

THE RUACH HA KODESH KNOWS WHO IS CALLED TO BE SAVED

I'm going to touch on a highly debated subject. If you like what I'm writing then wonderful. If you don't like or agree, then take it up with Yahweh.

I know a couple, a wonderful young couple. Yes, we are related, and no, you don't need to know who they are. This young couple knew that they were perfect for each other right off the bat. After a time of dating they were full bore in love and decided that they wanted to get married. Now before I continue, I want to say that my wife and I are sticklers for people marrying within their own faith, so what happened next surprised many, but it really didn't surprise us because we know when the Ruach is speaking to us. We know about what scripture talks about when it comes to being unevenly yoked and how it speaks about having fellowship with "supposed" unbelievers.

Where it comes to being "unevenly yoked" what does that really mean. Many Christians are quick to point out that it is speaking of marriage. But is it speaking only of marriage? The phrase actually comes from agriculture and it means not to put a strong animal and a weak animal together at the yoke of a plow or a carriage because the strong animal will always prevail and it tends to, if not controlled by the plowman, to make the plow or carriage go off kilter. In essence, it means that the plow, if not guided by the plowman, will plow unevenly, and if the stronger animal is too strong the plowing will go in more of a circle than a straight line. What most Christians don't realize is that there is a plowman at the end of the plow that tries to make the animals go straight, because no matter how hard you try, there will be one animal that is stronger than another. Now it would be worthless to place a donkey with a big ox while trying to plow, unless of course you have a very strong and capable plowman, but even for him that would be hard. But what if you placed a two-year-old ox with a four-year-old ox, or a one-year old horse with a four-year-old horse, that would not be so bad, right. The plowman would be able to handle this, even if it could be considered an "uneven yoke."

One might ask, who is the plowman? Well, of course the plowman is Yahweh. One thing that we have to consider is that Yahweh:

Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure: Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executeth my counsel from

a far country: yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it. Hearken unto me, ye stouthearted, that are far from righteousness: I bring near my righteousness; it shall not be far off, and my salvation shall not tarry: and I will place salvation in Zion for Israel my glory. Isaiah 46:8-12

Yahweh knows the beginning from the end. From His perspective, the end of time has already been reached and accomplished. For this very reason I lean toward the Calvinist way of looking at things. We read constantly about people being predestined to come to salvation. Well, if you know the end from the beginning and the beginning from the end, it is very easy to know who will be saved and who will not be saved; and, it is also possible to know who the seed of Satan really are. I want to remind everyone that only Yahweh is afforded this luxury, and men can and should not equate who is saved, or not, or who will be saved and who will not. Because Yahweh is outside of time and space, he has the ability to know and to reassure His own through His Ruach when things seem to contradict His Word and His Edicts.

Many Christians often make the mistake that the “unevenly yoked” only refers to marriage. We have to look at why animals are yoked. They are yoked, for the most part to perform work. Marriage could be defined as work, because when a couple becomes betrothed, they are working for a purpose and to the end of a means. They are working to please Yahweh as well as each other. They are working to raise a family and they are working to protect each other and their children. The marriages of Christians and Jews are watched by those outside the Faith of Abraham because Christian and Jewish unions are unique, their binding tie being Yahweh. We are ambassadors for Yahweh, plain and simple.

There are however other ways that we can be unevenly yoked. One thing that comes to mind right away is entering into financial agreements with the world. Everyone reading this, who has purchased a car or a home has entered into a condition where you are unevenly yoked. Both the lender and the borrower enter into a contract where one gets something from the other, however most people finance their cars and homes and the lender attaches interest to the loan amount, becoming the stronger party of the yoking. Just miss an automobile or house payment and see who the stronger yoked animal is.

The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender. Proverbs 22:7

If you enter into employment with an unbeliever then you are unevenly yoked. You and your boss enter into an agreement, yoking yourselves together. You agree to work for him and he agrees to recompense you for the work that you did. Your boss is the stronger animal (in most

cases) and if you don't believe that, just perform your work badly, miss days without calling in or something else, and see who holds the upper hand. If you hang out with the unsaved you place yourself in an uneven yoked situation. Soon you find yourself going out to bars, maybe strip joints and doing things unbecoming a believer. The temptations that worldly friends place on a believer create unevenly yoked situation. If you send your kids off to most institutions of higher learning (college) they are being placed into a situation where they are unevenly yoked.

Southern Baptist Convention Data

Pinkney, T.C., Remarks to the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, Nashville, Tennessee (2001)

Study Findings: *Data from the Southern Baptist Convention indicates that they are currently losing 70-88% of their youth after their freshman year in college. 70% of teenagers involved in church youth groups stop attending church within two years of their high school graduation. [See more at: <http://coldcasechristianity.com/2012/are-young-people-really-leaving-christianity/#sthash.sHboaM9o.dpuf>]*

Assemblies of God Study

Dayton A. Kingsriter (2007)

Study Findings: *At least half and possibly over two-thirds of Christian young people will step away from the Christian faith while attending a non-Christian college or university. Between 50% and 66.7% of Assemblies of God young people who attend a non-Christian public or private university will have left the faith four years after entering college. [- See more at: <http://coldcasechristianity.com/2012/are-young-people-really-leaving-christianity/#sthash.sHboaM9o.dpuf>]*

So you see, if you send your kid away to college, especially one that is secular, you are taking a 50%-70% chance that by the time that they graduate they will have walked away from faith in Yeshua because they were unevenly yoked with unbelieving students that have led them astray and/or professors who blow holes in the faith that the kids had before they left. Their friends teach them how to party if they want to be popular and the teachers fill them with philosophy and unproven theories, like Evolution, that cause them to question their faith. After four years, they're in the world. If that isn't placing someone in a position of being unequally yoked, then nothing is.

If you let your kids play video games, you are placing them in a position where they are unequally yoked. The game becomes the other animal pulling the plow and NONE of the games out there glorify Yahweh and I'd say that about 99.9999% of the games lead the kids into some

sort of sorcery, wizardry, occult practices and/or games where they have to kill other in order to advance to higher game status’.

Do you want scriptures to prove it?

Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up. James 4:4-10

And then we have the “unequally yoked” scripture itself.

Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you. And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. 2 Corinthians 6:14-18

I think it is however very important to look at the meanings of the Greek words in 2 Corinthians six verses. The word for “unequally yoked together,” is:

heterozygeō –

to come under an unequal or different yoke, to be unequally yoked

to have fellowship with one who is not an equal: 2Cor 6:14, where the apostle is forbidding Christians to have intercourse with idolaters

Of course, there will be those who will see the word “intercourse” in the definition of the translation. These same people will say, “see, it does have to do with sexual relations. Sexual relation is one meaning, but there are several meanings, as we can see in the “full” definition of “Intercourse.”

Intercourse:

noun in-ter·course \ 'in-tər-, kɔrs

: communication and actions between people

Full Definition of INTERCOURSE:

connection or dealings between persons or groups

exchange especially of thoughts or feelings: communion

physical sexual contact between individuals that involves the genitalia of at least one person <anal intercourse> <oral intercourse>; sexual intercourse <heterosexual intercourse>

Origin of INTERCOURSE

Middle English intercourse, probably from Middle French entrecours, from Medieval Latin intercursum, from Latin, act of running between, from intercurrere to run between, from inter – + currere to run.

Synonyms: commerce, dealings, interactions, relation

[Source: <http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/intercourse>]

It is easy to see now that everyone has intercourse every day. Yes, sometimes it is sexual physical contact, but it also is an exchange in thoughts and feelings (communion), or a connection or dealings between persons or groups. All of the things mentioned above, when I talked about going to the bar with an unsaved friend, buying houses and cars from the unsaved or dealing with financial institutions owned and/or operated by unsaved persons, and many other things that we do when we cohort with people that belong to this world are intercourse that places us in an unequally yoked situation with people that scripture says we are to have no dealings with. Yet, in Christian definitions, people seem to get hung up on the “one” definition, that it means marrying or having sexual relationships with unsaved people. Granted, this is a correct notion, but unless a person lives on some sort of Christian commune where the only dealings done are with believers, a person really has no right pointing fingers, or proverbially noting the speck in a brother’s eye while there is a gaping beam stuck in their own eye.

Now let's look at what "having intercourse with Idolater's" really means. We know that a person who is an idolater is someone who worships idols. When you go into most Asian eateries you notice that they have an idol set up near the kitchen. If you go into most Indian restaurants you find an idol. If you go into the homes of anyone that practices an Eastern Religion, you will find idols. While most Islamist's would vehemently deny that they are idol worshipers they would be wrong because they fail to recognize that they turn the Koran and their Islamic tradition into objects of worship. Atheists worship money and power and agnostics worship their works because they "know that there is someone out there watching over us." Those who follow the religion of the Vatican have idols everywhere. Go into a Catholic home and you'll find rosary beads, pictures of the Virgin Mary or a picture of Jesus with a heart at his chest and a glow about his body. Christians set up idols during certain holidays, and for some their gnosis and/or their prosperity are their idols.

When we look at Jewish culture, we find that, just like in Christianity there are several divisions of thoughts. There are the Kabbalists who hold to the mystical side of the Jewish religion. The strictest, the Orthodox are so strict that some don't even hang pictures in their homes in fear of offending the prohibition of having "graven images." The Conservative Jews are a little less restrictive and they tend to be more liberal in thought and interpretation of Scripture and Talmud. The Reformed Jews are quite liberal in their thoughts about Scripture and have almost no prohibitions. Lastly, there are the Reconstructionist Jews, many who take Torah lightly, even eating pork and such.

Christianity seems to have a similar structure, except that where idolatry is concerned, the more Orthodox in nature tends to lead to the more idolatrous. Protestantism tends to lend to the same creed, the older the denomination the more idolatrous and accepting of worldly and liberal ways. Then there are the Fundamentalists who take scripture literally, are less idolatrous but at the same time they tend to be less tolerant of movements of the Ruach Ha Kodesh. Spiritual Christianity is split into two basic camps, Pentecostal and Charismatic; the former being more "old time religion" in nature and the latter which tends to be very liberal and tolerant toward strange and new doctrines. Charismatics are what make up the NAR and other bizarre and scripture twisting groups of so called, "believers." In recent years there have been some who, in an attempt to mimic the First Century Church, have become Torah observant, often called Messianic or Hebrew Roots People. This subset is often loathed by the other divisions of Christianity because they are seen (and mistakenly so) as becoming more Jewish than Christian. I have addressed this in other articles in this blog so I won't go into it here.

It is plain to see that everyone is unevenly yoked one way or another to something. The degree of how unevenly yoked is another story. We have to remember that animals that are similar in size are easier for the plowman to manipulate. For instance, a bull and a horse pulling a plow would be more similar in strength than bull and a mule. They are both strong animals, but the bull has more mass and muscle content than the mule has. Bulls pull and donkey's carry for the most part, although they are known to pull also. Bulls fall into a routine easier than stubborn mules can. The plowman would have a difficult time plowing with the latter combination because he would constantly be pulling the bull back while spurring the donkey to pull harder. To take things to an extreme, yoking a bull with a pig would be ridiculous because a pig does not pull and pigs do only what they want to do.

We could look at another part of farming; agriculture and the practice of grafting. Grafting is often done in tree orchards. The farmer will use a strong stock that is resistant to disease or weather and he or she will graft other branches into that root stock. Bear in mind that in most cases, any hardwood tree limb can be grafted into the root stock. For instance, an apple limb can be grafted into a pear root stock or a peach into a nectarine. the root stock remains the same and the branch will bear the fruit that it originally was meant to grow. It works best however when the fruit of the limb is matched with the fruit of the root stock. Rabbi Paul talks about this in scripture, where he talks about wild olive branches being grafted into the root stock of the cultivated root stock, that being the seed of Israel. I wrote a book about this whole procedure and how it relates to the wild branches being grafted into Israel, and how both have the same DNA, meaning that the Gentiles that are grafted in probably have Israeli DNA from a descendant of Israel, somewhere in their coded information. You can read my book, "The Kingdom Tree," by going back to The Delusion Resistance main page at www.delusionresistance.org and looking on that page for the book's link.

We often place limits on Yahweh because we see through a glass darkly. Yes, there are certain things that are universal, like the Gospel of Yeshua Ha Mashiach, Torah; the foundations of our faith, which cannot be changed without causing people to operate outside of the faith and causing them to create another form of belief. As I illustrated above, the more different the animal that is chosen for plowing, the more difficult it is for the plowman (Yeshua's Ruach Ha Kodesh) to make straight furrows in the land for planting. We saw that using a mule and a bull would make things extremely difficult for the plowman and that using a pig and a bull would be impossible. Imagine the bull being intent on doing the task at hand while the pig would want to wander off to forage for food and/or wallow in the mud.

Where being unevenly yoked is concerned in marriage, there are degrees of unevenness. For instance, a Christian or Jew marrying a Buddhist, Hindu or a Muslim I see as being akin to them marrying a pig. There are virtually no similarities between the Judeo/Christian ethic and eastern religions. I feel the same way about a Christian or Jew marrying a New Age adherent or an atheist. I think that it is difficult for those who weren't born Jewish have a hard time seeing the cohesiveness between Judaism and Christianity. I know that many Jews fail to see it too. For those of us who have Jewish roots, we see becoming believers in Yeshua as being a completion of our Jewishness, just like Yeshua said, He fulfilled the Torah. We are fulfilled Jews that can see the whole picture for what it is. For us, there are no more expectations, aside from the return of Mashiach to rule over Earth and establishing a reborn Israel. People often like to point out the differences between Jew and the Believer in Yeshua; those very few differences are few compared to the similarities that the two share. Heck, even first century Jews saw for the most part, Messianic faith as being a sect of Judaism. The big divide came when Yeshua's believers saw the Romans attacking and heeded his warning to flee to the wilderness when they saw Yerushalayim surrounded by Rome's Legions. After that time Yeshua's Followers were seen as traitors of Judaism.

Many of the Christians that get on the "unevenly yoked" bandwagon without having studied it like we are doing here, seem to forget about the teachings of Rabbi Paul. Paul talked to the Gentiles who were mocking the Jews that didn't believe in Yeshua. Paul explained that the Gentiles had been wild olive branches grafted into the root stock of Israel, and he explained that if the wild branches were accepted into the root stock of Israel, then even much more will the branches that were cut off (unbelieving Jews) be grafted back into the stock. One should understand that what Paul meant by "wild branches" were actually branches from uncultivated olive trees; in other words, trees that weren't pruned and dressed every year; they were still olive trees with the same DNA as the Root Stock. As I explained earlier, you can graft any hardwood fruit tree limb into any hardwood root stock. For this reason, I tend to believe that all the wild branches somehow have Israeli DNA and are descendants somehow of the Lost Ten Tribes of Israel. In the scheme of being yoked one to another before a plow (or in this case, marriage) a Jew marrying someone who has faith in Yeshua is in reality a case of someone from the tribe of Judah marrying someone whose ancestry derives from either the Tribe of Judah or from one of the Ten Lost Tribes. So yes, there could be an unevenness in yoke, but it is something that the plowman can handle because the same animal on both sides of the plow, one a bit stronger than the other. This is a relationship that doesn't work between the union of any two faith but between Jew and Followers of Yeshua. I'm not saying that it is impossible for Yahweh to save a Muslim, or a Buddhist or a Hindu or any other religion, but from what I've seen in my own personal

observances is that one is always much stronger than the other and many times the foreigner's religion wins out as the Jew or Believer in Yeshua agree to compromise to make the marriage work. As I mentioned, when a Jew comes to faith in Yeshua, it is a fulfillment of Torah, just like Yeshua fulfilled Torah; it is the finish of a work started long ago. With other religions, a work hasn't even been started yet, so it is the start of a work, and not a completion.

We too often forget to realize that Yahweh lives outside of time and space. He isn't the universe; He sits outside of all of creation in a realm that we will not fully understand until we are there with him. From the very moment that Yahweh Elohim spoke creation into existence, He knew what the finish all things would be. He saw the end from the beginning and the beginning from the end. You can't surprise Yahweh because He knows already what you have done and what the end result will be; and, he knows how He will use your past and intervene into your present and future to perform his perfect will. We often hear stories about people who have missed their plane flight only to later find out that their original flight crashed; or the person who was late for work and found out that if he would have left on time, he would have been involved in a horrific pileup on the freeway. We hear things like this and realize that Yahweh must have intervened in each situation. He takes care of his own. We often hear that a person "died young." That is a misnomer because in Yahweh's reality, that person was only meant to live until the very moment that he or she died. People often attribute things like this to luck; a word that should be stricken from a Christian's vocabulary because it denotes random chance. Everything that happens everywhere is not random chance, but has been written. We are not in the performance of a play that is unscripted, we are in a life that has been scripted from before the foundation of the earth. Even if you tried to prove Yahweh wrong by doing crazy and bizarre things, trying to hoodwink what He has laid out, you would just be doing what he knew you were going to do all along. His interventions into the affairs of man, often ascribed as miracles, do seem like miracles to us because these interventions seem to us to change human events and/or outcomes, but they were just part of the plan to Yahweh.

A little over a week ago I performed a wedding between a Christian woman and a Jewish man that is earnestly seeking Yeshua. He's been reading the Brit Hadasha and has been amazed at how it corresponds with the Tanakh. He's been asking me and others scads of questions about Yeshua and such. We feel that he is primed for salvation. The reader should understand that both my wife and I agree about the problem of being unevenly yoked. But as I said above, there are degrees of being unyoked. We would be the first to object if we didn't feel the peace of the Ruach Ha Kodesh in our hearts, a reassurance that this young man was primed for salvation and that he will soon realize Yeshua to be his Mashiach. We watched in dismay as others refused to

marry them, using the “unevenly yoked” scripture for their denial. We watched a friend of this woman refused to participate in her wedding because this man is not “saved,” and we watched as her own pastor reversed his decision to marry them. What I found interesting, and this is only speculation; this woman’s good friend, who originally was going to be in the wedding party, but also objected to the marriage, pulled out of the wedding and a couple days later the pastor did too. This “friend” is pretty well off financially and it is my speculation that her objection caused the pastor to think that what must be a sizable tithe amount, might be in jeopardy if he performed this wedding.

Do you see a problem here? I sure do. A young man is searching for Yeshua and the best evidence, aside from scripture, is the way that Yeshua’s people act. He sees his fiancée’s best friend pull out of the wedding, and the pastor that promised to marry them (and has performed Jewish/Christian weddings in the past) all of a sudden recanting. This young man sees his fiancée’s friend, who is at best a flake and a pastor who can’t make up his mind what is right and wrong. To boot, this pastor and supposed “best friend,” attend the wedding anyway, even though they didn’t want to participate in the ritual. I don’t know about you, but attending a wedding is an affirmation in my estimation. Okay, where are other problems. You want to talk about unevenly yoked? The pastor is the pastor of a church that has entered into a contract with the US Government by taking advantage of the 501c3 option, making them a tax-exempt organization. This “agreement” places restrictions on what the pastor can say from the pulpit and the government can make demands upon the church and could (and will) someday take over the church because of this agreement. This church has also compromised with the world on several occasions, at one time mounting a “church sucks” campaign in order to bring in the unsaved. To me, that is no different than the Catholic church down the street offering Bingo to bring in who they consider unsaved. Recently I was told (by an attendee) that this church sings secular songs during worship to make the “unsaved” people feel at home. Yeshua was quite clear that fellowship with the world is enmity with Yahweh, and that is the ultimate “uneven yoking.” We’re supposed to act with love toward each other so that they will become wanting of that love and want to become like us, not lower ourselves down to worldly standards to bring them in. What’s next, wet tee shirt contests or wife swapping, to make them feel welcomed?

Scripture says that you will know people by the fruit that they bear. What my wife and I have observed from this young man has been nothing but marvelous. He is a single young man who loves this woman, has taken her kids to be his own. He’s helped her out in time of financial need, has taken time off of work to be with her during court disputes with her wretched ex-husband and his mafioso-like family. There are numerous other things that I could mention, but I

don't want to turn this into a book. In reality, he's exhibited more Christian-like attributes than ninety percent of the believers that I know. This man has a genuine love and sincerity that you don't see in 20 somethings. He is hungering and thirsting for righteousness, which by Yeshua's own words make him blessed. The vows that this man made to his bride on their wedding day were so deep and loving that I almost started to cry and quite frankly, they made me a little jealous in that my words to my wife during our vows paled in comparison to his.

You know, a lot of things that we do in our lives we do in private; especially when it comes to, as in the case of this man, coming to faith in Yeshua. I remember how it was, hearing about Yeshua and pondering his existence in my heart. I remember asking quietly to reveal himself if he was real. I remember the process that it took to bring me to faith in Yeshua. I remember praying alone one day, asking Yeshua to come into my life and to save me; acknowledging Him as the Lamb of Yahweh, for me. I have a quiet reassurance that this man is doing the same thing. In him I see myself 36 years ago, close and on the brink of making the best decision that I ever made.

Okay, I'll let the cat out of the bag. The woman is my youngest stepdaughter and the man is our new son in-law. I've seen the hunger in his eyes to know the truth. I've talked with him concerning questions he's had about the Yeshua's sayings and such. I've seen the anguish in his eyes as he pondered how to tell his family he was dating a Gentile girl and then again when he had to tell them that he was going to marry a Gentile girl, and one that is just a few years older than him, with three kids and an ex-husband that is trying to take her kids away and has a family that is bearing false witness about her to everyone that they know. I've also seen the love in his eyes when he's with our daughter. I see the way that he loves our grandchildren and how they've clung to him like a dad. I also know that a day will come when he will have to tell his family that he believes that Yeshua is indeed the promised Mashiach and I pray that this day will come to be easy and that the Ruach Ha Kodesh will give him the boldness to proclaim it and will also give his family the grace to accept his decision. I've seen our daughter, genuinely happy for the first time ever. She was never happy with her first husband, the psychopath that ruled his family with fear and intimidation and caused physical and emotional harm. She's happy and in love. She too would never have married this young man if she didn't see a growth toward him coming to faith in Yeshua. We're a family of faith, with strong Ruach Ha Kodesh ties to Yahweh and we live by faith. My faith, and I can speak for my wife too, is that Yahweh knows the plan that He has for our son in-law, and for our daughter, and we feel that their union will be one that will be a testimony for the grace, mercy, love and omniscience of Elohim, who has already seen their union, orchestrated it for His glory and He knows that we place both our daughter, our new son

in-law and all of their children into His loving hands for safekeeping and the fulfillment of His will and purpose. Mazel Tov!