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**COMMANDMENTS** 

**ARE NOT** 

MULTIPLE CHOICE.

"IF YE LOVE ME,

KEEP

MY

**COMMANDMENTS.**"

John 14:15

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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 YAHSHUA, Son's. 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**

# AS OBEDIENT CHILDREN (1 Peter 1:13-15)

Yahweh, our Heavenly Father, wants us to be obedient sons and daughters. We, as believers in the true Names of our Heavenly Father Yahweh and His only begotten Son Yahshua the Messiah, believe in the Ruach Spirit of Yahweh.

We see His Commandments are the major edict (proclamation) of how to honor our Heavenly Father, His Son Yahshua, our earthly parents, our neighbors, etc. We especially need to honor the seventh day Sabbath, Genesis 2:1-3. From the beginning, this day was set aside to be "set apart" and holy to Yahweh; a weekly reminder from the Creator of this beautiful planet we inhabit.

Yahweh's Name has such deep meanings – Omnipotent, the Almighty, Unlimited Authority, the Influencing Ruler with all Power, the Great I Am. We can include the word Omnipresent (to be present in all places at all times) to the meaning of Yahweh's Name. Proverbs 15:3 – The eyes of Yahweh are in every place beholding the evil and the good.

Bible students (Bereans) of today are a small percentage compared to those who follow our social media for their answers to life. Scriptures tell us how to honor Yahweh and Yahshua, how to treat our fellow man, and offer us the way to find truth.

The leader of Israel Joshua gave the children of Israel a challenge after they crossed into the Promised Land. Joshua 24:15 – ...Choose you this day whom you will serve... This challenge still applies to a scattered Israel today. We have to make up our minds whether we want to serve Yahweh or mammon (Matthew 6:24, Luke 16:13); being influenced by material wealth or possessions. We cannot sit at two tables. 1 Corinthians 10:21-...Ye cannot be partakers of Yahweh's table, and of the table of devils.

We read in Genesis 11:1-9 the account of the tower of Babel. In Genesis 10, Nimrod began to be a mighty one in the earth; he was a mighty hunter before Yahweh and the beginning of his kingdom was Babel in the land of Shinar. The people said let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven, but Yahweh saw and said let us go down and confuse their language, that was the end of the tower building. So Yahweh scattered them abroad. Previously the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.

The children of Israel saw how Yahweh used the plagues to make the Egyptians let them go; Yahweh's people wanted to keep a feast unto Him. Yahweh did not want the children of Israel to go after idols, nor does he want us to worship idols.

The evil one, the adversary, known as Satan is bold. Remember the account in Matthew 4:1-11 – how the devil tempted Yahshua. In verse 10 – Then saith Yahshua unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship Yahweh thy Elohim, and him only shalt thou serve.

James 1:8 states that a double minded man is unstable in all his ways, and in James 4:8 – ...purify your hearts, ye double minded. Also in 1 Timothy 3:8 – Likewise must the deacons be grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre...

Yahweh wants us to be wholly devoted to him. Leviticus 19:2 – ...ye shall be holy: for I Yahweh your Elohim am holy. And in Leviticus 20:7 – Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I am Yahweh your Elohim. Verse 8 – And ye shall keep my statutes, and do them: I am Yahweh which sanctify you. Let us be separated from the world, we are in the world but we are not to be of the world. Let us strive to look at all things through spiritual eyes. Let Yahshua be our example in our daily lives.

Pastor Samuel A. Graham

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# THERE IS MORE TO COME

# **Have These Prophecies Been Fulfilled?**

Has the Great Tribulation occurred? Daniel 12:1-4

Has the Beast System come to complete fulfillment? Rev. 13:1-14

Has the Man of Sin been revealed? Rev. 13:9-18

Has the image of the Beast come forth? Rev. 13:15

Have the seven last plagues been poured out? Rev. 16

Have the seven trumpets finished their sound? Rev. 8 & 9

Have the seven vials been poured out completely? Rev. 16:1-21

Have we all been sealed? Rev. 7:2-12

Has Yahshua returned in clouds of glory and every eye seen Him? Matthew 24:30

Have you accepted Yahweh's Plan of Salvation?

Have you Repented of your sins?

Do you Believe Yahshua died for you?

Have you been Immersed (Baptized) into Yahshua the Messiah? Acts 2:38

Praise Yahweh! HalleluYah! Yahweh is so good. Yahweh's great plan of redemption is moving forward at His timetable. The Master Plan of redemption has been accomplished through Yahweh's only begotten Son Yahshua the Messiah.

Let's look at this plan for redeeming mankind. Yahweh and Yahshua in a form of partnership is revealed in Genesis 1:26, "And Elohim said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness..." Halleluyah, we were made in the image of Yahweh and Yahshua (not in the image of a monkey or ape – Darwin's theory).

Where does Yahshua come into the picture? Apostle Paul wrote in Colossians 1:14, 15, about Yahshua, "In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: Who is the image of the invisible Elohim, the firstborn of all creation." Here is the explanation of Genesis 1:26; Yahshua was there, He was Yahweh's firstborn, His first creation. This was thousands of years before Yahshua came to this earth as a human to become our offering for sin.

Also, in Colossians 1:17, 18, "And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the assembly: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence."

Yahshua's office is awesome, what a load he carries for you, me and the whole world. We also have the promise, that he is our High Priest, Mediator (Hebrews 12:23, 24) and soon coming King (Matthew 16:28). When Yahshua returns he will put down all rule and all authority and power (1 Corinthians 15:24).

The key to Salvation is our belief in our Savior and the Scriptures that foretold of his life, his death and his resurrection (Isaiah 53, 1 Peter 1:18-25). Yahshua, as Yahweh's Salvation for us, has much work to accomplish. Yahshua will return with his angels and gather up the elect from the four corners of this world, from one end of heaven to the other (Matthew 24:31).

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We must not forget our heavenly Father Yahweh's role in salvation. Yahweh, the Almighty One, self-existent, eternal; this is His plan for His creation, His called out ones. Called out of what? They are called by the Holy (Kodesh) Spirit to leave the influence of the confusion of Babylon as mentioned in Revelation 18:2-4, and to call upon the Name of Yahweh. As we research Yahweh's great name and reverence it, we find He set up commands for His people Israel. Romans 9:4 tells us who Israel is today, "Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the honor, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and service of Elohim, and the promises."

Yahweh is in heaven, watching His whole creation. He will send Yahshua to this earth with the Book of Life at His timetable. Yes, there is more to come before Yahshua's great entrance. For the mystery of iniquity doth already work (2 Thessalonians 2:7). Will we see the man of sin manifest himself fully? Will the beast system government come into its power; will the image of the beast rise to its full potential? Will the false messiah show his preeminence? Will the seven last plagues, seven vials and seven trumpets all be completed in our lifetime? Some look at these occurrences as having already been fulfilled; or may have begun back in Yahshua's day, but will not reach their full development or power until the end of this age.

We look for new heavens and a new earth where righteousness dwells (2 Peter 3:13). We encourage you to hold fast to the truth and endure to the end, when we shall receive the crown of life (James 1:12).

Pastor Samuel A. Graham

# CALENDAR NOTES

...The Creator had a perfect calendar, governed by the sun, moon and stars (Genesis 1:14). Man originally knew it and used it, but during Israel's bondage in Egypt for 400 years, even these chosen people lost track of the true year of Yahweh, and He had to bring it to their attention again. This was done at the time of the Passover in Egypt by the hand of Moses, Yahweh's law-giver. To the people, through Moses, Yahweh said, "This month (moon) shall be unto you the beginning (first) of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you." Genesis 12:2

This "first month of the year", as given to Israel, was Abib (or Nisan), and begins with the new moon day nearest the actual vernal equinox, hence the new moon of spring. The eighth, ninth and tenth months of this sacred year would correspond to our October, November and December.

The Jews begin their year in the fall, in the seventh month of the Bible. The Gentiles have adopted various calendars. Apostate Israel (we mean "US") have taken to themselves the Gregorian calendar, with the first day of the year in the dead of winter, with no marks by nature to denote the end or the beginning of any cycle of time; and, hence, one could not know it was new year were it not that the calendars and almanacs say, "January 1, 1945", and people go around saying, thoughtlessly, "Happy New Year."

When the Kingdom of Heaven comes again to earth, Yahweh's laws will again be in force, not only in Israel but throughout the earth, and then will Yahweh's year be observed again, and New Year's Day will be at the new moon nearest the vernal equinox. ...

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# WHERE ARE WE?

Yahshua said, "Watch...for you know not what hour your Master does come." and, "Therefore be you also ready, for in such an hour as you think not the Son of man comes." (Matthew 24:42, 44).

Note some of the events previous to Yahshua's return in Matthew 24:5-14: wars, rumors of wars, famines, pestilences, earthquakes in different places, deceiving false prophets. Are these occurring now? And do we have the perilous times of the latter days (2 Timothy 3) including disobedience to parents, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of Yahweh, having a form of reverence but denying the power thereof, learning but never able to come to the knowledge of the truth?

Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Master Yahshua the Messiah, and by our gathering together under Him, that you be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of the Messiah is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means, for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition, who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called mighty, or that is worshipped, so that he as the Mighty One sits in the temple of the Almighty, showing himself that he is the Almighty. And then shall that wicked [one] be revealed, whom the Master shall consume with the Spirit of His mouth, and shall render entirely idle with the manifestation of His coming, the wicked one whose coming is after the working of the adversary with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish because they received not the love of the truth that they might be saved. And for this cause Yahweh shall send them strong delusion that they should believe a lie, that they all might be damned who believed not the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness (2 Thessalonians 2:1-4 and 8-12).

This wicked one sitting in the temple showing himself that he is the Almighty, will be rendered entirely idle by the manifestation of Yahshua's coming (verse 8). Thus he will be there a period of time previous to Yahshua's return.

Going to Daniel 12 we read more about this time and the prophecy about Matthew 24:15 when the wicked one, or his doing, apparently called the abomination of desolation, stands in the separated apart place.

Daniel did not understand all that was shown him; but he was told the words are sealed till the time of the end (verses 4, 8 and 9). None of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand (verse 10). This tells us what kind of people we had better be. See also Hosea 4:6 and 1 John 3:4, sin is the transgression of the law; and 5:17, all unrighteousness is sin. People will perish because they received not the love of the truth, thus actually being deluded, believing a lie (2 Thessalonians 2:10, 11). And don't forget to join to Yahweh; loving His Name is important, and keeping the Sabbath from polluting it (Isaiah 56, especially verse 6). His Name is YAHWEH, and the Sabbath is the day called Saturday, the day before the first day of the week, the seventh day of the week (Matthew 28:1). This is a big part of the power being denied today as we read in 2 Timothy 3:5.

Note that at the time of the end many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased (Daniel 12:4). Never before previous to the recent inventions of the automobile, railway trains, and airplanes, have many gone to and fro as they do today! Neither has knowledge been increased as enormously as it is now! A recent story about the genius, Albert Einstein (1879 - 1955) stated that his ideas launched a dazzling technological

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revolution that has generated more change in a century than occurred in the previous two millennia! And think of the electric light, phonograph, motion picture, telephone, and radio coming on the scene in just the last few years.

Daniel 12:11 mentions the time that the daily sacrifice (or continual offering) shall be taken away, and the abomination that makes desolate set up. For this to be done in the end time, we would need a place where the continual offering was made. It is expected by many that the Jews at Jerusalem will again set up a temple when the time comes that they can, probably somewhere on the old temple mount. This is the next significant event that I believe we should watch for. Then next watch for the wicked one to stop the daily offering, to sit in the temple showing himself to be the Almighty, and setting up the abomination that makes desolate. Of course he won't call himself a wicked one, or man of sin; but he will be that if he is a Sabbath breaker (fourth of the 10 commandments) putting Sunday (first day of the week) in place of the seventh day Scriptural Sabbath. Nor will he say he is setting up the abomination of desolation; but he will do it.

Daniel 12:11-13 tells how many days from that time pass before Yahshua returns. The total is around three and one-half years. Saints are persecuted during this time, and the etching is received by all so as to be able to buy and sell (Revelation 13:16). That is, they must receive the etching or the name of the beast, so called, or the number of his name (referring to verse 17 also). DO NOT TAKE THE MARK. Leviticus 19:28 in the Leeser translation reads any etched-in writing shall you not fix on yourselves. So, get the victory over this (Revelation 15:2). Woe to them who don't (Revelation 14:9-11). With the world in general going along with it, we see that this system will be universal.

Are recent events leading to a universal system—probably politically and religiously? We have a hint of a political union in the European Common Market with the Euro currency. As to religious unity, consider the following from recent newspapers starting April 21, 2005: The new pontiff pledged to promote the fundamental cause of ecumenism, and extended greetings to non-Christian faiths, assuring THE WORLD he'll reach out to other faiths, and stating we will lay down a foundation for a better future. He addressed himself to Catholics, other Christians, the Jewish people, and greeted Muslims, signaling his intention to address THE WHOLE WORLD, and said his thoughts go out to ALL MEN and women of today, to believers and non-believers alike. His formal installation was attended by many, including world leaders German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder, Prince Albert II of Monaco, and 21 U.S. congressmen led by Florida governor Jeb Bush who, speaking for the President, said the American leader's three personal encounters with the late John Paul and his presence at the funeral were a recognition by the White House of the importance of the need for a moral voice in WORLD AFFAIRS. He indicated his brother looks forward to developing the same kind of relationship with the new pontiff, and he thinks advancing the cause of social justice, freedom and democracy around the world.

Notice that Daniel (12:13) was to go his way till the end, and rest (which he is doing now), and stand (be resurrected) at the end of the days, amounting to about three and one-half years. That is the time that Yahshua comes and the righteous are resurrected.

This last three and one-half years of time is also referred to as a time, times, and a half (12:7), and a time, times, and the dividing of time (7:25) where it is mentioned the saints will be worn out (some beheaded, Revelation 20:4). Notice in Revelation 12:6 it is 1260 days the woman is fed at a place prepared of Yahweh. In verse 14 the time is called a time, and times, and half a time.

As to wearing out of the saints, it is called making war with them (Revelation 13:7) and to continue 42 months (3 ½ years) verse 5. The same reference is at Revelation 11:2

### **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 rightousness, 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 <u>Oxygen</u> to every cell in the body, without which we would quickly die. Genesis 2:7 Elohim ... breathed into his nostrils the <u>BREATH</u> (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 <u>Nutrition</u> to every cell in the body, without which we would starve to death. John 6:35 Yahshua replied, I am the <u>Bread</u> 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 <u>Word</u> (#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 <u>The Word of Yahweh</u>. 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 <u>Elimination</u> (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. <u>If</u> you give all your cares and worries, bad habits,

\*John 10:30 I and My Father are <u>One</u>. ... 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 <u>One</u> as **We** are <u>One</u>.

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 <u>Name</u>.

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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 over burdened, 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 <u>never</u> be alone, He will <u>never</u> 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, <u>IF</u> 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 <u>IF</u> 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 <u>work</u> 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 with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. (Be in the

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habit of turning to him with any and all problems, large or small.) Wear the <u>Helmet</u> 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 <u>Sword</u> 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, 0 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

# BEFORE THE BLOOD WAS DRY

Verse 1 – I just knew He couldn't love me and there was no place left to run. Forgiveness seemed impossible after all the things I'd done. And on my knees I cried for mercy and I heard Yahshua reply, "Don't you know that I forgave you before the blood was dry?"

Chorus – Well, I was changed, redeemed, forgiven, before the blood was dry. The debt I owed was cancelled in the twinkling of an eye. Long before the scars appeared where the nails had been applied, I was changed, redeemed, forgiven, before the blood was dry.

Verse 2 – There's no way that I could thank Him for each drop of blood He lost in crimson pearls of mercy on the ground beneath the tree. As they nailed His hands and feet, He heard the sinners' cry. I was changed, redeemed, forgiven, before the blood was dry.

Verse 3 – I spent my early years in prison, paying for things that I had done. I was just a castaway without Yahweh and His son. Then I remembered the story about Yahshua; how He suffered so much and died. Don't you know that we were forgiven, before the blood had dried?

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# WHERE ARE WE?

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and verse 3, the two witnesses of truth will prophesy at the same time, 1260 days. Read all of chapter 11. The system will not like what the two witnesses do; but Yahweh gives them power till their testimony is finished. Then they are killed. They lie three and one-half days. Then the Spirit of life from Yahweh enters them and they stand up, ascend to heaven in the sight of their enemies, and (verse 15) Yahshua comes. This good news of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come.—"Yahshua" at Matthew 24:14.

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# UNITY CONFERENCE – AUGUST 2-4, 2019

# Shalom Assembly of Yahweh, Sterling, Illinois

The Unity Conference this year was probably the most peaceful conference I have ever attended, though that entails only about eight or nine conferences. As the speaking progressed, there seemed to be an "unspoken" thread of "power and authority in/through Yahshua" for those who are His people NOW. To be honest, the primary reason for my attendance this year was to hear Elder Hector Castillo speak on why the Assembly there changed to a "harvest calendar." At the last minute, he changed his mind to another topic. I was very glad that the Father had me in attendance this year — it was a worthwhile weekend on several fronts and I saw folks from many, many areas I haven't seen in years. I also met many other people and had some excellent private bible studies! I came home with much "fodder" to look at in the coming weeks. For those who receive this, I will try to give a brief summary of some of the speakers below.

Following a welcoming by Elder Dwayne Wilson, Pastor Sam Graham gave a formal opening to the Unity Conference and mentioned some who need prayer. He spoke of Elder Miesel's grandson as being extremely instrumental in getting wells drilled in Kenya and more was to be said on that later in the Conference.

Elder Frank Kennedy gave a presentation entitled, "The Meeting at Galilee," where he was showing how the resurrected Messiah spoke unto the women at the sepulcher telling them to tell the disciples He was risen, which they did. Then how in verse 18 of Matthew 26, Yahshua came and spoke unto them, His chosen disciples for the apostolic offices to the world. These men had given up everything to follow Yahshua. Yahshua loved them as friends because they obeyed and we should be striving to do as they did. All authority in heaven and earth was given to Yahshua from the Father and, based on HIS authority, His disciples are to go and baptize all nations into the name of Yahshua and to teach them to observe all things, whatsoever "I have commanded you" [which was the Torah]. One point which was brought out during the Q/A is that the apostolic office is not called by man.

Following lunch, Bob Young gave a presentation on "The Holy Spirit." It was mentioned prior to his presentation that he was the individual responsible for the first "HalleluYAH" tract which many assemblies even now distribute. He addressed such questions as "Is the Holy Spirit a living person, or just an impersonal power or influence?"

Larry Acheson of Plano, Texas, gave a presentation on "Did Yahshua the Messiah Have a Pre-Carnal Existence?" wherein he spoke and actually compared two books, Did Yahshua Messiah Pre-Exist? By Yisrayl Hawkins and Trinity, Oneness, Duality and Pre-Existence, by Chuck Henry. He mentioned how Chuck Henry's book was available online at <a href="http://scripturenews2use.org/advanced-reader/69-trinity-oneness-duality-and-pre-existence">http://scripturenews2use.org/advanced-reader/69-trinity-oneness-duality-and-pre-existence</a> and, if you are a bible student who conducts your own research, you should read this book.

It was a shame (to the writer here) that many of the presenters did NOT have handouts, though a few did. They are extremely beneficial to many people to make notes on and also to study after leaving the Conference.

After a brief break, Harvey Feyen of Michigan gave a talk on answering challenges which Judaism brings for not accepting Yahshua. The phrase "servant of Yahweh" is

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mentioned 17 times in the Tanakh. He covered a substantial number of verses and said, if you can ignore the references to trinitarism, there is a good book entitled, Answering Jewish Objections to J-sus, by Dr. Michael Brown.

Phillip Thomas concluded the afternoon session with a talk on the "Handwriting on the Wall." The "tale of 2 cities," is said to be before and after the French Revolution. However, the real tale of two cities would be Yahrushalym and Babylon. He was comparing how Babylon was a wonder of the world—a great nation and was brought down—with Afghanistan which is only a nation today in name. He went into the history, both early and recent in his comparisons.

Following dinner, Peter Kihara gave an update on what is happening in Kenya and spoke of the progress of the well projects. The well which was just drilled went down 540 feet to reach water. Although the drilling was done, they need funds to complete the project to get it operational.

Alan Mansager of Yahweh's Restoration Ministry gave a message on the gifts of the spirit including spreading the words of Yahweh—"go and teach all nations." How do we witness to the world? Lucas Cecil started handing out brochures about their assembly to the locals in their area. Most do not even know who they are or what they teach. Though the scriptures are the core, what teaching actually draws people in? The Sabbath is important. You cannot effectively evangelize with trinkets, etc., you must have the heart of the people—a heart to want to hear and learn truth. Lucas Cecil and Ryan Mansager both spoke a bit regarding social media and the internet. They said how most people now get even the news off the internet. They have over 500 videos on YouTube currently with 77,000 subscribers. Some of the most watched ones concern the Temple Mount, the Names and how Christianity went off course. Ryan mentioned how their video with Don Esposito on the Temple Mount was the trending #1 video for about a year. It was featured on the History Channel. All these are examples of evangelizing for His truths.

Sabbath morning started out with EJ Robinson giving a message on "What or Whose Message are you Carrying?" This was a powerful message and one which he quoted early John 15:16 – Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that you should go forth and bear fruit... and, by extension, to us. We have the power and authority through Yahshua to carry the message of the kingdom. We must be DOING something and make certain it is the right message from the right source that we are carrying.

Elder Hector Castillo then gave an excellent, insightful message that was not what he intended. He said that his initial message was to be on the harvest calendar, but the Father indicated another one instead. He offered to anyone more information on the harvest calendar—just ask him. He mentioned two crucial topics—one is that our emotions should NOT be attached to our beliefs. The Father gives wisdom and insight. When your emotions are not attached to your beliefs, it enables you to discuss your beliefs without becoming emotional if others do not see it or believe it. Secondly, "unity" means you don't have to be arrogant or prideful to defend. Biblical unity requires spiritual maturity. You can absolutely have unity without agreeing. You can hold onto principles and still be able to help others without defending. "Uniformity," on the other hand, is a divine principle that only Yahweh can accomplish. You cannot get to uniformity without mastering unity! Following his presentation, he discussed some recent, exciting things going on in the Cisco Assembly.

Following lunch Elder Stephen Ng'ang'a (SK) from Kenya gave a talk on "Giving your Best." Ecclesiastes 10:10 says, "If the iron be blunt, and he do not whet the

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edge, then must he put to more strength: but wisdom is profitable to direct." If the iron is sharp, you need less strength to do the job. We should keep our "battle ax" sharp by studying His words and putting on His armor. Moses was 80 years old when he spoke to Pharaoh—He initially made excuses to Yahweh! We should be training more people. Yahshua was training for 3-1/2 years and He was "F-A-T" – Faithful, Available and Teachable. We should have the ability to use our mind and body to the fullest and do a soul search—"Why did Yahweh bring me here?" Abraham gave his best and we should do likewise.

Daniel and Ashley Miesel gave a brief overview of the well being drilled in Kenya.

During the later afternoon, Solomon Meyer gave some updates on their assembly in Washington Court, Ohio. It is a drug-infested area and they are doing what they can to help. They also try to help home fellowships. Their assembly is called "Enduring Hope; Yahweh's Obedient Servants." He spoke on "For what do we fight?" using Acts 1:6-8 and John 1, 2, 3—all focused-on love. The theme this year has appeared to be "Power and Authority." Love is a major component of Yahweh. We cannot uncouple from history and should consider reorienting priorities; demonstrating leadership in the body. We are not called to redeem assemblies; we're called to redeem the world. Consider what you will not compromise on. We should stop opposing stuff and start supporting life. We have more slaves in our nation now than in all history, but most do not realize it. This was also a powerful message and he reminded us we are not fighting flesh and blood but the powers of the air and must put on the armor of Yahweh.

Pastor Dwayne Wilson gave a short message on staying angry for years and looked at a verse in Jonah which shows how Yahweh had compassion on those who did not know their right from their left. We should think about this in our lives. His message was cut short as there was to be a baptism of Robert Armor, who I believe was a local gentleman to the Sterling Assembly.

Following the evening meal, there was a meeting of the elders to discuss their individual reports, security, leadership and youth issues.

Sunday morning started with an update from Tony Suckla regarding his work in India, followed by a message entitled, "Is Immersion in the Name of Yahshua Messiah Necessary?" He covered the meaning of names in scripture and showed how Yahweh had sometimes changed an individual's name such as "Abram" (meaning "high father") to "Abraham" (meaning "father of many nations"). He pointed out the witnesses to Yahshua's name being given from heaven and the importance of symbolic ceremonies in scripture. His conclusion is that pronunciation and spelling of names in the scriptures are important and baptism in the Name of Yahshua is most important for mankind today.

Since Pastor Dwayne Wilson had to leave very early for Youth Camp, the final speaker was Elder Robert Castillo who gave a closing message on the unity conferences in general. He felt the messages this weekend were all along the same line and the weekend brought something back to the conferences—peace. This was a weekend of encouragement and he saw folks he hadn't seen in years. He encouraged all to continue in the unity which was built this weekend.

In closing, Pastor Sam Graham asked for volunteers to host the 2020 Unity Conference and it was decided upon the Frystown Assembly to do so and it will be August 7-9, 2020 in Frystown, Pennsylvania.

Submitted Anonymously

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# THE 10 COMMANDMENTS ARE NOT MULTIPLE CHOICE

# "IF YE LOVE ME, KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS." John 14:15

Exodus 20:1-17 – And Elohim spake all these words, saying, I am Yahweh thy Elohim, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other Elohim before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I Yahweh thy Elohim am a jealous El, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments. Thou shalt not take the name of Yahweh thy Elohim in vain; for Yahweh will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the Sabbath of Yahweh thy Elohim: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: 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. Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which Yahweh thy Elohim giveth thee. Thou shalt not murder. Thou shalt not commit adultery. Thou shalt not steal. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

Matthew 22:36-40 – Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law? Yahshua said unto him, Thou shalt love Yahweh thy Elohim with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

**1 John 5:3** – For this is the love of Elohim, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

**Revelation 14:12** – Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of Elohim, and the faith of Yahshua.

**Revelation 22:14** – Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city (heavenly Jerusalem).

Samuel Graham

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# IN MEMORIAM

**Robert "Bob" McBride** passed away peacefully in his home Friday, June 14, 2019 at the age of 92 years. A graveside service with Military Honors was held at 10 a.m. CST, Monday, June 17, 2019 at the Assembly of Yahweh Church Cemetery in Jackson's Gap, Alabama.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Geraldine. Bob went to Germany during World War II and was rated Corporal when discharged. After getting out of the army, Bob started studying the Bible and became a Minister. He was pastor of The Assembly of Yahweh, Jackson Gap, Alabama for over 60 years, was an organic gardener, a storekeeper for 20 years, and a pulpwooder. He met his wife of 67 years at a Church of God in Fort Smith, Arkansas; they had 6 children, 16 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

**Lucille M. Gatzke** passed away in Yahshua July 26, 2019. Lucille was born June 20, 1942 in St. Johns, Michigan. She was an artist and painted from 1973 until 2007 producing abundant artwork and winning several awards. Lucille and her first husband Kurt Saling were blessed with 2 sons, Albert and Timothy. She was blessed with several grandchildren, great grandchildren and one great, great grandchild.

Lucille began attending the fellowship at the Assembly of Yahweh in 2002 where she learned about Yahweh's feasts in scripture. Shortly afterward she began playing the piano for services and then began helping with correspondence in the office. Lucille met and married Fred Gatzke December 2, 2010. They continued to be active in the fellowship, but spent a great deal of time with the caregiving of her father. They enjoyed their life together, their faith, companionship and friendship.

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Ezekiel 11:19 – And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh:

Acts 1:14 – These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Miriam the mother of Yahshua, and with his brethren.

Acts 2:1 and 46 – And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

Acts 4:32 – And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that any of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.

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<b>Yahweh's</b> 2019 Calendar					
New Moon Days	YAHSHUA'S MEMORIAL (Passover) MARCH 21 Celebrate MARCH 20 after sunset	Annual Convocation Days			
Jan. 8 Feb. 7 Mar. 8	FESTIVAL OF UNLEAVENED BREAD MARCH 22 through MARCH 28	March 22 March 28 May 11			
(Borderline) Apr. 7 May 7 June 5	FEAST (appointment) OF WEEKS MAY 11 See Leviticus 23:10, 11, 15, 16, 21	Sept. 1 Sept. 10 Sept. 15 Sept. 22			
July 4 (Borderline) Aug. 3	FEAST (appointment) OF TRUMPETS SEPTEMBER 1	7 days			
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Nov. 28 (Borderline) Dec. 28	FEAST OF TABERNACLES (Booths or Huts) SEPTEMBER 15 through SEPTEMBER 21	completeness			
	LAST GREAT DAY SEPTEMBER 22				
Begin YAHWEH's days with the sunset preceding the indicated Roman days lasting till the next sunset.					

Gen 1:14 And Elohim said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:

Gen 1:15 And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.

Gen 1:16 And Elohim made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also.

Gen 1:17 And Elohim set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, Gen 1:18 And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and Elohim saw that it was good.

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