

## **A CURRENT REFLECTION ON OUR WALK WITH YAHWEH**

In April of 2015 co-minister, Jim and I made a decision. Faced with losing our radio show with Blog Talk Radio because we couldn't afford to pay for the service, we put out an appeal for financial help from our listeners. We received one reply from someone claiming to have scriptural authority, but he turned out to be a scripture twisting charlatan. We did receive one soft answer and two confirmed replies to help to pay for the show. Before we got the offers from those two brothers, we had received another reply, not to support the show financially, but an offer to join a network that a brother is trying to build; a network of like-minded believers who want to get the word out. This brother, named Randall felt led by Yahweh to offer us free time on this new network. We knew that we would only run into the Blog Talk dilemma after another year. We also knew that the quality of the Blog Talk service was at best marginal. We had gotten complaints over the years that the sound files were choppy and we knew that there were times when we would complain to BTR (Blog Talk Radio) about issues, only to be told that it was not their fault. They would blame space aliens if they could get away with it. We knew that it was time to get away from BTR and go into something different. So, when Randall made the offer, we accepted right away. It just seemed like the most logical choice and we felt that we were being blessed. Our brothers would not have to donate their hard-earned money because everything was set up already by Randall and ready to go. Our one detractor (the charlatan) said that if we didn't raise the money then it suggested to him that we were not in Yahweh's Will, so we were being cursed. All indications proved that this was not true. We have a message to get out and Yahweh wants people to hear it, so much so, that he had Randall offer us free use of his format.

About two years ago Jim and I realized that the alien abduction theme had been played to death. When we started out back in the 90's the subject was almost taboo and just a handful of us knew what was going on. Now, you just type in a search on any search engine and find thousands of people posting on abduction, Nephilim and the Genesis Six Paradigm. Not being the types to play something to death, we came to inquire of Yeshua what we were supposed to do. Yahweh told us that a lot of people were giving out the information, but very few were doing something to get everyone ready. Yes, there are Nephilim in the world today and yes, aliens are not extraterrestrial but are fallen angels in disguise, but what do we do with that. Jim has always called people with the knowledge, "emergency support pillars." He has explained to exasperated people that it might be Yahweh's will for them to remain in their dried-up churches so that when the time came, they will be there with the answers. When the deception comes to its peak, the

clear and present danger will unfold, but what do Believers in Yahweh Yeshua do then? Information is useless if one doesn't know how to apply it to their lives. That is what we feel called to do; yes, aliens are coming, but how do you conduct your Believer's Walk when the defecation hits the rotary oscillator. Christians are notorious for acting after the fact, sort of akin to the US Government knowing that the Japanese were going to attack, but not shoring up the defenses to repel the attack. They would rather fight back after the attack happens. That strategy has serious if not fatal flaws.

With that mission in place, we announced that our radio show would change focus, stating that we were not going to discard the sensationalism of aliens and Nephilim, but we're going to talk less about it and more about how to get ready when those things are clear and present for everyone to see. It's not just the aliens and Nephilim that we need to worry about, there is a human factor that comes into play too. Just look at Central and North Africa, the Middle East, Southwest Asia and Southeast Asia; there is an active movement, called Islam, that is out to destroy Judaism and Christianity and to wipe us off the face of the Earth. All over the world, Jews and Christians are being wiped out because they stand up for their faith; unlike the dead church in America that sits and waits for a Rapture to remove them from this world so that they don't have to suffer like the rest of the world. The American Church sits on its ass unaware and/or uncaring what happens to the rest of their brothers and sisters while in other lands they hide or run for their lives. What do the Christians in other lands have that we don't have, simple answer, "FAITH." Faith is staying strong when adversity comes. Faith is standing firm when torture and death are staring you in the face. Faith is not based on whether the bills are paid, or you have a Mercedes or if you have the nicest house in the neighborhood and all of your payments are on time. Faith is built by losing the things of this world and having to place your entire trust for food, clothing, and shelter, in Mashiach, and Mashiach alone.

We embarked on our Ruach Ha Kodesh led mission. Like I said, we announced our intentions and guess what; we lost 90 percent of our audience. For years we informed them about the disease, and now that we had a way to inoculate them against the disease and its effects, they were fleeing in droves. Honestly, I wasn't surprised. I told Jim that we were going to lose a lot of listeners and it happened. Many Christians take on the worldly attribute in that they have an entitlement mentality. They'll take everything that you have to give, but when it comes to working, they can't be found. Pastors call this the 95/5 principle; 95 percent of the work is done by 5 percent of the people. For many of our listeners, we were just entertainment. When we brought into the light that people need to be responsible, they almost everyone ran away; but isn't that what Yeshua said, that darkness flees from the light. It is a very good litmus test to see

who is real and who is a counterfeit; tell them that they have responsibility and that they have to obey Yahweh; the wheat will stick around and the chaff is scattered with the wind.

Years ago, we heard a story about a church meeting in what was then Soviet Russia. The church was made up of mostly true believers in Yeshua. As a meeting progressed a man came in dressed in camo and a black stocking mask. He fired his gun in the air and announced that he was going to murder any Christian that didn't run out of the church right then. Well, quite a few of the people fled for their lives. After they left, the man took off his mask, smiled and said, "now that the unfaithful have left, let's have church." I can only imagine how many would leave in an American Church. They wouldn't want to get killed because they loved the things of this world, or, they wouldn't get to go up in the rapture if they were dead. Yes, everyone wants the rapture so that they don't have to die. So much for "and the dead in Messiah will rise first..."

No, I'm not going to complain anymore. What I'm going to bring now is hope. We know that in every generation there is a remnant that does not bow down to this world and who believe, as Rabbi Paul exhorted us, "keeping our eyes on Yeshua, the author, and finisher of our faith." When I was a younger man, I was impressed by Yahweh that there was going to be a great falling away in the days to come. Over the years, especially since around 2000, I've seen people who I thought were staunch believers in Yeshua doing the most stupid and wanton things. People have fallen like dominoes to this world and the Prince of This World. I've actually had people tell me that they were no longer Christians; some saying that they just don't believe in Yahweh in any fashion and many turning to atheism and other religions. Since the callings of Yahweh are irrevocable, one has to ask if these people were ever actually saved to begin with; my answer would be a resounding "NO."

There is hope in that those of us who want to remain true to Yahweh are low in number, but we're vocal. We see our faith as Ezekiel's watchman on the wall, taking the salvation of others as more important than our own lives. Ezekiel was told:

*Again the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them, When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their watchman: If when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people; Then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head. He heard the sound of the trumpet, and*

*took not warning; his blood shall be upon him. But he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul. But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand.*

*So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me. When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul. Ezekiel 33:1-9*

Scripture is rife with action words such as, speak, talk, go, run and preach. There are other words too, like worship, praise, exalt, supplicate and such. A true walk with Yeshua isn't restricted to pew sitting. Even when Yeshua tells us to rest it denotes that we were working, for we do not rest from rest, but we rest from work. Our walk is filled with stress, contention and if we are truly in Him, we have a target on our backs; and we're constantly in warfare mode. Melech David's psalms constantly talk about finding a hiding place, a place to have rest and times of refreshing from times of woe and contention.

In the scripture above, Ezekiel was charged with being a watchman on the wall. He was charged to look out for an enemy and to warn the city of approaching harm. This doesn't work well if the watchman doesn't know who the enemy is. We know that in our radio program and our ministry in general that we are to show the other watchmen who the enemy is. Sometimes the enemy presents himself blatantly but other times they come in a facade. The identifying of a friend or foe can sometimes be confusing. In order to know who an enemy is it is good to know what a friend is. We're told in scripture that we're supposed to discriminate. Many times, scripture uses agricultural terms. Yeshua told us to be fruit inspectors. We're told to differentiate between good fruit and bad fruit. Yeshua used a fruit tree as an analogy. We're told that a good tree cannot produce bad fruit and a bad tree cannot produce good fruit. We're given the five senses that allow us to discriminate. We can smell if a fruit is bad when it smells like it's rotting. We can see if it is bad if it is bruised or shriveled. We can taste if it's bad if we bite into it and it tastes rancid. If we touch an apple and it feels mushy, we know that it isn't good for

consumption. And yes, there are some fruit that we can tell ripeness by listening. I was taught a long time ago that you can tell if a cantaloupe or honeydew melon is ripe by knocking on it. If it sounds like knocking on the skull it is not ripe yet, however, if you knock on it and it sounds like the knocking on your chest it is ready to eat. By the way, if you do that in the store around people, they will look at you strangely. Try to wait till you're all alone.

Another way to put it is to say that we cannot know a counterfeit unless we know what the genuine is all about. Scripture tells us about the Way, the Truth and the Life, and we know that Yeshua is those things and they are Him. We get to know Him by reading His Word and we commune with Him via the Word and also by an intimate relationship with him through personal fellowship with Him via prayer and meditating on Him. Bank tellers are put through extensive training to show them how to spot a counterfeit. They are allowed to handle real bills and coins so they can feel what real currency feel like. Once they become accustomed to the feel of real bills and coins they can more easily spot when someone tries to slip them a counterfeit. Again, when we spend time with Yeshua and His Word we know Him and spot a phony. The psalmist wrote:

*O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. To day if ye will hear his voice, Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness Psalm 95:6-8*

Yeshua, in referring to those who know Him echoed the same words:

*Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me. But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one. John 10:25-30*

The sheep know the Shepherd's voice, and that knowledge comes when they listen to the Shepherd talking to them, a thing that is only done when the Shepherd and sheep spend a lot of

time together. We hear the Shepherd's voice and we respond to it, but we also know when the counterfeit is calling, and we reject that call.

The problem with the Christian Research community today, especially when it comes to the areas of the paranormal, and/or the cryptic, and studies in angels and demons is that we have shown what the enemy is like, but we have ignored showing what Yahweh is like. It's great to know that aliens are actually fallen angels and that ghosts are the disembodied spirits of the Nephilim. It's wonderful to know what is bad and evil, but what good is all of that knowledge if you don't know what to do with all of that information. How are you supposed to conduct yourself when evil presents itself? What is the correct way to act when you face the enemy? Do you fight or do you recoil? How do you know if you are strong enough to resist and win? I've run across many people with shallow faith who can proclaim the alien/fallen angel doctrine from the housetops, but many of the same has gone to war ill-equipped. These same people get chewed up and spit out by the enemy because all those believers had was the gnosis, but not the weapons to fight or protect themselves. It would be akin to marching in a battle without a gun, knife or body armor and proclaiming to a terrorist camp that they are evil and wicked. They're either going to torture you until you die or they will just drop you right there. I've seen such people fight against evil and then get shredded to pieces; having been left as empty shells of people who don't know what they believe or don't believe. In addition, I've seen people get chewed up and not even know that they have been devoured. When they are told about their condition, they often get mad and accusatory.

When it comes to spiritual warfare many people get confused. We're told in Ephesians chapter six that we're supposed to don our warfare armor and implements. At the same time, the words of Yeshua tell us to love our enemies and to pray for those who abuse us. This sounds like a total contradiction and it is if we look at from the flesh. In both of the passages, the one in Ephesians and those of Yeshua in the Gospels, one factor seems to be ignored by the reader out a majority of times, and that is PRAYER. Yes, we're told to fight the good fight, and we're told to act peacefully and loving, but we will never know what to do if we don't ask Yahweh what to do right at the start. In the Book of Joshua, we are told about the Battle of Jericho. Joshua was told to do some bizarre things during that battle. In this battle, Joshua came upon someone called "Captain of The Lord's Hosts." Joshua fell on his face before this "man" which makes many scholars believe that he was a pre-incarnate appearance of Yeshua Ha Mashiach. Faithful Jews only bowed to Yahweh and no other. Let's look at the account:

*And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries? And he said, Nay; but as captain of the host of the Lord am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my Lord unto his servant? And the captain of the Lord's host said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy. And Joshua did so.*

*Now Jericho was straitly shut up because of the children of Israel: none went out, and none came in. And the Lord said unto Joshua, See, I have given into thine hand Jericho, and the king thereof, and the mighty men of valour. And ye shall compass the city, all ye men of war, and go round about the city once. Thus shalt thou do six days. And seven priests shall bear before the ark seven trumpets of rams' horns: and the seventh day ye shall compass the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the trumpets. And it shall come to pass, that when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when ye hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city shall fall down flat, and the people shall ascend up every man straight before him.....*

*.....So the people shouted when the priests blew with the trumpets: and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city. Joshua 5:13-15 and 6:1-5, 20*

Joshua did exactly what the Captain of The Lord's Hosts said to do and Israel was victorious. It's quite obvious that it was Yahweh that made the victory possible by tearing down the walls of Jericho. Had Joshua done anything other than what he had been told then Israel would have lost the battle. We see in other battles that occurred during Israel's history that when they didn't listen to Yahweh, they lost battles and Yahweh had to intervene to pull their fat out of the fire quite a few times.

You might ask, what is the focus that many are starting to see in our current walk with Yeshua. That focus is to turn to Him for everything. We must realize that we are nothing without Him. A few weeks ago, I was part of a conference call with a couple other brothers who have ministries. We have all felt led to ask Yahweh Yeshua to take control of everything. We also concluded that we realize that Yahweh has to sometimes burn things out of our lives in order to make us more pure and ready for His use. It is so important that everyone that follows Yeshua see that the trials and hardships that happen to us are not a coincidence; but tools that Yahweh uses to bring us into alignment with Him and His purposes. There are no accidents or coincidences when one walks with Yahweh. Each and everything have either been sent by Yahweh or it has been allowed by Yahweh for the perfecting of each saint.

I would like you the reader to understand how this works in my life and perhaps you can identify with what is happening. When I was a young man, the mere age of 12 years old, my parents divorced. My dad told me when he left the following words; “well, now you’re the man of the house.” I understand his meaning in that now, as a young man it was a trial that was very hard to bear, and it threw me into instant adulthood. I have never taken things lightly, and I took my dad’s words to be a commandment, not a suggestion or analogy. I took on that burden because I had been told to do so.

It is the natural inclination of men to be fixers of things. A normal man sees something broken and he just progresses to make it better. That is good in some ways, but not so good when it comes to faith in Yeshua. He wants to take all of our burdens and to give us all that we need. I spent quite a few years of my walk with Yeshua being a fixer. When a problem arose, I would try to make deals with Yahweh, telling Him that I’d wait for a set time limit and if He didn’t act, I would assume that he wanted me to act. I had not yet learned that Yahweh had His own time limit, and He was the one that told us when to act, not us to tell Him. Many were the times when I would act, then fail, then watch as Yahweh had to fix the things that I did. It took me a long time to realize, speaking in Tarzan terms, “Him God, me servant.”

Our focus now is to help people to realize that they are the servants and Yahweh is God. Believers in western society have some warped idea that since we’re in the process of becoming Sons of Elohim, we can tell him what to do and we can use some special words or techniques to tell Him what to do. Take for instance NAR practice of 24/7 prayer, that is supposed to help people to draw Yahweh nearer. Wait a minute, it is Yahweh that is drawing us nearer, not the other way around. Didn’t Yeshua talk about NOT performing redundant prayers, saying not to be like the Pharisees? We’re not to act like the pagans who try all sorts of physical and spiritual



manners to manipulate their gods. What is a servant anyhow, but a slave who listens for his Master's voice and who obeys that voice when he hears it? But I thought that we were Sons of Elohim, right? Well, not exactly. Let's look:

*But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. John 1:12-13*

And let's look at something else too:

*Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ: Philippians 1:6*

To fully understand the two verses in John, we have to do a Greek word study. We have to look at four words; gave, power, become and sons.

**Gave:** *didōmi* – verb used in present tense: to give, to give something to someone. Of one's own accord to give one something, to his advantage; to bestow a gift.

**Power:** *exousia* – feminine noun: power of choice, liberty of doing as one pleases; leave or permission

**Become:** *ginomai* – verb used in present tense: to become, i.e. to come into existence, begin to be, receive being; to become, i.e. to come to pass, happen, becoming.

**Sons:** *teknon* – neutered noun: offspring, children, child; a male child, a son. In the NT, pupils or disciples are called children of their teachers, because the latter by their instruction nourish the minds of their pupils and mould their characters. Children of God: in the OT of "the people of Israel" as especially dear to God, in the NT, in Paul's writings, all who are led by the Spirit of God and thus closely related to God

Notice that according to the original Greek rendering, the word Gave, should really be Give or Gives. Gave is past tense and denotes that it is something that has occurred, not something in progress, which Philippians says.

Note also that the word for Power really means that Yahweh gave the choice or permission, also denoting that it is a work in progress. It is not a power of attorney, but an act that is working toward a finality. It is akin to a father telling his son that he gives permission to drive his car when he reaches legal driving age. There has to be a time reached before the giving become “gave the car.” So, using the word “gives” renders better with the idea than “gave” does.

The word for “Power” is very interesting here. The Greek suggests that “become” is really “becoming.” It is a process that causes something to come into existence or to begin to be. This works better with the text in Philippians too, denoting that we are “becoming,” rather than having become something.

Finally, there is the Greek word for Sons. What is interesting about this is that if it denotes sons as in what masters call their students, then there is a schooling process that takes place and thus the students are working toward something, a final reality that will come at a later time when the Master feels that the students are ready. The wedding plans of Israel are interesting in this aspect. It is commonly thought that the Fellowship of Yahweh is His Bride. In Jewish custom, once the wedding was established by the fathers of the groom and bride, planning would start to unfold. The bride to be would start to collect things that she would need. She and her family would make the dress and prepare all of the adornments that she would wear for the wedding. The older women of the household would instruct the bride in how to be a good and faithful wife. This process would continue until the day that the groom’s father would tell the groom to go and collect his bride. Since the time that Yeshua rose from the dead the Fellowship of True Believers has been the bride that is becoming ready. Since that day, and until the day that Yeshua returns to collect His Bride, each true believer in the collective body called the Fellowship (church) will be cleansed and purified. Yes, we are all clean in Yahweh’s eyes through the blood of Yeshua, there is not contention there. There is however a constant growth and purification as we grow closer and closer to what Yeshua yearns for us to be. We are the Bride of Mashiach, and we are being prepared to be ready on the day that He finally calls for us; just as the Jewish bride was betrothed to the groom on the day that the contract was signed between the fathers, and the bride prepared for the eventual day that the groom came to get her.

Now imagine too that when the contract is signed, the groom pronounces that he is betrothed to his bride. The whole world knows those true believers in Yeshua belong to Yeshua. It is the duty of the groom to protect the bride because even though he hasn't collected his bride yet, she belongs to him. The groom is going to tell the bride what he expects, what she needs to do to please him and such. He also protects her from harm before their wedding day and helps her with anything that she needs, because although they are not together yet, they are betrothed. This is how we, as the Bride of Mashiach are supposed to be. We are to listen and obey as he molds us into what he expects us to be. It all comes down to obedience out of love, the act of wanting to please the groom because we want the whole village (world) to see how much He loves us and we love Him. We have to leave aside the western view of what marriage is and see what the Jewish model is. It is the classic scenario of Father is over the Son and the Son is the covering over His Bride. There is a cadence and order of who is who. There is no feminism in Yahweh's kingdom and His way of conducting His affairs and affairs of those who love Him. There must be the obedience of those who Believe Yahweh Yeshua to Yeshua, the Groom.

The problem today is that most want to be Sons of Yahweh without wanting to be obedient. There is an entitlement mentality that comes with the title that doesn't belong anywhere in Yahweh's Kingdom. The only entitlement comes to those who are obedient to Yeshua and Aveinu. We are only righteous because Yeshua made us that way and it is only through His righteousness that Aveinu can see us as being righteous. Sons have to be obedient in order to become favored sons. Rabbi Paul talked about sons being corrected and that this correction shows that Aveinu loves us. Yahweh chastens us and that chastening brings us closer to Him.

A few years ago, I was talking to my dad and I brought the times that he would use the belt on me to bring me to correction. He lamented, telling me that I really didn't need that sort of correction, and he apologized. I told him that I did indeed need that correction because it turned me into a person that he thought didn't need that correction. Does that make sense? It does to me. When he corrected me, it showed me that he loved me and didn't want me to be in error. That is love.

Years ago, I had a close Christian brother named Bob Dooley. Bob was known to come out with one-line zingers. He was quiet for the most part, but when he said something it was profound and sometimes shocking. One day Bob sat forward and told the group at our table, "everyone wants to go to heaven, but nobody wants to die." What an incredibly accurate and multilevel saying. Yes, it goes against human nature to want to physically die, but it also goes

against the flesh to want to die to self and to take up the cross. In our culture, everyone wants the blessings that Yahweh Yeshua has to offer, but they don't want to be accountable to Yahweh for their every thought and action. The Gospels and the Epistles of the Apostles are rife with two tenants; take your thoughts captive and go and sin no more.

I know what some might be saying, "I'm a Christian, so I'm not a sinner." Yes, you are a Christian, and your sin is forgiven, but scripture is quite clear that while we're in our bodies (our flesh still contends with the Ruach) we are going sin, or miss the mark. To say anything less is to say that we have no sin

*If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. 1 John 1:8-10*

And, if the lie is believed that we have no sin, then why did Yahweh go through such lengths to have people like Paul, Timothy, Peter, Jude and others to write epistles (letters) to the churches to teach about sin and chastise them about their sinful nature. Many don't realize that while we are saved, and our sins are washed away (from Aveinu's perspective), there still are earthly ramifications that come about because of sin:

*Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. Galatians 6:7-8*

So many today want to abuse Grace and then they play the "Grace Card," to try to prove to themselves and others that they are in the perfect will of Yahweh. Several years ago, scientists found out that if a person holds onto hate they wear down their immune systems and are more prone to getting cancer. (ex. <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-2024386/Harbours-bitterness-increases-likelihood-physical-disease.html>)

We're told repeatedly in Scripture that we need to confess our sins (another proof that sin still exists when we are saved), and/or to go to one that we have ought against to clear things up with them. Many believers tend to hold onto things because they don't dispose of them properly.

They tend to “harbor” things while they pretend that those things are resolved, simply because they didn’t go about the correct procedure. Harbor is an interesting word; it can be a noun or a verb. When we harbor something, it can be used as both a noun and a verb. When a ship “harbors,” it goes to a place where it is docked and protected from the ravages of the open sea. Putting sin into the harbor is the same thing, however, it is docking and protecting a hatred or bitterness and not releasing it because it is tied to dock. As a verb, it means to take the action of keeping a grudge, which only festers and makes situations worse.

When we are obedient, and we are obedient to Yahweh’s rules or ordinances, He is more able to work through us and Obedience seems to lead to more obedience and more of a want and desire to please Aveinu. I remember when I was a child and my dad approved of my actions because I was obeying him, it caused me to want to find more ways to make him happy. I didn’t necessarily obey him because I feared him (although there was a respectful fear) but I obeyed him because when dad was happy it went well for everyone. I liked to see my dad smile because it brought an assurance to me that my dad loved me and was proud of me. How much more should we treat Aveinu with respect, fear, and awe?

Again, getting back to the “in the process mode” of our salvation, we see in another one of Rabbi Paul’s writings, that we are constantly “working out our salvation,” and that it will be a process that will continue until the “Day of Mashiach Yeshua.”

*Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. Philippians 2:12-13*

Both the Tanakh and the Brit Hadasha point out that Yahweh has ordinances that we need to keep. It is interesting to research ordinances, especially the history of the word, how it was and is used and how there is a societal trend of disregard of ordinances and the destruction of our society. The chart below shows (in years) how the use of the word “ordinance,” has lessened. If we look at the trends of society during the timeline of the chart, we can see a clear decline of morals and values in both secular society, and in Churchianity.

## Usage of the word Ordinance Throughout Contemporary History



Middle English (also in the sense ‘arrangement in ranks’): from Old French *ordenance*, from medieval Latin *ordinantia*, from Latin *ordinare* ‘put in order’

Back in the 1950’s most people in the U.S. attended church, even if they weren’t believers. They knew that Church was a safe place to be and they knew that society saw church attendance as a plus when it came to character. Notice that from 1900 to 1950 people knew about laws and ordinances. They knew that there are absolutes; that there is a right and wrong to almost everything. As the cultural revolution progressed and people started to proclaim their “freedom,” they unwittingly separated themselves from absolutes and society took a downturn along with the knowledge of absolutes and ordinances. Unfortunately, the Church took the same turn, although in a more retarded process.

So many are running to and fro these days proclaiming false doctrines. I’ve remarked that in earlier years it was easy to keep up with heresies and false doctrine. However, nowadays there are so many coming onto the scene all the time that one has a hard time exposing them for what they are. In our day of “Liberal Christianity,” many people fail to realize that Yahweh has absolutes and that Yeshua demands that we keep to those absolutes. In John 15 He says:

*As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father’s commandments, and abide in his love. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay*

*down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. John 15:9-14*

Yes, Yeshua talks about loving one another fulfills His commandments to us. He says that He obeyed His Father's commandments and so we should obey his commandments. That includes keeping some of the Torah. Uh oh, there is that "T" word again; The Law. Love is a wonderful thing, but it's not just a feeling. No, it is more than that. Love requires work, it's not just a noun, it is an active verb. How do we love? We love by:

- Loving Yahweh
- Forsaking other Gods – not bowing down to them and not making images of them
- Not taking His Name in vain
- Remembering the Sabbath Day – and honoring it
- Honoring Father and Mother
- Not murdering
- Not committing adultery
- Not stealing
- Not bearing false witness
- Not coveting the things of others
- Etc, Etc, Etc

In our current day, there are many of us who are tired of all of the heresy and garbage that has crept into the Christian Church. Many people feel called apart from such excrement. We're feeling an urgent sense to want to please Yahweh Yeshua and to follow him each and every way that is possible. We feel the tugging of the flesh each and every day; something that people in disobedience either haven't felt or have ignored. We know when we have offended Yahweh and we know to quickly acknowledge sin and to ask forgiveness, knowing that when we do ask, we are forgiven. Yes, we have been forgiven for sins past, present, and future, but we know that we need to acknowledge sin and then turn from it so that it doesn't become our master. We have only one master, Yahweh Yeshua.

We also acknowledge that our primary focus needs to be to tell people about the Gospel and to help as many as who will turn to Yeshua in order that they might serve him and have eternal life. We see others arguing doctrinal issues that aren't tantamount to salvation and it bothers us. While they argue, many perish. We detest pride and pridefulness. We feel a calling to

help believers to understand where the Church is in error and to help them to withstand during these evil days. And finally, we recognize that Yahweh Yeshua is the one who dictates his desire to believers and that in Tarzan terms, “Him God, me servant.” Yes, we are in a process of becoming “Sons of Elohim,” but we are servants. Sons are always servants to their elders, no matter how old or mature the sons seem to be.

These are the things that many of us are starting to see and recognize. We hope that others feel the same way too. Remember that Yeshua is coming for a church that is without spot or wrinkle, a pure bride. Yes, He has made us pure, but it is our job to want to remain pure and unmarked. If you feel the same, please visit our [Opposing the Matrix](#) website or our [Remnant Call](#) website. Join us to hear our radio show on Monday nights. [Write to us](#) and let us know about how All of the links above can be found at [www.delusionresistance.org](http://www.delusionresistance.org), Yahweh has been speaking to you. Let us know your story of seeking righteousness and holiness.

In closing, we wish you and yours blessings through Yahweh Yeshua as you thirst for His Will and hunger for His righteousness.