

*Greetings, today our manna is from Exodus 6; Job 23; Luke 9; 1 Cor. 10*

## *February 23 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective*

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### Exodus 6

YHWH reassures Moses.

#### YHWH Promises Deliverance

**Exo 6:1** And יהוה said to Mosheh, “Now see what I do to Pharaoh, for with a strong hand he is going to let them go, and with a strong hand he is going to drive them out of his land.”

**Exo 6:2** And Elohim spoke to Mosheh and said to him, “**I am יהוה**.”

**Exo 6:3** “And **I appeared to Abraham, to Yitshaq, and to Ya'aqob, as Ēl Shaddai. And by My Name, יהוה, was I not known to them?**”

**Exo 6:4** “And I also **established My covenant with them**, to give them the land of Kena'an, the land of their sojournings, in which they have sojourned.

**Exo 6:5** “And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Yisra'el whom the Mitsrites are enslaving, and I have remembered My covenant.

Exodus 6:6-8 reviews the seven ‘I will’ or ‘I shall’ of YHWH. These connect to the promises with Passover as follows.

1<sup>st</sup> – Sanctification – ‘I shall bring you out from under the burdens of the Mitsrites.’

2<sup>nd</sup> – Deliverance – ‘shall deliver you’

3<sup>rd</sup> – Redemption through Yahusha – ‘shall redeem you’

4<sup>th</sup> – Praise – Taking His people into His Kingdom as His bride.

**Exo 6:6** “Say, therefore, to the children of Yisra'el, ‘I am יהוה, and **I shall bring you out from under the burdens of the Mitsrites**, and **shall deliver you** from their enslaving, and **shall redeem you** with an outstretched arm, and with great judgments,

**Exo 6:7** and **shall take you as My people**, and **I shall be your Elohim**. And **you shall know** that I am יהוה your Elohim who is bringing you out from under the burdens of the Mitsrites.

**Exo 6:8** ‘And **I shall bring you into the land which I swore to give to Abraham, to Yitshaq, and to Ya'aqob, to give it to you as an inheritance. I am יהוה.**’ ”

Moses goes to the people and shares the above, but we then read in the Scriptures:

**Exo 6:9** And Mosheh spoke thus to the children of Yisra'ël, **but they did not listen to Mosheh, because of shortness of spirit, and from hard slavery.**

**Exo 6:10** And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

**Exo 6:11** “Go in, speak to Pharaoh sovereign of Mitsrayim, to let the children of Yisra'ël go out of his land.”

**Exo 6:12** And Mosheh spoke before יהוה, saying, “The children of Yisra'ël have not listened to me, and why would Pharaoh listen to me, for I am of uncircumcised lips?”

**Exo 6:13** And יהוה spoke to Mosheh and to Aharon, and gave them a command for the children of Yisra'ël and for Pharaoh, sovereign of Mitsrayim, to bring the children of Yisra'ël out of the land of Mitsrayim.

YHWH goes on to say he has heard the groaning of the enslaved Israelites in Egypt and He has remembered His Covenant. In summary, YHWH goes on to tell Moses to say to the children of Israel:

- ✚ I am YHWH.
- ✚ I shall bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.
- ✚ I shall deliver you from their enslaving.
- ✚ I shall redeem you with my outstretched arm and, with great judgements.
- ✚ I shall take you as My people.
- ✚ I shall be your Elohim.
- ✚ You shall know that I am YHWH, your Elohim, that brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.
- ✚ I shall bring you into the land I promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and to give it to you as an inheritance. I am YHWH.

There are times in life when the pain is so great and the spirit so broken, that YHWH listens to the groanings of the heart. This appears to be one of those times.

Because the people didn't listen, Moses questioned YHWH as to how Pharaoh would listen. All doubts aside, Moses and Aaron are given the command to bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt.

YHWH wants us to flee from idolatry which is all around us! One might ask, well if it is all around us, where do we flee? To Him! He is our ark of mercy, grace, and salvation! He is our refuge and our strength. Walk in His footsteps; stay in His Word!

Psa 46:1 Elohim is our refuge and strength, A help in distress, soon found.

Psa 46:2 Therefore we do not fear, Though the earth reels And mountains topple into the heart of the seas.

Psa 46:3 Let its waters rage, foam; Let mountains shake with its swelling. Selah.

Psa 46:4 A river whose streams Make glad the city of Elohim, The set-apart dwelling of the Most High.

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 1Co 10:14 Therefore, my beloved ones,  **flee from idolatry.**

1Co 10:15 I speak as to wise men, judge for yourselves what I say.

1Co 10:16 The  **cup of blessing** which we bless,  **is it not a sharing in the blood of Messiah?**  
 The  **bread that we break,**  **is it not a sharing in the body of Messiah?**

1Co 10:17 Because  **there is one bread,** we, who are many,  **are one body,** for we all partake of the  **one bread.**

1Co 10:18 Look at Yisra'el after the flesh: Are not those who eat of the slaughterings sharers in the slaughter-place?

1Co 10:19 What then do I say? That an idol is of any *value*? Or that which is slaughtered to idols is of any *value*?

1Co 10:20 No, but  **what the nations slaughter they slaughter to demons<sup>a</sup> and not to Elohim,** and  **I do not wish you to become sharers with demons.** Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See Lev 17:7, Deu 32:17.

1Co 10:21  **You are not able to drink the cup of the Master and the cup of demons, you are not able to partake of the table of the Master and of the table of demons.**

1Co 10:22 Do we provoke the Master to jealousy? Are we stronger than He?

The Cup of Redemption is drunk once a year and not weekly. The weekly observance of 'communion' is not biblical but mirrors the cult observances of Dionysus.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dionysus>

1Co 11:24 and having given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat, this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

1Co 11:25 In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the renewed covenant in My blood. As often as you drink it, do this in remembrance of Me."

How do we know partaking of the bread and wine in remembrance of Him was supposed to be observed once a year?

1. Partaking of  **the covenant** elements of bread and wine  **in remembrance of Him,** are directly connected to Passover.
2.  Only under certain conditions did YHWH grant permission to observe Passover at any other time; that day was identified to be in the 2<sup>nd</sup> month, on the fourteenth day, between evenings. [Num. 9:11]

Num 9:6 But there were men who were defiled for a being of a man, so that they were not able to perform the Pěsaḥ on that day. So they came before Mosheh and Aharon that day,

Num 9:7 and those men said to him, "We are defiled for the being of a man. Why are we withheld from bringing near the offering of הַחֹדֶשׁ at its appointed time among the children of Yisra'el?"

Num 9:8 And Mosheh said to them, “Wait, let me hear what יהוה commands concerning you.”

Num 9:9 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

Num 9:10 “Speak to the children of Yisra’el, saying, ‘When any male of you or your generations is unclean for a being, or is far away on a journey, he shall still perform the Pěsaḥ of יהוה.

Num 9:11 **On the fourteenth day of the second new moon, between the evenings, they perform it – with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they eat it.**

We must rid ourselves of doublemindedness. We are not to partake of the table of the Master and the table of demons. The altar is greater than the gift [Matthew 23:19]. The altar sanctifies the gift. Believers go before the altar outside the gate; the set-apart altar of the One true Elohim, the Father of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Mat 23:19 “Fools and blind! For which is greater, the gift or the slaughter-place that sets the gift apart?

Levitical altars do not sanctify the blood of the New Covenant; only the altars of Abraham sanctify the New Covenant.

Heb 13:10 We have a slaughter-place from which those serving the Tent have no authority to eat.

Heb 13:11 For the bodies of those beasts whose blood is brought into the Set-apart Place by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp.

Heb 13:12 And so יהושע also suffered outside the gate, to set apart the people with His own blood.

Heb 13:13 Let us, then, go to Him outside the camp, bearing His reproach.

Heb 13:14 For we have no lasting city here, but we seek the one coming.

The rest of Exodus 6 records the genealogy of Moses and Aaron. In Ex. 6:23, we will see a merging of the kingly line of Judah and the priestly line of Aaron when Aaron takes Elisheba as his wife.

### **The Genealogy of Moses and Aaron**

**Exo 6:14** These are the heads of their fathers’ houses: The sons of Re’uḇēn, the first-born of Yisra’el: Ḥanok and Pallu, Ḥetsron and Karmi. These are the clans of Re’uḇēn.

**Exo 6:15** And the sons of Shim’on: Yemu’el, and Yamin, and Ohaḍ, and Yaḳin, and Tsoḥar, and Sha’ul the son of a Kena’anite woman. These are the clans of Shim’on.

**Exo 6:16** These are the names of the sons of Lěwi according to their generations: Gěrshon, and Qehath, and Merari. And the years of the life of Lěwi were one hundred and thirty-seven.

**Exo 6:17** The sons of Gěrshon: Liḇni and Shim’i according to their clans.

**Exo 6:18** And the sons of Qehath: Amram, and Yitshar, and Ḥeḇron, and Uzzi’el. And the years of the life of Qehath were one hundred and thirty-three.

**Exo 6:19** And the sons of Merari: Maḥli and Mushi. These are the clans of Lěwi

according to their generations.

**Exo 6:20** And Amram took for himself Yoķebed, his father's sister, as wife. And she bore him Aharon and Mosheh. And the years of the life of Amram were one hundred and thirty-seven.

**Exo 6:21** And the sons of Yitshar: Qoraḥ, and Nepheġ, and Ziķri.

**Exo 6:22** And the sons of Uzzi'ěl: Misha'ěl, and Eltsaphan, and Sithri.

**Exo 6:23** Aharon took to himself Elisheba, daughter of Amminadaḅ, sister of Naḥshon, as wife. And she bore him Naḅaḅ, and Aḅihu, El'azar, and Ithamar.

**Adam Clarke's Commentary states:** Elisheba... **She was of the royal tribe of Judah**, and **was sister to Naḥshon**, one of the princes; see Num 2:3.

As we continue in Exodus, it will not be long before the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood will be formed to implement the Book of the Law after the sin of the golden calf [Ex. 32]. Prior to that point, Aaron was very much a part of the Melchizedek Priesthood led by Moses. Therefore, due to this prior union between the tribe of Levi and the tribe of Judah, there was a link established to the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood and the royal line of Judah. This developed from Aaron [tribe of Levi] taking Elisheba [tribe of Judah] as his wife. Matthew 1 records this connection to the righteous seed line in the genealogy of Yahusha HaMashiach, our Prophet, King, and Priest after the order of Melchizedek.

#### Genealogy of Yahusha HaMashiach

Mat 1:4 And Ram brought forth Amminadaḅ, and **Amminadaḅ brought forth Naḥshon**, and Naḥshon brought forth Salmon.

Mat 1:5 And Salmon brought forth Bo'az by Raḅaḅ, and Bo'az brought forth Oḅġd by Ruth, and Oḅġd brought forth Yishai.

Mat 1:6 And Yishai brought forth Dawiḍ the sovereign, and Dawiḍ the sovereign brought forth Shelomoh by Uriyah's wife.

**Exo 6:24** And the sons of Qoraḥ: Assir, Elqanah, and Aḅiyasaph. These are the clans of the Qorḥites.

**Exo 6:25** And El'azar, Aharon's son, took for himself one of the daughters of Puti'ěl as wife. And she bore him Pineḅas. These are the heads of the fathers of the Lĕwites according to their clans.

**Exo 6:26** This is Aharon, and Mosheh, to whom יהוה said, "Bring out the children of Yisra'ěl from the land of Mitsrayim according to their divisions."

**Exo 6:27** They were the ones who spoke to Pharaoh sovereign of Mitsrayim, to bring out the children of Yisra'ěl from Mitsrayim. This is Mosheh, and Aharon.

**Exo 6:28** And it came to be, on the day when יהוה spoke to Mosheh in the land of Mitsrayim,

**Exo 6:29** that יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying, "I am יהוה. Speak to Pharaoh sovereign

of Mitsrayim all that I say to you.”

**Exo 6:30** And Mosheh said before ה'יהוה, “See, I am of uncircumcised lips, and why would Pharaoh listen to me?”

## Job 23

Job is experiencing the hardest part of our walk with YHWH. Those times of silence. Those times of waiting that seem like forever.

### Job Replies: Where Is Eloah?

**Job 23:1** And Iyob answered and said,

**Job 23:2** “Even today my complaint is bitter; my hand is heavy on account of my groaning.

**Job 23:3** If only I knew where to find Him, I would come to His dwelling-place!

**Job 23:4** I would present my case before Him, and fill my mouth with proofs.

**Job 23:5** I would know the words which He would answer me, and understand what He would say to me.

**Job 23:6** Would He contend with me in great power? No! But He would pay attention to me.

**Job 23:7** There the upright might reason with Him, and I would go safe forever from my Judge.

**Job 23:8** See, I go forward, but He is not; and backward, but I do not perceive Him;

**Job 23:9** to the left where He is working, but I do not see; He turns to the right, but I do not see.

**Job 23:10** For He knows the way that I take. When He has tried me, I would come forth as gold.

Job declares:

**Job 23:11** My foot has held fast to His steps. I have guarded His way, and did not turn aside.

**Job 23:12** I have not strayed from the command of His lips. I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my *own* law.

**Job 23:13** But He is One, and who does turn Him? And He does whatever His being has desired.

**Job 23:14** For He makes complete my law, and many like these are with Him.

At the same time, Job is afraid and humbled in knowing the power of YHWH. He is in the hands of the Almighty.

**Job 23:15** Therefore I am troubled at His presence; I consider, and I am afraid of Him.

**Job 23:16** For Ēl has made me faint-hearted, and the Almighty has alarmed me;

**Job 23:17** because I was not cut off before darkness, and from my face He has covered the thick darkness.

## **Luke 9**

We see Yahusha giving authority to his twelve disciples over all demons and to heal diseases. He sends them to proclaim the reign of Elohim and to heal the sick. As best that can be determined, having authority over demons was unique to the time period of Yahusha on earth and forward. We are seeing a ‘kingdom’ or ‘reigning’ **shift** in authority. He sends the twelve with total dependence on Him and not on their own possessions or provisions. Specifically, it is stated **not to have two undergarments.**

Mighty miracles are being performed by Yahusha and word gets back to Herodes. Herodes is haunted over the slaying of John the Immerser, especially when some people report they believe he must be John the Immerser raised from the dead. Herodes and others **had not seen such ‘kingdom power’ displayed.** The power of man appeared miniscule in comparison.

If we thought seeing YHWH provide for the twelve on their journey was awesome, we now see the twelve return to Yahusha with their reports as He withdraws with them to a city named Běyth Tsaiḏa. Běyth Tsaiḏa means fishing house. KJV (King James Version) states specifically it was a desert place belonging to the city of Bethsaida whereas that phrase is left out of the ISR (Institute for Scripture Research).

The crowds follow but notice the topic doesn’t change. Yahusha speaks to them about the reign of Elohim and He heals those needing healing. We then see the miracle of feeding the five thousand. In Mark’s account (Mark 6:43), it is stated that the twelve left over baskets not only held fragments of bread but also of fish. The baskets were a mixed remnant of food, reflecting the mixed multitude of Israel.

We read that there were about 5,000 men. One must wonder if the number was much greater if one considers adding women and children. In addition, they are instructed to group the people in groups of fifty. Logistically, that had to have been one great task in itself! If there were 5,000 men; there would be 100 groups of 50.



This grouping makes one think about **the highly organized Roman Legion**. It is stated:  
 ...Each legion had about 5,500 men. The legion was subdivided into ten units called cohorts. Nine of the cohorts had 480 soldiers. The cohorts were subdivided into six centuries, of about 80 men each. Each century was commanded by a centurion.... Source: <https://romanmilitary.net/strategy/structure/>

We must keep the context of the discussion in mind. Yahusha is sharing with them about **the reign of Elohim**. One major difference we see in the groupings of a Roman Legion and the grouping of the crowd following Yahusha, is that the crowd was devoid of ‘ranking’ one above another. Yahusha provides the authority, provisions, power, and wisdom. Was this forming a visual picture of the coming conquering King and kingdom? How does YHWH speak to you regarding the size of the crowd and the dividing in groups of fifty?

Luk 9:14 For there were about five thousand men. And He said to His taught ones, **“Make them sit down in groups of fifty.”**

Later we see Peter affirm who Yahusha is, the **Messiah of Elohim!** Yahusha goes on to tell them about His death, burial, and resurrection on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day.

Luk 9:20 And He said to them, “And you, who do you say I am?” And Kěpha answering, said, **“The Messiah of Elohim.”**

Later, on the mount of transfiguration, **again Yahusha’s identity is affirmed.**

Luk 9:35 And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, **“This is My Son, the Beloved. Hear Him!”**

There is so much more that could be said, but we should each read and keep Yahusha’s teachings close to our hearts; **especially as His return draws nigh. We must remind ourselves; we are in a battle!**

### **Yahusha Sends Out the Twelve Apostles**

**Luk 9:1 And having called His twelve taught ones together, He gave them power and authority over all demons, and to heal diseases.**

Luk 9:2 And He sent them to proclaim the reign of Elohim and to heal the sick.

Luk 9:3 And He said to them, **“Take no *matter* at all for the journey, neither staffs nor bag nor bread nor silver – neither have two undergarments.**

Luk 9:4 **“And whatever house you enter, stay there, and go out from there.**



Luk 9:5 **“And as for those who do not receive you**, when you go out of that city, shake off the dust from your feet as a witness against them.”

Luk 9:6 **And going out they went through the villages, bringing the Good News and healing everywhere.**

### Herod Is Perplexed by Yahusha

Luk 9:7 And Herodes the district ruler heard of all that was done by Him, and was perplexed, because it was said by some **that Yohanan had been raised from the dead**,

Luk 9:8 and by some **that Ēliyahu had appeared**, and by others **that one of the old prophets has risen up.**

Luk 9:9 And Herodes said, **“Yohanan I have beheaded, but who is this of whom I hear such reports?”** And he was seeking to see Him.

### Yahusha Feeds the Five Thousand

Luk 9:10 And the emissaries, when they had returned, related to Him all that they had done. And He took them and they withdrew by themselves to a city called Běyth Tsaiḡa.

Luk 9:11 And when the crowds knew it, they followed Him. And having received them, **He was speaking to them about the reign of Elohim, and healed those who had need of healing.**

Luk 9:12 And as the day began to decline, the twelve came and said to Him, “Send the crowd away, that going into the surrounding villages and country, they might lodge and get food, because here we are in a lonely place.”

Luk 9:13 But He said to them, “You give them to eat.” And they said, “We have no more **than five loaves and two fishes**, unless we go and buy food for all these people.”

Luk 9:14 For there were about five thousand men. And He said to His taught ones, **“Make them sit down in groups of fifty.”**

Luk 9:15 And they did so, and made them all sit down.

Luk 9:16 And taking the five loaves and the two fishes, having looked up to the heaven, He blessed and broke them, and gave them to the taught ones to set before the crowd.

In Mark’s account we had contemplated the meaning of the 5 loaves as representing the Torah (first five books) and the 2 fish as representing the two houses (northern and southern). We equated the 12 baskets gathered of leftovers to correlate to the remnant of the twelve tribes and those grafted in.

Luk 9:17 So they all ate and were satisfied, and twelve baskets of the broken pieces were picked up by them.

### Peter Confesses Yahusha as the Messiah

Luk 9:18 And it came to be, as He was alone praying, the taught ones were with Him, and He asked them, saying, **“Who do the crowds say that I am?”**

Luk 9:19 And they answering, said, “Yohanan the Immerser, but others Ĕliyahu, and others say that one of the old prophets has risen up.”

Luk 9:20 And He said to them, “And you, who do you say I am?” **And Kěpha answering, said, “The Messiah of Elohim.”**

### Yahusha Foretells His Death

Luk 9:21 And strictly warning them, He commanded them to say this to no one,  
Luk 9:22 saying, “The Son of Adam has to suffer much, and to be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and to be killed, and to be raised the third day.”

### Take Up Your Cross and Follow Yahusha

Luk 9:23 And He said to them all, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his stake daily, and follow Me.

Luk 9:24 “For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake shall save it.

Luk 9:25 “For what is a man profited if he gains all the world, and is himself destroyed or lost?

Luk 9:26 **“For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Adam shall be ashamed when He comes in His esteem, and in His Father’s, and of the set-apart messengers.**

Luk 9:27 “But truly I say to you, there are some standing here who shall not taste death at all till they see the reign of Elohim:”

### The Transfiguration

Luk 9:28 **And it came to be, about eight days after these words,** taking with Him **Kěpha and Yohanan and Ya'aqob,** He went up to the mountain to pray.

Luk 9:29 And it came to be, as He prayed,

- ✦ the appearance of His face changed,
- ✦ and His garment dazzling white.

✦ Luk 9:30 And see, two men were talking with Him, who were Mosheh and Ĕliyahu,<sup>a</sup> Footnote: <sup>a</sup> Mar 9:4

✦ Luk 9:31 **who having appeared in esteem, spoke of His death which He was about to complete at Yerushalayim.**

Luk 9:32 But Kěpha and those with him were heavy with sleep. **And having awakened, they saw His esteem and the two men standing with Him.**

Luk 9:33 And it came to be, as they were parting from Him, Kěpha said to יהושע',

- ✦ “Master, it is good for us to be here. And let us make three booths: one for You, and one for Mosheh, and one for Ĕliyahu,” not knowing what he said.

✦ Luk 9:34 And as he was saying this, **a cloud came and overshadowed them.** And they were afraid as they entered the cloud.

✦ Luk 9:35 And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “**This is My Son, the**

**Beloved. Hear Him!”**

- ✚ Luk 9:36 And when the voice had spoken, **יהושע** was found alone. And they were silent, and reported to no one in those days any of what they had seen.

**Yahusha Heals a Boy with an Unclean Spirit**

Luk 9:37 And it came to be on the next day, when they came down from the mountain, that a large crowd met Him.

Luk 9:38 And see, a man from the crowd cried out, saying, **“Teacher, I beg You, look at my son, for he is my only child.”**

- Luk 9:39 “And see, a spirit seizes him, and he suddenly cries out, and it convulses him, with foaming, and scarcely leaves him, bruising him.
- Luk 9:40 “And I begged Your taught ones to cast it out, but they were unable.”

Luk 9:41 And **יהושע** answering, said, **“O generation, unbelieving and perverse, how long shall I be with you and put up with you? Bring your son here.”**

Luk 9:42 And as he was still coming,

- the demon threw him down in convulsions.
- And **יהושע** rebuked the unclean spirit,
- and healed the child,
- and gave him back to his father.

**Yahusha Again Foretells His Death**

Luk 9:43 And they were all amazed at the greatness of Elohim. And while all were marvelling at all that **יהושע** did, He said to His taught ones,

Luk 9:44 **“Lay up in your ears these words, for the Son of Adam is about to be delivered into the hands of men.”**

Luk 9:45 **But they did not understand this saying,** and **it was veiled from them so that they did not perceive it.** And they were afraid to ask Him about this saying.

Some Scriptures are veiled from our eyes until YHWH is ready for us to understand.

**Who Is the Greatest?**

Luk 9:46 And a reasoning arose among them, who might be the greater of them.

Luk 9:47 And **יהושע**, having seen the reasoning of their heart, took a little child and placed him by His side,

Luk 9:48 and said to them, **“Whoever receives this little child in My Name receives Me. And whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me. For he who is least among you all, he shall be great.”**

**Anyone Not Against Us Is For Us**

Luk 9:49 And Yoḥanan answering, said, “Master, we saw someone casting out demons

in Your Name, and we forbade him because he does not follow with us.”

Luk 9:50 But יהושע said to him, **“Do not forbid him, for he who is not against us is for us.”**

### A Samaritan Village Rejects Yahusha

Luk 9:51 And it came to be, when the days of His taking up were being completed, even He set His face to go to Yerushalayim,

Luk 9:52 and He sent messengers ahead of Him. And they went and entered into a village of the Shomeronim, to prepare for Him.

Luk 9:53 And they did not receive Him, because His face was set for the journey to Yerushalayim.

Luk 9:54 And His taught ones, Ya'aqob and Yoḥanan, seeing it said, **“Master, do You wish us to command fire to come down from the heaven and destroy them, as also Ĕliyahu<sup>b</sup> did?”** Footnote: <sup>b</sup> [2Ki 1:9-16](#).

Luk 9:55 But having turned, He rebuked them and said, **“You do not know of what spirit you are,**

Luk 9:56 **for the Son of Aḡam did not come to destroy men’s lives but to save them.”** And they went on to another village.

### The Cost of Following Yahusha

Luk 9:57 And it came to be, as they journeyed on the way, that someone said to Him, “Master, I shall follow You wherever You go.”

Luk 9:58 And יהושע said to him, **“The foxes have holes and the birds of the heaven nests, but the Son of Aḡam has nowhere to lay His head.”**

Luk 9:59 And He said to another, “Follow Me,” but he said, **“Master, let me first go and bury my father.”**

Luk 9:60 And יהושע said to him, **“Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and announce the reign of Elohim.”**

Luk 9:61 And another also said, **“Master, I shall follow You, but let me first say good-bye to those in my house.”**

Luk 9:62 But יהושע said to him, **“No one, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the reign of Elohim.”**<sup>c</sup> Footnote: <sup>c</sup> [Luk 14:26](#), [Luk 14:33](#), [Joh 12:24-26](#).

## 1Cor. 10

### Warning Against Idolatry

Will the traditional churches; cultural religions; cathedrals; ever wake up to their synchronized worldly idolatrous practices? It was one thing for us to practice such when we were yet blind; but today, we have resources to clearly point us to Shabbat rather than ‘SUNday’ worship! There are numerous resources as well showing the ‘paganistic sun-god worship’ behind Tammuz’s birthday of December 25<sup>th</sup>; as well as the deceit behind the worship of ‘Ishtar’ ‘Easter’ instead of Passover! Really? How long will hearts be hardened to Truth? Each person is responsible to search these things out and see if they be so.

When we understand these things to be true; we should repent and turn back to Him only. Search the scriptures and find His feast days; they are not ‘Jewish’ feast days; they are His feast days! They are our wedding rehearsals preparing His mature bride for His return.

This is not a small matter. Do we think He will only judge other generations harshly of these same idolatrous practices and not our generation? Do we think present day idolatry is any different? The fear of YHWH is the BEGINNING of wisdom.

**Pro 9:10** The fear of יהוה is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Set-apart One is understanding.<sup>a</sup> Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See [Pro 1:7](#).

**1Co 10:1** For I do not wish you to be ignorant, brothers, that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea,

**1Co 10:2** and all were immersed into Mosheh in the cloud and in the sea,

**1Co 10:3** and all ate the same spiritual food,

**1Co 10:4** and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed, and the Rock was Messiah.

**1Co 10:5** However, with most of them Elohim was not well pleased, for they were laid low in the wilderness.

**1Co 10:6** **And these became examples for us**, so that **we should not lust after evil, as those indeed lusted.**

If people do not think we lust after evil pagan holidays, just ask those professing to be Christians in a traditional church settings to give up “Christmas.” The enemy has taken a ‘pagan’ holiday and slapped the name of Jesus onto it when it is really about Saturnalia worship and the worship of Tammuz.

Yahusha, Jesus, was not born on December 25<sup>th</sup> and has nothing to do with ‘Santa Claus’, which is sigil magic standing for ‘Satan Lucas.’ Nor does He want us bowing down before a wooden tree in our homes nor picking up ‘fertility eggs’ under bushes.

Neither can we stand behind the cliché of ‘That is not what it means to me.’ Just think about it. In order to practice such holidays; we must keep with the tradition of telling lies to our children generation after generation! I ask you, ‘Who is the father of lies?’

Please, no matter what culture you were raised in; no matter what traditions you have grown-up with; as believers, we are to turn from the ways of this world and follow YHWH’s ways. This will mean coming out of organizations and even separating from family ‘holiday’ gatherings that ‘blend’ with the ways of the world.

Above all let YHWH guide you! He knows what each believer is up against. He knows that there is heavier persecution in some countries rather than others. Seek His wisdom and guidance in all matters.

1Co 10:7 **And do not become idolaters** as some of them, as it has been written, **“The people sat down to eat and to drink, and stood up to play.”** [Exo\\_32:6](#).

1Co 10:8 **Neither should we commit whoring**, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell,

1Co 10:9 **neither let us try Messiah**, as some of them also tried, and were destroyed by serpents,

1Co 10:10 **neither grumble**, as some of them also grumbled, and were destroyed by the destroyer.

1Co 10:11 **And all these came upon them as examples, and they were written as a warning to us, on whom the ends of the ages have come,**

1Co 10:12 so that **he who thinks he stands, let him take heed lest he fall.**

1Co 10:13 No trial has overtaken you except such as is **common to man**, and Elohim is trustworthy, who shall not allow you to be tried beyond what you are able, but with the **trial shall also make the way of escape, enabling you to bear it.**

1Co 10:14 Therefore, my beloved ones, **flee from idolatry.**

1Co 10:15 **I speak as to wise men, judge for yourselves what I say.**

1Co 10:16 The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Messiah? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Messiah?

1Co 10:17 **Because there is one bread, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.**

1Co 10:18 Look at Yisra’ël after the flesh: Are not those who eat of the slaughterings

sharers in the slaughter-place?

1Co 10:19 What then do I say? That an idol is of any *value*? Or that which is slaughtered to idols is of any *value*?

1Co 10:20 No, but **what the nations slaughter they slaughter to demons<sup>a</sup>** and not to Elohim, and I do not wish you to become sharers with demons. Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See [Lev 17:7](#), [Deu 32:17](#).

1Co 10:21 **You are not able to drink the cup of the Master and the cup of demons**, you are not able to partake of the table of the Master and of the table of demons.

1Co 10:22 **Do we provoke the Master to jealousy? Are we stronger than He?**

### Do All to the Glory of YHWH

1Co 10:23 **All is permitted me, but not all do profit.** All is permitted me, but not all build up.

1Co 10:24 Let no one seek his own, but each one that of the other.

1Co 10:25 You eat whatever is sold in the meat market, asking no questions because of conscience,

1Co 10:26 for **“The earth belongs to יהוה, and all that fills it.”** [Psa 24:1](#), [Psa 50:12](#).

1Co 10:27 And if any of the unbelievers invite you, and you wish to go, you eat whatever is set before you, asking no question on account of the conscience.

1Co 10:28 And if anyone says to you, “This was slaughtered to idols,” do not eat it because of the one pointing it out to you, and on account of the conscience, for “The earth belongs to יהוה, and all that fills it.”

1Co 10:29 Now I say conscience, not your own, but that of the other. For why is my freedom judged by another’s conscience?

1Co 10:30 But if I partake with thanks, why am I evil spoken of for what I give thanks?

1Co 10:31 **Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the esteem of Elohim.**

1Co 10:32 **Cause no stumbling, either to the Yehudim or to the Greeks or to the assembly of Elohim,**

1Co 10:33 **as I also please all men in all matters, not seeking my own advantage, but that of the many, that they might be saved.**

~ *Shalom* ~ Libby

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