

A photograph of two green parakeets, likely Ring-necked Pigeon-wood parakeets, sitting in a nest made of dry twigs and branches. The parakeet on the left is facing the one on the right. Both have bright green plumage, a red beak, and a red ring around their necks. The background is a soft-focus blue sky with green foliage.

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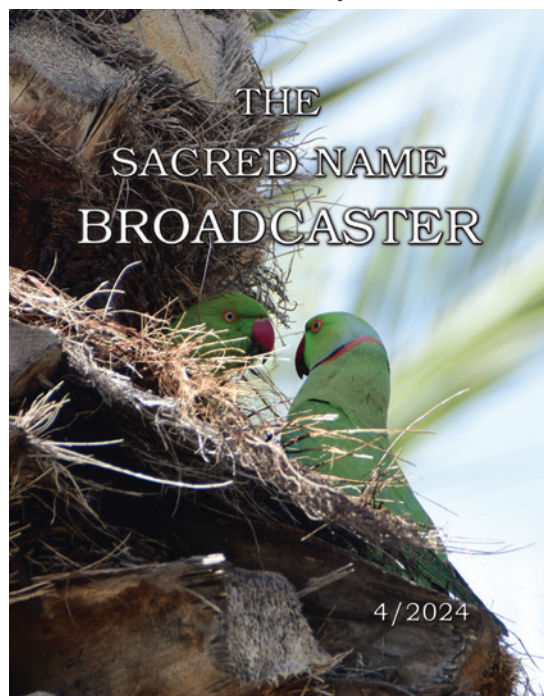
With plumage of unique and stunning color, Yahweh's creation is unmatched. When we consider the beauty of what Yahweh has made, every species is His unique creation.

On a recent trip to Israel, we were pleasantly surprised to see a pair of wild rose-ringed parakeets (Kramer parrot) while visiting Capernaum, the city where Yahshua made His headquarters in the beginning of His ministry, Matthew 4:12.

Anxiety has become rampant in recent years because of the collapse of society. Yet Yahshua has assured us that we must daily trust in Yahweh—that we be not anxious about tomorrow.

"Therefore I say to you, Be not anxious for your life, what you shall eat, or what you shall drink; nor yet for your body, what you shall put on. Is not the life more than the food, and the body than the raiment? Behold the birds of the heaven, that they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; and your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you of much more value than they?" (Matthew 6:25-26).

We cannot serve two masters, He said, as He encouraged us to serve Yahweh completely each day. "But seek you first his kingdom, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you." (Matthew 6:33). Why not follow Yahshua's command by making the Kingdom of Yahweh your life goal, seeking the righteousness of Yahweh each and every day?



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The Blood *of the* Covenant

PART 4

SACRIFICIAL LAW FULFILLED IN YAHSHUA

In Psalm 69, beginning with verse 29, we find the key Scripture for this concluding article in this series.

“But I am poor and sorrowful: Let your salvation, O Elohim, set me up on high. I will praise the name of Elohim with a song, And will magnify

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him with thanksgiving. And IT WILL PLEASE YAHWEH BETTER THAN AN OX, OR A BULLOCK THAT HAS HORNS AND HOOFS. The meek have seen it, and are glad: You that seek after Elohim, let your

heart live. For Yahweh hears the needy, And despises not his prisoners. Let heaven and earth praise him, The seas, and everything that moves in it. For Elohim will save Zion, and build the cities of Judah; And they shall remain there, and have it in possession. The

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seed also of his servants shall inherit it; And they that love his name shall dwell in it.” (Psalm 69:29-36).

Throughout the past three articles, we have proven from the Sacred Scriptures that the human family needs a sacrifice for sin. Grace cannot be our only doctrine of salvation. When a person sins, he needs a sacrifice to make atonement for his transgression. The animal sacrifices of the Old Testament were intended to represent atonement. *Atonement* (a blood covering) represents death, shedding blood, pouring out the life-giving liquid. Such an outpouring of life brings about a death. That death and shed blood of an animal in Old Testament times represented a substitute for the life of the sinner. The dying animal took the place of, and represented the life of, the person who offered it.

Integral to this understanding is the Covenant Yahweh made with His people. That Covenant was an agreement between two unequal parties. Yahweh offered this Covenant to His people—a sinless Elohim lowered Himself to offer an inferior sinner an opportunity to be reconciled.

Since the terms *sinner* and *sinless* stand as an antithesis, or converse to each other, the act of reconciliation in the Covenant demanded a mediator. All these many facets of sacrifice are embodied in the Messiah, our Saviour and King, Yahshua.

Liberal theologians ask, “Why must a human being be offered, or sacrificed, for sin?” Too often, they derive the wrong answer. Many assert that it is the life of an individual alone that will rejoin him to Yahweh. But in the final analysis, we must situate our doctrines squarely upon the Sacred Scriptures rather than upon theological interpretation.

“And what we say is yet more abundantly evident, if after the likeness of Melchizedek there arises another priest, who has been made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life: for it is witnessed of him, You are a priest forever After the order of Melchizedek. . . by so much also has Yahshua become the surety of a better covenant. And they indeed have been made priests many in number, because that by death they are hindered from continu-

ing: but he, because he remains forever, has his unchangeable priesthood. Therefore he is also able to save to the utmost them that draw near to Yahweh through him, seeing he ever lives to make intercession for them.” (Hebrews 7:15-17, 22-25).

The High Priest, in the ancient Tabernacle and Temple service, was required to be holy in an exterior way. His heart and his mind could be corrupted if his exterior

was clean. If he knew what services were required, and if he bathed himself five times completely on the Day of Atonement, then he was considered cleansed.

But Yahshua was different. Spiritually, His mind and heart were at one with the Father Yahweh, because He sincerely kept Yahweh’s commandments. He was guileless. The word ***guile*** means *to be false*. He was without falsehood; He was undefiled by the world; He withstood the temptation of Satan the Devil at the beginning of His ministry.

He was separated from sinners, because He, Himself, never sinned. And He was made higher than the heavens; therefore, He needed not to offer sacrifices for His own sins. No record ever appears that Yahshua ever offered animal sacrifices in the Temple. On the Day of Atonement, the human High Priest had to offer a sacrifice first for himself, then he could offer for the people. ***“For such a high priest became us, holy, guileless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; who needs not daily, like those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for his own sins, and then***

for the people: for this he did once and for all, when he offered up himself. For the law appoints men high priests, having infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was after the law, appoints a Son, perfected forevermore.” (Hebrews 7:26-28).

Where is that path recorded to which the writer of Hebrews refers? Turn to Psalms 2 and 110.

The oath is stated there after the law of sacrifices was given. It is also found in the third chapter of Genesis when Adam and Eve sinned.

Why did a human being have to die? He was both the offerer and the offering. Notice the explanation from the writer of the book of Hebrews.

“Now in the things which we are saying the chief point is this: We have such a high priest, who sat down on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which Yahweh pitched, not man.” (Hebrews 8:1-2).

There is a service that is being performed for the Most High: the prayers of the saints are offered before the Most High. Someone must stand between Yahweh and men.

“For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices: therefore it is necessary that this high priest also have something to offer.” (Hebrews 8:3). What does Yahshua the Messiah have to offer? He was able to offer purity of character.

The New Covenant

Does Almighty Yahweh express satisfaction with the blood of animals? Or will He rather be satisfied with the sacrifices of the praises of our lips (Psalm 69:30)? Will He be satisfied with praises

deriving from sinful lips? Almighty Yahweh wants to be reconciled with man, and, in so doing, He lowers Himself down to man’s level to help him. (Consequently, He will not have personal contact, or communication, with man except through His own words. His Son Yahshua serves as the intermediary. Yahshua, indeed, has something good to offer.)

Hebrews 7:14 notes that Yahshua had to be from the tribe of Judah, and He was. We find in Zechariah 6 that the priesthood and the government will eventually be joined into one, and that is also what Psalm 110 tells us.

“Now if he were on earth, he would not be a priest at all, seeing there are those who offer the gifts according to the law; who serve that which is a copy and shadow of the heavenly things, even as Moses is warned by Yahweh when he is about to make the tabernacle: for, See, he says, that you make all things according to the pattern that was shown you in the mount. But now has he obtained a ministry the more excellent, by so much as he also is the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted upon better promises. For if that first covenant had been faultless, then would no place have been sought for a second.” (Hebrews 8:4-7).

Notice the phrase in verse 8, **“For finding fault with them....”** It is obvious when you carefully read this passage that Yahweh did not find fault with His Law. His Law is perfect. How many times are we told that in the Scriptures? Especially in the two great Law Psalms, 19 and 119, the character of Yahweh’s Law is described in highest terms. His Law is durable; it endures forever. His Law is perfect; how can you

improve on it? The *people* are the ones that He finds fault with, not His Covenant Law.

“Behold, the days come, says Yahweh, That I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah; Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers In the day that I took them by the hand to lead them forth out of the land of Egypt; For they continued not in my covenant, And I regarded them not, says Yahweh. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel After those days, says Yahweh; I will put my laws into their mind, And on their heart will I also write them: And I will be to them an Elohim, And they shall be to me a people: And they shall not teach every man his fellow-citizen, And every man his brother, saying, Know Yahweh: For all shall know me, From the least to the greatest of them. For I will be merciful to their iniquities, And their sins will I remember no more. In that he says, A new covenant, he has made the first old. But that which is becoming old and grows aged is close to vanishing away.” (Hebrews 8:8-13).

In Hebrews 9:1-4 we learn: **“Now even the first covenant had ordinances of religious service, and its sanctuary, of this world. For there was a tabernacle prepared, the first [section], in which were the lampstand, and the table, and the showbread; which is called the Holy place. And after the second veil, the inner tabernacle which is called the Holy of Holies; having a golden altar of incense....”** (Hebrews 9:1-4).

The golden altar of incense was joined to the Ark of the Covenant,

but the incense had to penetrate, or go through, the veil every day except the Day of Atonement. Then, the veil was pulled aside, and the golden altar of incense was joined together with the Ark through a blood atonement. Once a year, on the Day of Atonement, as we found in Leviticus 16:12, the horns of this altar had to be atoned for with the blood of animals.

The high priest was instructed to take blood into the Tabernacle. He had to sprinkle it once toward the east with his finger and seven times before the mercy seat of the Ark. He had to sprinkle the blood toward the east in front of the altar (the golden altar of incense), and, then, sprinkle the blood on it and anoint the horns of the altar.

There were actually 43 sprinklings of blood that were necessary on the Day of Atonement. According to the Mishna and the Talmud, he had to count each one of these sprinklings, and he couldn't make two sprinklings without dipping his hands again in the blood. What is significant about that? Sometimes people lay ill-conceived petitions upon Yahweh's golden altar of prayer. The incense on the golden altar represents the prayers of the saints. And so once a year that altar had to be rededicated, reconsecrated, recleansed from all of the sins of Israel, and from the corrupt prayers which were offered. Also, the Ark of the Covenant, each year, had to receive this blood atonement, because Almighty Yahweh instructed that blood should be offered for sin.

What is the purpose of the eighth chapter? This earthly Tabernacle represented a copy of a true pattern which is in the heavens. Yahshua is now sitting at the right hand of Yahweh and is the servant of that Sanctuary. But His blood is not offered each

day. How then can Yahweh's people today have close communion with Yahweh and communication with the Most High? The answer obviously is that Yahshua the Messiah's sacrifice should have cleansed us from sin, *once and for all*, and that should have converted, or changed, our minds for the better, with our attitude and our hearts.

Ideally, all the brethren and sisters of the Assemblies of Yahweh should have that kind of a reverent attitude, that they fear treading underfoot the blood of Yahshua the Messiah, putting Him to an open shame. Yahshua the Messiah is presently sitting at the right hand of Yahweh. He is our mediator and defense attorney. As we read in 1 John 2:1-2, "**And if any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, and Yahshua the Messiah the righteous: and he is the propitiation** [meaning the atonement, or the blood covering] **for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the whole world.**"

What does He desire to accomplish among His people? He wants us to be like Him, since He is our example. Perfection must be our goal. Our final goal in this life is to learn spiritual perfection, to obey Yahweh's Laws just as perfectly as He intended when He codified them for us in His Word. If anyone does sin **without premeditating** that sin, he can ask forgiveness. Yahweh, thereupon, is merciful and gives us grace. However, if we premeditate sin, we are hypocrites, and we do not merit His kindness.

Let me illustrate. A former minister once wanted to go out into the world and do a "little bit of sinning." He said, "Well, I know the Second Coming isn't tomorrow, and so I'm just going to go out and sin, and then I'll repent at the eleventh hour when I see

the Second Coming drawing near. Then I'll come back again, and I'll serve Yahweh."

Hypocrites! People with that kind of an unconverted attitude are not going to receive any defense from the Messiah. The *parakletos* (Greek, translated *advocate* in the **King James Version**), **the defense attorney**, will not argue their case. That's why Yahshua is presently sitting at the right hand of Yahweh, so He can act as our defense attorney when we accidentally sin.

We are told in Hebrews 9:7-9, "**But into the second** [goes] **the high priest alone, once in the year, not without blood, which he offers for himself, and for the errors of the people: the Holy Spirit this signifying, that the way into the holy place has not yet been made manifest, while the first tabernacle is yet standing; which is a figure for the time present...."**

Now what are we to learn? This is an allegory; this is a type of the antitype in these New Covenant times. Into the first tabernacle the High Priest went once a year. He had to kill a bull to atone for his own sins, and then he had to sacrifice the goat of the sin offering for the people and take that blood in and sprinkle it. The way into the Holy Place for each believer had not yet been made manifest at that time while the first Tabernacle, or Temple, was yet standing. This ceremony on the Day of Atonement represented a figure in type for the time in which we are now living.

"According to which are offered both gifts and sacrifices that cannot, as touching the conscience, make the worshiper perfect." (Hebrews 9:9).

Yahshua the Messiah must deal with fickle, changeable, insincere human beings. When He

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sits up there as the *Parakletos* (the defense attorney) for each member of the Body of Messiah, what can he say about you and me as He represents us to Almighty Yahweh? Can He say, “I am defending them because I know they’re not hypocrites? They are very straightforward and very truthful and sincere. They have their consciences cleansed. Their conscience is not seared into a hard mass of scar tissue from sin, but their conscience is soft and pliable. Their conscience is straightforward, and they have not planned to sin.”

Under the Old Testament rituals, the gifts and the sacrifices were offered, but such an offering couldn't make the conscience perfect. That is what Yahweh wants from His people—a conscience that is sensitive to His Truth. ***“Being only (with meats and drinks and diverse washings) carnal ordinances, imposed until a time of reformation....”*** (Hebrews 9:10). So the gifts and the sacrifices with the meal offerings, the drink offerings and the various washings were all ceremonial acts that were done to appease the

Almighty when someone sinned. Without the spiritual desire to do good, sacrifices would become meaningless.

Read verse 3 of Mark chapter seven. This verse offers a good explanation of what Yahshua and the Apostolic Assembly were contending against. The Pharisees accused the disciples of eating without having their hands washed. Verse 3 reads, ***“(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, except they wash their hands diligently, eat not, holding the tradition of the elders; and when they come from the marketplace, except they bathe themselves, they eat not; and many other things there are, which they have received to hold, washings of cups, and pots, and copper vessels.)”*** (Mark 7:3-4).

Verse 10 means that the sacrifices, the gifts, the meal offerings, and the diverse washings—the many, many washings as related from Leviticus 16—cannot improve the conscience. Only the shed blood of the Messiah and Yahweh’s Holy Spirit can do that. The High Priest had to take a complete bath five times on the

Day of Atonement, and ten times he had to wash his hands and feet in addition to the bath. Also, one ***Halakah*** allows the High Priest, if he was an aged man and sick, to heat stones or irons and put them into the water so that the water would be warm, and he would not get so much of a chill while he is taking all those baths.

Nevertheless, ritual is what some people like. Various Christian rituals also follow in a similar manner to the Old Testament.

“But the Messiah having come a high priest of the good things to come, through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation, nor yet through the blood of goats and calves, but through his own blood, entered in once and for all into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption.” (Hebrews 9:11-12).

The Red Heifer Sacrifice

Now Yahweh has ordained a spiritual High Priest, the **true High Priest**, serving in the **true Temple**. He has returned to that true Temple through offering His

own blood. He needed something to offer when He entered it. And what must He bring to the heavens? He offered Himself as the true sacrifice, not with the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer. In the past, animal blood was sprinkled on those who had been defiled, sanctifying to the cleanness of the flesh. How much more did the blood of the Messiah, who, through the eternal Spirit, offered Himself without blemish to Yahweh, cleanse the conscience of each believer in the Sacred Scriptures from dead works to serve the living Elohim?

“For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling them that have been defiled, sanctify to the cleanness of the flesh: how much more shall the blood of the Messiah, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to Yahweh, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living Elohim?” (Hebrews 9:13-14).

Now turn to Numbers chapter 19, where Yahweh’s Word describes the offering of the red heifer. ***“And Yahweh spoke to Moses and; to Aaron, saying, This is the statute of the law which Yahweh has commanded, saying, Speak to the children of Israel, that they bring you a red heifer*** [What does the heifer represent? The heifer represented potential productivity. A heifer is a young animal that has not yet had a calf.] ***without spot, in which is no blemish, and on which never came yoke*** [in other words, she had to be a red heifer without white spots or spots of any kind. This was to represent a pure sacrifice. The red color represents blood. And blood represented the life of a person.]. ***And you shall give her to Eleazar the priest*** [Why to Eleazar? Why not to

Aaron? Aaron was the High Priest. Aaron was not supposed to leave the compound of the Tabernacle at that time, and so the heifer had to be sacrificed by Eleazar, his son. Of course, you could interpret that Aaron was representing Yahweh in that instance, since Yahweh sent His Son Yahshua to provide the sacrifice for His people. Not leaving heaven’s Tabernacle, but giving the sacrificial duties to his Son, was what Yahweh did.].

“And he shall bring her forth outside the camp [In Jerusalem is designated the Mount of Olives, but it also represents outside of Yahweh’s domain in the heavens.], ***and someone shall kill her before his face*** [Now he isn’t doing the killing. Why? Because he is representative of Yahshua. Someone else kills this sacrificial animal.]: ***and Eleazar the priest shall take of her blood with his finger, and sprinkle of her blood toward the front of the tent of meeting seven times. And one shall burn the heifer in his sight; her skin, and her flesh, and her blood, with her dung, shall he burn*** [What did they do? They killed the heifer, they put her entire carcass upon this pile of wood, and began burning her. After Eleazar had taken all of the blood in that vessel and sprinkled it seven times in front of the tent of meeting, he came and dumped the blood over the heifer, because the entire life of this heifer had to be used.]: ***And the priest shall take cedar wood, and hyssop, and scarlet....”*** (Numbers 19:1-6).

What does that represent? Turn to Leviticus 14:6-7, where we are told what that represents. ***“As for the living bird, he shall take it, and the cedar wood, and the scarlet, and the hyssop, and shall dip them and the living bird in the blood of the***

bird that was killed over the running water: and he shall sprinkle on him that is to be cleansed from the leprosy seven times, and shall pronounce him clean....”

What the High Priest is doing is actually pointing to a time when we don’t need this sprinkling anymore. Burning these materials represents a termination of the sprinkling of cleansing some time in the future. The instruments used for that cleansing were also burned with the heifer.

Now it is the opinion of the author that this sacrifice was prophesied to terminate some time in the future, because the instruments of cleansing were burned. The culmination of it was in the antitype in Yahshua the Messiah. ***“Then the priest shall wash his clothes, and he shall bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp, and the priest shall be unclean until the evening. And he that burns her shall wash his clothes in water, and bathe his flesh in water, and shall be unclean until the evening. And a man that is clean shall gather up the ashes of the heifer, and lay them up outside the camp in a clean place; and it shall be kept for the congregation of the children of Israel for a water for impurity: it is a sin-offering. And he that gathers the ashes of the heifer shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the evening: and it shall be to the children of Israel, and to the stranger that sojourns among them, for a statute forever.”*** (Numbers 19:7-10).

This is for the cleansing offered when someone touches a dead body. (See verses 11-19.) Haven’t we all touched a dead body? We’ve all been dead bodies through sin,

haven't we? We *need* a sin offering. We receive Yahshua the Messiah's blood, which is then sprinkled upon our hearts to change our conscience, and forgiveness of sins through Yahweh's grace, and water baptism will gain us forgiveness.

Notice verse 20: ***“But the man that shall be unclean, and shall not purify himself, that soul shall be cut off from the middle of the assembly, because he has defiled the sanctuary of Yahweh....”*** We must accept the blood of Yahshua the Messiah to be sprinkled on our hearts, or remain unclean.

Yahshua Messiah's sacrifice is a better sacrifice, because His sacrifice is a perfect sacrifice. He offered perfect, sin-free blood. The blood of a human being to substitute for another human being was offered by Yahshua the Messiah, the son of the Eternal, Yahweh the Father.

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come a high priest of the good things to come, through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation, nor yet through the blood of goats and calves, but through his own blood, entered in once and for all into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption.” (Hebrews 9:11-12).

Approaching the Throne of Yahweh

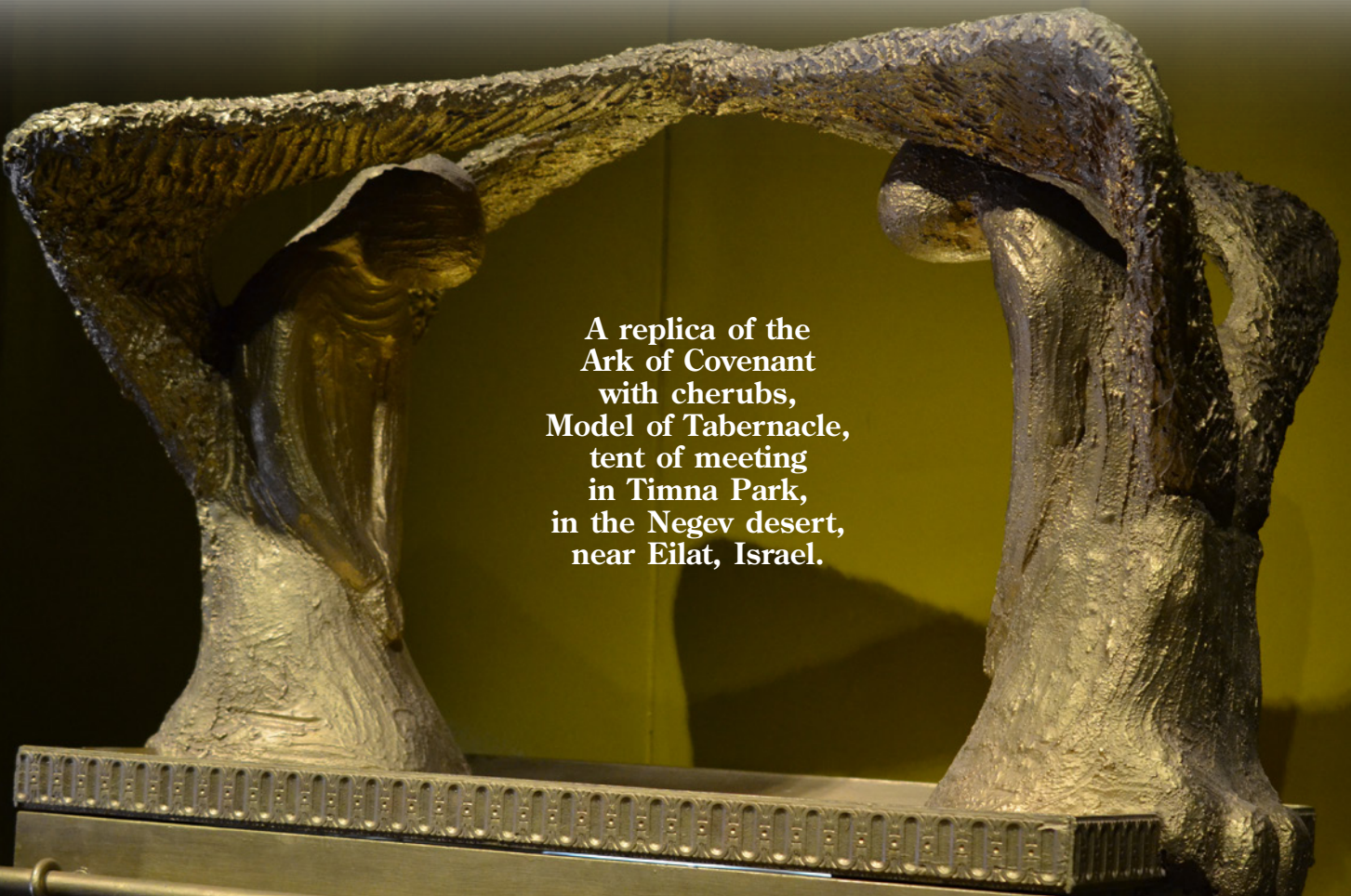
What is the holy place?—the throne room of Yahweh. This was represented by the Ark of the Covenant in the Holy of Holies in the Temple, and the Ark of the Covenant represents Yahweh's throne.

As a matter of fact, the throne of Yahweh is described in Ezekiel the first chapter. Very clearly it describes the Ark of the Covenant. Yahweh sits between the cherubim (represented on the ark), and those

two cherubim also participate in carrying Yahweh, transporting Him wherever He wants to go. Now, if you ponder that for a moment, you have to conclude that there was perfect and total coordination in Yahweh's government. That is clearly demonstrated by that vision of Yahweh's throne in Ezekiel 1.

“For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling them that have been defiled, sanctify to the cleanness of the flesh: how much more shall the blood of the Messiah, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to Yahweh, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living Elohim?” (Hebrews 9:13-14).

The phrase “dead works,” can be reversed as—“works of death.” How perfectly attuned to Yahweh is your conscience today? Are you plotting against



A replica of the Ark of Covenant with cherubs, Model of Tabernacle, tent of meeting in Timna Park, in the Negev desert, near Eilat, Israel.

Yahweh, against His government, against His Assembly, or do you sincerely support it—like those two cherubim who were closest to Yahweh? In Ezekiel’s vision, they’re supporting the throne and carrying Yahweh wherever He wills.

You see, brethren and sisters, one of those cherubim later plotted against Yahweh, and he became Satan the Adversary, the devil. See Ezekiel 28:14-17. And Yahweh, to this very day, still has to contend against that rebellion, and it’s growing all the time as more human beings enter the human family at birth. But Yahweh is still in control, praise His Name, and those who want Truth will follow the scriptural commandments and its scriptural doctrines.

Yahshua offered Himself without blemish to Yahweh to cleanse the conscience of sincere people from works of death to serve the living Elohim. Will you keep His commandments? Yahshua, therefore, is the intermediary between Yahweh and men. He mediates between the parties entering into the new Covenant, wherein a death took place to redeem transgressions.

Those who have been called may now receive the promise of eternal inheritance. ***“For where a testament is, there must of necessity be the death of him that made it.”*** (Hebrews 9:16).

It’s interesting to observe that the various interpretations of the term *berith* in Hebrew and *dialtheke* in the New Testament Greek, indicate an agreement, but NOT an agreement between two equal parties. Therefore, it has been suggested by some commentators that the term for Covenant should be translated **settlement**.

These terms also imply an **inheritance** (*nahalah* in Hebrew). One person had to die so that

another individual could live and receive the benefits of the one who died. Therefore, another person will receive the benefits of the life works of the one who died, for a testament only takes force where there has been a death. In other words, you can claim your *nahalah*—your inheritance—but until there is a death, you cannot claim it.

Animal sacrifices merely rolled back the sins to the time of Yahshua. Those people who were sacrificing animals with the knowledge and faith that the seed of the woman would crush the head of the serpent are the ones from the Old Testament who will benefit. Those who sacrificed—continually sacrificed—but never changed their lives will not be accepted into Yahweh’s Kingdom, because they performed the ritual insincerely.

Therefore, even the first Covenant has not been dedicated without blood (the blood of animals), as a signal to the people that Yahshua, the Son of Yahweh, would come.

Recall that after the commandments had been spoken by Moses to all the people, according to the Law, he took the blood of the calves and the goats; with scarlet, wool, and hyssop he sprinkled the book and the people. And, so, there you have your instrument of sprinkling. Cedar wood has a very pleasing scent, perhaps meant to kill the odor of death. The blood is to cover over the sin that has been committed, since someone has taken your place and died as a substitute in your stead. The scarlet wool and the hyssop represented the healing of the individual who had been damaged by the sin.

“Therefore even the first covenant has not been dedicated without blood. For when every

commandment had been spoken by Moses to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of the calves and of the goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, saying, This is the blood of the covenant which Yahweh commanded toward you. Moreover the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry he sprinkled in like manner with the blood. And according to the law, I may almost say, all things are cleansed with blood, and apart from shedding of blood there is no remission.” (Hebrews 9:18-22).

Animal blood is the blood of the old Covenant which Yahweh commanded, but we now have a new Covenant. What should the acceptable blood to this age be? ***“Moreover the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry he sprinkled in like manner with the blood. And according to the law, I may almost say*** [Leviticus 5:11 says that there is an exception], ***all things are cleansed with blood, and apart from shedding of blood there is no remission.”*** (Hebrews 9:21-22).

Leviticus 5:11 shows that there is a vegetable-matter sacrifice for sin when a man cannot afford even turtle-doves or pigeons because of his poverty.

A Continual Sacrifice

“It was necessary therefore that the copies of the things in the heavens should be cleansed with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For the Messiah entered not into a holy place made with hands, like in pattern to the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear before the face of Yahweh for us: nor yet that

he should offer himself often, as the high priest enters into the holy place year by year with blood not his own; else must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once at the end of the ages he has been manifested to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And inasmuch as it is appointed to men once to die, and after this comes judgment; so the Messiah also, having been once offered to bear the sins of many, shall appear a second time, apart from sin, to them that wait for him, to salvation.” (Hebrews 9:23-28).

Heed carefully what we have read: Yahshua took the pure Body of His sacrifice after His resurrection and appeared before Yahweh in heaven. You can prove that conclusion in John 20:17, when Miriam Magdalene is ready to seize Him by the feet in worship. **“Yahshua says to her, Touch me not; for I have not yet ascended to the Father...”** (John 20:17).

Evidently, then, He ascended to the Father, He offered Himself to Yahweh. Later that day His disciples did touch Him, Matthew 28:9.

“For the Messiah entered not into a holy place made with hands, like in pattern to the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear before the face of Yahweh for us.” (Hebrews 9:24). As the intermediary, the *parakletos*. **“Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest enters into the holy place year by year with blood not his own.”** How many times has Yahshua now entered into the heavens?

Now he says, **“For the law having a shadow of the good to come** [that Law represents the

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animal sacrifices; this is a shadow of the good to come, the better sacrifice], **not the very image of the things, can never with the same sacrifices year by year, which they offer continually, make them perfect that draw near.”** (Hebrews 10:1). You cannot become perfect through the blood of bulls and goats, because next year you can offer the same sacrifice and after the sacrifice do the same sins again that you confess; it’s just a continuing ritual. Year after year, Israelites made the same mistakes. They committed the same sins, and, year after year, they offered the same sacrifices which they believed were going to remove those sins from their record. Yahweh put an end to that repeated sacrifice when

Yahshua died.

I want the world to know that the Assemblies of Yahweh **believes** in the substitute, vicarious sacrifice of Yahshua the Messiah, and we absolutely—**without reservation**—will never institute any kind of animal sacrifices. That’s what the writer of Hebrews also declares. Each of you can sacrifice an animal. But is that going to change your attitude and change your mind and heart? If you know that you only have one chance—one opportunity—one time to accept the sacrifice of the shed blood of Yahshua, and, after that, it’s up to Him to defend you if you sin, will you continue to sin? Suppose He would decide that He will not defend you, that He’ll take His Holy Spirit away from you after you have sinned deliberately. It is a very serious matter to live righteously and have your conscience, your mind, and your heart changed, because you are depending on the One who died for you to forgive and atone for your past sin.

“Else would they not have ceased to be offered? Because the worshipers, having been once cleansed, would have had no more consciousness of sins. But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance made of sins year by year. For it is impossible that the blood of bulls and goats should take away our sins. Therefore when he comes into the world, he says [Psalm 40:6-8], Sacrifice and offerings you would not want, But a body did you prepare for me; In whole burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin you had no pleasure: Then I said, Lo, I come (In the roll of the book it is written of me) To do your

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THE

LAW OF

YAHWEH

“The law of Yahweh is perfect, restoring the soul: The testimony of Yahweh is sure, making wise the simple. The precepts of Yahweh are right, rejoicing the heart: The commandment of Yahweh is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of Yahweh is clean, enduring for ever: 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. Moreover by them is your servant warned: In keeping them there is great reward. Who can discern his errors? Clear me from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; Let them not have dominion over me: Then shall I be upright, And I shall be clear from great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in your

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sight, O Yahweh, my rock, and my redeemer.” (Psalm 19:7-14).

This message will focus upon the intrinsically important subject of **The Law of Yahweh**. With this message, I shall begin a series during which I shall prove out of the Sacred Scriptures that the Law of Yahweh remains very much binding upon the True Believer today. It must be observed in all of its



in a Kingdom of the heavens. Have you ever heard of a kingdom without laws? Certainly not! What a ridiculous question! No nation can function without laws, rules, and regulations to govern it. Law is really one of the dictionary definitions of the term *govern*. The purpose of a national government is to regulate, or rule, through the application of law. Could a Kingdom, such as the Almighty intends to establish, during which I shall prove out of the Sacred Scriptures that the Law of Yahweh remains very much binding upon the True Believer today. It must be observed in all its spiritual intent and application.

When an effort is made on a national, or local, scale to do away with, or disobey, laws, *anarchy* will immediately result. My dictionary defines this word as *absence or utter disregard of government; LAWLESS confusion and disorder*. The Almighty Father Yahweh, as head of the Kingdom of the heavens, informs us that He is not the author of confusion, but of peace (1 Corinthians 14:33). Therefore, one can only conclude that by preaching a no-law doctrine, a minister of religion is merely repeating and confirming the message of Satan—rebellion against Yahweh's Laws.

But the average person hearing this broadcast will probably reply, "We believe in law, preacher." I would seriously question that! Do you? The thought behind so many sermons today is: obey only the laws that please you and forget the rest. In Jacob 2:10, the Apostle counters such false doctrine by saying, "***For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he has become guilty of all.***" Either we conform to the entire corpus of the Law by obeying it, or we violate it entirely through selective disobedience.

Many people, in their effort to find an excuse not to obey Yahweh's scriptural Law, will attempt to hide behind some obscure verse, or passage, of Scripture. Some people will assert that, when something is filled up, it is no longer necessary to be used. I would tell them to try this theory on a full glass of water, a bag of grain, or a crate of oranges.

Let us read together the entire context and the full, complete message of this passage, found in Matthew 5:17-19. "***Think not that I came to destroy the law or the prophets: I came not to destroy, but to fulfil. For truly I say to you, Till heaven and earth pass away, one yothe or one tittle shall in no wise pass away from the law, till all things be accomplished. Whoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven: but whoever shall do and teach them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.***" Heaven and earth are still very much with us; consequently, the Law of Yahweh remains very much in force. Not even the smallest letter (the Hebrew letter *yothe*), or the merest decoration (the *tittle*), have disappeared; therefore, nothing in the Bible has been, or may be, changed!

Furthermore, the Greek term *lu'o* (#3089 in the **Strong's Concordance Greek Dictionary**) is defined as *a primary root term meaning to dissolve, annul, make invalid*. What kind of minister would teach a doctrine completely converse to what our Messiah taught? Certainly not one of the Messiah's true servants!

People will usually tell you that they are very much opposed to sin in any form. Yet, if you ask the average individual to define the

spiritual intent and application.

Some will object immediately, "But, preacher, don't you realize that the old Jewish Law of the Old Testament Scriptures had been done away with when the Savior died on the tree of Calvary? Since the advent of grace, we no longer need to keep the Law."

My initial reply to those unenlightened and incorrect assertions is: every True Believer of the Sacred Scriptures surely believes

term sin, or give the scriptural definition of sin, they will hedge, refuse to answer, or completely ignore the question. There are actually several definitions for sin in the Scriptures that one can find.

However, the term that seems to bear the most weight and appears to be the clearest of any is found in 1 John 3:4. ***“Everyone that commits sin also transgresses the law: FOR SIN IS THE TRANSGRESSION OF THE LAW.”*** Most modern translations inform us, “SIN IS LAWLESSNESS.” This verse should be indelibly stamped upon the minds of every member of the human race. If sin means lawlessness, then, **BY BREAKING YAHWEH’S LAWS, WE WOULD BE DISPLEASED HIM!**

Do you remember how the Apostle Paul describes the rewards sin produces in Romans 6:23? ***“For the wages of sin is DEATH; but the free gift of Yahweh is eternal life in the Messiah Yahshua our Master.”*** Who, then, could believe that the Law of Yahweh has been done away? If sin is the transgression of the Law, and the penalty for breaking it is death, obedience to the Law is the only escape from death! How can such a conclusion be countered? It cannot!

Many people will tell you that the Apostle Paul was the originator of the new religion called Christianity. They believe that he had some extra-scriptural light from above that caused him to preach a no-Law doctrine. Some will even admit that the Savior taught the keeping of the Law of Yahweh; however, after His death on the tree, He gave the commission of the ministry to the Gentiles to Paul,



who then proceeded to preach a doctrine of no-Law, insisting upon only grace for the believer. Let us go into his writings and determine if such ideas could be true.

In Romans 3:31, we find a statement that plainly contradicts the belief of most nominal Christians. ***“Do we then make the Law of no effect through faith? By no means: No, we establish the Law.”*** Does this sound like the Apostle was urging upon the True Worshiper a no-Law religion? Romans 7:1 says, ***“Or are you ignorant, brethren (for I speak to men who know the law), that the law has dominion over a man for the length of time that he lives?”*** Verse 12 says, ***“So that the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and righteous, and good.”*** Verse 14 of this same chapter says, ***“For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin.”*** Verse 22 says, ***“For I delight in the law of Yahweh after the***

inward man.” The last verse of this same seventh chapter of Romans (the last part), says, ***“So then I of myself with the mind, indeed, serve the law of Yahweh; but with the flesh the law of sin.”***

In Romans 6:1-2, this same, supposedly no-Law, teacher says, ***“What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? By no means. We who died to sin, how shall we any longer live in it?”*** We learned in 1 John 3:4 that sin is the transgression of the Law. Paul strongly insists that no one who was baptized into the Messiah can continue to live in an attitude of lawlessness-breaking the commandments of Yahweh.

Do any of these Scriptures that I have just quoted out of Paul’s writings sound like he advocated the overthrow of Yahweh’s Law? If he composed such clear-cut, unmistakable statements as these, would he then, at other places in his writings, become inconsistent and say another thing? How confusing would that be?

Additionally, we must be careful how we view Paul’s writings, for the Apostle Peter says in his second epistle to the faithful: ***“And account that the long-suffering of our Master is salvation; even as OUR BELOVED BROTHER PAUL also, according to the wisdom given to him, wrote to you; as also in all his letters, SPEAKING IN THEM OF THESE THINGS, IN WHICH ARE SOME THINGS HARD TO BE UNDERSTOOD, WHICH THE IGNORANT AND UNLEARNED WREST, AS THEY DO ALSO THE OTHER***

SCRIPTURES, TO THEIR OWN DESTRUCTION." (2 Peter 3:15-16). Beware that we do not fall into this class of people who twist and distort Paul's words! Such people are sinners marked for Peter's prophesied destruction.

Did you know that Paul was even more clearly dogmatic in another passage concerning the keeping of Yahweh's commandments? Let us read 1 Corinthians 7:19. "**Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing; but the keeping of the commandments of Yahweh** [is everything—the ellipsis here suggests]." Why would he have spoken in this dogmatic manner if the Law of Yahweh had been done away when the Messiah died? Obviously, he intends to show us that the keeping of the commandments of Yahweh supersedes any physical act that represents the personal shedding of blood-circumcision.

Let us consider this passage even more thoroughly.

Remember, Paul wrote the epistle (letter) to the Corinthians. Turn again to 1 Corinthians 7:18-19. "**Was any man called being circumcised? Let him not become uncircumcised. Has any been called in uncircumcision? Let him not be circumcised. Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing; but the keeping of the commandments of Yahweh.**" If we read Paul's writings with the idea that Paul was educated to be a Rabbi in Pharisaical Judaism (see Philippians 3:1-7 and Acts 22:3-5), then he knew their interpretation of the Sacred Scriptures without fail. His writings reflect that he was arguing against the need to be circumcised in the flesh before baptism in the Messiah's Name. He argued in favor of circumcision of the heart (see Deuteronomy 30:6 and Romans 2). Therefore, we

must recognize the ellipsis that must be supplied at the end of 1 Corinthians 7:19. "**Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but the keeping of the commandments of Yahweh** [is everything]." What a profound pronouncement by Paul, Yahshua's Apostle to the Gentiles! The keeping of the commandments of Yahweh is everything—even to the Gentile.

"All right, preacher," you might say, "You have convinced us; we believe in the Law." Then I will quickly respond, "Obey it!" We find this comment in Jacob 2:19. "You believe that Elohim is one; you do well: the demons believe also, and tremble."

Then the demons should also reap eternal life (we should believe), according to some people who reject Yahweh's Law and superimpose the doctrine of grace. Why will they not reap eternal life? It is because demons will not obey, and obedience to the Law of Yahweh is a necessary prerequisite for salvation!

In Romans 6:16, the lesson of obedience takes on a new emphasis. "**Do you not know, that to whom you present yourselves as servants to obedience, his servants you are whom you obey; whether of sin to death, or of obedience to righteousness?**" Let us never be classed in the group of those in rebellion to Almighty Yahweh. We must prove our sincerity and submission by obedience

to the commandments of Yahweh.

Abraham, the father of the faithful, was obedient to the Law of Yahweh. We find this enlightening fact in Genesis 26:5, "**Because Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.**" For this sincere obedience to the Law of Yahweh, Abraham received blessings of great spiritual and material wealth for himself and his posterity, with the promise that his descendants would become innumerable, like the sands of the sea that cannot be counted.

In the passage from Psalm 19 that we read together to introduce this message, the psalmist describes the Law of Yahweh as perfect (how can you improve upon perfection?), converting the soul. It is termed sure, making wise the simple (inflexibly giving the people an education). It is right, rejoicing the heart; it will bring happiness, in other words. It is PURE, enlightening the eyes, or giving light as the sun. In keeping it there is GREAT REWARD. What could be described as a greater reward than eternal life?

I leave you today with this thought from the Sacred Scriptures, found in Proverbs 7:2-3. "**Keep my commandments and live; And my law as the apple of your eye. Bind them upon your fingers; Write them upon the tablet of your heart.**" We hope you will follow this wise instruction. ^{SNB}



**How Does
THE BIBLE
Define
SIN?**

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Have you been wondering if you are committing the unpardonable sin? If you are breaking any of Yahweh's commandments today, you may very well be doing this. Obedience is the only thing that will stand between you and eternal punishment in these last days at the close of the age. For a study on how the Bible defines sin, write to:

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Are you satisfied with your religion, or are you still looking for True Worship? If you answered in the affirmative to the second half of the question, I would like to ask you another one. If you are still looking for True Worship, where are you looking to find it? Today, there are hundreds of different religious bodies in existence in our country and around the world. Each one believes that they are the True Body of the Messiah which will meet the Savior in the air when He returns. However, someone must be right, and someone has to be wrong. Not all of these groups, each one teaching a different doctrine, can fulfill the predictions to be the Savior's true bride. How large a group would you look for if you are searching

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for True Worship? Would you seek a group with millions of members, or a group that has only a few thousand?

My home, here at Bethel, Pennsylvania, is located on the edge of the section of the country in which live the so-called "plain people." As a matter of fact, Mrs. Meyer was raised as a Mennonite. I was born and raised in the Church of the Brethren (formerly called German Baptist Brethren). Both of these groups are the more liberal element of what was called the "plain people." The more conservative groups would be the Amish or the Weaverland Mennonites,

among others. If I were to take you through the valley about eight miles from my home, the farming communities would yield a broad spectrum of dress, highway transportation, and farming equipment. For instance, some plain groups allow farm tractors with steel wheels, but no automobiles. Several of the more conservative groups allow cars for highway transportation, but the chrome trim, such as bumpers, door handles, etc., must be painted black. Some groups allow electricity, while others still continue to use kerosene, or gas, lamps and lanterns, and, to these people, all electrical conveniences are forbidden.

Perhaps one of the most obvious distinguishing characteristics

between these groups is their attire. In the conservative Amish congregations, the men wear long hair, beards with the moustaches shaved, and homemade clothes with no buttons. These people use hooks-and-eyes closures on their garments, and they wear suspenders rather than belts. They wear broad-brimmed black hats in the winter and straw hats in the summer. The ladies wear long dresses with a cape, long sleeves to the wrist bone, and white caps. As the various organizations become more liberal, the dress styles change and become more modern. If you should meet one of these people in town, or on the highways, you might imagine that you are transported instantly back into history about 125 years. For them, time has stood still.

A newcomer to this area of Pennsylvania might inquire as to the reason for living in this ancient manner. A question directed at one of the plain people would yield a reply that they want to be different, and this is the way that they can best witness their convictions to the world. "Different from what?" you might ask, and they would reply, "From worldly Christianity."

Within our lifetime, a powerful union of churches has developed, calling themselves the National Council of Churches, which has, in turn, yielded to an organization of greater scope, called the "World Council of Churches." These groups of united religious bodies seek to inform us that, by uniting in an ecumenical movement, all of these different bodies of believers can become one and reunite, as was the Apostolic Assembly. The plain people of Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Indiana, are strongly opposed to this union, and well they should be. However, it is not different clothes, or the

use of draft-horse power, that will distinguish between True Worship and worldly Christianity.

All of these groups call themselves Bible-preaching and Bible-believing groups, but when you ask them (for example) to show you in the Scriptures where we are commanded to paint the bumpers of our cars black, or to drive horses instead of cars, or to refuse to use electricity in our homes, they cannot answer. These are merely traditions which some preacher or church has imposed to distinguish between what they felt was modesty and worldliness. Our Savior Yahshua, in Matthew 15:7-9, says some rather unkind things about traditions. We read, "***You hypocrites, well did Isaiah prophesy of you, saying, This people honors me with their lips; But their heart is far from me. But in vain they worship me, Teaching as their doctrines the precepts of men.***" Can a people really desire to draw near to the Almighty by imposing heavy traditional burdens upon themselves, only to find themselves rejected by Him? The answer must be a resounding affirmative, since this seems to have been the approach which man has sought to implement all the way down through history. Our Heavenly Father has prescribed a definite way which leads to Him, but few people wish to humble themselves to take it.

How does nominal, contemporary Christianity compare to the true Body of the Messiah? Can you say that this is the group of people which the Savior asked the Father to keep as one, even as the Messiah and the Father are in one accord (John 17:21-23)? If each of these groups was following the true Holy Spirit, **they would all be in one accord:** one in doctrine and perfect in unity. Trying to

reform and set themselves apart from Roman Catholicism in some way, they have embarked down the dead-end pathway of tradition. In referring to the traditions of Israel, Paul says, "***For I bear them witness that they have a ZEAL for Yahweh, but not according to KNOWLEDGE. For being IGNORANT of Yahweh's righteousness, and seeking to ESTABLISH THEIR OWN, they did not SUBJECT themselves to the righteousness of Yahweh.***" (Romans 10:2-3).

How would you go about describing the True Worshipers today? Do you know that the inspired Scriptures describe them accurately? They are living a sanctified, separated life. They are doing things scripturally, not traditionally. We, today, are directly confronting the very era of crisis prophesied for the end of the age. These end days have not yet arrived, but we are on the very brink of this time of world trouble which the prophets have predicted to occur before the end of the age. In the book of Revelation, we find the True Worshipers described twice, in such a distinct and crystal-clear manner, that you cannot help but recognize them. Please turn to Revelation 12:17. We read there, "***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.***" Now turn with me to the second description. This is found in Revelation 14:12. The time setting is that of the "Mark of the Beast." We read, "***Here is the patience of the saints; They that keep the commandments of Yahweh, and the faith of Yahshua.***"

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will, Oh my Elohim.” (Hebrews 10:2-7).

What does it mean to do Yahweh’s Will? Yahshua prayed, **“Your kingdom come. Your will be done, as in heaven, so on earth.”** (Matthew 6:10). What does it mean to do the Will of Yahweh? It means to obey His commandments and obey Him and His Word. We do His Will, because He does not want our sacrifices and offerings. He wants a broken spirit and a contrite heart that will honor Him and obey His Laws.

Now that’s one of the things we want to always remember in the Assemblies of Yahweh. I cannot understand the attitude of some people. Some people are so weak that they compromise their conscience, their salvation, because they will not faithfully stand in obedience.

You see, Yahweh wants someone who delights to do His Will. **“Sacrifices and offerings and whole burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin you do not want, neither have pleasure in them (which are offered according to the law), then he has said, Lo, I come to do your will. He takes away the first, that he may establish the second.”** (Hebrews 10:8-9).

What does Yahweh want from us? He says He will take away that which might be standing in the way of us perfecting our carnal attitude and hardened mind. Will we develop soft hearts and a faithful conscience by knowing that a human being died in our place? Will we obey, knowing that Yahshua will not continue

to defend us if we persist in sin?

“By which will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Yahshua the Messiah once for all.” (Hebrews 10:10). Once we accept that sacrifice, we can be cleansed of all our past. After that, we’re responsible to obey faithfully. But I think that many people harbor such serious sins in their hearts and in their minds that they won’t repent. Consequently, they know that they have cut themselves off from Yahweh’s Will—therefore, whatever they do in the future is just extraneous, anyway. They become callous with a “don’t care” attitude from then on, and the end of them is worse than the beginning.

Whatever they do thereafter is purely for self. When they attack the Elders of the Assemblies of Yahweh, try to destroy the organization that gave them the Truth originally—all evil they do is just simply irrelevant—it no longer affects their conscience. They must conclude—“We’re gone already, so let’s do anything we feel like today, for tomorrow we’ll die (for all eternity in the lake of fire).”

Such an attitude actually was responsible for the erroneous doctrine of grace as Christianity teaches it. Let us not forget the truth. **“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.”** (Judah 4).

“Saying above, Sacrifices



and offerings and whole burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin you do not want, neither have pleasure in them (which are offered according to the law), then he has said, Lo, I come to do your will. He takes away the first, that he may establish the second. By which will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Yahshua the Messiah once for all. And every priest indeed stands day by day ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away our sins: but he, when he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of Yahweh; from now on waiting until his enemies be made the footstool of his feet. For by one offering he has perfected forever them that are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after he has said, This is the covenant that I will make with them After those days, says Yahweh: I will put my laws on their heart, And upon their mind also will I write them; then he says, And

their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more. Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin. (Hebrews 10:8-18).

That's all we need, just a human being, a friend, our fellow human brother taking our place and saying: *"I'll die for you, I'll die in your place."* But, thereafter, He expects perfection from you. You cannot revert to your old sinful past, or the end will be worse for you than the beginning. See Hebrews 6:4-8 and 2 Peter 2:18-22.

"Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holy place by the blood of Yahshua, by the way which he dedicated for us, a new and living way, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; and having a great priest over the house of Elohim; let us draw near with a true heart in fullness of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience: and having our body washed with pure water, let us hold fast the confession of our hope that it waver not; for he is faithful that promised: and let us consider one another to provoke to love and good-works; not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the custom of some is, but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as you see the day drawing near." (Hebrews 10:19-25).

We have a great High Priest over the house of Elohim—over Bethel (Hebrew). We have a High Priest over Bethel today. I've been bringing Him to you; I've been explaining and declaring Him to you. He's our great Melchizedek High Priest, Yahshua the Messiah.

I can't personally be everywhere. Therefore, the students that graduate from Obadiah School of the Bible are now going out to contact other people and

exhort them saying, "Look, you have to shape up, the end days are now upon us, when Yahshua will return. The holy days that commemorate the plan of salvation are drawing near. Refresh your mind, get yourself back on the track again by attending these services."

"For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remains no more a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and a fierceness of fire which shall devour the adversaries. A man that has violated Moses' law dies without compassion on the word of two or three witnesses: of how more severe punishment, think you, shall he be judged worthy, who has trodden underfoot the Son of Yahweh, and has counted the blood of the covenant with which he was sanctified an unholy thing, and has done despite to the Spirit of grace?" (Hebrews 10:26-29).

Vengeance belongs to Yahweh. What kind of a spiritual condition will you be in when Yahshua the Messiah returns? What kind of a condition will you be in? Will you be like King Saul, with the Holy Spirit withdrawn from you and an evil spirit from Yahweh tormenting you during the Tribulation? What kind of a condition will you be in when you know there is no eternity, but only the lake of fire awaits you. Will you also persecute Yahweh's saints? Read Isaiah 66:3-6.

"Follow after peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no man shall see Yahweh: looking carefully lest any man falls short of the grace of Yahweh; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and by it many be defiled, lest there be any fornicator, or

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from us?**

**He says He will
take away that
which might
be standing in
the way of us
perfecting our
carnal attitude
and hardened
mind.**

**Will we develop
soft hearts
and a faithful
conscience by
knowing that
a human being
died in our place?**

**Will we obey
knowing that
Yahshua will
not continue to
defend us if we
persist in sin?**

profane person, as Esau, who for one mess of meat sold his own birthright. For you know that even when he afterward desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for a change of mind in his father, though he sought it diligently with tears." (Hebrews 12:14-17).

Some might even sell their eternal inheritance for a bowl of lentil stew, as did Esau. Afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected. Esau could not change the mind of his father, though he sought it diligently with tears. He cried and he wept, but Isaac his father (who is a type of the Holy Spirit and a type of Yahweh the Father) said, "I can't bless you, I've already given it to my other son, your brother Jacob."

Reading now from Hebrews 13:10, **"We have an altar, of which they have no right to eat that serve the tabernacle."** Do others who are not obedient to Yahweh's Covenant Law have a right to worship with those members of the Assemblies of Yahweh who keep the commandments? If they're seeking Truth, yes. But if reprobates seek to enter to promulgate their own doctrines, of course they're prohibited. The writer of Hebrews makes the line of division very plain, just as John does. Those who went out from the Assembly are not of the Body of the Messiah. The blood of Yahshua's sacrifice no longer covers them. We have an altar, the altar in heaven, that we eat from each Sabbath. This altar is the Word of Yahweh, and others cannot seem to understand the Word of Yahweh clearly, because they don't have the Holy Spirit. Let us never forget that the Word of Yahweh does not teach an ecumenical doctrine, or, theoretically,

even Satan and his demons would be saved.

"For the bodies of those beasts whose blood is brought into the holy place by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. [The bodies of the sinbearers have to be burnt outside the camp.] **Therefore Yahshua also, that he might sanctify the people through his own blood, suffered outside the gate. Let us therefore go forth to him outside the camp, bearing his reproach.** [We should not be in some false religion that is not teaching the Truth. But let us go forth to him with the Assemblies of Yahweh, outside the gate of nominal religion, bearing His reproach and maintain our faithfulness in the Assemblies of Yahweh.] **For we have not here an enduring city, but we seek after the city which is to come. Through him then let us offer up a sacrifice of praise to Yahweh continually, that is, the fruit of lips which make confession to his name. But do not forget to do good and communicate: for with such sacrifices Yahweh is well pleased.**" (Hebrews 13:11-16).

What does Yahweh want as a sacrifice from us? 1. Obey Yahweh's commandments. 2. Give thanks to His Name and make our confession before Him in His Name. 3. To do good, which is part of number one, actually. 4. Strengthen ourselves daily in the Word.

The Temple of Yahweh

How often do we recall Romans 12:1, **"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of Yahweh, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to Yahweh, which is your spiritual service."** And yet, people abuse their bodies today

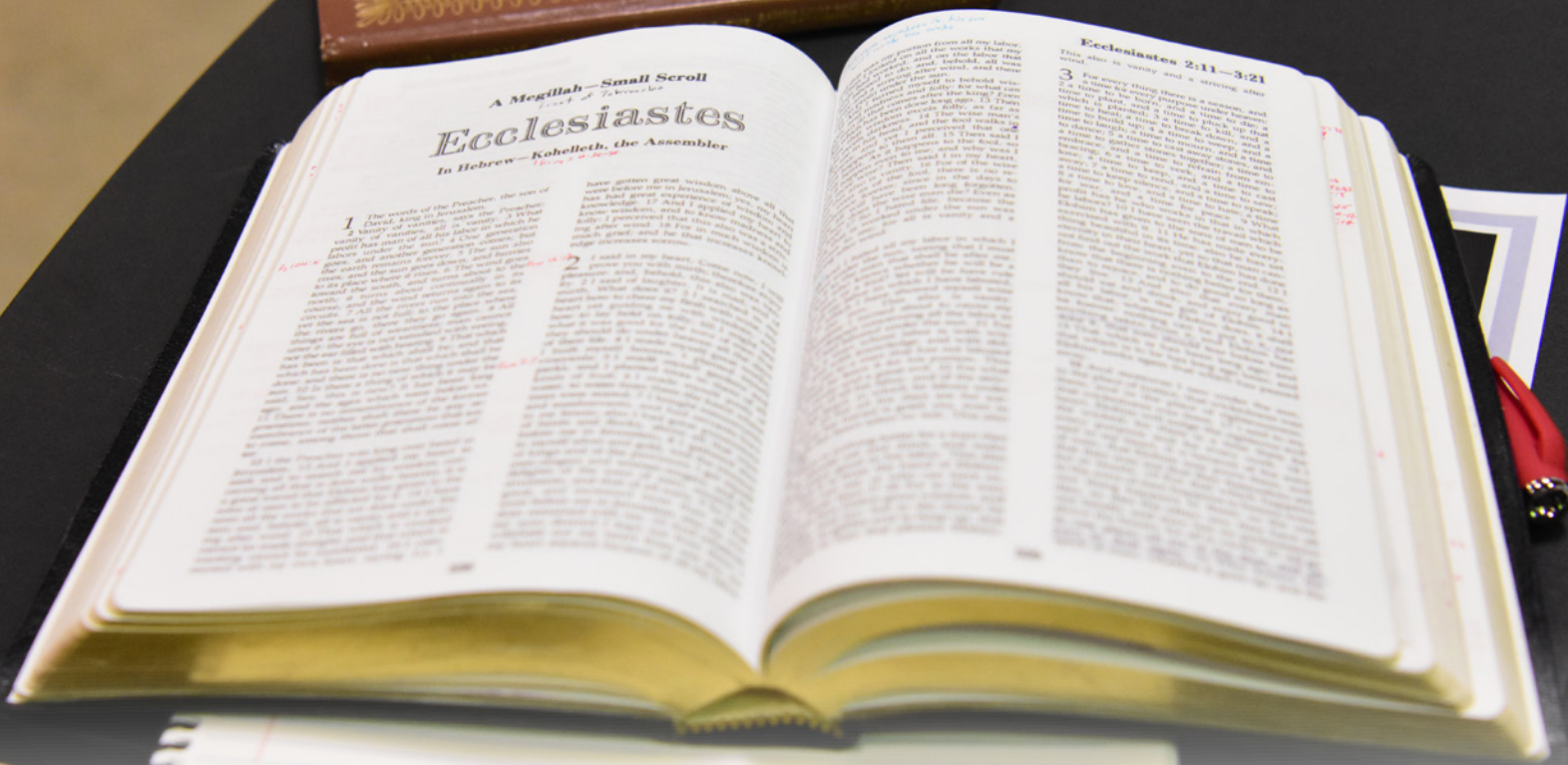
with all the illegal drugs and industrial chemicals perverting the environment. In some cities, one out of three of the people you meet on the sidewalk is addicted to illegal drugs, we are told. And you wonder why some people you meet act so insane. Obviously, few people try to preserve their bodies as a living sacrifice.

In **The Sacred Name Broadcaster** magazine, we occasionally publish a feature section entitled, "Quest for Healthful Living." These are articles that deal with the subject of healthful living. "Keep your bodies a living sacrifice." Yahweh strongly cautions every one of us, as we find, for example, in 1 Corinthians 3:16, **"Do you not know that you are a temple of Yahweh, and that the spirit of Yahweh dwells in you?"** We have been dedicated as a temple for Yahweh's Holy Spirit through the sacrifice of Yahshua's flesh. If Yahshua would have had spot and blemish, would He have been accepted as the High Priest of Yahweh? No, He would have had to be rejected. See Leviticus 21:16-24. "Do you not know that you are a temple of Yahweh and that the Spirit of Yahweh dwells in you? **"If any man destroys the temple of Yahweh, Yahweh shall destroy him; for the temple of Yahweh is holy, and you are such."** (1 Corinthians 3:17). You see how important the subject of sanctification becomes?

Do you feel as I do, that we have a great book here before us? Yahweh's Word was given to us so He could instruct us and explain His Will perfectly. Now, in the end times, this book is opened to our understanding as never before since the near demise of the Apostolic Assembly.

The Lamb of Yahweh

As we find in Revelation 5:1-6,



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“And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written inside and on the back, close sealed with seven seals. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a great voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals of it? And no one in the heaven, or on the earth, or under the earth was able to open the book, or to look on it. [That’s why worldly religion does not understand Yahweh’s Word, because they do not have Yahshua the Messiah to open the book for them.] And I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open the book, or to look on it: and one of the elders says to me, Weep not; behold, the Lion that is of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome to open the book, and the seven seals of it. And I saw in the middle

of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, a Lamb standing [Isn’t that strange, from a lion, he becomes a lamb. The lion of the tribe of Judah becomes a lamb, an antithesis totally and completely. You cannot sacrifice a lion. A lion is unacceptable, but a lamb is a sin offering of Yahweh, as the Passover.], as though it had been killed....” Have you ever seen an animal that has been slaughtered?

Have you seen what an animal looks like after it’s been killed? A big gash is in its throat, with its blood staining its sides and neck. That’s how Yahshua appeared in that vision to John.

The lamb stood alive, but looking as though it had been killed, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of Yahweh sent forth into all the

earth. He wields authoritative control over all of True Worship. What was required to open the book? A death. The blood had to be sprinkled (as in Exodus 24). This book could only be opened by the blood drops of Yahshua. Consequently, today the Bible can only be understood by those who comprehend the truth of Yahshua’s sacrifice. See also Ezekiel 3:4-11.

“And he came, and he takes it out of the right hand of him that sat on the throne. And when he had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, having each one a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints [So the prayers of the saints appear to be filtered through the blood of Yahshua.]. And they sang a new song, saying, You are worthy to



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take the book, and to open the seals of it: for you were killed, and did purchase to Yahweh with your blood of every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation, and made them to be to our Elohim a kingdom and priests; and they reign upon the earth.” (Revelation 5:7-10).

It's a tremendous lesson when you sincerely and deeply ponder it, brethren and sisters. A lamb had to be killed to open the meaning of the Old Testament and to open the prophesies of both the Old and New. A lion does not die willingly. He's a beast of prey. The lion representing the tribe of Judah is now converted into a lamb standing with a slashed throat, with its blood staining its sides, as though he has been killed. And through those sacred

blood drops, He is able to open the book and to interpret it for us.

We may soon be allowed to join the voice of the angels, all around the throne, with the living creatures and the elders, numbered at ten thousand times ten thousand, literally thousands upon thousands, millions and millions of beings, saying with a great voice: **“Worthy is the Lamb that has been killed to receive the power, and riches, and wisdom, and might, and honor, and glory, and blessing. And EVERY CREATED THING WHICH IS IN THE HEAVEN, AND ON THE EARTH, AND UNDER THE EARTH, AND ON THE SEA, AND ALL THINGS THAT ARE IN THEM, I HEARD SAYING, TO HIM THAT SITS ON THE THRONE, AND TO THE LAMB,**

BE THE BLESSING, AND THE HONOR, AND THE GLORY, AND THE DOMINION, TO THE AGES OF THE AGES.” (Revelation 5:12-13).

Will you join that great voice of praise? Can we express ourselves in that way?

May Yahweh bless us as we meditate upon all of these Scriptures we've seen in these four articles.

May we never get swayed away into a liberal doctrine, into a ceremonial doctrine, regardless of what happens. But let us heed the line of the sound doctrine of the Sacred Scriptures that Almighty Yahweh has opened to us, through His slain Son, the Passover Lamb that takes away the sins of the world, Yahshua the Messiah. **HalleluYAH!** ^{SNB}

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Now look carefully around yourself. Look with a severe logical scrutiny at your religious denomination. Are they the ones who are described in these two Scriptures? Are you keeping the commandments of Yahweh, and, at the same time, holding fast to the Faith in the Messiah and trusting in His shed blood? The groups that even remotely resemble this description are indeed scarce, few and far between. Oh, certainly, I will admit that most ministers of nominal Christianity give lip service to the keeping of the commandments—until you get specific as to why they are violating some of them.

How many groups today are obedient to the first commandment of the decalogue? This first commandment and the third one, legislate on the NAME which our Heavenly Father requires that we use for our worship of Him. This Sacred Name is *Yahweh*, which is the best transliteration of the Name that our Heavenly Father revealed to His people. And, then, when you move along to the fourth commandment, people really become indignant! “What do you mean?” they exclaim! “We don’t need to keep that old Jewish Sabbath any longer.” They don’t seem to realize that the Bible never

once, anywhere, calls the scriptural Sabbath, “Jewish.” They have probably never read that in Exodus 31:12-18, the Sabbath is described

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as a perpetual Covenant and sign between the Heavenly Father and His people. Do you realize that there is actually a commandment to keep the Sabbath in the New Testament? It has been hidden by a faulty translation, but it is there in Hebrews 4:9. “***There remains therefore a sabbath rest for the people of Yahweh.***” This is the correct translation from the Greek.

When our Savior was tempted by Satan the devil in the wilderness, Yahshua the Messiah resisted the Adversary with a quote from the Old Testament in Deuteronomy 8:3. You may read of this incident in Matthew 4:4. “***It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every***

word that proceeds out of the mouth of Yahweh.” If you are living by EVERY WORD, you will, of absolute necessity, be keeping the commandments of Yahweh, and holding fast the Faith in the Messiah. What does Yahweh require of you to obtain everlasting life? This question was once asked of our Savior in Matthew 19:16. His startling reply is found in verse 17, “***If you would enter into life, keep the commandments.***” To the further interrogative, “which commandments?” the Messiah quoted from the decalogue (the 10 commandments) in verse 18.

Listen, dear friend, if you keep the commandments of the Almighty Heavenly Father Yahweh as they are found in the Bible, you will be set apart, or severed, from the rest of the world. You will not have to drive horses on the highway instead of cars, or dress as was fashionable 125 years ago. Your very life and how you live it will be a witness to the world that you have become a part of the Body of the Messiah. You will have rejected dead, traditional religion, and entered a new era of life and joy. If you have come this far, all you will have to do is follow your nose, and you will arrive finally at the portals of the Assemblies of Yahweh. We will be looking for you! We hope to see you soon! ^{SNB}

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