Portion:

SCRIPTURES

- Leviticus 9:1-11:47
- II Corinthians 4:6
- II Corinthians 10:4-6

Title:

THE FACE OF Y'SHUA

- The Glory of Yahweh
- Yahweh's all Consuming Fire
- Abominable Things

Glory? The high renown or honor won by notable achievements. A small sample of many possible synonyms would be fame, prestige, distinction, preeminence, and acclaim. Even magnificence or great beauty, praise, worship, and thanksgiving are excellent descriptors. But when considering the glory of Yahweh, not even all of these words aggregated come close.

And yet, here is the promise when you choose to obey Him; "the glory of Yahweh will appear to you." What is not worth trading for that? In other words, obey God by all means and the payoff will be immeasurably above your cost.

But there's more. The promise too is that His very glory will be revealed in you. Let's take pause and consider the magnitude of this promise. His glory WILL BE REVEALED IN YOU! What's that worth to you? I hope your answer is this: "I have spent enough of my past

lifetime doing the will of the pagans. I will no longer run with them in the same flood of dissipation, nor live the rest of my life in the flesh for the lusts of men. From now on I live for the will of God."

THEME: MAIN SCRIPTURE(S) THAT HAS INSPIRED MESSAGE

"Then Moses said, "This is the thing which the LORD commanded you to do, and the glory of the LORD will appear to you." Leviticus 9:6 NKJV

"Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. **His face shone like the sun**, and His clothes became as white as the light." Matthew 17:1-2 NKJV

OUTCOME: MAIN TAKEAWAY(S) I AM HOPING FOR PEOPLE

"For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of **the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.**" II Corinthians 4:6 NKJV

"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**." Romans 8:18 NKJV

"But **we all**, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, **are being transformed into the same image from**

glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord." II Corinthians 3:18 NKJV

Let's Set the Scene: Portion in a blurb

- 1. The consecration of the priesthood has concluded after seven days and the eighth day has arrived. This portion describes the events of that day, includes a fabulous worship service, which is then followed by a tragic incident. We conclude with the biblical dietary laws regarding animals fit for consumption and prohibitions regarding those that are unfit.
- 2. The Priestly Ministry Begins: on the eighth day Aaron and his sons take over their priestly duties first making a sin offering for themselves and then for the people. They also offer a bull and a ram as peace offerings, and a grain offering mixed with oil; Moses tells them to make these offerings as commanded and the glory of the Lord will appear.
- 3. They do the offerings exactly as prescribed and then Aaron lifts his hand toward the people and blesses them.
- 4. Moses and Aaron go into the tabernacle of meeting, and come out and bless the people and the glory of Yahweh appears. Fire comes out from before the Lord and consumes the burnt

- offering and the fat on the altar. When all the people see it, they shout and fall on their faces.
- 5. The Profane Fire of Nadab and Abihu: the sons of Aaron, each take his censer and put fire in it, put incense on it, and offer fire before the Lord, which He had not commanded them, making it profane fire. So fire went out from the Lord and devoured them, and they died before the Lord.
- 6. Moses tells Aaron, "This is what the Lord spoke, saying: 'By those who come near Me I must be regarded as holy; And before all the people I must be glorified.' "
- 7. Aaron held his peace and accepted the consequences of Yahweh, the life of his sons, because of those sin of offering unauthorized fire.
- 8. The sons of Aaron's uncle (Uzziel) are called to carry Nadab and Abihu by their tunics out of the camp.
- 9. **Next in line to the priesthood:** Aaron's sons Eleazar and Ithamar. They are essentially told not to mourn the loss of their brother, but instead let the whole house of Israel express great regret for the fire which Yahweh has kindled.
- 10. Conduct Prescribed for Priests: statutes forever
 - (a) Do not drink wine or intoxicating drink when you go into the tabernacle of meeting so you may distinguish between holy

- and unholy, and between unclean and clean, and that you may teach the children of Israel all the statutes of the Lord.
- (b) They are again instructed which parts of the grain offering, wave offering, and heave offering, are their due portion to eat.
- 11. Eleazar and Ithamar are then rebuked for not eating the sin offering in the holy place. But, Aaron explains to Moses that they just being cautious after such things had befallen him that day (the death of Nadab and Abihu). When Moses heard that, he was content.
- 12. **Foods Permitted and Forbidden:** These *are* the animals which you may eat among all the animals that *are* on the earth: Among the animals, whatever divides the hoof, having cloven hooves *and* chewing the cud—that you may eat.

 Nevertheless these you shall not eat among those that chew the cud or those that have cloven hooves: the camel, because it chews the cud but does not have cloven hooves, the rock hyrax, because it chews the cud but does not have cloven hooves, the hare, because it chews the cud but does not have cloven hooves, *is* unclean to you; and the swine, though it has cloven hooves, yet does not chew the cud. Don't eat their flesh nor touch their carcasses.

- 13. **These you may eat of all that** *are* **in the water:** whatever in the water has fins and scales, whether in the seas or in the rivers. that you may eat. Any sea creatures that do not have fins and scales, all that move in the water or any living thing which *is* in the water, they *are* an abomination to you. You shall regard their carcasses as an abomination.
- 14. And these you shall regard as an abomination among the birds: the eagle, the vulture, the buzzard, the kite, and the falcon, every raven, the ostrich, the short-eared owl, the sea gull, and the hawk, the little owl, the fisher owl, and the screech owl, the white owl, the jackdaw, and the carrion vulture, the stork, the heron after its kind, the hoopoe, and the bat.
- 15. All flying insects that creep on *all* fours *shall be* an abomination to you. Yet, these you may eat of every flying insect that creeps on *all* fours: those which have jointed legs above their feet with which to leap on the earth. These you may eat: the locust, the cricket, and the grasshopper. All other flying insects which have four feet shall be an abomination to you.
- 16. **Unclean Animals:** By these you shall become unclean; whoever touches the carcass of any unclean animal shall be unclean until evening.
- 17. These also *shall* be unclean to you among the creeping things that creep on the earth: the mole, the mouse, and the large

- lizard after its kind; the gecko, the monitor lizard, the sand reptile, the sand lizard, and the chameleon. Whoever touches them when they are dead shall be unclean until evening.
- 18. Anything on which *any* of them falls, when they are dead shall be unclean. It must be put in water. And it shall be unclean until evening; then it shall be clean.
- 19. Any earthen vessel into which *any* of them falls you shall break; and whatever *is* in it shall be unclean:
- 20. Nevertheless a spring or a cistern, in which there is plenty of water, shall be clean.
- 21. And if a part of *any such* carcass falls on any planting seed which is to be sown, it *remains* clean.
- 22. Even clean animals that die become unclean to touch and you will be unclean until evening. He who eats of its carcass shall wash his clothes and be unclean until evening.
- 23. And every creeping thing that creeps on the earth shall be an abomination. It shall not be eaten. Whatever crawls on its belly, whatever goes on all fours, or whatever has many feet among all creeping things that creep on the earth—these you shall not eat, for they *are* an abomination.
- 24. You shall therefore consecrate yourselves, and you shall be holy; for I *am* holy. For I *am* the Lord who brings you up out of

- the land of Egypt, to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.
- 25. This is the law to distinguish between the unclean and the clean, and between the animal that may be eaten and the animal that may not be eaten. (Leviticus 11:46-47)

THE GLORY OF YAHWEH WILL APPEAR

1. Commandment + Doing = Glory

A. The Eighth Day—NEW BEGINNINGS

- (1) Seven days of consecration! Because on the eighth day...
 - (a) "It came to pass on the eighth day that Moses called Aaron and his sons and the elders of Israel." Leviticus9:1 NKJV
 - (b) The number eight symbolizes new beginnings, eternity, and infinity.
 - (c) On the eighth day: circumcision, a new name, the transfiguration, the Last Great Day, the marriage supper of the lamb...
 - (d) See <u>Converts and Disciples</u> for the importance of the eighth day.
 - (e) See how the Bride must be spotless and arrayed in fine linen in Without Blemish or...Apostate Religion

- B. Whatever Yahweh has commanded—Do! "Then Moses said, "This is [1] the thing which [2] the LORD commanded you [3 & 4] to do [Hearing and Obeying], and [5] the glory of the LORD will appear to you."" Leviticus 9:6 NKJV
 - (1) Identifying the "things" of Yahweh...
 - (a) Love
 - 1. **All in Love:** "Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. **Let all that you do be done with love**." I Corinthians 16:13-14 NKJV
 - Love is the Greatest: "And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love." I Corinthians 13:13 NKJV
 - 3. God is Love: "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love... And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him." I John 4:7-8, 16 NKJV
 - 4. No Fear in Love: "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment.
 But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

We love Him because He first loved us." I John 4:18-19 NKJV

(b) Preferring Others

- Love One Another: "Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us." I John 4:11-12 NKJV
- 2. Loves God; Love Your Brother: "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
- 3. **Prefer Others:** "Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;" Romans 12:9-10 NKJV
- 4. **Esteem Others and Look Out for Their Interests:** "Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each **esteem others** better

- than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, **but also for the interests of others**." Philippians 2:3-4 NKJV
- (c) Mercy, Knowledge, and Obedience...over Sacrifice
 - Mercy and Knowledge over Sacrifice: "For I desire mercy and not sacrifice, And the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings." Hosea 6:6 NKJV
 - 2. Obeying is Better than Sacrifice: "So Samuel said: "Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from being king."" I Samuel 15:22-23 NKJV
- (d) Knowing Him
 - 1. **Know Him:** "that I may **know Him** and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead." Philippians 3:10-11 NKJV

- 2. The Knowledge of God and Y'shua: "Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue," II Peter 1:2-3 NKJV
- 3. A Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation in the Knowledge of Him: "Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power" Ephesians 1:15-19
- (2) Knowing the Commands of Yahweh
 - (a) It is written...

- 1. It is Written: "But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'...Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God.'...Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.' "" Matthew 4:4, 7, 10 NKJV
- (b) I speak to those who know the law...
 - 1. **Know the Law:** "Or do you not know, brethren (**for I speak to those who know the law**), that the law has dominion over a man as long as he lives?" Romans 7:1 NKJV
- (c) Knowing the Scriptures
 - Not Knowing the Scriptures: "Jesus answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God." Matthew 22:29 NKJV
 - 2. **Know the Holy Scriptures:** "But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, **knowing from whom you have learned them**, and that from childhood **you have known the Holy Scriptures**, which are able to make you wise for

salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. **All Scripture** is given by inspiration of God, and is **profitable** for **doctrine**, for **reproof**, for **correction**,

for **instruction in righteousness**, that the **man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped** for every good work." Il Timothy 3:14-17 NKJV

- (3) Hearing Yahweh's Voice (His Heart)...
 - (a) Those with ears to hear
 - 1. **Ears to Hear, Let Him Hear:** "And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, **and the violent take it by force.** For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. And if you are willing to receive it, he is Elijah who is to come. **He who has ears to hear, let him hear!**" Matthew 11:12-15 NKJV
 - 2. Ears to Hear, Let Him Hear: "And as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them. Some fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth. But when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up

- and choked them. But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. **He who has ears to hear, let him hear!**"" Matthew 13:4-9 NKJV
- 3. Know the Mysteries of the Kingdom: "And the disciples came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?" He answered and said to them, "Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given." Matthew 13:10-11 NKJV
- (b) Knowing the Heart of God (Read 2 Samuel 7)
 - 1. **His Servants Know His Heart:** "Then Nathan said to the king, "Go, **do all that is in your heart**, for the LORD is with you... For Your word's sake, and **according to Your own heart**, You have done all these great things, **to make Your servant know them.**" II Samuel 7:3, 21 NKJV
- (c) My Sheep Hear My Voice
 - 1. Who Hears His Voice? "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me." John 10:27 NKJV
- (d) Test the Spirits

- 1. **Test the Spirits:** "Beloved, **do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits**, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world." I John 4:1 NKJV
- 2. Know the Spirit of God: "By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world." I John 4:2-3 NKJV

(4) **Obedience to Yahweh**

- (a) Blessings and Curses
 - 1. Obedience vs. Disobedience: ""Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD your God:... "But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His

- commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you:" Deuteronomy 28:1-2, 15 NKJV
- (b) If you love Me...
 - 1. **Keep His commandments:** ""**If you love Me,** keep My commandments." John 14:15 NKJV
 - Keep His commandments: "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 5:2-3 NKJV
- (c) To Humble and Test You
 - 1. Testing what is in Your Heart: ""Every commandment which I command you today you must be careful to observe, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers. And you shall remember that the LORD your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not." Deuteronomy 8:1-2 NKJV
- (d) Faith

- Disobedience Equals Unbelief: "And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey? So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief." Hebrews 3:18-19

 NKJV
- 2. **Faith Please God:** "Now **faith is** the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen...But **without faith it is impossible to please Him**, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." Hebrews 11:1, 6 NKJV
- 3. Faith without 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?... You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only... For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also." James 2:18-20, 24, 26 NKJV
- 4. **Add to Your Faith:** "But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, **add to your faith** virtue, to virtue

knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins." II Peter 1:5-9 NKJV

- (e) Doing things without complaint
 - 1. Stop Complaining: "Do all things without complaining and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain." Philippians 2:14-16 NKJV
- (f) Bear Witness
 - 1. Three Witness in Heaven and on Earth: "This is He who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth. For

There are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one." I John 5:6-8 NKJV

- (g) Confidence in Him
 - 1. Confident He Hears Us: "Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him." I John 5:14-15 NKJV

(5) The Glory of Yahweh

- (a) Recognizing the Glory: The Burning Bush—let me investigate
 - 1. Glory in the Bush—Check it Out! "Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I will

- now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn." So when the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am."" Exodus 3:1-4 NKJV
- (b) Have Eyes to See—Many Prophets desired to see what you see...
 - **Kings and Prophets Wished They Had Access to** What You Have: "In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight. All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him. "Then He turned to His disciples and said privately, "Blessed are the eyes which see the things you see; for I tell you that many prophets and kings have desired to see what you see, and have not seen it, and to hear what you hear, and have not heard it. "" Luke 10:21-24 NKJV
- (c) Scales Fall Off Paul's Eyes

- Get the Scales off Your Eyes: "Then Saul arose from the ground, and when his eyes were opened he saw **no one.** But they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus...But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake." And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may <u>receive your sight</u> and be filled with the Holy **Spirit." Immediately there fell from his eyes** something like scales, and he received his sight at **once**; and he arose and was baptized." Acts 9:8, 15-18 NKJV
- (d) The Eyes of Blind Man are Opened
 - 1. Receive Your Sight! "When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. And He said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing... He answered and

said, "A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and I received sight."...They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees. Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see."...His parents answered them and said, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but by what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself."" John 9:6-7, 11, 13-15, 20-21 NKJV

- (e) He Opened their Minds—The Road to Emmaus
 - 1. Expounded on the Scriptures: "Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?" And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself." Luke 24:25-27 NKJV

- 2. Open Their Understanding: "Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me." And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures." Luke 24:44-45 NKJV
- (f) The Transfiguration
 - 1. Shining and Exceedingly White: "And He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power." Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and led them up on a high mountain apart by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. His clothes became shining, exceedingly white, like snow, such as no launderer on earth can whiten them." Mark 9:1-3 NKJV
 - 2. **His Face Shone Like the Sun:** "Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. **His face shone like the**

- <u>sun</u>, and His clothes became as white as the light."
 Matthew 17:1-2 NKJV
- 3. It is Good for Us to be Here: "And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."" Matthew 17:3-4 NKJV
- (g) The Glory of the Lord
 - 1. **The Face of Y'shua:** "For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of **the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.**" II Corinthians 4:6 NKJV
 - 2. **Behold His Glory:** "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, **and we beheld His glory,** the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth." John 1:14 NKJV
 - 3. The Glory of God: "The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork."
 Psalms 19:1 NKJV
- (h) The Glory of Yahweh in you!

- 1. His Glory has Risen upon You! "Arise, 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." Isaiah 60:1-3 NKJV
- Our Glory: "But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory," I Corinthians 2:7
 NKJV
- 3. The Glory Revealed in Us: "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." Romans 8:18 NKJV
- 4. We are being Transformed into the Same Image:
 "But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a
 mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed
 into the same image from glory to glory, just as by
 the Spirit of the Lord." II Corinthians 3:18 NKJV
 - (a) I recommend you study this teaching (notes and video): <u>Face Coverings</u>

- 5. Zero Dissipation: "Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God. For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles—when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries. In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with them in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of you." I Peter 4:1-4 NKJV
- 6. The Life I Now Live: "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." Galatians 2:20 NKJV
- (i) The Mind of Christ
 - 1. You Have the Mind of Christ: "For "who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ." I Corinthians 2:16 NKJV
 - 2. **Take Every Thought Captive:** "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling

down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, **bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ**, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled." II Corinthians 10:4-6 NKJV

Summary: THE GLORY OF YAHWEH WILL APPEAR

1. Whatever Yahweh has commanded—Do!

2. Identifying the "things" of Yahweh...

- (a) Love is supreme
- (b) Prefer others and look out for their interests
- (c) God desires mercy, knowledge, and obedience over sacrifice
- (d) God wants you to know Him intimately and He has made a way for you to do so

3. Knowing the Commands of Yahweh

- (a) It is written...is the answer to every challenge
- (b) When you know the law you will understand more of what He says
- (c) Knowing the Scriptures will equip you for every good work

4. Hearing Yahweh's Voice (His Heart)...

- (a) Those with ears to hear will understand the Mysteries of the Kingdom
- (b) You can know the heart of God
- (c) His sheep hear His voice
- (d) You must test the spirits, then you will know if it is the Holy Spirit.

5. Obedience to Yahweh

- (a) Blessings for obedience vs. Curses for disobedience
- (b) If you love God you'd obey Him
- (c) Wilderness times are to humble you and test your obedience
- (d) Faith pleases God; Disobedience equals unbelief; Faith without works is dead
- (e) Do all things without complaint
- (f) Bear witness at all times
- (g) Be confident God hears you

6. The Glory of Yahweh

- (a) Recognizing the Glory—when you see a Burning Bush, go investigate
- (b) Have Eyes to See—Many Prophets desired to see what you see...
- (c) The scales fell off Paul's eyes and he could see the Glory

- (d) The eyes of blind man are opened and he could see the Glory
- (e) Y'shua opens minds and understanding
- (f) The transfiguration was a preview of the Y'shua in His Gloried body, the same glorious body we will also inherit
- (g) The Lord is filled with glory
- (h) The Glory of Yahweh is in you
- (i) You are being transformed into the image of Christ from glory to glory
- (j) You have the Mind of Christ

YAHWEH'S ALL-CONSUMING FIRE

2. Doing Your Own Thing

A. Fiery Judgment

- (1) Profane Fire
 - (a) "Then Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it, put incense on it, and offered profane fire [NOT SACRED/SET-APART, THE OPPOSITE OF HOLY!] before the LORD, which He had not commanded them. So fire went out from the LORD and devoured them, and they died before the LORD. And Moses said to Aaron, "This is what the LORD

- spoke, saying: 'By those who come near Me I must be regarded as holy; And before all the people I must be glorified.' "So Aaron held his peace." Leviticus 10:1-3 NKJV
- (b) **Note:** in the <u>Suffer Well Devotional</u> series I co-wrote, there was a specific devotion on this subject. Go to the link and type 281 in the "Select Devotion" box in the upper left corner. It's called "Unauthorized Fire".
 - 1. If you wish to read that devotion each morning you can go to the site each day and a new devotion will have populated the home page.
 - 2. You can also subscribe if you want them sent to your email each day.

B. The Call to Holiness

- (1) Distinguishing between the holy, unholy, and common— Can you?
 - (a) "Then the LORD spoke to Aaron, saying: "Do not drink wine or intoxicating drink, you, nor your sons with you, when you go into the tabernacle of meeting, lest you die. It shall be a statute forever throughout your generations, that you may distinguish between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean, and that you may teach the children of Israel all the statutes

- which the LORD has spoken to them by the hand of Moses."" Leviticus 10:8-11 NKJV
- 1. A **Priest (Pastor)** must be able to distinguish between holy and common, clean and unclean.
- 2. Leaders are called to distinguish between clean and unclean, holy, unholy and common. Are the leaders of the church today doing this? Do they even know the full meaning of the command to be holy?
- 3. Can you define Holy?
- (2) Be Holy (also See Section Three Below)
 - (a) Be Holy for He is Holy
 - 1. "For I am the LORD your God. You shall therefore consecrate yourselves, and you shall be holy; for I am holy. Neither shall you defile yourselves with any creeping thing that creeps on the earth. For I am the LORD who brings you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy." Leviticus 11:44-45 NKJV
 - (b) You must be able to distinguish, that's your job!
 - 1. "'This is the law of the animals and the birds and every living creature that moves in the waters, and of every creature that creeps on the earth, to distinguish between the unclean and the clean, and between the

- animal that may be eaten and the animal that may not be eaten.' "" Leviticus 11:46-47 NKJV
- (c) Called to holiness and acting in a way that is not holy is never a good choice, especially those called to leadership. Yes, Yahweh is gracious, but it would appear there was no room here as it would set a precedent for the priests of Yahweh (pastors) to go do their own thing, unauthorized things! Is the modern-day "church" possibly guilty of no longer being capable of distinguishing between the clean and the unclean, in essence building its own kingdom?
 - 1. ""Behold, the eyes of the Lord GOD are on the sinful kingdom, And I will destroy it from the face of the earth; Yet I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob [the true remnant]," Says the LORD. "For surely I will command, And will sift the house of Israel among all nations, As grain is sifted in a sieve; Yet not the smallest grain shall fall to the ground. All the sinners of My people shall die by the sword, Who say, 'The calamity shall not overtake nor confront us.'" Amos 9:8-10 NKJV
 - 2. ""Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of My pasture!" says the LORD. Therefore thus

- says the LORD God of Israel against the shepherds who feed My people: "You have scattered My flock, driven them away, and not attended to them. **Behold,**I will attend to you for the evil of your doings," says the LORD." Jeremiah 23:1-2 NKJV
- 3. ""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 1:10 NKJV
- 4. ""For the lips of a priest should keep knowledge,
 And people should seek the law from his mouth; For
 he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts. But you
 have departed from the way; You have caused many
 to stumble at the law. You have corrupted the
 covenant of Levi," Says the LORD of hosts." Malachi
 2:7-8 NKJV
- 5. "Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! For what good is the day of the LORD to you? It will be darkness, and not light. It will be as though a man fled from a lion, And a bear met him! Or as though he went into the house, Leaned his hand on the wall, And a serpent bit him! Is not the day of the LORD

darkness, and not light? Is it not very dark, with no brightness in it? "I hate, I despise your feast days, And I do not savor your sacred assemblies. Though you offer Me burnt offerings and your grain offerings, I will not accept them, Nor will I regard your fattened peace offerings. Take away from Me the noise of your songs, For I will not hear the melody of your stringed instruments. But let justice run down like water, And righteousness like a mighty stream." Amos 5:18-24 NKJV

6. "Woe to you who put far off the day of doom, Who cause the seat of violence to come near; Who lie on beds of ivory, Stretch out on your couches, Eat lambs from the flock And calves from the midst of the stall; Who sing idly to the sound of stringed instruments, And invent for yourselves musical instruments like David; Who drink wine from bowls, And anoint yourselves with the best ointments, But are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph. Therefore they shall now go captive as the first of the captives, And those who recline at banquets shall be removed."

Amos 6:3-7 NKJV

7. ""For surely I will command, And will sift the house of Israel among all nations, As grain is sifted in a sieve; Yet not the smallest grain shall fall to the ground. All the sinners of My people shall die by the **sword,** Who say, 'The calamity shall not overtake nor confront us.' "On that day I will raise up **The** tabernacle of David, which has fallen down, And repair its damages; I will raise up its ruins, And rebuild it as in the days of old; That they may possess the remnant of Edom, And all the Gentiles who are called by My name," Says the LORD who does this thing. "Behold, the days are coming," says the LORD, "When the plowman shall overtake the reaper, And the treader of grapes him who sows seed; The mountains shall drip with sweet wine, And all the hills shall flow with it. I will bring back the captives of My people Israel; They shall build the waste cities and inhabit them; They shall plant vineyards and drink wine from them; They shall also make gardens and eat fruit from them. I will plant them in their land, And no longer shall they be pulled up From the land I have given them," Says the LORD your God." Amos 9:9-15 NKJV

- (a) "Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."" Acts 1:6-8 NKJV
- (b) "Simon has declared how God at the first visited the Gentiles to take out of them a people for His name. And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written: 'After this I will return And will rebuild the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down; I will rebuild its ruins, And I will set it up; So that the rest of mankind may seek the LORD, Even all the Gentiles who are called by My name, Says the LORD who does all these things.'" Acts 15:14-17 NKJV
- (c) How? "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?" I Peter 4:17 NKJV

- (3) A dire account of severe and decisive judgment against **unauthorized activity** in the book of Acts.
 - (a) "But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession. And he kept back part of the proceeds, his wife also being aware of it, and brought a certain part and laid it at the apostles' feet. But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself? While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God." Then Ananias, hearing these words, fell down and breathed his last. So great fear came upon all those who heard these things. And the young men arose and wrapped him up, carried him out, and buried him. Now it was about three hours later when his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. And Peter answered her, "Tell me whether you sold the land for so much?" She said, "Yes, for so much." Then Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the **Lord?** Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out."

Then immediately she fell down at his feet and breathed her last. And the young men came in and found her dead, and carrying her out, buried her by her husband. So great fear came upon all the church and upon all who heard these things." Acts 5:1-11 NKJV

- 1. This wealthy couple devised a scheme to deceive the Holy Spirit, as if that is even possible. The consequences appear overly harsh, would you say? Yet, Yahweh is setting a precedent for all those who wish to blasphemy the Holy Spirit. They were trying to APPEAR HOLY, yet they were just doing their own thing. We are called to be holy!
 - (a) ""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 12:31-32 NKJV
 - (b) I highly recommend you review the study about blasphemy against the Spirit titled: The Sin that Leads to Death

Summary: YAHWEH'S ALL-CONSUMING FIRE

- 1. Fiery Judgment comes upon those who offer unauthorized fire
- 2. We are called to distinguishing between the holy, unholy and common—can you?
 - (a) Leaders are called to distinguish between clean and unclean, holy, unholy and common. Are the leaders of the church today doing this? Do they even know the full meaning of the command to be holy?
 - (b) Called to holiness and acting in a way that is not holy is never a good choice, especially those called to leadership. Yes, Yahweh is gracious, but there is no room when it would set a precedent for leaders and their followers to do their own thing, unauthorized things!
 - (c) Consider the severe and decisive judgment against Ananias and Sapphira who schemed to deceive the Holy Spirit. In the New Testament, this wealthy couple devised a scheme to deceive the Holy Spirit, as if that is even possible. The consequences appear overly harsh, would you say? Yet, Yahweh is setting a precedent for all those who wish to blasphemy the Holy Spirit. They were trying to APPEAR HOLY, yet they were just doing their own thing. We are called to be holy!

- (d) Is the modern-day "church" possibly guilty of no longer being capable of distinguishing between the clean and the unclean, in essence building its own kingdom?
- (e) Be Holy for He is Holy—Can you define Holy?
- 3. God will judge a sinful Kingdom
- 4. Pastors who do not promote holiness will be judged
- 5. Those who do their own thing will be judged

ABOMINABLE THINGS

3. Who will be held accountable?

A. It's time to talk about your food!

- (1) The **people** are accountable and must be able to distinguish between holy and common, clean and unclean.
 - (a) "And every creeping thing that creeps on the earth shall be an abomination. It shall not be eaten. Whatever crawls on its belly, whatever goes on all fours, or whatever has many feet among all creeping things that creep on the earth—these you shall not eat, for they are an abomination. You shall not make yourselves abominable with any creeping thing that creeps; nor shall you make yourselves unclean with them, lest you be defiled by them. For I am the LORD your God. You

shall therefore consecrate yourselves, and you shall be holy; for I am holy. Neither shall you defile yourselves with any creeping thing that creeps on the earth. For I am the LORD who brings you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy. 'This is the law of the animals and the birds and every living creature that moves in the waters, and of every creature that creeps on the earth, to distinguish between the unclean and the clean, and between the animal that may be eaten and the animal that may not be eaten.' "" Leviticus 11:41-47 NKJV

- (b) Can members of the Church distinguish between the animal that may be eaten and the animal that may not be eaten? Does it apply today; do they care?
- (c) "Therefore you shall be **perfect**, just as your Father in heaven is **perfect**." Matthew 5:48 NKJV
- (2) What foods are clean and unclean? [See also I Timothy 4:1-5]
 - (a) Among land animals, whatever divides the hoof, having **cloven hooves** *and* **chewing the cud**—that you may eat.
 - (b) Among sea creatures: whatever in the water **has fins and** scales.

- (c) And these you shall regard as an **abomination** among the birds: the eagle, the vulture, the buzzard, the kite, and the falcon, every raven, the ostrich, the short-eared owl, the sea gull, and the hawk, the little owl, the fisher owl, and the screech owl, the white owl, the jackdaw, and the carrion vulture, the stork, the heron after its kind, the hoopoe, and the bat.
- (d) All flying insects that creep on all fours shall *be* an abomination to you except: those which have jointed legs above their feet with which to leap on the earth. These you may eat: the locust, the cricket, and the grasshopper.
- (e) These also shall *be* unclean to you among the creeping things that creep on the earth: the mole, the mouse, and the large lizard after its kind; the gecko, the monitor lizard, the sand reptile, the sand lizard, and the chameleon.
- (3) Be Holy as I am Holy (the call to be set-part)
 - (a) ""Speak to all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say to them: 'You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy." Leviticus 19:2 NKJV
 - (b) "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
- (c) "You shall therefore distinguish between clean animals and unclean, between unclean birds and clean, and you shall not make yourselves abominable by beast or by bird, or by any kind of living thing that creeps on the ground, which I have separated from you as unclean.

 And you shall be holy to Me, for I the LORD am holy, and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be Mine." Leviticus 20:25-26 NKJV

(4) Peter on Holiness

- (a) "Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."" I Peter 1:13-16 NKJV
 - Be obedient to the NEW YOU (set-apart), not conforming yourself to the OLD YOU (part of the world). "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your

reasonable service. And **do not be conformed to this world**, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." Romans 12:1-2 NKJV

- (5) Peter's Dream (It's not about the food!)
 - (a) "The next day, as they went on their journey and drew near the city, Peter went up on the housetop to pray, about the sixth hour. Then he became very hungry and wanted to eat; but while they made ready, he fell into a trance and saw heaven opened and an object like a great sheet bound at the four corners, descending to him and let down to the earth. In it were all kinds of four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, creeping things, and birds of the air. And a voice came to him, "Rise, Peter; kill and eat." But Peter said, "Not so, Lord! For I have never eaten anything common or unclean." And a voice spoke to him again the second time, "What God has cleansed you must not call common." This was done three times. And the object was taken up into heaven again." Acts 10:9-16 NKJV

- 1. Was Yahweh now calling food that was formally unclean clean? Has He changed His Word that endures forever?
- 2. "Then he said to them, "You know how unlawful it is for a Jewish man to keep company with or go to one of another nation. But **God has shown me that I** should not call any man common or unclean." Acts 10:28 NKJV
- (6) What about Paul?
 - (a) Was he preaching that food laws had changed? Was he saying it is a doctrine of demons to still restrict foods according to the laws of clean and unclean in Leviticus 11?
 - 1. "Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused if it is

received with thanksgiving; for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer." I Timothy 4:1-5 NKJV

- (a) KEY REVELATION: "foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth."
- (b) Had Yahweh ever created unclean foods to be received with thanksgiving, or is there some other doctrine, or is Paul rather referring to some other restriction, like those imposed by man? How could Paul ever refer to the Laws in Leviticus, which he strictly adhered to, as "doctrines of demons."?
- (b) Who is weak in the faith?
 - 1. "Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things. For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him. Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand." Romans 14:1-4 NKJV

- 2. "But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. For it is written: "As I live, says the LORD, Every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall confess to God."
 So then each of us shall give account of himself to God. Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather resolve this, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in our brother's way." Romans 14:10-13 NKJV
 - (a) Throughout Christendom it is classically taught that what Paul is saying in Romans 14 is that those who are still under the delusion that they must adhere to dietary laws of the Old Testament are those who are "weak in the faith!"
 - (b) The key to understanding Paul's context here is the phrase "eat only vegetables." There was never such a restriction in the Torah to do so, but rather Paul is telling those who are mature in the faith (those who know exactly what the Scriptures say about foods they are permitted to eat—see Leviticus 11 and 20, those who can distinguish clean from

- unclean) to bear with those who have no clue, in other words, those who are weak in the faith.
- (c) In their presence (the weak), if necessary, choose only vegetables along with them. You see, those who choose only vegetables do so because they CANNOT DISTINGUISH clean from unclean meats.
- (d) This way they do not have a guilty feelings that they might have eaten meats that are forbidden.
- (e) Do not exercise your liberty to eat clean meats in front of them as to not cause them to stumble. And the reverse is true as well. Those who don't know, (the weak in the faith), should not judge those who do know.

B. Abominations and all their Ugliness

- (1) What the scriptures call an abomination! This indeed is the EXACT OPPOSITE OF HOLINESS!
 - (a) "But all in the seas or in the rivers that do not have fins and scales, all that move in the water or any living thing which is in the water, they are an **abomination** to you. They shall be an **abomination** to you; you shall not eat their flesh, but you shall regard their carcasses as an **abomination**. Whatever in the water does not have fins

- or scales—that shall be an **abomination** to you. 'And these you shall regard as an abomination among the birds; they shall not be eaten, they are an abomination: the eagle, the vulture, the buzzard, Leviticus 11:10-13
- (b) 'All flying insects that creep on all fours shall be an **abomination** to you. Leviticus 11:20
- (c) But all other flying insects which have four feet shall be an **abomination** to you. Leviticus 11:23
- (d) "'And every creeping thing that creeps on the earth shall be an **abomination**. It shall not be eaten. Whatever crawls on its belly, whatever goes on all fours, or whatever has many feet among all creeping things that creep on the earth—these you shall not eat, for they are an **abomination**. You shall not make yourselves **abominable** with any creeping thing that creeps; nor shall you make yourselves unclean with them, lest you be defiled by them." Leviticus 11:41-43 NKJV
- (2) Seven Abominable Things (PROVERBS)
 - (a) "These six things the LORD hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him: A proud look, A lying tongue,
 Hands that shed innocent blood, A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil, A

false witness who speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren." Proverbs 6:16-19 NKJV

- 1. Pride
- 2. A Lying tongue
- 3. To shed innocent blood
- 4. A heart that devises wicked plans
- 5. Feet that are swift in running to evil
- 6. A false witness who speaks lies
- 7. One who sows discord among brethren
- (3) All the ugly things called an abomination!
 - (a) "You shall not **lie with a male as with a woman**. It is an abomination." Leviticus 18:22 NKJV
 - (b) "And He said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God." Luke 16:15 NKJV
 - (c) "And forces shall be mustered by him, and they shall defile the sanctuary fortress; then they shall take away the daily sacrifices, and place there the abomination of desolation." Daniel 11:31 NKJV
 - (d) ""Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing

- in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand)," Matthew 24:15 NKJV
- (e) "But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light. And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there). And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life." Revelation 21:22-27 NKJV
- (f) "Dishonest scales are an abomination to the LORD, But a just weight is His delight." Proverbs 11:1 NKJV
- (g) "The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD, But the prayer of the upright is His delight."
 Proverbs 15:8 NKJV
- (h) ""You shall not have in your **bag differing weights**, a heavy and a light. You shall not have in your house differing measures, a large and a small. You shall have a perfect and just weight, a perfect and just measure, that

- your days may be lengthened in the land which the LORD your God is giving you. For all who do such things, all who **behave unrighteously**, are an abomination to the LORD your God." Deuteronomy 25:13-16 NKJV
- (i) "Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God." I Corinthians 6:9-10 NKJV
- (4) Come out from the abominable!
 - (a) "Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people." Therefore "Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you." "I will be a

- Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the LORD Almighty."" II Corinthians 6:14-18 NKJV
- (b) "Therefore, having these promises, beloved, **let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh** and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." II Corinthians 7:1 NKJV
- (c) "When He had called all the multitude to Himself, He said to them, "Hear Me, everyone, and understand:

 There is nothing that enters a man from outside which can defile him; but the things which come out of him, those are the things that defile a man. If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear!"" Mark 7:14-16 NKJV

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- (c) In their presence (the weak), if necessary, choose only vegetables along with them. You see, those who choose only vegetables do so because they CANNOT DISTINGUISH clean from unclean meats.
- (d) This way they do not have a guilty feelings that they might have eaten meats that are forbidden.
- (e) Do not exercise your liberty to eat clean meats in front of them as to not cause them to stumble. And the

reverse is true as well. Those who don't know, (the weak in the faith), should not judge those who do know.

- 8. Abominations and all their Ugliness
 - (a) What the scriptures call an abomination is the EXACT OPPOSITE OF HOLINESS!
 - (b) Seven Abominable Things (PROVERBS)
 - 1) Pride
 - 2) A Lying tongue
 - 3) To shed innocent blood
 - 4) A heart that devises wicked plans
 - 5) Feet that are swift in running to evil
 - 6) A false witness who speaks lies
 - 7) One who sows discord among brethren
- 9. All the ugly things called an abomination!
 - (a) Sexual relations with the same gender
 - (b) Things highly esteemed among men
 - (c) Dishonest scales
 - (d) The sacrifice of the wicked
 - (e) Unrighteous behavior

QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

1. Refer to Leviticus 9:6 and discuss what leads to the Glory of Yahweh appearing:

- A. Identify four "things of Yahweh."
- B. What does it mean to know the commands of Yahweh?
- C. What does it mean to know the Scriptures?
- D. What does it mean to hear Yahweh's voice and know His heart?
- E. What does obedience have to do with the Glory of God appearing?
- F. How are faith and obedience connected?
- G. How does the Glory of God appear in the face of Y'shua and subsequently in you?
- H. What does it mean to bring every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ?

2. Discuss the idea of profane fire?

A. How does this relate to a lack of holiness?

3. Christians are called to distinguish clean from unclean:

- A. Are leaders of the Church teaching this?
- B. Can most leaders distinguish between what may be eaten and what may not be eaten according to the Scriptures?
- C. Does the idea of clean and unclean foods apply today?

4. Christians are called to distinguish between holy, common and evil.

- A. Do modern-day Church leaders understand the command to be holy?
- B. Define holy, common, and evil?

5. Did Paul teach that food laws had changed?

- A. Did he say it is a doctrine of demons to restrict foods according to the laws of clean and unclean animals in Leviticus 11?
- B. Has Yahweh ever created unclean foods to be received with thanksgiving?
- C. Could Paul have ever referred to the Laws in Leviticus, to which he strictly adhered, as "doctrines of demons."?