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## Our Cover:



The Baniyas, gushing from the base of Mount Hermon, forms the headwaters of the Jordan River, along with the Dan and the Hasbani. Beginning from this snow-covered mountain in northern Israel, the Jordan River eventually makes its way to the Dead Sea, deep in southern Israel.

The Jordan River is essential to the agriculture of Israel. It feeds Kinnereth, the Sea of Galilee, creating a habitat for fishing as it did in the time of our Savior, Yahshua. The Jordan also is a source of irrigation for untold hectares of farmland in the region, supplying fruits and vegetables for the tables of Israel. ". . . and you shall be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not." Isaiah 58:11b.

# Basic Truths of Bible Doctrine



## WHAT IS SIN?

by

Elder Jacob O. Meyer

Ch-rchianity's view of sin is puzzling. From one group to another, we find many interpretations.

For many fundamentalist groups, sin is dancing, drinking, and playing cards.

A few fundamentalist groups see sin in wearing jewelry. Others consider various dress lengths, or certain cuts of clothing, to be sinful. Some evaluate headdress to determine whether a person is committing sin, or living righteously. The eating of certain foods is a sin to many. Some of the ch-rches in nominal Chr-stianity consider drinking alcoholic beverages to be a sin, while others think imbibing is fine. There are groups that believe driving cars is sinful, and others place the use of electricity in the same category.

We could continue enumerating various personal actions that have been considered sinful by some groups, but tolerated by others.

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*The word sin is found almost 400 times in the English KING JAMES BIBLE. Such frequency should leave no doubt about its meaning. A thorough study of the biblical text, and the words translated sin, is enlightening.*

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However, the Assemblies of Yahweh wish to reject all man-made ideas and concepts in order to restore the pure True Worship that was founded by our Heavenly Father and revitalized by the Apostolic Assembly in the book of Acts. Can we find the answer to the question, "What is sin?" Where do we go to obtain that answer?

Definitions for the word *sin* are almost as numerous as the Chr-stian denominations themselves, but it should be our aim to live exclusively

by every word of Almighty Yahweh (Matthew 4:4).

A True Worshiper follows the Lamb wherever He goes. The influence of the life and actions of Yahshua the Messiah must be taken into careful consideration in finding correct answers to doctrinal questions.

We must also examine the writings of the Apostolic Assembly, which have been preserved for us in the inspired Scriptures, to see how this Holy Spirit-begotten group of people, who serve as a model for the True Worshipers of our time, applied the Truth.

### ***Words for Sin in the Bible***

In the Hebrew Scriptures, there are about 20 different words that denote sin. There are three commonly used terms that have been translated *sin*. Let us examine them so that we may achieve a better

understanding of our subject from the original texts.

The word most frequently used is חָטָא, *chata'*. The root of this word occurs in the Bible 459 times. The original meaning of the cognate verb is *to miss something, or to fail*. The meaning of this word denotes an offense against someone else. It connotes the concept of one who does not fulfill an agreement, the converse of which is the word *zaddiq*, meaning *someone who is righteous and fulfills his promises beyond the requirements*.

The root עָשָׂה, *psh'* (trespass) can be found in the Bible 136 times. It is found in the early texts of the Bible, for example, Genesis 31:36. The basic meaning of this word is a *breach of contract*. In the Scriptures we find several occasions (for example, 1 Kings 12:19) of a breach of treaty between two nations. It breaks the peaceful relationship between two parties or nations.

The Hebrew word חָיָה, *'awah*, occurs 17 times in the Bible. The concept behind this word is *crookedness or wrongdoing*. The noun derived from this word is חָיָה, *'awon*, and means *crookedness*. It occurs in the inspired Scriptures 229 times.

The use of each of these words in the Hebrew Bible conveys transgression. It is clear when you examine a cross sectional view of these words, and the passages of Scripture in which they are found, that they point to a separation between the Almighty and His people. In Isaiah 59:2, we find the word חָיָה, *'awonot*, indicates that a wall has been set up between Yahweh and the sinner.

### **An Old Testament Definition**

We may begin to obtain some kind of accurate biblical definition of the word *sin* from various passages of the Old Testament where these Hebrew words were used. In Jeremiah 14:20-21, we discover that sin is clearly related to the breaking of the Covenant between Yahweh and His

people. Notice carefully the words of the prophet. ***“We acknowledge, O Yahweh, our wickedness, and the iniquity of our fathers; for we have sinned against you. Do not abhor us, for your name’s sake: do not disgrace the throne of your glory: remember, break not your covenant with us.”*** Jeremiah 14:20-21.

Do you see how the word *sin* is related to the breaking of the Covenant? The Prophet Jeremiah says that, although Israel had sinned and broken their part of the agreement with Yahweh, Yahweh should not to break His Covenant with them. He acknowledges that sin had been responsible for a separation between Almighty Yahweh and His people.

Turn now to Jeremiah 16:10 and 11, where the relationship between sin and the breaking of the Covenant Law of Yahweh is clearly demonstrated:

***“And it shall come to pass, when you shall show this people all these words, and they shall say to you, Why has Yahweh pronounced all this great evil against us? Or what is our iniquity? Or what is our sin that we have committed against Yahweh our Elohim? Then shall you say to them, Because your fathers have forsaken me, says Yahweh, and have walked after other elohim, and have served them, and have worshiped them, and have forsaken me, and have not kept my law.”***

In the Hebrew text, the word of *fense* is *chatta'ah*, while the word for *sin* is *chata'*. This wickedness and sin meant the breaking of Yahweh’s commandments. For this reason, Israel was punished with exile from the Promised Land.

### **Sin Punishable by Death**

When considering the execution of punishment against a sinful individual, we must take into account Ezekiel 18:4 and 20.

***“Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father; so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sins, it shall die.”*** (verse 4)

***“The soul that sins, it shall die: the son shall not bear the iniquity of the father; neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son; the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.”*** (verse 20)

The soul who commits sin should be sentenced to die. The **offense** against Almighty Yahweh is breaking His Covenant Law—a very serious breach of faith and is considered to bring retribution from the Most High.

From reading the eighteenth chapter of Ezekiel, we see plainly that those who sin will receive severe punishment, while those who repent of their sins will live. The contrast is very obvious—life as opposed to death. If a righteous man turns away from Yahweh and commits sin at the end of his life, he will be declared a sinner in the judgment; whereas the sinner who has done wicked deeds all of his life and yet, just before he dies, becomes a believer and does righteousness, will be rewarded with everlasting life.

Many times, Almighty Yahweh uses sickness to recall people to righteousness. Two Scriptures declare this very candidly: Psalm 38:4 and 18 and Psalm 41:5.

### **Rabbinical Interpretation of Sin**

We can discover great lessons by taking into account the *sitz im leben* (life setting) of the New Testament. Yahshua the Messiah was of the tribe of Judah (Hebrews 7:14). He was Hebrew and an Israelite. He was knowledgeable in the Law of Yahweh and, along with His disciples, was well acquainted with the Jewish culture, having been reared in Judaism.

The rabbis of Yahshua’s time had an understanding of sin. The com-

mon rabbinic term for *sin* is from the root עָבַר, *avar*, and the noun is *avarah*, meaning *to pass over*, indicating that sin was a rejection of the Will of Yahweh.

We find an indication here of the definition of sin as it was understood in the time of Yahshua. Without a doubt, when Yahshua spoke of sin, He meant breaking the Law of Yahweh. Because Yahweh desires His people to be obedient to the Covenant, to break the Covenant is to disregard, or reject, the Will of Almighty Yahweh. There was no question in Yahshua's time about the meaning of this word, or the concepts conveyed by it.

### ***John's Definition of Sin***

By turning to the New Testament, we can see the fact substantiated that sin is the transgression of Yahweh's Covenant Law. This is emphasized very strongly in John's first epistle. ***"Everyone that commits sin also transgresses the law: for sin is the transgression of the law."*** (1 John 3:4).

Where did John get this definition? We have already seen from Old Testament passages in Jeremiah that sin is the breaking of Yahweh's Covenant Law. John's definition, although simplified and straightforward, is in perfect harmony with the definition of sin given by the Prophet Jeremiah.

If we go back even further into biblical antiquity and scrutinize Genesis chapter 2, verse 16, we find that Yahweh commanded (laid commandments upon) the man. Sin took place in the third chapter, when the first man and woman disobeyed Yahweh's commandments and followed the instructions of Satan.

Consequently, John was merely reflecting an Old Testament concept; his interpretation of sin was in perfect harmony with the biblical concept of sin from Genesis. It also reflected the contemporary understanding of the definition of the word *sin* as it existed in rabbinical

Judaism during the time of Yahshua the Messiah.

However, this definition—sin is the transgression of the law—is opposite the definition of sin given by the groups of nominal Christianity. For them, sin is rarely attached to a *biblical* injunction, but, rather,

***There are only two ways to travel in the world: the broad way that leads to death, or the narrow way that leads to life everlasting.***

it is merely what the individual wishes it to be.

### ***Other Biblical Definitions of Sin***

Let us take into account several other definitions of sin that are found in the inspired Scriptures. One of the most penetrating definitions is in Romans 14:23: ***". . . and whatever is not of faith is sin."*** The biblical definition of faith is found in Hebrews 11:1: ***"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, a conviction of things not seen."*** Faith is trust in the Word of Almighty Yahweh, as the writer of Hebrews explains throughout that great faith chapter. Therefore, faith is related to the keeping of the Covenant, with its rules and regulations, as opposed to following the way of Satan.

Satan concentrates upon the physical, the immediate gratification of the flesh, while Yahweh's way is to build for the future. There are only two ways to travel in the world: the broad way that leads to death, or the narrow way that leads to life everlasting (Matthew 7:13 and 14).

In Proverbs 24:9, we discover another definition of sin: ***"The***

***thought of foolishness is sin. . . ."*** Premeditating on foolishness, which is something worthless, or doing something that will oppose the sound doctrines of the Bible, is called sin by the writer of the Old Testament. Let us notice Hebrews 10:26-30. If someone sins willfully (premeditates sin), he will be destroyed by Yahweh's devouring fire.

In Jacob (James) 4:17 is another definition, given by Yahshua's brother: ***"To him therefore that knows to do good, and does it not, to him it is sin."*** Almighty Yahweh has shown mankind what is good. He has instructed us in the ways of goodness and uprightness. The tree in the Garden of Eden, described in Genesis chapters 2 and 3, was symbolic of **knowing good** and **knowing evil**. Almighty Yahweh had shown the good way, and instructed Adam and Eve in righteous living. They rejected that instruction and followed Satan. They wanted to know evil and followed the father of the lie.

We might also consider Jacob 2:11, where he shows what transgression of the Law really means: ***"For he that said, Do not commit adultery, also said, Do not kill. Now if you do not commit adultery, but kill, you have become a transgressor of the law."*** The Apostle John introduces yet another definition of sin near the conclusion of his book. However, this definition is in perfect harmony with what he has already stated. ***"All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not leading to death."*** (1 John 5:17).

Turn to Deuteronomy 6:25, ***"And it shall be righteousness to us, if we observe to do all this commandment before Yahweh our Elohim, as he has commanded us."*** Do you see how beautifully the Scriptures harmonize? Righteousness is the keeping of the commandments of Yahweh, just as unrighteousness would be disobedience to those command-

ments. Therefore, the Apostle John is correct in saying that sin is the transgression of the Law, and all unrighteousness is sin. We may discover a greater truth by reading righteousness as *right-use-ness*.

### ***The Chr-stian Concept of Sin***

Where did the modern Chr-stian understanding of the meaning of sin originate? The **Hastings Encyclopedia of Religion and Ethics** says that there is a close relationship between the Greek and Egyptian interpretation of sin, and the understanding of it, that regulates the Chr-stian religion.

We read the following in the article "Sin," Vol. 11, page 546: "*We are accustomed to draw a distinction between sin and crime.*" Obviously, this is what Chr-stianity does today. They say, as did Hobbes ("A Dialogue of the Common Laws"), "all crimes are indeed sins, but not all sins, crimes."

Note carefully the conclusion of the article on page 555:

**"Henceforth the Greek doctrine of sin develops in two main directions. On the one hand, sin becomes identical with ignorance, righteousness with knowledge: . . . And this, indeed, may not unfairly be described as the characteristically philosophic doctrine. Conceiving moral rightness as essentially a matter of right knowledge, they held it to be unthinkable that a man should know the better and yet deliberately choose the worse. And, if this theory proved manifestly out of harmony with the facts, as Aristotle says, that was because right knowledge was wholly or temporarily obscured by vicious appetite, and nonetheless the ideal to be pursued was knowledge. It did not greatly trouble the philosopher that on this view the gates of heaven were barred to the general mass of toiling mortality and that no weight was given to the great non-intellectual virtues of patience and humility**

**and charity, all that we sum up as 'other worldliness.'"**

Do you see the relationship here between nominal Chr-stian concepts of our time and ancient Greek understanding of sin? First of all, it included *situation ethics*. Then, it showed the intrinsic, inherent goodness of man. It thought of sin as different, or apart, from crime. On this point, the writer sought to show a difference between sins, as does the Roman Catholic Ch-rch with mortal and venial sin.

### ***The Relationship of Grace to Sin***

If sin brings on the sentence of death, and if it is the transgression of Yahweh's Covenant Law, how do we relate the Chr-stian doctrine of grace to such a concept? Nominal Chr-stians today declare that you cannot keep the Law, that it was too rigid and stringent for the average individual to observe. They conclude that Yahshua the Messiah kept the Law for us and then annulled it when He died. He extended *grace* to the people, which means in Chr-stian interpretation, *license to do as you please*.

However, *grace* (Greek is *charis*) does not mean license to do as you please. Rather, it means *mercy, or unmerited kindness*, should someone disobey. Here we find a relationship with what is stated in Hebrews 10:26, "***For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remains no more a sacrifice for sins.***" However, if someone does not premeditate sin, we then have an advocate with the Father, and we can be forgiven of that sin (1 John 2:1-3). Grace is not lasciviousness. Judah (Jude) 4, "***For there are certain men who sneaked in secretly, even they who were of old written of beforehand to this condemnation, lawless men, turning the grace of our Elohim into lasciviousness, and denying***

***our only Master and Sovereign, Yahshua the Messiah.***"

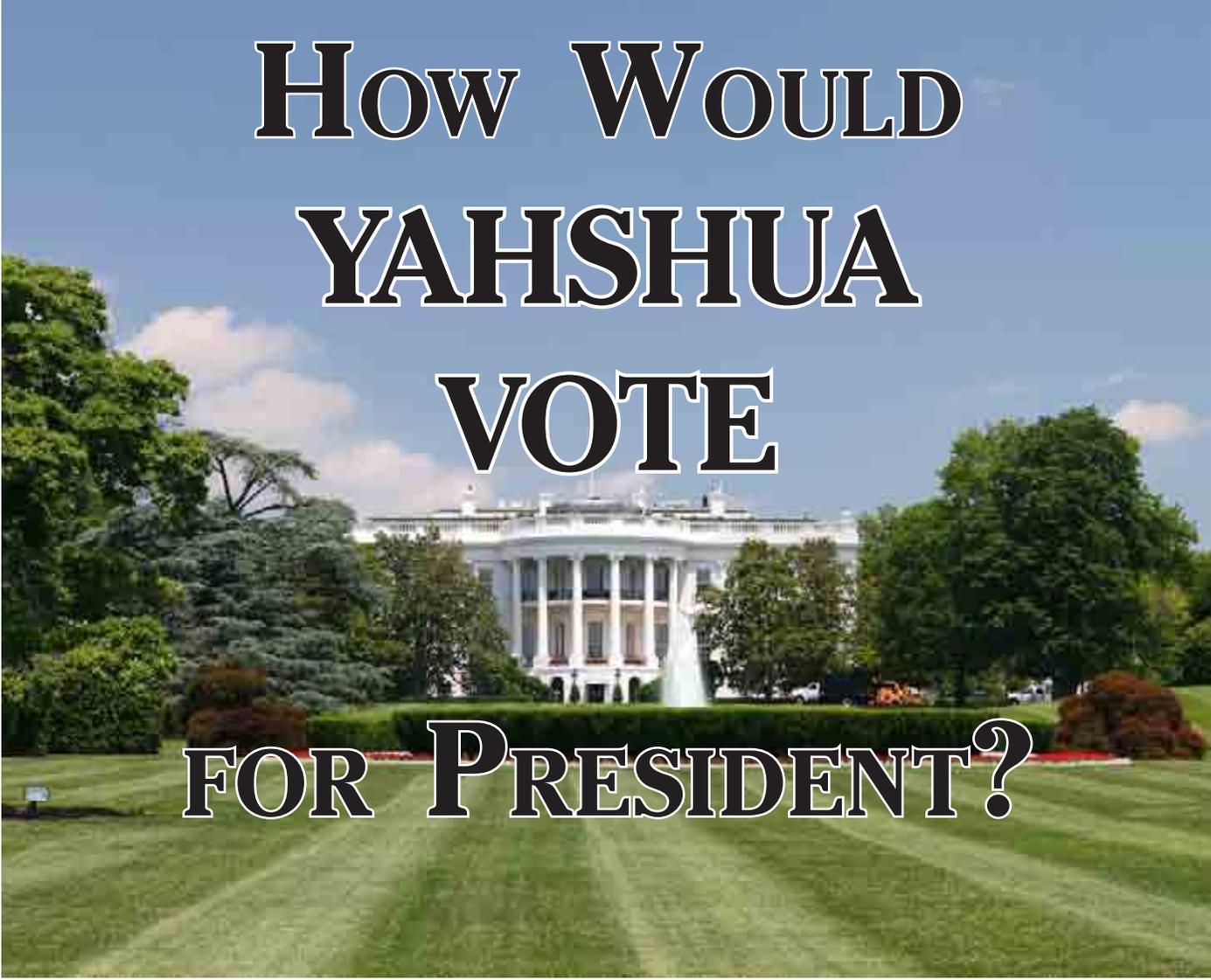
### ***The Great Apostasy***

In 2 Thessalonians, chapter 2, we discover that there is a great apostasy that will occur just before the end of the age. In that time, there will be a great falling away, or defection, from the Truth.

Over the past several decades, a movement has become well established that teaches the keeping of the commandments of the Most High, and that a person must enter into a Covenant relationship with Almighty Yahweh through obedience to His Law. But we have also seen in the recent past another movement that has risen to divert some of those people who had begun to enter into the Covenant relationship with the Almighty, urging them to return to nominal Chr-stian ways. It is deplorable to see people, once so dedicated in keeping the commandments of Yahweh, turn aside and go in an opposite direction. They have made a full circle, doing exactly what the apostles and prophets taught against.

The basic truths of sound doctrine emphasize the fact that **when one sins, he is committing transgression of Yahweh's Law**. As a result, he is subject to incurring the judgment and wrath of the Most High. If we can totally grasp, without reservation, the scriptural definition of sin (transgression or breaking Yahweh's Laws), then any no-Law teaching will be clearly manifested to all who examine it carefully. Yahweh abhors sin! He hates it! Man is sinful and disobedient to the commandments of Yahweh. This incurs death to the offender. Yahshua the Messiah came as visible evidence of grace, giving Himself by shedding His blood to cleanse sinners from their unrighteousness. Yahweh did not give us grace to do away with His Laws, but to assist in times of need to keep it.

Do you have a correct understanding of the Bible message? May we assist you to achieve a better understanding? SNB



# HOW WOULD YAHSHUA VOTE

# FOR PRESIDENT?

In the United States of America a very dramatic event takes place every four years. The citizens file into designated polling places to cast their ballots to elect someone to fill the office of President, the top office over the entire nation of 50 states. This honored position of President, the Chief Executive Officer of our country, has been called, by some commentators, the most powerful elective office in the modern world.

The President of the United States serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the federal government. He approves all congressional legislation before it becomes law; he may veto any measure he deems

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inappropriate; he enforces the laws that have been enacted; and he is generally responsible for the federal government's conduct of everyday business.

Each presidential election year, special announcements are regularly made to the public in an effort to urge voters to go to the polls and cast their personal vote. Radio and television commercials are directed toward motivating indifferent citizens to vote. Posters appear on the walls of factories and businesses,

while newspapers carry advertisements designed to persuade all of the citizens to exercise their franchise and vote. Frequently, the pastors of the various denominations are known to preach sermons urging their members to vote for the candidate of their choice. And, finally, the climax of the political campaign is reached on election day (the second Tuesday after the first Monday in November) in the United States of America, when the ballots are cast and counted.

One of the greatest attractions of the political campaign is the widespread intense excitement. More than a year before the election (some

political candidates never actually stop campaigning), candidates will announce their intention to run for the nation's highest office—while the newsreel and television cameras record the press conferences designed to attract the most advantageous free media exposure. Madly, the candidates dash around the country attempting to secure sufficient votes in the primaries to assure their nomination be approved at the national conventions. Most likely, today, the election is media driven and, in many ways, the media (radio, television, Internet, and print) influences the masses to swing the vote behind a candidate that they hope will win at the polls.

The extravaganza of a national political convention must be seen to be fully appreciated. Hard-hitting, partisan speeches filled with venomous accusations are directed against opposition parties and candidates.

However, the conventions are hardly spontaneous! To the trained eye it appears obvious that they are thoroughly orchestrated and directed from behind the scenes to ensure their party prime media exposure on radio and television. Actually, since the United States has gone to a primary election process to select convention delegates, political conventions have, of late, become merely a formality. Political rhetoric of the most incisive type continues, however.

Millions of dollars are spent by the declared candidates just to bring their candidacy for the nomination before the electorate. The people comprising the retinue each political candidate engages will, furthermore, demand some sort of compensation and rewards afterward if their candidate wins. Surely, these are big stakes as the “spoils system” yields its fruits (to the victor go the spoils) following the election victory.

The individuals who are finally nominated to stand in the general election in the fall have spent multiple millions of dollars in advertising.

One wonders where all this money originates. Who would be foolish enough to contribute a hundred thousand dollars (or even a thousand dollars) of their personal wealth to a presidential political campaign—**unless he hoped to realize some significant return from that expenditure**? Furthermore, who ultimately pays for the accumulated wealth of the big industrialists, and their corporations, so they can contribute such lion-sized contributions—except **the consumers**? Those who purchase the products are asked to pay some extra price above costs so that business can, in effect, purchase a favorable climate in which to operate. Consequently, the effects of the political campaigns are more far-reaching than most people perceive, or would care to admit. Taxpayer money from the federal government also assists the candidates in the campaigns.

Let us not forget that the big labor unions also finance a large share of the cost of the elections with their Political Action Committee contributions (PACs). News reporters publish articles revealing that big labor literally spends millions of dollars on each election, funds which are derived from the monthly dues collected from their membership, in an effort to elect candidates who will favor their cause. They also expect some kind of return from the government and solicit government sympathy during contract negotiations, along with labor legislation favorable to their cause.

It should, therefore, be obvious that SPECIAL-INTEREST GROUPS are responsible for a GREAT PORTION OF THE MONEY spent on presidential campaigns (and most other political campaigns for government offices also, for that matter). Could this be called “buying votes?” Undoubtedly!

During the excitement of the political campaigns this year, one wonders what Yahshua the Messiah would do if He were walking this earth today. Would He take an ac-

tive part in partisan politics? Would He campaign for one or another of the candidates? Could He support either or both of the platforms of the major political parties? Would He work to register more people and get out the voters, help stuff envelopes with campaign literature, and arrange for political meetings? For which candidate would Yahshua vote? Which political philosophy would He support? Would He favor unrestricted or partial-birth abortions, as do some of the candidates? All of these are legitimate questions that we must answer as we strive to live by every Word that proceeds from the mouth of Yahweh (Matthew 4:4). Remember, we must follow the example of Yahshua in our manner of life each day (1 Peter 2:21).

### ***Origin of Political Parties Not Recent***

During the time of Yahshua the Messiah there were several religious parties active in Palestine. We have historical record of at least four of them: Sadducees, Pharisees, Essenes, and Zealots.

**The Sadducees** constituted the party of the priestly class, deriving their name from Zadok the high priest, and were known as scholars.

**The Pharisees** were the party of the common people, strict Law-keepers, who derived their name from the word by which they were known—*parushim* (separatists).

**The Essenes** stressed purity of mind and body in an effort to achieve a more personal relationship with the Heavenly Father, and their name is derived from the root term **Hasidim**—*the saints* (whether in derision or seriousness is speculative).

**The Zealots** were a party bent upon restoring their own ethnic government to the Jewish nation and evicting the Roman army of occupation with its burdensome taxation; therefore, their motives were primarily political. Yahshua the

Messiah even selected a man called Simon (perhaps his own brother), a member of the Zealot party, to be one of His disciples (Matthew 10:4). (The title **Canaanite** should have been translated as *zealot*.) Perhaps to them politics was indeed a religion!

However, nowhere within the pages of our Bibles do we learn that Yahshua the Messiah ever **JOINED** one of these parties. Apparently He felt that His *earthly mission transcended the objectives of these religious-political parties*. He was the **earthly representative** of Yahweh, the True and Living Father in heaven, a citizen of the Kingdom of heaven, appointed to be the King to rule over this earth with a righteous government.

Yahshua represented the spiritual family of Yahweh and, thereby, He placed Himself above the petty party controversies that are usually associated with power politics. His allegiance was exclusively to the Kingdom of Yahweh! **He was its foremost citizen.**

### ***The Party Spirit***

There is a definite spirit that seems to capture those who are involved in a political campaign and it holds them firmly in its grip. An acquaintance once told me that he had joined a crowd that was gathering to hear a speech by a **Democratic** presidential candidate. Before the campaign train entered the confines of the railroad station, advance men distributed slogan-bearing signs and pennants for use by the people to cheer the candidate. Although he was a registered **Republican**, he stated that he became caught up in the sudden, thrilling fever of the party spirit of the moment—so that he began waving the signs and joined in cheering the candidate along with the rest of the partisan crowd. Afterwards, he expressed surprise that he should have conducted himself in such a manner, since he later voted for the **Republican** candidate.

Call this *mob psychology*, or *partisan party spirit*, or designate it merely as the thrill of seeing a famous person who is the candidate for national office; nevertheless, there is a captivating spirit of some kind connected to politics. We might describe it like the fanaticism of fans at a sporting event. (Did you know the word *fan* is the abbreviation of the term *fanatic*?) That spirit sometimes impels people to do strange things. One can hardly imagine Yahshua the Messiah cheering for one individual and then voting for another, or waving a sign at a street meeting in support of a candidate for public office who does not live by every word of Scripture.

### ***Political Expediency***

While looking over the current crop of political candidates that have sought the presidential nomination this year, it became apparent that they evidently projected a great deal of inconsistency between their expressed ideologies and their actual records.

Some of the candidates declare themselves to be opposed to the war in Iraq, to lapses in national security, to the present high rate of government involvement in the private lives of the citizens, enormously escalating debts, and higher taxes. Yet, a scrutiny of their records reveals that they, themselves, had usually supported legislation imposing exactly the opposite action of their professed politics during their previous terms of elective office.

Some of the candidates emphasize a need to elevate the morals of the country, when, in fact, they may have been guilty of doing some of the identical things they claim to be trying to correct. Other candidates predicate their proposed programs upon dismantling certain branches of big business, when they were undoubtedly receiving campaign funds from that very source. Others stress the need for more consumer protection, while they, in some respects, hardly seemed sincere

about protecting the rights of the individual. Candidates are urging legislation to establish more and better day care for children of working mothers, or for a cleaner environment. Some candidates are considered to be indecisive on the issues, taking conflicting positions at various times just to gain the most popularity (and votes) for themselves in any special situation. Others associate with angry people who threaten to implement violence, but find it necessary to camouflage their friendship.

Surely, Yahshua the Messiah would NEVER be guilty of political expediency. He would NOT be inconsistent. Isaiah declared that Yahshua will not judge according to the sight of His eyes nor reprove according to the hearing of His ears, but with **righteousness** and **equity** He will rule (Isaiah 11:1–5). He will magnify Yahweh's Laws and make them honorable (Isaiah 42:21). Consequently, how could Yahshua support candidates who will not take a stand on correct and ethical principles?

### ***The Party Platforms***

Partisan power politics is a precarious attempt to unite under one tent multitudes of peoples, each with divergent viewpoints and backgrounds regarding what the government should, or should not, do for its citizens. The candidate bearing the party banner hopes to be elected, so he must appeal to the broadest spectrum of the voting public. The conventions of both Democratic and Republican parties will customarily experience difficulties over their party's platform. The party platform comprises a statement of policy on which the candidates will purportedly be running.

The proposed program of the party is **supposed** to be explained in the platform. Inasmuch as a great deal of time and effort is usually spent accumulating evidence about the needs of the country, from many sections and

from many witnesses during the platform hearings, one would assume that policies as set forth in the party platforms, adopted by the conventions, would be binding on the candidates. However, this is obviously not the case!

If we were to read the party platforms of the major political parties that were approved during conventions over the past century or more, and then compare them to the legislation that was finally enacted in Congress, we would discover that to devise the party platform is a virtually meaningless function. Few candidates view the platform as binding, or anything more than merely a statement designed and worded to attract as many people as possible to vote for their candidates. One individual might accept a specific section (or plank) of the platform and work diligently in support of that segment to be approved, while, simultaneously, objecting to a great portion of the remainder of party beliefs.

However, the voters swallow the “bitter with the sweet” and no one is ever completely satisfied. Politicians often ignore the platform the very day after the election (or sometimes the day after the convention!), and the public soon forgets about it.

Rarely do politicians keep their promises after they are elected. What particularly bothers the author is that both major United States political parties no longer adhere to the principles on which they were founded years ago. How could the sincere believer in the sacred Scriptures support them? This would hardly be possible!

Could Yahshua the Messiah approve of a plank such as was placed in the Democratic Party platform advocating **no restrictions on abortions** (they call it by the euphemism—pro-choice)? Although this stand has caused quite a display of emotion among the opposition, such a plank was nevertheless **adopted** at the convention and, still today, remains its expressed policy. How about a plank calling for

free choice in sexual preference—regardless of what the Bible says about homosexuality and sexual perversion? Could a True Worshiper support that? Hardly! Could a True Worshiper support same-sex marriages? Would Yahshua the Messiah support such a practice? Obviously not!

If Yahshua was to select any political party and join it, He would, of necessity, attach His Name to their expressed policies and ideas. In so doing, He would **associate** Himself with some form of evil, since neither party’s platform is faultless. One would have to conclude that Yahshua would hardly be able to vote for the candidate of a party favoring the enactment of laws that are contrary to biblical principles. **He would never compromise the Word of Yahweh!**

### *Special-Interest Groups*

The United States has adopted a policy of campaign financing in which a part of the expenses for the campaigns of the major candidates are paid by the government from taxpayer’s funds. The “matching-funds” legislation was an outgrowth of the Watergate incident of several decades ago, when rich industrialists were contributing huge sums of money to finance their favorite candidates—with the hope of later receiving some remuneration from the government. Now, all campaign contributions over \$100 must be reported, and they must be limited to \$5,000. Corporations may not contribute if they have interests in legislation. Cooperatives may not contribute to political campaigns. Furthermore, the so-called soft money comes from huge contributions that go toward the parties or foundations, but find their way into the coffers of candidates for office. Even the so-called campaign contribution reform legislation has not succeeded in cleaning up the abuses in the contribution system. Would Yahshua the Messiah approve of spending multiple millions of dol-

lars on campaign financing while there is so much poverty, and even hunger, in the world?

To declare forthrightly that the campaign contributions from industrial and labor sources are buying influence would be considered a vulgar and indecorous way of expressing what our system is doing. However, it has only been during the past few decades that such huge amounts of money are being devoted to national political campaigns; therefore the need for the public to speak uncritically and euphemistically. Special-interest groups, political action committees, and individuals have been contributing huge sums of money in the hope of obtaining some special privilege, or they certainly wouldn’t give so generously! Even then, some candidates carry along huge debtloads from their campaigns, or they receive large honorariums for speaking that they devote to retiring the debt, which again conceals some of the unvarnished truth.

On the other hand, when candidates advocate government-sponsored programs, someone will surely benefit. If the candidate is not buying votes, then he (or she) is certainly making a covert offer in the hope of attracting enough people who might have an interest in profiting through the programs or legislation they advocate so that the voters will vote for and support him or her. In this way, the candidates stake all their hopes on the next election, while never considering the future generations of people and how their lives will be affected when the bills come due. Many times, candidates promise things they cannot deliver just to get themselves elected. However, who remembers or worries about broken promises? Even the escalating national debt does not seem to affect most citizens, since the obligation is rolled back to future generations to satisfy the debt.

Yahshua the Messiah has promised the people of this world the

most equitable and just government program that could be conceived. He has taught us that the yoke of His program (His law) is easy, and His burden will be light (Matthew 11:28–30). He has declared Himself to stand firmly behind the righteous program as set forth by Almighty Yahweh—the promises contained within His Torah (Covenant Law). That program calls for the people to give something to make the agreement work (obedience), while Almighty Yahweh agrees to bless and protect those who place themselves within the bounds of His contract (Exodus 23:24–27).

The Covenant Law that Yahshua advocates is not a medium that can be **used** (or abused) by special-interest groups. None of the various classes of people in society will benefit above another. In the millennial reign of the Messiah, **true equality** will finally be achieved. Since the Covenant agreement is established for all people, its rate of taxation is totally fair and just—an across-the-board (flat) 10 percent income tax for everyone. **No** special tax shelters will be put in place for the privileged few. A welfare program for the needy has already been outlined, to be financed by the third-year tithe contributed by everyone. However, those welfare recipients are also required **to work** and harvest some of their **own food supply** (Leviticus 19:9–10). Yahweh's way is to pay as you go, not to postpone the obligation for decades, or even for centuries.

If you would like to read over the program that was approved by Almighty Yahweh and His Son, Yahshua the Messiah, read the first five books of the Bible: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. Known as the Pentateuch, or the Torah, it is an excellent platform and an outstanding policy document that will truly produce equality for all people everywhere on earth when it is implemented. It will already begin working for

the True Worshiper today, in our daily lives, whenever we start to obey its precepts. We may already enjoy the benefits of the Kingdom way of life.

### *The Smoke-Filled Room*

Successful worldly politics, many times, consists of making deals with the opposition (enemy). The artful politician is, of necessity, a compromiser. For example, whatever is outwardly presented in the media of the national party conventions is only the tip of the “political iceberg.” What happens on the convention floor constitutes merely a public charade of what has previously been decided **behind closed doors**.

The illustration of the smoke-filled room becomes all too real to those who are actively involved in politics. One candidate may exchange his block of committed delegates for the promise of a major post in the new president's cabinet or for some other future consideration. What the public is shown on the media news reports merely comprises a staging of what has already happened behind closed doors. Although less tobacco is being smoked today by politicians, the “back-room deals” continue to be made.

Politics makes **strange** bedfellows! As the people of the United States frequently discover, supposedly conservative political candidates tend to choose as their vice-presidential running mates people who have a background of liberalism or internationalism and, frequently, those who had earlier been their opponents. Apparently, the candidate's staff concluded that their man would have a better chance to win the election if his running mate came from the more liberal element of the party.

Such horse-trading in politics is not new. It has been tolerated ever since the first political party was formed. It will continue to set the tone as long as there are elections to place people in governmental positions.

During the time when the big political machines were holding the major influence in several of the larger cities in our country, candidates for office were not elected by popular vote. Although it outwardly appeared as though it were a fair, honest, open election, the machine in power presented its own candidate to the public. Elections were decided in the back rooms of the party headquarters, long before the polls opened. Nevertheless, most of the voters assumed that they were electing their own representatives in government, which they later learned was fallacious. In this way, the big city governments were tightly controlled for personal advantage by the small group which held power. Votes were bought and sold like so much simple merchandise. Some individuals even were paid to vote numerous times, frequently using the names of dead people.

Would Yahshua the Messiah intimately associate Himself with a group of manipulative people in a smoke-filled room and lend His prestige to select a candidate via the “power broker” system? Obviously, if you know anything about the Bible you might think that even considering such a possibility appears ridiculously humorous and facetious.

If Yahshua our Messiah wouldn't engage in such corrupt politics, why should His obedient followers do so? The thinking person would hardly be amused to imagine that Yahshua and Satan would sit down together at a table in a smoke-filled room and trade candidates and power, or discuss who gets a certain delegate for his camp, or even uniting with the Adversary for some significant vote. Certainly this would be a clear violation of Psalm 2.

Yahshua the Messiah is declared to be the supreme King of the earth, as He distinctly proved to Satan in Matthew chapter 4. He does not need to dabble in worldly politics and neither should His followers do so. We will never be able to pressure

anyone into loving Yahshua the Messiah and His Word any more than they themselves develop a desire to do. Read also Luke 4.

Yahshua told His disciples, **“Go you into all the world, and preach the good tidings to the whole creation.”** (Mark 16:15). HE NEVER INSTRUCTED HIS FOLLOWERS TO CONVERT THE WORLD. The world will not be saved through the exercise of worldly political power, but it will be saved by the intervention of the righteous Messiah who will establish the eternal Kingdom rule of Yahweh on this earth through the supernatural power given to Him by Almighty Yahweh Elohim, our Father in heaven. Yet, we cannot neglect to speak out against the evils of this present worldly system that are sinful and wrong, as the sacred Scriptures declares them.

### ***Political Infighting***

The presidential campaign usually features several head-on confrontations in debates between the candidates. Ostensibly sponsored by nonpartisan groups, these exchanges of opinions relating to what the candidates personally believe on the issues are designed as information for the electorate. Those watching the debates will agree that the verbal blasts launched between the candidates are not light “rabbit punches.” They comprise vicious verbal blows similar to that of heavyweight fighters who firmly intend to knock each other out! Both of the candidates know that, if they intend to win the election, they must appear strong and decisive under the close scrutiny of the television cameras. However, many times, it is the most photogenic person who wins—regardless of his political views or convictions.

Many political candidates relish such infighting. To score a telling blow on an opponent seems somehow psychologically satisfying. Name calling and character assassination

comprise a vital part of the political scene.

Dirty-tricks strategies launched against an opponent have frequently won elections. If a candidate has a thin skin, he shouldn't be in the political arena. The idea is to pull the opponent down and destroy his character in public so that people will dislike him intensely, regardless of what the truth really is.

Would Yahshua the Messiah engage in power politics or a debate with a political opponent? Paul, in Romans 1:29, designates “debate” (the Greek word *eris* means to *quarrel*, or a *wrangling*, *bickering*) as one of the characteristics of a reprobate mind. Would Yahshua see fit to engage in political rhetoric?

When Yahshua was confronted by the Pharisees, He did not debate with them. They were doing wrong and all of the people knew it. Yahshua answered a question with a question when He knew that the Pharisees were laying a trap to catch Him in His words. In this way there was no debate and no wrangling between them. By adroit answers, guided by the Holy Spirit, Yahshua always **silenced** His shrewd opponents.

Yahshua said, **“My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from here.”** (John 18:36). Yahshua never argued (debated) with His disciples in an attempt to convince them to accept Him as Messiah, or His message as Truth. He was a man of peace, **the world's foremost peacemaker!** See Isaiah 9:6–7. **“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you: not as the world gives, do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be fearful.”** (John 14:27). He does not expect His disciples to debate or engage in a verbal confrontation with those of a different political persuasion.

### ***Religion in Politics***

During a political campaign, the presidential candidates will make a special effort to display a facade that they have embraced a personal religious faith. They are photographed entering their chosen house of worship, sitting in worship services, or exiting from services. They make a point of projecting tolerance and an ecumenical spirit by attending services with various religious groups—Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish. Each candidate is especially eager to have people of all religions believe that he is sympathetic to their personal aims and goals, that he has an ecumenical or tolerant attitude. Some of the candidates make a show of prayer at political meetings, which is designed to convince the religious people that he is a sincere person and will make a good president. Obviously, they seek to exploit religion to their best personal and political advantage.

Later, the picture changes entirely! After the candidate is elected to office, he no longer seems to be so highly motivated by the religious ethics he has espoused. As the history of the term of office is written, the record becomes clear. For example, religious leaders in the past have expressed dismay that President Reagan attended worship services only a few times during his term of office. Nevertheless, did that make him a less religious person? Even President Lincoln (as did some of our most prominent leaders) never joined a church.

Too frequently, presidents are known to project a Jekyll-and-Hyde personality where religion is concerned. If the tradition calls for religious devotions, then they will join in prayer or worship. If the situation calls for “being one of the boys,” or for engaging in activities that are in violation of Yahweh's commandments and not an example of biblical morality, they will set aside their religion for the moment. That's what is known as **situation**

**ethics.** Testifying to this conclusion is the frequent use of strong words of profanity by some of our past presidents.

If Yahshua the Messiah were here, walking this earth today, and was asked to **vote** for one of the candidates, which one would He choose on the basis of their religion? Which one of the political parties would He bless with victory, since all of the parties have had priests, ministers, and rabbis offering prayers at their conventions? We are reminded of the fervent prayers offered by the people of nations engaged in combat. Each side prays for victory during wartime, believing that the Almighty is on its side; and the one that wins is regarded as being in the right, since it was evidently blessed from on High. Can we view politics from the same perspective?

Would Yahshua the Messiah be influenced by a candidate's outward religious profession? Yahshua the Messiah came to establish True Worship on this earth. He did not engage in political activities when He was here on this earth. He did not support anyone who held false doctrine, or who was an obvious hypocrite. Conversely, He condemned sin and error very strongly! Read Matthew 23.

Friendship with the world is enmity against Yahweh, Jacob 4:4. Yahshua would be engaged in doing His Father's business (Luke 2:49), rather than trying to win a popularity contest in a corrupt world of politics.

### ***Did Yahshua Vote?***

Nowhere in the pages of your Bible can you find that Yahshua the Messiah ever urged His followers to take an active part in the affairs of this world, or its governments. Should we not follow Yahshua's example, 1 Peter 2:22? Yahshua, Himself, preached the good news of the coming Kingdom of Yahweh (Mark 1:16). He instructed His followers to preach the Kingdom of

Yahweh (Luke 9:60). His followers were told to obey Almighty Yahweh in their daily lives and to **seek first the Kingdom of Yahweh and His righteousness** (Matthew 6:33). If this last injunction were heeded, there would be precious little time for worldly pursuits, such as engaging in the modern, seemingly perpetual, political campaigns. Political campaigns appear to be directed toward doing the things of the world and pushing aside the opponent rather than seeking a constructive way to achieve the spiritual life in Yahweh, or teaching a high standard of morality.

Yahshua did not vote when He was here on this earth, nor did He participate in partisan politics. We must remember that He was the representative of the Great King of the universe, Almighty Yahweh. Yahshua was the only begotten Son of this Creator Elohim, the Ruler of the universe. See Psalm 2.

His mission on earth was to **call people to REPENTANCE**, instructing them to submit their lives to the government of the Most High and encouraging them to enter into His Covenant. He was the **ambassador** of the Kingdom of Yahweh, which will eventually rule throughout the entire world in the affairs of men. Too frequently, people assume that they have been placed on this earth to govern themselves under their own personal dictates and beliefs until the world ends. They fail to realize that the governments of this world today are not representatives of Yahweh, but, in fact, Satan has seized control of this system. See Revelation chapter 11.

***"In whom the mighty one of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that the light of the good tidings of the glory of the Messiah, who is the image of Elohim, should not dawn upon them."*** (2 Corinthians 4:4).

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***would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from here."*** (John 18:36).

Just as the book of Daniel explains, the head of gold (materialism, wealth) of the metallic image today continues to furnish the thinking capacity for the nations of the world (Daniel 2). Babylon dominates this world today.

Yahweh, the Heavenly Father, has allowed the people of this world to attempt to rule themselves for a brief period of time. The people of this world have failed to achieve an era of peace and happiness during man's age. Through disobedience, the human family eventually will get itself into a serious situation from which it cannot extricate itself. Then Yahweh will intervene in the affairs of men to establish His Kingdom under the rulership of Yahshua the Messiah. Inasmuch as Yahshua the Messiah is to be the King of this earth, how could He vote for (select) anyone to be in authority over Him in a worldly government?

### ***Representatives of Yahweh, Ambassadors of Yahweh's Kingdom***

Repeatedly, in the instructions that the Apostles left to the members of True Worship who trusted in our Messiah, we find that we are to view our sojourn here on this earth as REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HEAVENLY KINGDOM to come. Let us turn to 2 Corinthians 5:20, where we read, ***"We are ambassadors therefore on behalf of the Messiah, as though Yahweh were entreating by us: we beseech you on behalf of the Messiah, be reconciled to Yahweh."*** Please see also Ephesians 6:20. The members of the Assemblies of Yahweh earnestly strive to fulfill the assignment.

Paul recognized himself to be in the position of an ambassador, representing the heavenly Kingdom of Yahweh. In so doing, he had

placed himself under the dominion and protection of that Kingdom. He later appealed to Rome, since he was a Roman citizen, but there is no record anywhere in the Bible that he ever took an active part in Roman government. We, also, who comprise the membership of the Assemblies of Yahweh today, are born as citizens of our native lands. We obey the laws of the state and pay taxes as the Scriptures instructs us. However, when we turn to Yahweh and receive Yahshua's Spirit through entering into Yahweh's Covenant, we register our citizenship in heaven, in the Kingdom of Yahweh, and its Laws always supersede those of earthly governments.

Paul makes this very clear and emphatic in Philippians 3:20. ***“For our citizenship is in heaven; from where we also wait for a Savior, the Sovereign Yahshua the Messiah.”***

Contrasted with those who are desperately trying to make this world a better place in which to live by the imposition of **human achievements**, the members of the Assemblies of Yahweh have come out of the world and separated themselves from this wicked system of things with its erroneous Babylonish ideas. We have registered our citizenship in heaven, and we labor earnestly to be accepted of Yahweh and Yahshua the Messiah. We realize that if we vote for a man to be President, we must approve of all that he does. He has been placed in a high position by our support. The **ONLY** Being in this universe who has the right to rule us, and in whom we have our **full confidence** to lead, is Yahshua the Messiah, the anointed King of Almighty Yahweh. We know that He will rule in righteousness and we can trust His decisions.

Since most of us today are living in the native lands in which we were born, we submit to the laws of the land as long as they do not conflict with those of Yahweh's

Covenant Law. See Acts 5:29. In Romans chapter 13, Paul shows that the governments of this world were instituted to **keep the peace**. They police the land and defend its borders from outside attack from any aggressors, so there may be peace. Yahweh's people are obligated to obey its laws, as far as they do not conflict with those of Yahweh. Yahweh allows these governments to exist until His Kingdom is established. We are obligated to pay our taxes also, so that the government over us may function. Please read the entire seventh chapter of the prophet Daniel also.

In the event that laws are made which are in direct conflict with those Yahweh has given in His Word, then we must faithfully obey the Laws of Yahweh, the Covenant into which we have entered. Notice again Acts 5:29. Peter and the Apostles said, ***“We must obey Yahweh rather than men.”*** The Apostolic Assembly was persecuted because of their determination to continue to obey Almighty Yahweh and serve Him rather than to submit to any unscriptural ordinances of men. Can we do the same today?

### ***A High Standard in Yahweh's Law***

The Law of Almighty Yahweh actually prohibits anyone who has entered into His Covenant from voting to set another person over us who is not a saint of the Most High. We read this instruction in Deuteronomy 17:14–15. ***“When you come to the land which Yahweh your Elohim gives you, and shall possess it, and shall dwell in it, and shall say, I will set a king over me, like all the nations around me; you shall surely set him king over you, whom Yahweh your Elohim shall choose: ONE FROM AMONG YOUR BRETHREN SHALL YOU SET KING OVER YOURSELVES; YOU MAY NOT PUT A FOREIGNER OVER YOURSELVES, WHO IS NOT YOUR BROTHER.”***

As we can plainly see from this text, Almighty Yahweh desires that His people be ruled in **righteousness** according to the intentions of His Covenant Law. An individual who is **unconverted CANNOT** comprehend the deep-rooted principles underlying the Covenant which Almighty Yahweh has delineated in the sacred Scriptures for His people. Consequently, this passage of Scripture **prohibits** anyone who intends to be a True Worshiper from voting for any other presidential candidate **except for** Yahshua the Messiah! Otherwise, we are in violation of the commandments of Yahweh!

The members of the Assemblies of Yahweh forthrightly express our vote for the Messiah by vocally heralding the soon-coming Kingdom of Yahweh over which He will rule. ***“I saw in the night-visions, and, behold, there came with the clouds of heaven one like a son of man, and he came even to the ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all the peoples, nations, and languages should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed. . . . But the judgment shall be set, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it to the end. And the kingdom and the dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heavens, shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High: his kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.”*** (Daniel 7:13–14, 26–27).

### ***Summary***

The world today has reached the point where it reflects badly confused values in its conduct. Such is

the sad commentary on these times in which we live. When our nation was founded, it was based upon the premise of liberty, freedom, and representative government—not special-interest rule. Today, presidents frequently rule and speak only after they consider the opinion polls (which are frequently slanted and distorted). Have you ever checked the definitions of the terms *liberty* and *freedom* in a good dictionary? If not, do so immediately and be astonished at how far the United States has departed from the principles of our founding fathers.

During recent decades, special-interest groups have become even more heavily involved in politics in an effort to secure government-legislated privileges for themselves. The original principle, on which the American system of government was founded, called for the selection of representatives to be sent to the state and federal capitols only for the purpose of implementing legislation so that the government could function. Those legislative sessions lasted from a few weeks to several months out of the year. Today, the legislative bodies of our land are usually in session throughout the entire year. Manned by professional politicians, they pass legislation **far beyond anything that was ever envisioned by the founding fathers!** Today, various citizen groups are again calling for the re-establishment of citizen legislatures, but the current system is so well entrenched that reform is virtually impossible.

As we have clearly seen from the sacred Scriptures previously quoted, the Kingdom of Yahweh is far superior to any government on this earth. The governments today rule because Almighty Yahweh has allowed mankind to guide his own affairs for a limited period of time (Daniel 4:17).

During that time, the Holy Spirit calls various individuals into a spiritual relationship to become the family of Yahweh Elohim. Converted

people voluntarily decide to enter into His Covenant and they place themselves under His protection. Although they continue to abide by the laws of the countries in which they reside, these people no longer participate in the governments of worldly nations because they can discern the wickedness that exists there. Still, True Worshipers pay their taxes to their respective governments to support the services they provide, such as police protection (Romans chapter 13).

As representatives of the Kingdom of Yahweh, which is to come to this earth at the return of Yahshua the Messiah, the members of the Assemblies of Yahweh do not take part in the political activities of the nations in which they live. We cannot compromise the **high moral principles** laid down in the Word of Yahweh that we must follow. We proclaim these principles to the world and urge all people to submit to them. History records that in the past ages the governments of the world have severely persecuted the True Worshipers who have sought to live in faithful accord with what the Bible teaches.

Too frequently, elected officials become corrupted by political power and betray their trust. Continually, reports of political corruption in high places illustrate what can occur in the government of our country. Subsequent to the founding of our nation, elected officials generally held much higher moral and ethical values than do politicians currently, but history reveals that even some of them lived hypocritical lives. Annual scandals prove, repeatedly, that the only way for this earth ever to achieve righteous government is for Yahshua the Messiah to return and implement it. Then, all government will be conducted under the authority of the Word of Yahweh and the scrutiny of a righteous ruler.

It was true that, at the founding of our country, those who served in high elected positions held a clear sense of responsibility to their con-

stituents they represented and to their country. When anyone votes for elected officials we are supporting them in the stand they take on the legislation they enact, and, thereby, we subscribe to their leadership.

Scrutinizing all of the reasons presented in this article, one would have to conclude that **Yahshua the Messiah would never participate in political affairs.** As representatives who Yahshua has chosen to present a picture of His coming righteous Kingdom reign to the people of the world, we must follow Him in avoiding participation in the affairs of this present world.

Since the governments of **this** world are modeled after the system of **Babylon**, we must turn our attention toward the government of Almighty Yahweh that comprises His righteous Covenant commandments.

We have been commissioned by Yahshua the Messiah to proclaim His coming Kingdom to all nations of the world and to seek first His Kingdom (Matthew 28:19–20 and 6:33). If we faithfully fulfill this lofty calling we will have very little time remaining to become involved in the political affairs of this worldly system.

Therefore, by proclaiming and living these scriptural truths, the members of the Assemblies of Yahweh acknowledge Yahshua the Messiah to be our leader. We voluntarily obey His rule in our lives because the governments of this world are not motivated to maintain the righteous principles set forth in the sacred Scriptures. While eagerly looking for and awaiting the establishment of the Kingdom of Yahweh on this earth, we obey the laws of the land inasmuch as they do not conflict with biblical Law.

Will you join with us in practicing these lofty ideals? We hope that you will seek first the Kingdom of Yahweh and prepare for the day when the Messiah returns to establish Yahweh's eternal Kingdom on this earth.

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# AMERICAN THANKSGIVING

## POPULAR BUT PROBLEMATIC

Each year in late November, a popular holiday arrives. The people of our country get a long, work-free weekend as a day of national thanksgiving has been declared. Years ago, most people went to offer their worship and thanks to the Almighty on that day. In our modern time, it has been designated as “T-day,” or “turkey day,” and is

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customarily spent sitting glued to a television football game, following a sumptuous feast.

Although this day is supposed to be observed by the American people in thanksgiving to the Almighty for

His blessings, currently very little spiritual significance is attached to the observance. In our time, reference to religion has been virtually expunged from common reference (except for profane use).

Have you ever asked yourself if we should be observing this holiday or if it is, in fact, biblical to do so? If you have not as yet confronted these

(and other) questions, you may be blindly following error.

True Worshipers will faithfully obey the commandments of Yahweh (Revelation 12:17 and 14:12). These verses plainly show that, even in this New Testament era, the identifying watermark of the True Worshiper is commandment keeping. By maintaining our lives free from sin (which means the breaking of Yahweh's commandments, 1 John 3:4), our worship will please Almighty Yahweh, and it will show Him love (1 John 5:3). Only by obeying the commandments of our Heavenly Father will He give His Holy Spirit to His people (Act 5:32). A part of Almighty Yahweh's Covenant Law relates to the observance of the weekly and annual holy days that He, Himself, has sanctified and established, wherein His people must worship Him (Leviticus 23). Needless to say, the world as a whole has rejected the observance of Yahweh's commanded holy days.

The American Thanksgiving Day in 2012 will be held on Thursday, November 22. Can we find this "holy day" specified anywhere in the sacred Scriptures? The answer is that nowhere in the Bible appears such a worship service directed by the commandments of Yahweh.

When the term "Thanksgiving" is used, most people conjure up in their minds a procession of a band of pilgrims in broad-brimmed black hats with buckles, men wearing knickers, and, also, with buckles on their shoes, the men carrying guns with women and children closely following them. Some will even be reminded of a primitive feast with venison, turkey, duck, beef, fish, and a variety of vegetables and fruits; pilgrims feasting together in apparent harmony with a group of Indians.

The shocking fact is that little information about the first American Thanksgiving feast is recorded in Pilgrim records. The first Thanksgiving Day was believed to have been held in 1621, *but not in November*.

The dates most frequently given by the encyclopedias are actually October 3 to 6.

Among the early settlers of the New World, several special Thanksgiving Days were noted. The Englishmen of Virginia held a

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***By maintaining  
our lives free  
from sin our  
worship will  
please Almighty  
Yahweh, and  
it will show  
Him love.***

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Thanksgiving Day on December 5, 1619, as an annual commemoration of the date on which their ship arrived in the New World. After the Pilgrim's festival, the next Thanksgiving Day observance was held in 1630. The early settlers in the New World believed that a Thanksgiving Day observance should be held **spontaneously**, rather than stipulated annually (except that they were Bible students and may have fixed a regular observance to correspond to the Feast of Tabernacles, and October 3 to 6 would have been very close to Feast of Tabernacles time).

As a matter of fact, the British and Canadians today observe their Thanksgiving Day much more correctly than do the Americans. This year the Canadian Thanksgiving Day was held on October 8, during the Feast of Tabernacles.

Many of our readers will be familiar with the annual harvest home festival (since many churches commemorate it to this day). The members of the congregation will

bring some of the fruits and bounties of the earth—canned goods, fruits, and vegetables—which are then donated to orphanages and old-folks homes, or given to the poor people of the community. If you have ever participated in such an observance, you will remember that it usually takes place in the fall of the year when the harvests of the summer have been gathered in.

Can we identify the month of November in relation with any biblical festivals? First of all, the month which we call November is derived from the Latin term which means "nine." But the first part of the common month of November actually corresponds to the end of the EIGHTH BIBLICAL MONTH. From the fifteenth to the twenty-first day of that month, combined with the twenty-second day of the month representing a separate observance, all of the days corporately comprise an EIGHT-DAY FESTIVAL—Tabernacles.

By turning to 1 Kings 12:25-33, we discover the apparent roots of our modern Thanksgiving Day. When Jeroboam **rebelled** against the Davidic dynasty and established the House of Israel nation (the ten northern tribes of Israel), he soon concluded that he must create a sharp division between the northern and southern kingdoms, or the inhabitants of this northern nation would soon return to the worship of Yahweh in Jerusalem. If Israel kept **Yahweh's feasts in one place** as the Bible instructs them to do, they would necessarily go to Jerusalem where the Levitical priesthood (who had not apostatized) would quickly influence them to submit themselves again to the government that Yahweh Himself had originally established—the Davidic dynasty.

Jeroboam, thereupon, took counsel from someone (perhaps in his government). He acted on this shrewd advice and hastily built two shrines, where he directed his people to assemble and worship during the new holy days he had

legislated. He erected a golden calf at each of these shrines—Dan and Bethel. He told Israel, “It is much too far for you to go to Jerusalem to worship. Worship at these shrines within the borders of your own nation.” Here is an obvious support for the unscriptural doctrine of local autonomy, while, in fact, the Bible teaches a doctrine of **one body**. See Deuteronomy 12, for example, and also 1 Corinthians 12:13.

To keep the people of Israel from annually traveling to Jerusalem, **he ordained** (proclaimed) a feast in the **eighth** biblical month on the **fifteenth day of the month, like the feast that was held in Judah—Yahweh’s Feast of Tabernacles**. He, himself, went to worship at the shrines and offered up sacrifices of his own at that time.

**“And he went up to the altar which he had made in Bethel on the fifteenth day in the eighth month, even in the month which he had derived of his own heart: and he ordained a feast for the children of Israel, and went up to the altar, to burn incense.”** (1 Kings 12:33).

Consequently, this passage portrays the origin of keeping a harvest festival feast in the **eighth** biblical month, rather than the **seventh** as Yahweh had commanded. It was even proclaimed as a statute by the government. Therefore, the people of the House of Israel had to make a choice: They could either obey the commandments of Yahweh, or, conversely, they could obey the dictates of the government.

Let us take a closer look at the calendar for the year 2012. The seventh biblical month began when the new crescent was first sighted at sundown on the evening of September 17, according to our common calendar. This made the first day of the seventh month—which is the Feast of Trumpets—fall on September 18. The Day of Atonement, the tenth day of the seventh biblical month, this year fell on September 27. The fifteenth day of

the seventh biblical month of Yahweh occurred on October 2 (beginning with the evening of October 1). The Last Great Day fell on October 9. These were the feasts of Yahweh of the seventh month for 2012. **We hope that you observed them.** You should have kept them with the

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Assemblies of Yahweh. **Remember, attendance at Yahweh’s feasts is NOT optional, IT is strongly commanded.** Why not plan right now to faithfully obey Yahweh’s commanded fall convocation next year?

Soon after the members of the Assemblies of Yahweh returned from keeping the Feast of Tabernacles, the new moon of the eighth month appeared. On the evening of October 16, at sundown, which represented the beginning of October 17, the new moon crescent appeared. This was the first day of the eighth biblical month. The fifteenth day of the eighth biblical month would occur on October 31. The Last Great Day of Jeroboam’s Feast of Tabernacles would occur on November 7. Actually, this is only about two weeks before the date of the American feast of Thanksgiving. Why keep a thanksgiving feast in November anyway, when Almighty Yahweh commands us to keep it in the **seventh biblical month?**

As a matter of fact, the American Thanksgiving Day has been the prod-

uct of a presidential proclamation, which puts the federal government *squarely behind* its observance. President George Washington, the first American president, issued the first presidential Thanksgiving Day proclamation for November 26, 1789. But the following presidents did not care for a federal government-sponsored holiday, and none was again decreed until 1815.

During subsequent years, designating a certain day as Thanksgiving Day was left to the various states. By 1859, many states were proclaiming the fourth Thursday in November as their Thanksgiving Day.

Sarah Hale, editor of **Ladies’ Magazine** in Boston, and later of **Godey’s Ladies’ Book of Philadelphia**, continually pressured the federal government to establish a national Thanksgiving Day. She lobbied presidents, government officials, and other men of influence by writing numerous letters. Mrs. Hale wrote a Thanksgiving Day editorial in September 1863, and on October 3, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued a national proclamation for an American Thanksgiving Day.

Almost every president and state governor has followed Lincoln by proclaiming the fourth Thursday of November as Thanksgiving Day.

Interestingly, one president, over the years, tried to alter that tradition. President Franklin Roosevelt in 1939, while attempting to help the merchants through the Great Depression by lengthening the Christmas shopping season, moved Thanksgiving Day ahead by one week. That lasted only two years, however, and in 1941 Congress issued a resolution moving the national holiday permanently back to the fourth Thursday of the month of November. In 2012, the fourth Thursday of November would be the 22nd, only 15 days after the Last Great Day of Jeroboam’s Feast of Tabernacles.

People of the world cannot seem to realize that it is better to obey **Yahweh** than men (Acts 5:29).

The 2012 observance of the Yahweh's harvest feast, the Feast of Tabernacles on October 2-9.

SEPTEMBER							OCTOBER 2012							NOVEMBER												
FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH	FIFTH	SIXTH	SABBATH																				
<i>About the Photo: The still waters of a quiet lake reflect the hues of red and gold that are painted by the palette of our Creator, Yahweh.</i>							<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> <i>First High Sabbath—Feast of Tabernacles</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>														
							Amos 4-6	Amos 7-9	Obadiah	Jonah 1-4	Micah 1-3	Micah 4-7														
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <i>Last Great Day—Feast of Tabernacles</i>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>																				
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Zechariah 10-12	Zechariah 13-14	Malachi 1-4	Matthew 1-4	Matthew 5-8	Matthew 9-12	Matthew 13-16																				
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Matthew 17-20	Matthew 21-24	Matthew 25-28	Mark 1-4	Mark 5-8	Mark 9-12	Mark 13-16																				
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<i>Feast of Tabernacles—October 2-8 Last Great Day—October 9 New Moon—October 17</i>		<i>OCTOBER—The tenth month of the Gregorian calendar, its name comes from the Latin root <i>octo</i> meaning "eight," and was the eighth month of the Roman calendar. The Feast of Tabernacles, and the Last Great Day mark Yahweh's third pilgrim Feast, Deut. 16:16-17.</i>					<b>SPECIAL NOTE:</b> Scriptural days begin at sundown of the previous day.															
Luke 1-3	Luke 4-6	Luke 7-9	Luke 10-12																							

The American Thanksgiving observance on November 22.

OCTOBER							NOVEMBER 2012							DECEMBER													
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<b>NOVEMBER—</b> Corresponding with the Hebrew months <i>But</i> and <i>Chisleu</i> , the eighth and ninth scriptural months. The eleventh month of the Gregorian year, its name is derived from the Latin term <i>novem</i> , meaning "ninth."							<i>About the photo: The ancient road that ascends the tel of Megiddo, a chariot-city that guarded the Jezreel Valley.</i>							<i>New Moon—November 15</i>													
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THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF YAHWEH KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS OF YAHWEH, and that includes Yahweh's commanded holy days, His feast days of Leviticus 23. When the worldly holiday observances arrive as specified on our common calendar, which worldly people usually keep, the members of the Assemblies of Yahweh work right through Sunday, Christmas, Easter, and the American national Thanksgiving. Instead, we keep Yahweh's sanctified holy days as they are set forth in Leviticus 23.

We obey the commandments of Yahweh (Revelation 12:17 and 14:12). We keep the holy days of Leviticus 23. We love Almighty Yahweh, and we desire to obey Him so that He will bless us. ***“And the dragon became exceedingly angry with the woman, and went away to make war with the remnant of her seed, that keep the commandments of Yahweh, and hold the testimony of Yahshua.”*** (Revelation 12:17). ***“Here is the patience of the saints; They that keep the commandments of Yahweh, and the faith of Yahshua.”*** (Revelation 14:12).

When you stand before the judgment seat of the Messiah, will you be rewarded for keeping Yahweh's commandments, or judged for rejecting them?

May Almighty Yahweh give us all more encouragement to do His Will, so that we may please Him in doing what is right and good in His sight. ***“You shall not tempt Yahweh your Elohim, as you tempted him in Massah. You shall diligently keep the commandments of Yahweh your Elohim, and his testimonies, and his statutes, which he has commanded you. And you shall do that which is right and good in the sight of Yahweh; that it may be well with you, and that you may go in and possess the good land which Yahweh swore to your fathers.”*** (Deuteronomy 6:16-18). S<sub>N</sub>B



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### *O*BEDIENCE

In the current presidential campaign, we are once more bombarded with comments on the issue of law and order in our land. While candidates from both political parties are lashing out at the rise in violence in the United States in recent years, lamenting the astronomical acceleration in lawlessness, it would appear that none of the candidates can force himself to take the initiative to propose, and then impose, firm measures against the violence taking place.

The Columbine High School shooting is a prime example. Have you ever looked the issue squarely in the face and considered what could be the underlying reason behind this increase in lawlessness in our country in recent years? Foremost in your mind to reply to this question might arise answers such as too few policemen, congested court schedules, lenient judges, insufficiently brief sentences. Amusingly, political candidates suggest that more policemen should be trained and activated as law enforcers and that they should be given better equipment; while, conversely,

*by*  
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in a time of crisis, public officials always seem to restrict the police from using that better equipment! Perhaps it is actually the fault of the general public for not insisting that laws be strictly enforced with no favoritism, because, in the final analysis, it is the public who elects the officials. Paradoxically, the public wishes to have strict law enforcement for the other fellow, while, simultaneously, they demand leniency from the system for themselves personally. How can law enforcement agencies hew a straight and firm line under such trying circumstances? The result is the current lawless attitude in the public sector.

Basically, it is human nature which is responsible for the escalation of lawlessness. This elusive human factor is traceable directly to the rebellion of the Adamic race against the Laws of Almighty Yahweh, the Heavenly Father. I would like to take you into the Scriptures and bring to your attention some of

the primary reasons why lawlessness exists in the world today and what could be done to remedy the situation.

Immediately, when a minister raises the question of lawful living, meaning obedience to the Laws of Almighty Yahweh, our Heavenly Father, as found in the Bible, objection enters the mind of the average listener. For centuries the ch-rches of nominal Chr-stianity have taught that the Law of Yahweh was done away with (annulled) when the Savior died upon the tree of Calvary. This is erroneous, however, since we read in numerous passages in the Bible that the Law of Yahweh would continue, or endure, forever. While public officials offer lip service to the keeping of the scriptural commandments, paradoxically they, themselves, often do not attempt to live personal lives of obedience to a high standard of morality. Furthermore, over the years, human attitudes have engendered animosity against the Bible, which certainly is regrettable.

Ministers of nominal religion have taught that they have the

Holy Spirit of the Messiah which He left with His Assembly upon His ascension. However, has your church ever informed you concerning the prerequisite for receiving the Holy Spirit? First, of course, is repentance, and then baptism.

*honor the face of the old man, and you shall fear your Elohim: I am Yahweh.*” Incidentally, we have articles on the subject of baptism and to answer the question, “What is the biblical definition of sin?” You may obtain these articles free

## ***Assemblies of Yahweh Statement of Doctrine***

We affirm that as obedient children it is necessary to keep all of the commandments, statutes, and judgments (except the ritual and animal sacrifice Laws) which the Heavenly Father gave to Israel to make them a separate people, Leviticus 20:7-8; Deuteronomy 6:6-9, 25; Deuteronomy 7:6-11; Matthew 5:17-20; Romans 7:12. It is now possible through the Holy Spirit to keep these commandments by faith for our salvation, Ephesians 2:8-10; Jacob 2:17-20. We now keep a spiritual sacrifice rather than animal sacrifices, meal, and drink offerings, Hebrews 13:15-16; 1 Peter 2:5; Romans 12:1; Philippians 4:18.

We affirm that sin is the transgression of the Law of Yahweh, Leviticus 4:2, 13, 27; 1 John 3:4.

However, Acts 5:32 informs us that the Holy Spirit is only given to those who obey the Almighty, which means keeping His commandments. The commandments include the use of the Sacred Name of the Heavenly Father; they include obedience to the Sabbath commandment, which is so neglected today; they even teach us respect for older people.

For example, did you know that there is a commandment in the Bible which instructs children to stand when their elders enter a room? It is found in Leviticus 19:32. ***“You shall rise up before the gray head, and***

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A tremendously informative Scripture may be found in Isaiah 51:6-8. This passage contrasts the people of Yahweh, those who are keeping His Laws, with the wicked—those who are disobedient to Him. ***“Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath; for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall grow old like a***

***garment; and they that dwell in it shall die in like manner: but my salvation shall be forever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished.***

***“Listen to me, you that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law; fear not the reproach of men, neither be dismayed at their revilings. For the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool; but my righteousness shall be forever, and my salvation to all generations.”***

How truly enlightening! Have you never read in the Bible that the Law of Yahweh was to endure forever? In reality, this thought may be found in a number of places in the Bible, especially in passages like Psalm 119, which is a passage lauding the keeping of the Law of Yahweh. (The author calls Psalm 119 and Psalm 19, the two great Law psalms.)

While we realize that the Law of Yahweh will endure forever, the members of the Assemblies of Yahweh approach the keeping of the Law from a different perspective than do most commandment-keeping groups. Unless someone has been truly converted, experiencing a total change of his spiritual perception, the keeping of the Law will eventually become a burden to him. In the Assemblies of Yahweh, we sincerely desire to know what the Heavenly Father wishes us to do to find life everlasting, and we serve Almighty Yahweh joyfully. Our basic point of motivation in the Scriptures would be found in Psalm 40:7-8, which is quoted in Hebrews chapter 10. ***“Then I said, Lo, I have come; In the roll of the book it is written of me: I delight to do your will, O my Elohim: Yes, your law is within my heart.”***

For those people who truly desire to serve the Heavenly Father, the Law of Yahweh Will be within their heart, close to their seat of affection. How often you may find this intrinsic message of the Scriptures taught by

the prophets and the Messiah when He was here on this earth! When someone delights to do the Will of Yahweh, he will find ways to keep the commandments, rather than looking for “loopholes” to circumvent obedience. The entire outlook of the people will be altered, and the Holy Spirit will truly give us the fruits which are mentioned in Galatians chapter 5.

To understand more completely the wonderful lessons which we may find in the keeping of the Law of Yahweh, let us turn to Psalm 19, and we will begin reading with verse 7. Notice what the Law of Yahweh will do. **“The law of Yahweh is perfect, restoring the soul . . . .”** Now, if the Law of Yahweh is perfect, how can we improve upon it, or why should it be done away with at any time in history? This perfection will work miracles if we apply it to our hearts, which will lead to the converting, or the returning of the soul. Can there be conversion without comparing our lives to the life of Yahweh and Yahshua, His Son, which He has given to us in His Law?

**“The testimony of Yahweh is sure, making wise the simple.”** This Law of Yahweh, because it deals essentially in certainties, or absolutes, will give the people of Yahweh an education. It will teach you the way of Yahweh. Verse 8, **“The precepts of Yahweh are right, rejoicing the heart . . . .”** The word “right” in this clause means “righteous, or just and equitable.” This righteous Law will indeed make you happy. It will give you a happy, fruitful life. **“The commandment of Yahweh is pure, enlightening the eyes.”** The commandments of Yahweh, when they are obeyed, will purify your life and bring it into harmony with the Will of the Heavenly Father. This purification will open your eyes to more truth than you have ever been able to comprehend before. Obedience to the commandments of Yahweh will throw light on many different Bible

doctrines that have previously been obscure to you.

Verse 9a, **“The fear of Yahweh is clean, enduring for ever. . . .”** We should read this sentence as, “The reverence of Yahweh is cleansing, enduring forever.” This means that when we revere Yahweh and

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keep His commandments, we will be cleansed from sin, and if we remain in such humble submission to Him, we shall be cleansed from sin, forever. Again note that the Law of Yahweh is forever. Verse 9b-10, **“The ordinances of Yahweh are true, and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yes, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the droppings of the honeycomb.”** Do you perceive the kind of different attitude that will bring about true conversion? When we desire to obey Yahweh and keep His commandments above all things, we will find that obedience is sweeter than the most delectable delicacy (honey), and we will agree to obey even if it might mean losing some of this world’s prestige and material things.

Verse 11a, **“Moreover by them is your servant warned . . . .”** We cannot know when we are straying from Yahweh, unless we have His Law in our hearts to warn and direct us as a road sign, or police-

man, would do. **“In keeping them there is great reward.”** What greater reward could we receive for keeping the commandments of Yahweh than everlasting life, when the New Covenant is universally established at the return of the Messiah to set up His Kingdom on this earth? Verse 12, **“Who can discern his errors? Clear me from hidden faults.”** The answer to the question is that no one can truly comprehend how he could be drifting away from the Heavenly Father, unless he has been instructed in the Law of Yahweh concerning His Will. Also, we should apply the Law to our hearts so that we will entertain no secret thoughts of disobedience. This will necessitate perfect conversion.

Verse 13, **“Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; Let them not have dominion over me: Then shall I be upright . . . .”** When the practice of sin is premeditated, the guilty person will actually be committing the unpardonable sin. When you know that a behavioral act is wrong to practice, but do it anyway simply because of expediency, there is no further sacrifice for sin, as we read in Hebrews 10:26-31. **“And I shall be clear from great transgression.”** This great transgression is, in reality, the mark of the Beast at the end of the age.

Verse 14, **“Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in your sight, O Yahweh, my rock, and my redeemer.”** This passage covers a tremendous amount of territory. Can you truly perceive from this latter part of Psalm 19 how important it is to obey Almighty Yahweh and keep His Laws? In reality, this is the central message of the Bible. Sin is the transgression of the Law (1 John 3:4). The wages of sin is DEATH, but the gift of Yahweh (for obedience) is eternal life through Yahshua the Messiah, our Master (Romans 6:23). SNB

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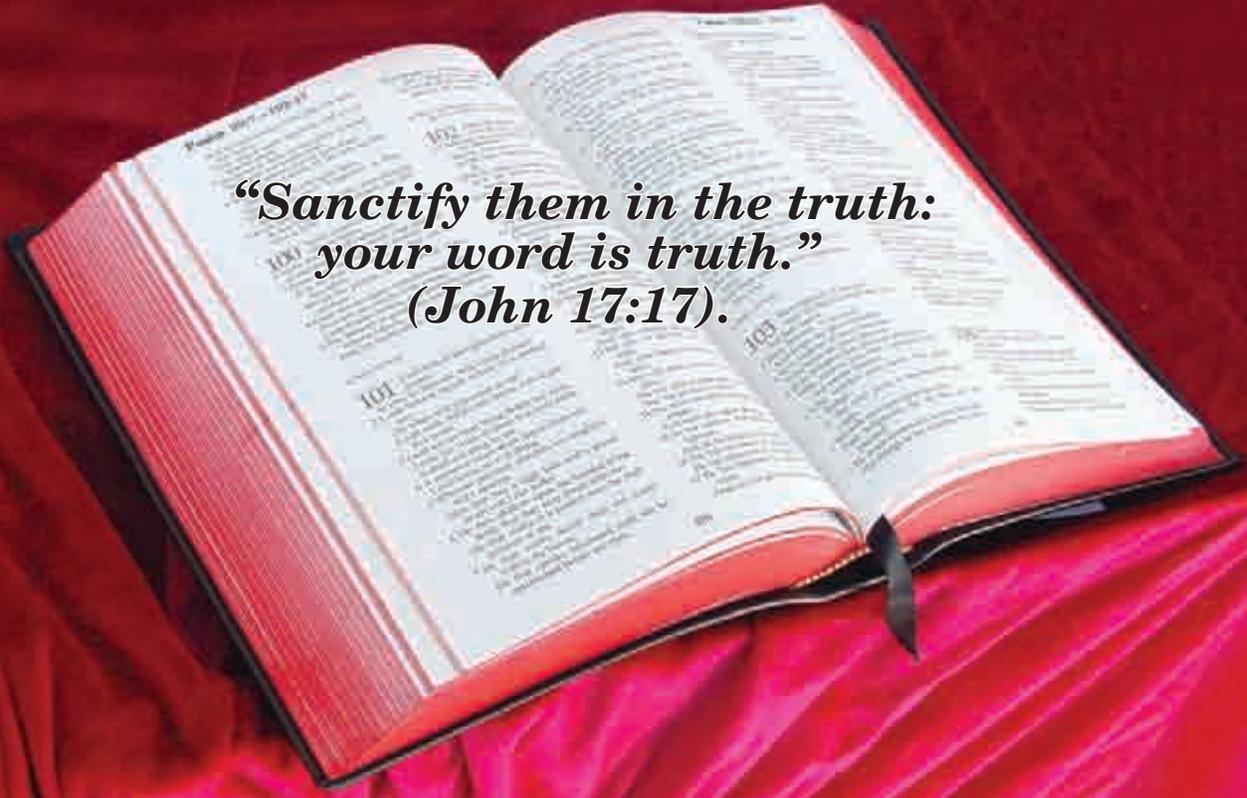
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