19-24 – Do not worship the things of the world; lay up treasures in heaven not on earth, commit your life to Yahweh. A friend of the world is an enemy of Yahweh. 1 John 2:15 – Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. Please read James 4:4, and Matthew 6:25-34.

Believers have good relationships, not misjudging others or ignoring their problems, John 13:35. Matthew 19:23-26 – The rich man wanted to enter heaven (the kingdom) on his terms. Most want to do things their own way, without the way of Yahweh. If we still cling to worldliness and self-righteousness, we are on the wrong road.

Matthew 7:21,22 – Not everyone who says unto me Yah, Yah, shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, only he that does the will of the Father. What a disaster it would be to come before Yahweh on judgment day to discover you are sentenced to destruction because of your choice to not serve Yahweh and follow His way. John 14:15 – If ye love me, keep my commandments.

We must examine ourselves to see whether we are in the Faith, a true believer. 2 Peter 1:10 – Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall.

Douglas Panetta



# 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 Timothy 4:12)*

# *The Power of Praise*

**“Great is Yahweh and greatly to be praised in the city of our El, in the mountain of his holiness. Beautiful for situation the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King”**

*(Psalms 48:1-2)*

Stop!! Take some time to think of all the good things Yahweh and Yahshua have done throughout your entire life. Wow! Can you even count them all? When you think of the goodness of Yahshua and all he has done for you, something inside should want to shout Halleluyah! Many are the blessings that he has given unto us. The greatest gift, however, is SALVATION--he saved your life. Yahshua gave his life that we may live and have life more abundantly—meaning with more joy. Imagine he was without sin and left his paradise in heaven to die for us. We all have sinned and come short of the glory yet he died so you and I could live!! What a friend we have in Yahshua. He is the best friend you will ever find and is worthy of our praises. Don't be afraid to give him the praises!! There is power in praises.

When you praise Yahweh and Yahshua he gives you power to face any problem. Didn't the great walls of Jericho fall down when the children of Israel shouted Yah's praise? David was a great king of Israel and conquered many of his problems and enemies by giving Yahweh the praise. In fact, most of the book of Psalms he encourages us to give praises to Father Yahweh (Check out Psalms 111:1-6, Psalms 47:1, Psalms 33).

But what about when you feel you have had the worst day in your life. Things are going wrong at school or with your health. Remember:

- ☺ **Yahweh and Yahshua love you.**
- ☺ **Count your blessings – Yah can still do great wonders in your life.**
- ☺ **Yahweh is in control of every situation.**
- ☺ **Try and sing one of your favourite songs to him. It will help you feel better.**

When we praise Father Yahweh with a true (honest) heart all things are possible. Obstacles or bad things in your life are sometimes opportunities for Yahweh and Yahshua to work their great wonders in your life.

# Baptisms in Okeechobee

Greetings and blessings in the glorious Name of our risen Saviour, Yahshua the Messiah.

I wish to announce two baptism events here at Okeechobee C. I. in the “Assembly of Yahweh in Messiah.” The first was on February 24, 2012. Elder/Teacher Raymond Huff and Brother Curtis Vonhorn did baptize the following into the “Name above all names:” Kenneth Berry #256561, Hector Borjas #B04745, Timothy Srauffacher #T65314, and Rex Walsh #244103.

Additionally, on March 30, 2012, another was baptized into the “Name above all names.” This was conducted by Elder/Deacon Nick Lytle and Elder/Teacher Raymond Huff. His information: Ryan Whitehead #M53550. Please pray for these men and welcome them into the Body of Messiah.

Our Passover was a blessing. We had (15) in attendance and observed the sacred emblems of the Body and Blood of the Messiah. We were not allowed the Footwashing. The Feast of Unleavened Bread and Weeks (Pentecost) were not facilitated, so we had to observe cell-side.

We also need prayers to get a chaplain soon as we only have a temp, a classification officer who hates inmates and a regional Chaplain who feels there is too much privilege given to prisoners regarding religious programs and it should stop. Pray I ask.

May Yahweh’s peace and the peace of Yahshua the Messiah be upon you always.

Humbly His,  
Nick E. Lytle #W24768  
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Okeechobee, FL 34972

*Editor’s Note: Names, ID Numbers and the address of the Institution are listed for those interested in corresponding with these new members of the Body of Yahshua.*

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## YAHSHUA’S JEWELS

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### WORD SCRABBLE

CAN YOU FIND THE WORD “ P R A I S E ” ??

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**Announcing!**  
**THE 28<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL UNITY CONFERENCE**  
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**Rocheport, Missouri**  
**August 3, 4 and 5, 2012**

The Conference kicks off Friday morning at 9:00 a.m. and continues through the day, with breaks for meals. There will be a meeting at 9:00 a.m. Sabbath morning followed by lunch, then the regular Sabbath service at 1:30 p.m. The conference comes to a close after lunch on Sunday, August 5, 2012.

Campsites are available on Assembly grounds. Please inform them if you are planning on attending. This will help them to plan the meals. Motels are available in two nearby towns. Extended Stay America (800-398-7829) and Holiday Inn Express (573-445-8531) are located in Columbia, approximately 10 miles away. If you have any questions, call 573-698-4335 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (Monday-Thursday).

If you have a subject that you wish to present at the Conference, please send a copy at least one month before the Conference for reviewing to Elder Samuel Graham at 1020 Scout Road, Eaton Rapids, MI 48827; and to Elder Pete Vacca at 5350 Old Miller Road #135, Columbia, MO 65201. Also, please bring 50 copies with you to distribute.

All brethren of good will are invited and encouraged to attend. Bring your Bibles (Scriptures) and be ready to spend the entire weekend studying Yahweh's Word.

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## **Sabbath Services via Conference Call**

For Believers unable to attend Sabbath Services, join us at 10:30 a.m. for the regular Sabbath meeting, and then join us for the Torah study meeting at 2:30 p.m. with Jeff Kopp. You must have unlimited long distance calling with your telephone service. Mary Hayes (Harrison, Michigan) is the coordinator – dial 1-213-342-3050 – an access code will be requested (966-8846#). For more information go to: [www.finalhours.net](http://www.finalhours.net).

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## **The Sacred Name Movement**

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# A Testimony

Many of you have prayed for different reasons, for Norma, Zane's mother, in the past. I've told some that she had been studying Yahweh's word, and years ago agreed the Sabbath is on the seventh day. Lately she had been even looking for Yahweh's people to keep the Sabbath with. The other day, in Zephyr Hills, Florida, where she lives, she was using her only transportation of one horsepower – her horse. She saw an 18" x 18" sign that said ONE thing: SATURDAY CHURCH. Yesterday she rode back and followed the signs, three in total, all small with the two word message. She found, around 1 ¼ mile from her house, a house seemingly converted to a meeting place. There they were, Yahweh's Church, keeping His Sabbath and using the Father and the Savior's names. She tied her horse in the yard and observed the 4<sup>th</sup> commandment. Personally, I think Yahweh has answered your prayers plus.

Submitted by Jim Graves (Michigan)

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## In Memoriam

I recently lost my Mother, a believer in Yahshua, on March 7, 2012. She was 80 years old; she was born on April 11, 1931. If you could, please note that in the Faith Magazine. Our family would greatly appreciate it very much. My Mom, Carmen Medina, leaves behind her husband Robert Medina, daughter Patricia Murphy, her two sons Russell and Robert Medina, and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Carmen Medina was a follower of Yahshua since the early sixties. I eulogized my Mother with 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 which I believe speaks for all of us believers. "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Yahshua died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Yahshua will Elohim bring with him. 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 Yahweh. Therefore comfort one another with these words."

Thank you for your prayers and may the Father Yahweh, His Son Yahshua the Messiah and the Holy Spirit continue to bless His Assembly.

Faithfully yours,

Russell F. Medina



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New Moon Days	YAHSHUA'S MEMORIAL (Passover) APRIL 6 Celebrate APRIL 5 after sunset	Annual Convocation Days
	<b>FESTIVAL OF UNLEAVENED BREAD</b> APRIL 7 through APRIL 13	April 7
Jan. 25		April 13
Feb. 24		May 27
Mar. 24	<b>FEAST (appointment) OF WEEKS</b> MAY 27 See Leviticus 23:10, 11, 15, 16, 21	Sept. 18
Apr. 23		Sept. 27
May 23		Oct. 2
June 21 (Borderline)	<b>FEAST (appointment) OF TRUMPETS</b> SEPTEMBER 18	Oct. 9
July 21		
Aug. 20	<b>DAY (appointment) OF ATONEMENT</b> SEPTEMBER 27	7 days in all – the number of completeness
Sept. 18		
Oct. 17 (Borderline)	<b>FEAST OF TABERNACLES</b> (Booths or Huts) OCTOBER 2 through OCTOBER 8	
Nov. 16		
Dec. 15	<b>LAST GREAT DAY</b> OCTOBER 9	

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