## Portion:

#### **SCRIPTURES**

- Leviticus 19-20
- I John 4:20-21; 5:1-17
- Malachi 1:6-10; 4:1-6
- James 5:16-20
- Matthew 12:30-32; 5:14-16
- Ephesians 5:1-14
- Is. 51:17-23; 52:1-12; 60:1-5
- Romans 13:1-14
- Matthew 19:16-22; 5:17-20
- Mark 12:28-34
- Deut. 6:1-9; 10:12-20
- Ephesians 2:1-22
- Jn.14:21-26; 8:1-12;15:11-17
- Jeremiah 17:5-13
- I Peter 4:17-19
- I Corinthians 5:9-13; 6:1-4
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# Title:

#### AWAKE!

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Every day history is being made as the world slumbers, asleep at the watch, as the evil all around manipulates and deceives us. It is one thing for the children of the world to be so easily fooled; it's something completely different when the Church remains fast asleep. As 440,000 churches in our great nation tell the body of Christ to "stay home" for reasons they should so easily recognize as lies, evil is hard at work eroding our every freedom. Can anyone tell me what time it is? It is time to WAKE UP! Rise up all you children of Yahweh. Wake from your sleep and let the glory of Yahweh shine among you, as the mature children of God manifest in the earth. Join us live this Friday night as we call God's people to "AWAKE!"

THEME: MAIN SCRIPTURE(S) THAT HAS INSPIRED MESSAGE "'You shall not hate your brother in your heart. You shall surely rebuke your neighbor, and not bear sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD." Leviticus 19:17-18 NKJV

"And if the people of the land should **in any way hide their eyes** from the man, when he gives some of his descendants to Molech, and they do not kill him, then **I will set My face against that man** 

and against his family; and I will cut him off from his people, and all who prostitute themselves with him to commit harlotry with Molech." Leviticus 20:4-5 NKJV

# OUTCOME: MAIN TAKEAWAY(S) I AM HOPING FOR PEOPLE "If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? And this commandment we

have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also."

I John 4:20-21 NKJV

"But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light."" Ephesians 5:13-14 NKJV

### Let's Set the Scene: Portion in a blurb

1. "You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy." Leviticus 19 describes the holy community through a series of specific commandments. Leviticus 20 warns against the snares of sexual immorality and idolatry, mandating a death penalty for certain sins.

- 2. **The Emphasis on Laws is Restated:** and the purpose for them, "You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy."
  - (a) Revere your mother and father.
  - (b) Keep My Sabbaths
  - (c) Do not turn to idols, nor make for yourselves molded gods.
  - (d) You shall offer a peace offering of your own free will; eat it within two days, after that burn it in the fire. If eaten at all on the third day, it is an abomination.
  - (e) When you reap a harvest, you shall not wholly reap the corners of your fields or vineyards; you shall leave them for the poor and the stranger.
  - (f) You shall not steal, nor deal falsely, nor lie to one another.
  - (g) And you shall not swear by Yahweh's name falsely, nor shall you profane the name of your God: (Y'shua taught us about oaths in Matthew 5:33-37, often misinterpreted to mean you shall not make any oaths at all, when it actually implies that you shall not make any false oaths. A lie is a lie no matter how 'holy' a thing you swear upon.)
  - (h) You shall not cheat your neighbor, nor rob him.
  - (i) The wages of him who is hired shall not remain in your own pocket until morning.
  - (j) You shall not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling block before the blind.

- (k) You shall do no injustice in judgment. You shall not be partial to the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty.
- (l) In righteousness you shall judge your neighbor.
- (m) You shall not go about *as* a talebearer among your people; nor shall you take a stand against the life of your neighbor:
- (n) You shall not hate your brother in your heart (Y'shua taught on this in Matthew 5:21-22 when He compared hatred in your heart with murder).
- (o) You shall surely rebuke your neighbor, and not bear sin because of him v.19:17 (See Malachi 1:10).
- (p) You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against others, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself. v. 19:18 (Y'shua taught us this in Mark 12:28-34 and Matthew 22:34-4 when He combined this very scripture with Deuteronomy 6:4-9).
- (q) You shall not let your livestock breed with another kind. You shall not sow your field with mixed seed. Nor shall a garment of mixed linen and wool come upon you.
- (r) Whoever lies carnally with a woman who is betrothed to a man as a concubine, and who has not at all been redeemed nor given her freedom, for this there shall be scourging; And he shall bring his trespass offering to the Lord. The priest shall

- make atonement and the sin which he has committed shall be forgiven him.
- (s) When you come into the land, and have planted all kinds of trees for food, for three years it shall not be eaten. In the fourth year all its fruit shall be holy and in the fifth year you may eat it that it may yield its increase.
- (t) You shall not eat anything with the blood.
- (u) You shall not practice divination or soothsaying. Give no regard to mediums and familiar spirits; do not seek after them, to be defiled by them. They are to be put to death!
- (v) You shall not shave around the sides of your head, nor shall you disfigure the edges of your beard.
- (w) You shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor tattoo any marks on you!
- (x) Do not prostitute your daughter, to cause her to be a harlot, lest the land fall into harlotry, and the land become full of wickedness.
- (y) You shall keep Yahweh's Sabbaths and reverence His sanctuary.
- (z) You shall rise before the gray headed and honor the presence of an old man, and fear your God.
- (aa) If a stranger dwells with you in your land, you shall not mistreat him. The stranger who dwells among you shall be to

you as one born among you, and you shall love him as yourself; for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: (think mixed multitude in Exodus 12:36, and one new man in Ephesians 2 and treatment of strangers in Deuteronomy 10:18-20).

- (bb) You shall do no injustice in judgment, in measurement of length, weight, or volume. You shall have honest scales, honest weights.
- 3. Therefore you shall observe all My statutes and all My judgments, and perform them. ("If you love Me, keep My commandments." John 14:15 and see also Y'shua's words: "Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:19)

#### 4. Penalties for Breaking the Law:

- (a) Whoever gives any of his descendants to Molech (Israelite or Foreigner dwelling with you) to defile Yahweh's sanctuary and profane His holy name shall surely be put to death.
- (b) \*And if anyone knows about such and hide his eyes, and does not enact the penalty he and his family will be cut off from his people. V. 20:4-5 (Again see Malachi 1:10)

- (c) The person who turns to mediums and familiar spirits, to prostitute himself with them will cut off from his people.
- (d) Consecrate yourselves therefore, and **be holy**, for I am the Lord your God. **Keep My statutes, and perform them**: I am the Lord who **sanctifies** you. V. 20:7-8 (Do you see what the sanctification process looks like? If you love Me, Obey Me!)
- (e) Everyone who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.
- (f) The man who commits adultery with another man's wife, he who commits adultery with his neighbor's wife, **the adulterer** and the adulteress, shall surely be put to death. V. 20:10 (Think adulterous woman in John 8:1-12).
- (g) The man who lies with his father's wife has uncovered his father's nakedness; both of them shall surely be put to death.
- (h) If a man lies with his daughter-in-law, both of them shall surely be put to death.
- (i) If a man lies with a male as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination. They shall surely be put to death.
- (j) If a man marries a woman and her mother, it is wickedness. They shall be burned with fire.
- (k) If a man mates with an animal, he shall surely be put to death, and you shall kill the animal.

- (l) If a woman approaches any animal and mates with it, you shall kill the woman and the animal.
- (m) If a man takes his sister, his father's daughter or his mother's daughter, and sees her nakedness and she sees his nakedness, it is a wicked thing. They shall be cut off in the sight of their people. He has uncovered his sister's nakedness. He shall bear his guilt. If a man lies with a woman during her sickness and uncovers her nakedness, he has exposed her flow, and she has uncovered the flow of her blood. Both of them shall be cut off from their people. V. 20:18
- (n) You shall not uncover the nakedness of your mother's sister nor of your father's sister
- (o) If a man lies with his uncle's wife, he has uncovered his uncle's nakedness. They shall bear their sin; they shall die childless.
- (p) If a man takes his brother's wife, it is an unclean thing. They shall be childless.
  - (I) Not to be confused with law of the Levirate Marriage in Deuteronomy 25:5-10, which obligates a surviving brother to take his deceased brother's wife, who has born no male child, in order to give her a male child, so his brothers name will not be blotted out from the earth. This is a deep teaching for another time. But in short, this was, in a

sense, what took place when Solomon bore a 2nd child with Bathsheba (the first died because of the adulterous conception and murder, so the 2nd became the firstborn), and in whom became the linage of our Messiah. In the genealogy, as described in Matthew 1:1-17, the deceased 'brother' is named in addition to Solomon! "and Jesse begot David the king. David the king begot Solomon by her who had been the wife of Uriah." (Matthew 1:6)

Uriah was killed without a son and his name would have been forgotten in history (blotted out) had not Yahweh's amazing laws commanded that his name be remembered. And how so? He and not Bathsheba is named in the lineage of our Blessed Savior!

- 5. You shall therefore keep all My statutes and all My judgments, and perform them, that the land where I am bringing you to dwell may not vomit you out. And you shall not walk in the statutes of the nation which I am casting out before you; for they commit all these things, and therefore I abhor them.
  - (a) "You shall inherit their land, and I will give it to you to possess, a land flowing with milk and honey.
  - (b) I am the Lord your God, who has separated you from the peoples.

- (c) You shall therefore distinguish between clean animals and unclean.
- (d) And you shall be holy to Me, for I the Lord *am* holy, and have separated you from the peoples.

#### TRULY LOVING YOUR NEIGHBOR

- 1. Awake all you who are asleep! AWAKE!
  - A. You can no longer hide your face from the sins of your brother!
    - (1) Letting your brother's sin slide is equivalent to a hate crime
      - (a) "'You shall not hate your brother in your heart. You shall surely rebuke your neighbor, and not bear sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD."

        Leviticus 19:17-18 NKJV
      - (b) "If someone says, "I love God," **and hates his brother**, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also." I John 4:20-21 NKJV

- (2) Look what Y'shua said in the Sermon on the Mount about the devastation of HATE: If you do not make peace with your brother, you are risking that your brother will feel 'hate' in his heart. In love, you must reconcile so THEY ARE NOT AT RISK of hating!
  - (1) "Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God." Matthew 5:9 NKJV
  - (2) ""You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.' **But I say to you that whoever** is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire. Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are on the way with him, lest your adversary deliver you to the judge, the judge hand you over to the officer, and you be thrown into prison. Assuredly, I say to you,

- you will by no means get out of there till you have paid the last penny." Matthew 5:21-26 NKJV
- (3) If you hide your eyes, you TOO will be guilty!
  - (a) ""Again, you shall say to the children of Israel: 'Whoever of the children of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell in Israel, who gives any of his descendants to Molech, he shall surely be put to death. The people of the land shall stone him with stones. I will set My face against that man, and will cut him off from his people, because he has given some of his descendants to Molech, to defile My sanctuary and profane My holy name. (4) And if the people of the land should in any way hide their eyes from the man, when he gives some of his descendants to Molech, and they do not kill him, then I will set My face against that man and against his family; and I will cut him off from his people, and all who prostitute themselves with him to commit harlotry with Molech." Leviticus 20:2-5 NKJV
- (4) Do whatever it takes to stand in the way!
  - (a) ""A son honors his father, And a servant his master. If then I am the Father, Where is My honor? And if I am a Master, Where is My reverence? Says the LORD of hosts To you priests who despise My name. Yet you say, 'In

what way have we despised Your name?' "You offer defiled food on My altar, But say, 'In what way have we defiled You?' By saying, 'The table of the LORD is contemptible.' And when you offer the blind as a sacrifice, Is it not evil? And when you offer the lame and sick, Is it not evil? Offer it then to your governor! Would he be pleased with you? Would he accept you favorably?" Says the LORD of hosts. "But now entreat God's favor, That He may be gracious to us. While this is being done by your hands, Will He accept you favorably?" Says the LORD of hosts. "Who is there even among you who would shut the doors, So that you would not kindle fire on My altar in vain? I have no pleasure in you," Says the LORD of hosts, "Nor will I accept an offering from your hands." Malachi 1:6-10 NKJV

#### (5) Turning Sinners!

(a) "Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. And he prayed

again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit. Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins." James 5:16-20 NKJV

- (6) Don't be passive; Intercede!
  - (a) "If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin which does not lead to death, he will ask, and He will give him life for those who commit sin not leading to death. There is sin leading to death. I do not say that he should pray about that. All unrighteousness is sin, and there is sin not leading to death." I John 5:16-17 NKJV
  - (b) Blasphemy: the sin that leads to death
    - 1. "He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad. "Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven men. Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come."

Matthew 12:30-32 NKJV

- (7) Summary of your obligations against sin/sinners!
  - (a) Do not hate your brother by putting up with or hiding your face from his sins.
  - (b) Make peace with your brother for THEIR SAKE!
  - (c) THERE IS NO WAY TO DO SO AND LOVE GOD AT THE SAME TIME!
  - (d) Stand in the way of sin, forcibly if necessary.
  - (e) Intercede and turn them from their ways.
  - (f) Be cable of knowing when they have reached the point of no return—later we will see what to do about that!

#### B. It's time to wake up the sleeping giant!

- (1) First—don't be deceived, sin has no place in the Kingdom!
  - (a) "Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma. But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words,

for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not be partakers with them." Ephesians 5:1-7 NKJV

- (2) Instead Bring LIGHT!
  - (a) "For you were once darkness, **but now you are light** in the Lord. Walk as children of light" Ephesians 5:8 NKJV
- (3) Have no fellowship with darkness!
  - (a) "(for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret." Ephesians 5:9-12 NKJV
- (4) Everything is is exposed by the light! And you are that light!
  - (a) "But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light."" Ephesians 5:13-14 NKJV
  - (b) ""You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light

- to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:14-16 NKJV
- (5) What does it look like in the world when finally God's children AWAKE?
  - (a) "Awake, awake! Stand up, O Jerusalem, You who have drunk at the hand of the LORD The cup of His fury; You have drunk the dregs of the cup of trembling, And drained it out. There is no one to guide her Among all the sons she has brought forth; Nor is there any who takes her by the hand Among all the sons she has **brought up.** These two things have come to you; Who will be sorry for you?— Desolation and destruction, famine and sword— By whom will I comfort you? Your sons have fainted, They lie at the head of all the streets, **Like an antelope in a net;** They are full of the fury of the LORD, The rebuke of your God. Therefore **please hear** this, you afflicted, And drunk but not with wine. Thus says your Lord, The LORD and your God, Who pleads the cause of His people: "See, I have taken out of your hand The cup of trembling, The dregs of the cup of My fury; You shall no longer drink it. **But I will put it into** the hand of those who afflict you, Who have said to

- you, 'Lie down, that we may walk over you.' And you have laid your body like the ground, And as the street, for those who walk over."" Isaiah 51:17-23 NKJV
- (6) AFTER YAHWEH'S PEOPLE WAKE UP—THEN AN EXODUS
  - (a) "For the kingdom of God is not in word but in **power**." I Corinthians 4:20 NKJV
  - (b) "Awake, awake! Put on your strength, O Zion; Put on your beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city! For the uncircumcised and the unclean Shall no longer come to you. Shake yourself from the dust, arise; Sit down, O Jerusalem! Loose yourself from the bonds of your neck, O captive daughter of Zion! For thus says the LORD: "You have sold yourselves for nothing, And you shall be redeemed without money." For thus says the Lord GOD: "My people went down at first Into Egypt to dwell there; Then the Assyrian oppressed them without cause. Now therefore, what have I here," says the LORD, "That My people are taken away for nothing? Those who rule over them Make them wail," says the LORD, "And My name is blasphemed continually every day. Therefore My people shall know My name; Therefore they shall know in that day That I

am He who speaks: 'Behold, it is I.' " How beautiful upon the mountains Are the feet of him who brings good news, Who proclaims peace, Who brings glad tidings of good things, Who proclaims salvation, Who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!" Your watchmen shall **lift up their voices**, With their voices they shall sing together; For they shall see eye to eye When the LORD **brings back Zion.** Break forth into joy, sing together, You waste places of Jerusalem! For the LORD has comforted **His people, He has redeemed Jerusalem.** The LORD has made bare His holy arm In the eyes of all the nations; And all the ends of the earth shall see The salvation of our God. [THE NEXT EXODUS] Depart! Depart! Go out from there, Touch no unclean thing; Go out from the midst of her, Be clean, You who bear the vessels of the LORD. For you shall not go out with haste, Nor go by flight; For the LORD will go before you, And the God of Israel will be your rear guard." Isaiah 52:1-12 NKJV

shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the LORD will arise over you, And His glory will be seen

upon you. The Gentiles shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising. "Lift up your eyes all around, and see: They all gather together, they come to you; Your sons shall come from afar, And your daughters shall be nursed at your side. Then you shall see and become radiant, And your heart shall swell with joy; Because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, The wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you."

- 1. God's people are comforted (Natural Israel and the Church): ""Comfort, yes, comfort My people!" Says your God. "Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her, That her warfare is ended, That her iniquity is pardoned; For she has received from the LORD's hand Double for all her sins."" Isaiah 40:1-2 NKJV
- 2. ARISE and SHINE—God's Glory will be seen in His people! "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the **glory which shall be revealed in us.** For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself

- also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into **the glorious liberty of the children of God.**"

  Romans 8:18-21 NKJV
- 3. Notice the cloud of separation of God's people from the world in the first Exodus: "And the Angel of God, who went before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud went from before them and stood behind them. So it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. Thus it was a cloud and darkness to the one, and it gave light by night to the other, so that the one did not come near the other all that night." Exodus 14:19-20 NKJV
- 4. Gentiles leave with Israel in the first Exodus: "Then the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides children. A mixed multitude went up with them also, and flocks and herds—a great deal of livestock." Exodus 12:37-38 NKJV
- 5. And the abundance God's people left with: "Now the children of Israel had done according to the word of Moses, and they had asked from the Egyptians articles of silver, articles of gold, and clothing. And

the LORD had given the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they granted them what they requested. Thus they plundered the Egyptians." Exodus 12:35-36 NKJV

- (7) Make way for the SUN of Righteousness [HOW DOES THIS ALL HAPPEN BEFORE Y'SHUA RETURNS?]
  - (a) ""For behold, the day is coming, Burning like an oven, And all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. And the day which is coming shall burn them up," Says the LORD of hosts, "That will leave them neither root nor branch. But to you who fear My name The Sun of Righteousness shall arise With healing in His wings; And you shall go out And grow fat like stall-fed calves. You shall trample the wicked, For they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet On the day that I do this, "Says the LORD of hosts. "Remember the Law of Moses, My servant, Which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel, With the statutes and judgments. Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. And he will turn The hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."" Malachi 4:1-6 NKJV

- (8) Summary of the times of the NEXT EXODUS and what to look for!
  - (a) First: don't be deceived: Nothing unclean has any part of the Kingdom. And Paul mentions 'sons of disobedience' inferring that God's people are also engaging regularly in the abominations listed.
  - (b) Be the light and have no fellowship with darkness. Everything evil will be exposed by your light.
  - (c) You will know when it's time to wake up when the ones who were assigned to comfort and guide you have gone MIA! The current leaders worldwide have scattered in weakness and fear. They have laid down and guided you to lay down also, and to be trampled upon. NO MORE!
  - (d) The time has come to WAKE UP with new power! The blasphemy perpetrated on God's people by their very leaders, who know not the name and power of Yahweh, is ended!
  - (e) Watchmen are lifting their voices to bring new comfort!
  - (f) Watchmen are calling God's people to COME OUT from an UNCLEAN WORLD in a new EXODUS.
  - (g) Arise and shine as the GLORY OF THE LORD MANIFESTS in His children.

(h) And when we leave we will take many people of the nations and their wealth with us!

#### C. A proper perspective of Governing Authorities

- (1) God's ministers to you for GOOD
  - (a) "Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is **no authority except from God**, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of **God**, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers are not a terror to good works, **but to evil.** Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil. Therefore you must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience' sake. For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God's ministers attending **continually to this very thing.** Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor." Romans 13:1-7 NKJV

- (2) Loving your Neighbor (the opposite of hating) means obey the commands of God.
  - (a) "Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not bear false witness," "You shall not covet," and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no harm to a neighbor; [meaning you will not harm your neighbors by disobeying God—who has assigned leaders to make sure of that, not referring to UNRIGHTEOUS EVIL GOVERNMENT] therefore love is the fulfillment of the law." Romans 13:8-10 NKIV
  - (b) REMINDER: "You shall not hate your brother in your heart. You shall surely rebuke your neighbor, and not bear sin because of him...you shall not enact vengeance on him by accepting his sin, instead... you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD." Leviticus 19:17-18 NKJV
- (3) Awake—the time is NOW! the OBEY GOVERNING AUTHORITIES chapter concludes with this!

- (a) "And do this, knowing the time, that now **it is high time to awake out of sleep;** for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts." Romans 13:11-14 NKJV
- (4) Summary of the proper understanding of governing authorities and your responsibility to know to whom you should submit. Those appointed by Yahweh meet these criteria. The weak leaders of God's people have led His people astray for generations by submitting to evil governance and teaching their congregations to do so. Just consider what is happening presently with this evil national quarantine and empty churches!
  - (a) Rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil.
  - (b) They are God's ministers to you for good.
  - (c) They are avengers of God and execute wrath on him who practices evil.

- (d) God's ministers attend continually to this very thing, not submitting to evil! What does this say about modern church leaders world wide?
- (e) When you meet these obligations, you are loving your neighbor as yourself. You see the connection?
- (f) AND FINALLY: it is NOW time to awake out of sleep!
- (g) This question remains: how can the current church teach you if the government is leading us into an antibiblical evil, when the church itself promotes antibiblical evil? (Pagan Holidays; Wrong Sabbath, unclean diets, etc.)

# UNDERSTANDING TRUE LOVE AND HOW TO LOVE YAHWEH AND YOUR NEIGHBOR

#### 2. The Sanctification Process

#### A. <u>If you want to be perfect</u>

- (1) If you love me obey me and this is the sanctification process.
  - (a) "Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am the LORD your God. And you shall keep My statutes, and perform them: I am the LORD who sanctifies you." Leviticus 20:7-8 NKJV
- (2) What must I do to inherit enteral life?

- (a) "Now behold, one came and said to Him, "Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?" So He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments." He said to Him, "Which ones?" Jesus said, " 'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'You shall love your **neighbor as yourself.**' " The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." [...give up your whole life and...SEE Luke **14:26-33**] But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions." Matthew 19:16-22 NKJV (Also Mark 10:17-22 and Luke 18:18-23)
- (b) "Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect." Matthew 5:48 NKJV
- (3) Summary of the call to "Follow Him." A call to perfection!
  - (a) Set yourself apart for the sanctification process.

- (b) Keep His commandments which shows you love Yahweh and your neighbor.
- (c) Then, EXIT THIS WORLD and follow Him!

#### **B.** The Greatest Commandments

- (1) Which is the first commandment of all?
  - (a) "Then one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, perceiving that He had answered them well, asked Him, "Which is the first commandment of all?" Jesus answered him, "The first of all the commandments is: 'Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one. And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment. [this comes from **Deuteronomy 6:4-9**] And the second, like it, is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' [this comes from Leviticus 19:18] There is no other commandment greater than these." So the scribe said to Him, "Well said, Teacher. You have spoken the truth, for there is one God, and there is no other but He. And to love Him with all the heart, with all the understanding, with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is more than all the whole burnt

- offerings and sacrifices." Now when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, He said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." But after that no one dared question Him." Mark 12:28-34 NKJV
- (b) Also Matthew 22:34-40 but Matthew's narrative leaves out, "Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one."
- (2) Love Yahweh!
  - You shall love the LORD your God, the LORD is one! You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates." Deuteronomy 6:4-9 NKJV
  - (b) ""And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul,

and to keep the commandments of the LORD and His statutes which I command you today for your good?"

Deuteronomy 10:12-13 NKJV

- (3) Love Your Neighbor
  - (a) "'You shall not hate your brother in your heart. You shall surely rebuke your neighbor, and not bear sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD."

    Leviticus 19:17-18 NKJV
- (4) Teach the Children: Consistently remind your children so they never forget!
  - (a) ""Now this is the commandment, and these are the statutes and judgments which the LORD your God has commanded to teach you, that you may observe them in the land which you are crossing over to possess, that you may fear the LORD your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged. Therefore hear, O Israel, and be careful to observe it, that it may be well with you, and that you may multiply greatly as the LORD God of your fathers has promised

- you— 'a land flowing with milk and honey.'"

  Deuteronomy 6:1-3 NKJV
- (b) ""Therefore you shall lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers to give them, like the days of the heavens above the earth. "For if you carefully keep all these commandments which I command you to do—to love the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways, and to hold fast to Him— then the **LORD** will **drive out** all these nations from before you, and you will dispossess greater and mightier nations than yourselves. **Every place** on which the sole of your foot treads shall be yours: from the wilderness and Lebanon, from the river, the River Euphrates, even to the Western Sea, shall be your territory. No man shall be able to stand against you; the LORD your God will put

**the dread** of you and the fear of you upon all the land where you tread, just as He has said to you."

Deuteronomy 11:18-25 NKJV

- (5) And how do you love Yahweh and your neighbor?
  - (a) Realize there is one God and one people following that God.
  - (b) Radically obey all of His commandments.
  - (c) Teach these very facts to your children!
  - (d) Then Yahweh will drive out your enemy and make them dread you! This is what needs to happen RIGHT NOW IN THE EARTH! AWAKE!

#### C. Strangers Among You

- (1) The Stranger is with you
  - (a) "Then the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides children. A mixed multitude went up with them also, and flocks and herds—a great deal of livestock." Exodus 12:37-38 NKJV
- (2) Love the Stranger
  - (a) "He administers justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the stranger, giving him food and clothing.Therefore love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the LORD your God;

you shall serve Him, and to Him you shall hold fast, and take oaths in His name." Deuteronomy 10:18-20 NKJV

- (3) One New Man—no longer strangers!
  - (a) "And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all **once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh**, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good

works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. Therefore remember that you, once **Gentiles** in the flesh—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands— that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. **And He came** and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been **built on the foundation of the** 

apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit." Ephesians 2:1-22 NKJV

## (4) Summary of One New Man!

- (a) No more strangers!
- (b) Step into the works Yahweh created you to do!
- (c) All must leave the lusts of the world behind and become one new man.
- (d) All God's chosen, both Jew and Gentile, become the commonwealth of Israel and abide by the same laws and benefit from the same covenants and promises.
- (e) There are longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens, all working under the ordained governance of Yahweh; a household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone [King].

# D. Love and Obedience—how to love Yahweh and your Neighbor

- (1) If you love Him
  - (a) "Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am the LORD your God. And you shall keep My statutes,

- and perform them: I am the LORD who sanctifies you." Leviticus 20:7-8 NKJV
- (b) "If you love Me, keep My commandments. John 14:15
- (c) He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him." John 14:21
- (d) Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me. "These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you." John 14:23-26 NKJV
- (e) "Now about the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and taught. And the Jews marveled, saying, "How does this Man know letters [referring to the Torah of Moses and Prophets], having never studied?"

- Jesus answered them and said, "My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me." John 7:14-16 NKJV
- (f) "Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father; there is one who accuses you—Moses, in whom you trust. For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?"" [Just in case you were wondering if what Y'shua was preaching was contrary to the writings and laws of Moses.] John 5:45-47 NKJV
- (g) "Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome." I John 5:1-3 NKJV
- (2) What are your leaders teaching? Keep or break?
  - (a) ""Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law

least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:17-20 NKJV

- (3) Show me your faith!
  - (a) "What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit?

    Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe —and tremble! But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead? Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered

Isaac his son on the altar? Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect? And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." And he was called the friend of God. You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only." James 2:14-24 NKJV

#### (4) Sin is Lawlessness

- (a) "Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness. And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin. Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him." I John 3:4-6 NKJV
- (5) Summary of how the love for Yahweh and for His people is connected to your radical obedience to His commandments:
  - (a) Declare yourself set-apart for Yahweh.
  - (b) If you love Y'shua you will keep His commandments.
  - (c) And he who loves Y'shua will be loved by Yahweh.
  - (d) Y'shua's "word" is equivalent to the Father's commands as nothing He spoke came from Himself.
  - (e) The Holy Spirit will remind you of this very teaching.

- (f) The religious leaders of the day were stunned that Y'shua had such a knowledge of the Torah, as He was considered "untrained".
- (g) Y'shua explained it this way, "My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me."
- (h) How does Y'shua's doctrine align with the Torah (Law) of Moses? He made it clear when He said, "if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?"
- (i) This reasoning then demonstrates how to truly love others. [Remember: the greatest commandments are to love Yahweh and love your neighbors.] We know that we love others when we love God, and we love God by keeping His commandments, and we never call his commandments a burden.

#### WHO MAY ACCUSE YOU?

## 3. Are you prepared to point the finger?

## A. Righteous Judges

- (1) The Return of Righteous Judges
  - (a) "But judgment will return to righteousness, And all the upright in heart will follow it." Psalms 94:15 NKJV

- (2) Judgment comes to the church FIRST
  - (a) "For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God? Now "If the righteous one is scarcely saved, Where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?" Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator." I Peter 4:17-19 NKJV
  - (b) "If the righteous will be recompensed [are also held accountable for their choices] on the earth, How much more the ungodly and the sinner." Proverbs 11:31 NKJV
- (3) Who is judging who? THE PROGRESSION!
  - (a) "I wrote to you in my epistle not to keep company with sexually immoral people. Yet I certainly did not mean with the sexually immoral people of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world. But now I have written to you **not to keep company** with anyone named a brother, who is sexually immoral, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner— not even to eat with such a person. For what have I to do with judging those also who are

- outside? Do you not judge those who are inside? But those who are outside God judges. Therefore "put away from yourselves the evil person.""I Corinthians 5:9-13 NKJV
- (b) "Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unrighteous, and not before the saints?

  Do you not know that the saints will judge the world?

  And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life? If then you have judgments concerning things pertaining to this life, do you appoint those who are least esteemed by the church to judge?" I Corinthians 6:1-4 NKJV
- (4) Summary of preparing to be righteous judges:
  - (a) First up is the judgment of God's people who are not living in obedience!
  - (b) God's people will be held accountable for then choices.
  - (c) God's people must separate from evil people.
  - (d) After that is the judgement of the world, so you better have your act together.

## B. Good Judgment in Action

(1) The Law on Adultery

- (a) "'The man who commits adultery with another man's wife, he who commits adultery with his neighbor's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress, shall surely be put to death." Leviticus 20:10 NKJ
- (b) "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart." Matthew 5:27-28 NKJV
- (2) Law in Action
  - (a) Precedent: ""One witness shall not rise against a man concerning any iniquity or any sin that he commits; by the mouth of two or three witnesses the matter shall be established." Deuteronomy 19:15 NKJV
  - (b) "But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Now early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people came to Him; and He sat down and taught them. Then the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman caught in adultery. And when they had set her in the midst, they said to Him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in adultery, in the very act. Now Moses, in the law, commanded us that such should be stoned. But what do You say?" This they said, testing Him, that they might have something of which to accuse Him. But

Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with His **finger, as though He did not hear.** So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up and said to them, "He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first." And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground. Then those who heard it, being convicted by their conscience, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest even to the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, "Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?" She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more." Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."" John 8:1-12 NKJV

- (3) John 8:6 and 8 Jesus wrote on the ground. What was he writing? (Jeremiah 17:5-13)
  - (a) "Thus says the LORD: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man And makes flesh his strength, Whose heart departs from the LORD. For he shall be like a shrub in the desert, And shall not see when good comes, But shall

inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, In a salt land which is not inhabited. "Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, And whose hope is the LORD. For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, Which spreads out its roots by the river, And will not fear when heat comes; But its leaf will be green, And will not be anxious in the year of drought, Nor will cease from yielding fruit. "The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it? I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the mind, Even to give every man according to his ways, According to the fruit of his doings. " As a partridge that broods but does not hatch, So is he who gets riches, but not by right; It will leave him in the midst of his days, And at his end he will be a fool." A glorious high throne from the beginning Is the place of our sanctuary. O LORD, the hope of Israel, All who forsake You shall be ashamed. "Those who depart from Me Shall be written in the earth, Because they have forsaken the LORD, The fountain of living waters."" Jeremiah 17:5-13 NKJV

(4) A sample of good judgment in action:

- (a) Adultery is punishable by death for both the man and the woman. Even lusting after someone is considered adultery by Y'shua.
- (b) Any accusation, in order to be legitimate, must have 2-3 witnesses.
- (c) A woman 'caught' in adultery is presented to Y'shua for stoning according to the Law of Moses. Everyone wants to know if He will uphold the Law.
- (d) Two times He bends to write something in the dirt with His finger.
- (e) After the first time He instructs her accusers, "He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first." Then He begins to write again.
- (f) At that, her accusers scattered. What was in play here? The simple answer is that without 2-3 witnesses the matter is not established. She is not guilty.
- (g) The bigger lesson can be found in Jeremiah. The unredeemed heart of man is wicked and this describes her accusers.
- (h) Yahweh searches their hearts and will give each man according to his ways. This petrified her accusers. Why? How did they know?

- (i) Jeremiah tells us that names of those who have forsaken Yahweh will be written in the earth. Her accusers see Y'shua writing their names in the dirt and scatter!
- (j) "Where are your condemners," Y'shua asks. There are none. Then, "neither do I condemn you."
- (k) Now go and sin no more; walk in light and not darkness.

## C. Calling down fire

- (1) Fire and Execution
  - (a) "So Ahab sent for all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together on Mount Carmel. And Elijah came to all the people, and said, "How long will you falter between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him." But the people answered him not a word. Then Elijah said to the people, "I alone am left a prophet of the LORD; but Baal's prophets are four hundred and fifty men. Therefore let them give us two bulls; and let them choose one bull for themselves, cut it in pieces, and lay it on the wood, but put no fire under it; and I will prepare the other bull, and lay it on the wood, but put no fire under it. Then you call on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the LORD; and the

**God who answers by fire,** He is God." So all the people answered and said, "It is well spoken." Now Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, "Choose one bull for yourselves and prepare it first, for you are many; and call on the name of your god, but put no fire under it. " So they took the bull which was given them, and they prepared it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even till noon, saying, "O Baal, hear us!" But there was no voice; no one answered. Then they leaped about the altar which they had made. And so it was, at noon, that Elijah mocked them and said, "Cry aloud, for he is a god; either he is meditating, or he is busy, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is sleeping and must be awakened." So they cried aloud, and cut themselves, as was their custom, with knives and lances, until the blood gushed out on them. And when midday was past, they prophesied until the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice. But there was no voice; no one answered, no one paid attention. Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come near to me." So all the people came near to him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD that was broken down. And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of

Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD had come, saying, "Israel shall be your name." Then with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD; and he made a trench around the altar large enough to hold two seahs of seed. And he put the wood in order, cut the bull in pieces, and laid it on the wood, and said, "Fill four waterpots with water, and pour it on the burnt sacrifice and on the wood." Then he said, "Do it a second time," and they did it a second time; and he said, "Do it a third time," and they did it a third time. So the water ran all around the altar; and he also filled the trench with water. And it came to pass, at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near and said, "LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that You are God in Israel and I am Your servant, and that I have done all these things at Your word. Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that You are the LORD God, and that You have turned their hearts back to You again." Then the fire of the LORD fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood and the stones and the dust, and it licked up the water that was in the trench. Now when all the people saw it, they fell

on their faces; and they said, "The LORD, He is God! The LORD, He is God!" And Elijah said to them, "Seize the prophets of Baal! Do not let one of them escape!" So they seized them; and Elijah brought them down to the Brook Kishon and executed them there." I Kings 18:20-40 NKJV

#### (2) Fire is Execution

- (a) "Now **Ahaziah** fell through the lattice of his upper room in Samaria, and was injured; so he sent messengers and said to them, "**Go, inquire of Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron, whether I shall recover from this injury.**"" II Kings 1:2 NKJV
- (b) "So Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, "If I am a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty men." And fire came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty.

  Then he sent to him another captain of fifty with his fifty men. And he answered and said to him: "Man of God, thus has the king said, 'Come down quickly!' " So Elijah answered and said to them, "If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty men." And the fire of God came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty. Again, he sent

a third captain of fifty with his fifty men. And the third captain of fifty went up, and came and fell on his knees before Elijah, and pleaded with him, and said to him: "Man of God, please let my life and the life of these fifty servants of yours be precious in your sight. Look, fire has come down from heaven and burned up the first two captains of fifties with their fifties. But let my life now be precious in your sight." And the angel of the LORD said to Elijah, "Go down with him; do not be afraid of him." So he arose and went down with him to **the king**. Then he said to him, "Thus says the LORD: 'Because you have sent messengers to inquire of Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron, is it because there is no God in Israel to inquire of His word? Therefore you shall not come down from the bed to which you have gone up, but you shall surely die." "I Kings 1:10-16 NKJV

- (3) Whose side are you on?
  - (a) Pick a side; do not falter between two opinions.
  - (b) When the time comes to see who is on whose side, call on Yahweh to bring fire!
  - (c) It matters not how protected from fire those who hate Yahweh think they are; they will be consumed.

(d) All those who stand in opposition to Yahweh will eventually be consumed, including the king who sent them!

## D. Time to lay down your life!

- (1) No Greater Love
  - (a) ""These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full. This **is My commandment**, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. These things I command you, that you love one another." John 15:11-17 NKJV

#### E. Awake!

- (1) It is high time to awake out of sleep!
  - (a) "And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is

nearer than when we first believed." Romans 13:11 NKJV

#### **QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION**

# 1. How does the scripture equate hiding your face from your bother's sin to hating him?

- F. What is your consequence if you do so?
- G. How far should you go to prevent sin? What measures should you take?

#### 2. What does it mean that it is time for God's people to wake up?

- A. What does Isaiah mean (Ch. 51) when he prophesies that "there is no one to guide her, no one to take her by the hand?"
- B. Relate Isaiah's words (Ch. 52) "Depart! Depart! Go out from there, Touch no unclean thing; Go out from the midst of her" with the first Exodus. And in the next Exodus.
- C. What is Isaiah referring to in (Ch. 60) when he prophesies that "the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, The wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you."?

- 3. Discuss the biblical parameters of submission to governing authorities as issued in Romans 13.
- 4. Discus the idea of 'One New Man' in Ephesians 2.
- 5. Relate love of God to obedience.
  - A. Discuss the idea of obedience as it relates to Y'shua's words in the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5:12-20.
  - B. Relate faith and works as taught by James.
- 6. Discuss righteous judgment.
  - A. What does it mean that the Church will be judged first.
  - B. Discuss the role and responsibility of Christians judging one another and the world.
  - C. How was it that Y'shua obeyed the law to the letter when He released the woman caught in adultery in John 8:1-12?
- 7. What might a modern day ministry of Elijah look like?