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**HUMAN
NATURE**



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Use of hebraic names of the most high

Yahweh, Elohim, Yeshua. During our walk with the Lord, we discovered by leading of Holy Spirit how fundamentally flawed was the intrusion of Rome into the gospel from 4th Century AD. Replacement Theology led Rome to take away all Hebraic/Jewish connections as root of what is now called the Christian Faith. What He has led us to do is to call our Father by the Name He revealed Himself to Israel which is Yahweh. In the same way, rather than call our Creator by the generic title God, we find it more appropriate to call Him by the Hebraic Name he revealed to humanity through Moses which is Elohim. The name, Elohim properly conveys His Unity in Plurality as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! We also call our King the Name His Father gave Him, Yeshua as well as the Anglicized translation, Ioseus. We do this as led by Holy Spirit, not as part of the so-called sacred Names movement. Neither do we subscribe to the legalistic methods of Judaizers intent on dragging saints into the dead works and rituals of Judaism. We do not condemn or malign those who have not yet caught this depth of revelation. Please feel free to call the Most High by what He reveals to you and what you are comfort

CHAPTER 1

Preamble, Introduction and Synopsis

Preamble: Understanding “*created in God’s image after His Likeness*”

There is something we must not be too religious to miss. It is the fact that Elohim God created man in “*His own image, after His likeness.*”

Genesis 1:26 (KJV) 26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

This raises a fundamental question: what was this likeness? Let us obtain the answers from scripture. We are all familiar with the reality that Elohim has a Triune Personality, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. What is not often discussed is that the Holy Scriptures present Him as One with a tri-dimensional nature.

He Is a Spirit Being

Elohim God is a Spirit. We all know this from John 4:24.

John 4:24 (KJV) 24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Various scriptures also deal with Elohim’s Spirit. They include these:

On Creation morning

Genesis 1:1-2 (KJV) 1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. 2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep.

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And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

Genesis 6:3 (KJV) 3 And the Lord said, **My spirit** shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

Isaiah 42:1 (KJV) 1 Behold **my** servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom **my** soul delighteth; I have put **my spirit** upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.

Isaiah 44:3 (KJV) 3 For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour **my spirit** upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring:

Isaiah 59:21 (KJV) 21 As for me, this is **my** covenant with them, saith the Lord; **My spirit** that is upon thee, and **my** words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the Lord, from henceforth and for ever.

In the New Covenant, we see Holy Spirit intimately involved in the Incarnation, and Empowerment of Yeshua so that He could fulfil His assignment as the Messiah:

Luke 1:34-35 (KJV) 34 Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? 35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

Matthew 3:16-17 (KJV) 16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit

of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:
17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my
beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Acts 10:38 (KJV) 38 How God anointed Jesus of
Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who
went about doing good, and healing all that were
oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

Elohim has a Soul

Religion does not teach us that Elohim God also has a soul. The soul is the realm of self-expression featuring these compartments: the mind, imagination, memory; the will and emotion. Let us take note of these truths about the Soul of Elohim:

A. The soul of Elohim God is absolutely holy: pure and incorruptible

It is in His soul that God displays all the emotions which are recorded in the bible: “*grieved and His heart was full of pain*” “*His anger was aroused*” “*well pleased*”; “*concerned*”, “*vexed in His sore displeasure*”.

Genesis 6:5-6 (KJV) 5 And God saw that the
wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every
imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil
continually. 6 And it repented the Lord that he had made
man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

In Genesis 8:21 God “*smelled the pleasing aroma*” of Noah’s sacrifice and pronounced the ordinance of Seed time and Harvest time.

Genesis 8:21 (KJV) 21 And the Lord smelled a sweet
savour; and the Lord said in his heart, I will not again
curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the
imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither

will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done.

Numbers 11:1 (KJV) 1 And when the people complained, it displeased the Lord: and the Lord heard it; and his anger was kindled; and the fire of the Lord burnt among them, and consumed them that were in the uttermost parts of the camp.

Psalms 2:5 (KJV) 5 Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.

When James 4:5 says the Spirit of God in us is jealous over us and does not want us to love things contrary to Him, we are simply reminded that Elohim God has a soul with feelings!

James 4:5 (KJV) 5 Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?

B. It is in the mind of God (His soul) that the Lamb was slain before the foundation of the world.

Revelation 13:8 (KJV) 8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

C. It was in the mind of God (His soul) that He conceived the earth and then spoke it into being.

Genesis 1:1-25 (KJV) 1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. 2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. 3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. 4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. 5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night.

And the evening and the morning were the first day. 6 And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. 7 And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so. 8 And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day. 9 And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so. 10 And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good. 11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. 12 And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good. 13 And the evening and the morning were the third day. 14 And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: 15 And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. 16 And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. 17 And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, 18 And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good. 19 And the evening and the morning were the fourth day. 20 And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven. 21 And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw

that it was good. 22 And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth. 23 And the evening and the morning were the fifth day. 24 And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so. 25 And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

D. It was also in the soul that Elohim God desired to make man after His image and likeness and empower him with the capacity and mandate to exercise dominion over the earth.

Genesis 1:26-30 (KJV) 26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. 28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. 29 And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. 30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so.

E. In His soul, God saw that all He created was good and He was very pleased.

Genesis 1:31 (KJV) 31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Still on this subject, we need to debunk the myth that Yeshua, Jesus tolerated everything and everyone. His famed meekness was not weakness at all! While He had compassion on sinners and the vulnerable, He was firm regarding sin: it was always “*go and sin no more.*” In dealing with the religious hypocrites, we see a different Yeshua, Jesus: one who lambasted them with harsh words said in righteous indignation at their hardness of heart. In Matthew 23:1-39, He pronounced “*woe*” on them severally. In addition, He used various harsh words full of powerful emotion and imagery to describe them such as: “*hypocrites,*” “*fools and blind.*”

Matthew 23:1-39 (KJV) 1 Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to his disciples, 2 Saying The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat: 3 All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not. 4 For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers. 5 But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments, 6 And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues, 7 And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi. 8 But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren. 9 And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven. 10 Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ. 11 But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. 12 And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted. 13 But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves,

neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in. 14 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation. 15 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves. 16 Woe unto you, ye blind guides, which say, Whosoever shall swear by the temple, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gold of the temple, he is a debtor! 17 Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gold, or the temple that sanctifieth the gold? 18 And, Whosoever shall swear by the altar, it is nothing; but whosoever sweareth by the gift that is upon it, he is guilty. 19 Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifieth the gift? 20 Whoso therefore shall swear by the altar, sweareth by it, and by all things thereon. 21 And whoso shall swear by the temple, sweareth by it, and by him that dwelleth therein. 22 And he that shall swear by heaven, sweareth by the throne of God, and by him that sitteth thereon. 23 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone. 24 Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel. 25 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess. 26 Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also. 27 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. 28 Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy

and iniquity. 29 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous, 30 And say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets. 31 Wherefore ye be witnesses unto yourselves, that ye are the children of them which killed the prophets. 32 Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers. 33 Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell? 34 Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city: 35 That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar. 36 Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation. 37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! 38 Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. 39 For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

In Matthew 3:7-10, speaking under unction of Holy Spirit, John The Baptist called them “*brood of vipers*” who would be “*cut down*” like bad trees. That was manifestation of the pure soul of Elohim in righteous indignation at their hardened hearts!

Matthew 3:7-10 (KJV) 7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance: 9 And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say

unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. 10 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

Elohim wears a Body when it pleases Him

Another truth hidden by religion is that though a Spirit, with a Soul, Elohim God wears a Body when it pleases Him!

1. In Genesis 3:8-10, we are shown a picture of Elohim walking in the Garden of Eden and speaking in audible voice with Adam:

Genesis 3:8-10 (KJV) 8 And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden. 9 And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? 10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

2. In Genesis 11:1-9, Elohim God manifested physically to inspect what builders of what became the Tower of Babel were doing.

Genesis 11:1-9 (KJV) 1 And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech. 2 And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there. 3 And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar. 4 And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. 5 And the Lord came down

to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. 6 And the Lord said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. 7 Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. 8 So the Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city. 9 Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the Lord did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the Lord scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

3. In Genesis 14:18-20, Yeshua appeared to and communed with Abraham in the form of Melchizedek as attested by Hebrews 7:1-19.

Hebrews 7:1-19 (KJV) 1 For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; 2 To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace; 3 Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually. 4 Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils. 5 And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham: 6 But he whose descent is not counted from them received tithes of Abraham, and blessed him that had the promises. 7 And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better. 8 And here men that die receive tithes; but there he receiveth them,

of whom it is witnessed that he liveth. 9 And as I may so say, Levi also, who receiveth tithes, payed tithes in Abraham. 10 For he was yet in the loins of his father, when Melchisedec met him. 11 If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law,) what further need was there that another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec, and not be called after the order of Aaron? 12 For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law. 13 For he of whom these things are spoken pertaineth to another tribe, of which no man gave attendance at the altar. 14 For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Juda; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood. 15 And it is yet far more evident: for that after the similitude of Melchisedec there ariseth another priest, 16 Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life. 17 For he testifieth, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. 18 For there is verily a disannulling of the commandment going before for the weakness and unprofitableness thereof. 19 For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God.

4. In Genesis 18:1-33, we see another Theophany or bodily manifestation of God when it was time to judge the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah.
5. Let us remember that Isaiah saw the bodily manifestation of Elohim God in Isaiah 6:1-13.

Isaiah 6:1-13 (KJV) 1 In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. 2 Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. 3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole

earth is full of his glory. 4 And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. 5 Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts. 6 Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: 7 And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged. 8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me. 9 And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not. 10 Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed. 11 Then said I, Lord, how long? And he answered, Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate, 12 And the Lord have removed men far away, and there be a great forsaking in the midst of the land. 13 But yet in it shall be a tenth, and it shall return, and shall be eaten: as a teil tree, and as an oak, whose substance is in them, when they cast their leaves: so the holy seed shall be the substance thereof.

6. The greatest and most profound Theophany however was the incarnation of Elohim God as Emmanuel!

Matthew 1:18-25 (KJV) 18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. 19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily. 20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the

angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. 21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins. 22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, 23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. 24 Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: 25 And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name Jesus.

Luke 1:26-35 (KJV) 26 And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, 27 To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. 28 And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. 29 And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. 30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. 31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. 32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: 33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. 34 Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? 35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

In Yeshua Jesus, Elohim used a Body specifically prepared for that purpose to do the work of redemption (Hebrews 10:5).

Hebrews 10:5 (KJV) 5 Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me:

In that Body, Elohim God walked this earth as a man for 33 and half years. The vastness of Elohim's love for humanity was manifested in this supreme sacrifice of laying aside His glory in order to be like us so that the legal price would be paid to redeem us from the hand of Satan.

7. During His Incarnate state, Yeshua grew in wisdom and physical stature and in favour with the Father and humans

Luke 2:52 (KJV) 52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

He was angry with those who made the Temple a place of merchandise.

John 2:13-17 (KJV) 13 And the Jews' passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14 And found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting: 15 And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables; 16 And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise. 17 And his disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up.

He was once so hungry that He cursed a fig tree which had no fruit for its creator (Mark 11:12-14, 20, 21).

Mark 11:12-14, 20-21 (KJV) 12 And on the morrow, when they were come from Bethany, he was hungry: 13 And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find any thing thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for the time of figs was not yet. 14 And Jesus answered and said unto it, No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever. And his disciples heard it.

20 And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. 21 And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away.

8. In the physical body, Yeshua Jesus experienced pain, travailed in prayer, as His soul was vexed sore at the prospect of the crucifixion at Calvary cross until the Father assured Him that it was necessary (Matthew 26:36-46).

Matthew 26:36-46 (KJV) 36 Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder. 37 And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy. 38 Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me. 39 And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt. 40 And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour? 41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. 42 He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done. 43 And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy. 44 And he left them, and went

away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words. 45 Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. 46 Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray me.

At the Cross, Jesus was so drained of fluid that He was thirsty.

John 19:28 (KJV) 28 After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst.

In that physical body, God demonstrated what death is: not the end of life but a transition to the hereafter! (Matthew 28:5-6).

Understanding what it means to be created in the Image of Elohim God

Still on this mind-boggling subject of the image and likeness of Elohim God, let us consider these truths which religion has obscured for over 2,000 years, though they are plainly and simply stated in the Holy Bible! Religion tries to help God and, in the process, makes Him out as a surreal entity with a big frown and club, waiting to badger us for any malfeasance. The outcome is the range of negative relationships people have with Him through religion and religiosity: strangers, unwilling slaves, and arrested babyhood syndrome. The gospels teach an Elohim God who became like us – took flesh and blood in the greatest expression of love so that He can condemn the power of sin over flesh and break the hitherto legal hold of Satan over humanity! John 3:16 makes more meaning when you combine it with these scriptures:

Hebrews 2:10-18 (KJV) 10 For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. 11 For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of

one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, 12 Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee. 13 And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me. 14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; 15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. 16 For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. 17 Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. 18 For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

Hebrews 4:14-16 (KJV) 14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. 15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 10:5-14 (KJV) 5 Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me: 6 In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure. 7 Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God. 8 Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law; 9 Then

said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. 10 By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. 11 And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: 12 But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; 13 From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. 14 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified

Philippians 2:5-8 (KJV) 5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

John 3:16 (KJV) 16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Comforting truths about Emmanuel

Saints, it is comforting and gratifying to note these profound truths concerning Emmanuel, the God who was made Flesh to dwell among us:

1. When Yeshua, Jesus was planted by Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mary as Luke 1:35 attests, He was designed by the Father to be, *“the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person”* using the words of Hebrews 1:3!

Luke 1:35 (KJV) 35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the

power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

Hebrews 1:3 (KJV) 3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high:

This is serious! The Body which Hebrews 10:5 says was prepared for Yeshua, Jesus to function in was to reflect something very profound: a Theophany of physical appearance of Elohim God!

Hebrews 10:5 (KJV) 5 Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me:

It is no wonder Yeshua, Jesus told His incredulous disciple, Phillip, "*He who has seen Me has seen the Father*" as John 14:7-9 records.

John 14:7-9 (KJV) 7 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. 8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us. 9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father?

Throughout His 33 and half years in the Body, Yeshua did not sin because He was wrapped up in aligning His will with that of The Father and doing just that as His delightful duty.

John 4:34 (KJV) 34 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

John 5:30 (KJV) 30 I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

2. Yeshua, Jesus resurrected not as a mere spirit like angels but in His glorified Body! He was physically seen and actively interacted with His disciples after the resurrection (John 20:1-23).

Matthew 28:1-20 (KJV) 1 In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. 2 And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. 3 His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: 4 And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men. 5 And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. 6 He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. 7 And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you. 8 And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word. 9 And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him. 10 Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me. 11 Now when they were going, behold, some of the watch came into the city, and shewed unto the chief priests all the things that were done. 12 And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers, 13 Saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and

stole him away while we slept. 14 And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you. 15 So they took the money, and did as they were taught: and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day. 16 Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. 17 And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

The risen Yeshua, Jesus even conducted an intensive forty-day special School of Ministry to prepare them for the outpouring of Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost and global assignment.

Acts 1:1-8 (KJV) 1 The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, 2 Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: 3 To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: 4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. 5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. 6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? 7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. 8

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

For good effect, the risen Jesus even shared hot meals with his disciples:

John 21:1-14 (KJV) 1 After these things Jesus shewed himself again to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias; and on this wise shewed he himself. 2 There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two other of his disciples. 3 Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing. 4 But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore: but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus. 5 Then Jesus saith unto them, Children, have ye any meat? They answered him, No. 6 And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes. 7 Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved saith unto Peter, It is the Lord. Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he girt his fisher's coat unto him, (for he was naked,) and did cast himself into the sea. 8 And the other disciples came in a little ship; (for they were not far from land, but as it were two hundred cubits,) dragging the net with fishes. 9 As soon then as they were come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread. 10 Jesus saith unto them, Bring of the fish which ye have now caught. 11 Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land full of great fishes, an hundred and fifty and three: and for all there were so many, yet was not the net broken. 12 Jesus saith unto them, Come and dine. And none of the disciples durst ask him, Who art thou?

knowing that it was the Lord. 13 Jesus then cometh, and taketh bread, and giveth them, and fish likewise. 14 This is now the third time that Jesus shewed himself to his disciples, after that he was risen from the dead.

Earlier in John chapter 20 He asked the doubting Thomas to touch His hands and sides to “feel the nail prints” – what a holy thought!

John 20:24-29 (KJV) 24 But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe. 26 And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you. 27 Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. 28 And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. 29 Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

3. It is important however to establish a hidden truth concerning what happened on the resurrection morning. When Jesus first rose from the dead, He did not allow the excited Mary or anyone else for that matter to touch Him. The question is why? Yeshua, Jesus needed to first ascend to the Father to show Him and the courts of heaven the triumphant Body and the sinless blood in which sin was condemned in the flesh for redemption of man!

Hebrews 9:11-15, 23-28 (KJV) 11 But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that

is to say, not of this building; 12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. 13 For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: 14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? 15 And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

23 It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. 24 For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us: 25 Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; 26 For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. 27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: 28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

He needed to announce to the courts of heaven that the deal was done and the way for mankind to recover the Kingdom lost by Adam was now open!

John 20:11-17 (KJV) 11 But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down,

and looked into the sepulchre, 12 And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. 13 And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him. 14 And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away. 16 Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master. 17 Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

It was on this trip to the Third Heaven that Yeshua, Jesus took captivity captive as He routed all the principalities that rule in the Second Heavens and made an Open Show of them. Seeing the Blood-stained hands, they fled and quaked in fear!

Ephesians 4:8-10 (KJV) 8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. 9 (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? 10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

This first happened at the Cross and after when He took away the key to death and hell with which Satan held humanity in fearful bondage!

Colossians 2:14-15 (KJV) 14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which

was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; 15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

Ephesians 2:9-18 (KJV) 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. 11 Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; 12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: 13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. 14 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; 15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; 16 And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: 17 And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. 18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

4. In that glorified Body, Yeshua, Jesus ascended on high before a crowd of people and will return again when all eyes will see Him!

Acts 1:9-11 (KJV) 9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. 10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; 11 Which also

said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

Revelation 1:7 (KJV) 7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

5. He is seated at the right hand of Majesty in that very resurrected body which Thomas touched (what a wonder!)—making intercession for us who are in the body of flesh and blood which is earthly! For this reason, we are asked to come boldly to The Father in His Name to receive help in time of need or when facing temptation.

Hebrews 1:3 (KJV) 3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high:

Hebrews 4:14-16 (KJV) 14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. 15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

The only difference between our physical bodies and the one Elohim God uses for His purposes including that which Yeshua, Jesus bore while on earth are as follows:

- The Body God uses is celestial - not of this earth while the ones we bear are earthly and earth bound.

1 Corinthians 15:40, 45-46 (KJV) 40 There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another.

45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.
46 Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.

- The body we bear is sin laden because of Adam's original sin which is passed on to all humanity while that of Elohim God is pure and holy and cannot be corrupted.
- The Body we bear is perishable while that which Elohim God uses is eternal and imperishable. That is why The Father did not suffer the body of Yeshua to suffer corruption and He arose from the dead after only three days in the grave.
- The Body Elohim God uses is supernatural, capable of manifesting everywhere, every time while the one we bear is natural, static, and limited to a place at a time. It is a mystery, yet so real!
- While on the earth however, Jesus chose, as part of emptying Himself to stay in a place at a time until the resurrection. The reason was to experience fully the challenges and pressures that come on humans so that He can be a total redeemer, fit to be our High Priest in the now until the day He comes to take us away.

Philippians 2:5-9 (KJV) 5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even

the death of the cross. 9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

Hebrews 2:9-18 (KJV) 9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. 10 For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. 11 For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, 12 Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee. 13 And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me. 14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; 15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. 16 For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. 17 Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. 18 For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

In these last days, necessity is laid on us to peel away every vestige of religion which covers truth. We must go to the bible with open hearts like children and ask Holy Spirit to reveal our heavenly Father to us! Simple child likeness is the only way we can receive truth and respond to it in order to see the Kingdom and enter into it!

Matthew 18:1-4 (KJV) 1 At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? 2 And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, 3 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. 4 Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

John 3:1-21 records the dialogue between Yeshua, Jesus and the religious expert Nicodemus who was thick to truth because of the veil of religion which covered understanding of the things of the Kingdom!

As we prepare for the coming of the Lord, let us be opened to understand that truth will liberate us from error and empower us to grow an intimate relationship with Him.

John 8:32 (KJV) 32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

It is a trite comment to say you cannot possibly enjoy an intimate relationship with a stranger. The truth Elohim God is pouring out here will cause us to know Him on a deeper level and appreciate His awesome love for us which passes all understanding and why redemption offers us the opportunity to live the life of Elohim, the God of heaven on earth, without struggle because it is a new nature we receive by Faith as a gift of Grace!

Ephesians 2:1-13 (KJV) 1 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; 2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: 3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children

of wrath, even as others. 4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, 5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) 6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: 7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. 11 Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; 12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: 13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

Ephesians 3:14-19 (KJV) 14 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, 16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; 17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; 19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

A religious spirit prefers to keep us away from receiving what The Word says of Elohim God. Religion thrives in darkness, ignorance, and gives space for manipulation by Pharisees and

Sadducees who claim superior knowledge and access to God. Deuteronomy 29:29 establishes a principle we should hold dear in these last days: The secret things belong to Elohim God while the revealed things (what He permitted to be written) belongs to us and our children! Understanding what the bible says of Elohim God - not the interpretations made by men of theological degrees and high intellect - will enable the redeemed to understand Him, love Him with all our hearts and prepare for the eternity He wired into our heart!

Introduction

The unique creature Called Man, made in the image of Elohim.

This course will deal with a critical issue of the ages: the way Elohim, The God Who created heaven and earth with His Spoken Word designed man as a tri-dimensional being a natural body made from raw earth; an eternal spirit from Him and a soul which is the realm of self-consciousness.

Genesis 1:26-27 (KJV) 26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Within three passages in the Holy Scriptures, lie the secret code for understanding the unique nature of humans as tri-dimensional beings, superior to all other creations of The Most High

Genesis 2:7 (KJV) 7 And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Genesis 2:7 gives us the first clue of the composite nature of the human being. On the day of creation, the Great I AM stooped down and scooped up some earth, moulded it into a human shape, as conceived in His infinite mind. That shape of raw earth was to be the body of Adam. It was lifeless, though good looking. Then something strange happened. Elohim God breathed a portion of His awesome Spirit into the hitherto lifeless body. That was the spirit man that would dwell deep in the inner recesses of Adam. As the spirit man - quickened by the Spirit of God from where it originated - came into contact with the hitherto lifeless body, consciousness was activated and man became a living being or living, active soul.

1 Thessalonians 5:23 (KJV) 23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 4:12 (KJV) 12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

In all three we see the basis of an important but neglected issue whose understanding will help saints to live victoriously in this present life.

Synopsis

During the course of this study, we shall explore these themes that are really interwoven:

- **The Spirit of man:** its source, nature, and workings. What happens to it at point of Death
- **The soul of man:** How it came into being, its' essential nature and character and what happens when man dies.
- **The body of man:** Where is it from, how does it function and what happens when man dies?

UNDERSTANDING HUMAN NATURE

- How the Soul and the Body combine to be what the bible calls the flesh or carnal nature. How does this nature fight spirituality?
- How to achieve true spirituality by bringing the soul and body under the headship of the spirit man which should in turn be ruled by the Holy Spirit.
- Other relevant issues which enhance our understanding of the human nature.

Assignment: 1. Share what you received about the Image and Likeness of God which prove Elohim is a Spirit, Has a Soul and uses a Body whenever it pleases Him. 2. Cite 2 scriptures which deal with the Spirit of Elohim: His Soul and His use of a Physical Body. 3. What are the 3 scriptures which reveal the three-dimensional nature of humans – spirit, soul, body? 4. Please share any 3 other things you personally received from this chapter.

CHAPTER 2

The Unique Creature called Man, Created in the Image of God Part 1

Let us begin with a reflection on a message received in the year 2011: For the whole of 2011 and beyond, unto the coming of the Lord, there is a Grand Key. That key is this: a Crucified self and surrendered will! Whoever will pay the price of emulating Yeshua, Jesus, allowing the old man to be crucified with Him and surrender the will to Elohim God completely, without any reservation, is positioned for the best of Divinity and manifestation of His Kingdom! It is impossible to seek first the Kingdom with the old man alive with its self-will! He who dies to self: self-will; selfishness; self-centredness and pursuit of self-interest - will live out the Kingdom life in full because he/she would be an empty vessel fully occupied by Yeshua, Jesus, through the in dwelling Holy Spirit, expressing the fullness of His glory, presence, and power!

John 12:24 (KJV) 24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

Let it be said again: The grand key to outstanding success is a crucified self and surrendered will! It was so for Yeshua, Jesus and so shall it be for His saints! To such people Elohim God can commit all His goodness and power! “

The Critical Question

How can one identify and crucify the self-nature and surrender the will to Elohim God? How can this be achieved in a practical, biblical context? To answer this question properly, we need to allow Holy Spirit to teach us more about the human nature and how each element of our being can advertently or inadvertently affect true spirituality. Let us therefore understand the human nature in greater detail through the truth that is the Holy Word.

Spirit, Soul and Body

We learn from the Bible that man is a three-dimensional being comprising spirit, soul, and body.

Genesis 2:7 (KJV) 7 And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Two more scriptures in the New Testament affirm the tri-dimensional nature of man:

1 Thessalonians 5:23 (KJV) 23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 4:12-13 (KJV) 12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. 13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

These questions were posed in the synopsis: What is The Spirit, soul, and body of the human being? Where are their sources of being? What are their basic natures and how do they work in ordinary life? How do those inherent natures conduce to or work against true spirituality? What happens to them at point of death?

What we have received so far is designed to set the pace for what we shall be sharing in detail regarding this unique creation of Elohim God called man. We shall be seeing the fact that man is not just another creature. Man is not just a mass of muscles, body tissue, bones, flesh, and blood. Man is truly a higher being, created specifically by Elohim God after His own image and likeness! We

will see that this unique feature of man occasioned him to be made a tri-dimensional being. The spirit of man, which came from above has the capacity to connect with Elohim God in heaven, for regeneration by Holy Spirit, receive Holy Spirit as seal of redemption, and be filled with Holy Spirit in baptismal measure. Because it is from heaven, the spirit-man has the innate tendency to be sensitive to spiritual realities and therefore walk in the light of eternity. At the same time, mankind has the innate capacity to relate effectively with his environment - through the body and soul - which respond to what he sees, feels, hears, perceives, or touches.

Let us consider the mystery of the ages that of all the planets in the vast creation of God, only one piece of real estate – the Earth – has the complete mix of physical, chemical, and biological elements which can sustain human life! It was on this basis that Elohim God gave man the dominion mandate to be His representative on planet earth with the following specific assignments as detailed in Genesis 1:28-29:

Genesis 1:28-29 (KJV) 28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. 29 And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

- Receive His blessings
- Be fruitful and multiply – procreate and fill the earth with humankind
- Subdue the earth – take charge and bring things here in under subjection
- Exercise dominion over every living thing on the land, in the sea and under the waters as Ambassador of His Kingdom, acting on His behalf to make sure that all of creation fulfils their purpose.

- To eat all the things considered edible among fruits, animals, birds.
- In addition, Genesis 2:15 says man was given the responsibility of dressing and keeping the earth. To all these assignments agree Psalm 115:16. God gave man this earth as an inheritance!

Psalm 115:16 (KJV) 16 The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.

Let us now define and expand our understanding of the three components of man thus:

The Body:

This is the part of the human nature which is made from earthly and therefore perishable materials. It comprises all the bones, tissue, muscles, cells, water, and entirety of physical properties which sustain the ability to live on planet earth. The body of a person is activated when on approval of the Creator, the sperm of a male and the egg of a female combine to conceive a human being. That is one of the reasons Elohim God considers abortion as murder because a life and destiny is actually snuffed out when this happens. The body needs a certain quantum of nutrients and regular dose of water to stay healthy. Of all nutrients needed by the human body, the most critical is water. This is because most of the body mass of humans is essentially made up of water. No matter how robust, healthy, and well-kept the body is, the day Elohim God allows the spirit to be withdrawn, it ceases to exist. Decay sets in. The body is at best a vessel to carry the higher purpose of the Creator which is in the spirit man and soul. The body can therefore be considered the earthly house in which the spirit man and soul of humans live.

2 Corinthians 5:1 (KJV) 1 For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

2 Peter 1:13 (KJV) 13 Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance;

Peter 1:13-15 (KJV) 13 Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance; 14 Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me. 15 Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance.

This extraordinary architecture of the human body is a wonder to behold! No wonder David exclaimed:

Psalm 139:13-18 (KJV) 13 For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. 14 I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. 15 My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. 16 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them. 17 How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them! 18 If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.

The Spirit

The spirit of man, as we saw in Genesis 2:7 comes from the Lord. It is a God-breathed component.

2.1. The spirit of a human is eternal. It comes from Elohim and

does not die. Rather, it will live forever either in the presence of the Maker or it will suffer perpetually with Satan. This is why the heart or spirit-man of humans is wired with an innate consciousness of eternity.

- 2.2. The spirit man is also called the “heart” of man (not the physical object which pumps blood). It is also called the “belly” or deepest recess of man. It is from here that Jesus says the Holy Spirit will flow from those who believe in Him (John 7:37-39).

John 7:37-39 (KJV) 37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. 38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. 39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

The spirit and soul share some common features because both constitute the eternal part of man. Most of what we will say below apply equally to the soul realm. However, the soul differs greatly from the spirit in some other areas of life which we will consider in detail later in this download.

- 2.3. It is in the spirit man that Holy Spirit floods the light of revelation of Who Yeshua, Jesus is and what He did for us at the Cross of Calvary. It is here that conversion and regeneration occur and the translation from the Kingdom of darkness to the Kingdom of Elohim God (John 3:1-9, Colossians 1:12-14).

John 3:1-9 (KJV) 1 There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: 2 The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with

him. 3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. 4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? 5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. 8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit. 9 Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be?

Colossians 1:12-14 (KJV) 12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: 13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: 14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

- 2.4. It is here that we are made alive in Christ Jesus and are seated in heavenly places with Him far above all principalities and power (Ephesians 2:1-10, 13). What the spirit man on the inside is determines how a person lives and his/her responses to issues of life including temptations and trials (Ephesians 4:17-32).
- 2.5. It is also here that the Holy Spirit resides and empowers the saint.
- 2.6. It is in this realm of being that the gifts and callings of Holy Spirit are deposited and reside – regardless of age, gender, socio-economic status, race or ethnicity or denominational affiliation of the soul and body!

Galatians 3:26-29 (KJV) 26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Holy Spirit of Elohim, The God of Heaven therefore does not consider the walls of men before He calls or fills a vessel with His gifts and offices! He can take a hard-core anti-tongues Baptist and fill him/her with Holy Spirit. The same Elohim can take a single mother who was once a toast of the party circuit and make her an outstanding Evangelist with clear evidence of His hand upon her, in spite of objections of the religious leaders. This was the case of Mary Magdalene.

- 2.7. It is in the spirit man that the spirit of Faith dwells. When the spirit “sees”, believes, and possesses anything from God (as opposed to emotional yearning of anything of the soul), it is as good as a done deal! That was the case of Abraham and all the faith worthies mentioned in Hebrews chapter 11 (See verses 1-3, 6, 8-19; Romans 4:17-22).
- 2.8. If the spirits of all saints are nourished in sound doctrine, we will come to the true unity of the Faith and grow up into Yeshua in all things!

Ephesians 4:1-6 (KJV) 1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, 2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; 3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; 5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Any unity that is not based on having a common understanding of what the Word says is suspect and may relapse into ecumenism which is pseudo-unity based on compromise and spiritual adultery! The Unity Jesus prayed for is attainable if we all go back to the plain word of the Holy Scriptures rather than the opinions and fancies of men called dogma (John 17).

- 2.9. Trauma and challenges can come to any human being at any time. However, those who overcome such challenges and survive to tell the story are those whose spirits are strong and whose souls yearn to live and overcome! You can be distressed in your soul yet strong in the spirit man. You can be compassed about with the waves of crises yet are able to function if your spirit is rightly connected to The heavenly Father. Jesus says that in Him the saint will have Peace and asked us to preserve even in the face of trouble!

John 16:33 (KJV) 33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

Food and strength for the spirit.

1. The main food of the spirit-man is the Word. The spirit man should be nurtured through regular intake of the Word on a daily and regular basis. This nurtures Faith inside the spirit man which will come in handy at the time of need or in the day of adversity.

Romans 10:17 (KJV) 17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

2. The spirit man is also nurtured at the place of praying in the Spirit. In prayer, the spirit man actually communes with the Holy Spirit within which helps it to frame the actual prayer according to the will of God, making it a creative partnership rather than back breaking labour.

Romans 8:26-27 (KJV) 26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. 27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

1 Corinthians 14:14 (KJV) 14 For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.

Jude 20 (KJV) 20 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,

3. The spirit man is also nourished by encouragement. Words of exhortation seasoned with salt have great positive impact on the spirit man because such release grace to the hearers.

Colossians 4:6 (KJV) 6 Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

Ephesians 4:15-16 (KJV) 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

4. The spirit man responds to challenges because such stretches it to rise up in the dimension of faith, prayer, and spiritual warfare. This is more so when a saint matures in the realm of the spirit-man to trust Elohim completely and enter into His rest by Faith.

Hebrews 4:1-11 (KJV) 1 Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. 2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it. 3 For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. 4 For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works. 5 And in this place again, If they shall enter into my rest. 6 Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief: 7 Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts. 8 For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day. 9 There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. 10 For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. 11 Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

A man or woman is considered dead the day the spirit is withdrawn from the body. This shows that the real owner of a physical-decay and death-bound body is the eternal spirit that lives deep within it! In the same vein, a diseased spirit which is corrupted by either Satan, motions of the soul or cravings of the body will succumb to such pressures and live out a life of sin and evil concupiscence.

We shall continue with the Soul in the next chapter.

Assignment: 1. Please describe the human body and explain its features. 2. Please explain what the spirit man is, where it comes from and at least 5 features. 3. What new thing did you learn so far?

Chapter 3

The Soul and its components

In the previous chapter, we discussed two of the three dimensions of the human nature, namely the body and spirit-man. In this chapter, we will focus on gaining a deeper understanding of the soul. As the scriptures reveal, the soul of Adam was activated when the breath of the Spirit of Elohim God encountered the lifeless body moulded from the earth.

Genesis 2:7 (KJV) 7 And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

The implications of this are as follows:

1. The soul is the realm of self-expression in the human nature. In other words, the individuality which makes a human being unique among all of creation is found in this very dimension of life.
2. The soul is the faculty of the human where, to use a synonym, “you in you” can be found. In essence, concerning our life on earth, the realm where we exercise greatest exertions – whether it is to please God, please other people or please self – is made here.
3. In effect, it is in the soul that people basically “love” or hate or are apathetic to people or situations.
4. It is also in this realm that what drives people is generated, fueled, and sustained. Whether it is the drive to “succeed”, be known, set, pursue, or achieve goals, this is the realm where the action is! In other words, motives and intentions are generated in the human soul. Interestingly, the Lord searches the intents of our heart to discern why we say or do what we say or do, rather than the mere actions.
5. The soul is the realm of curiosity - in a never-ending quest to know the unknown. The soul is exceedingly powerful!

6. For the above reason, every religious exertion of man – tendency to seek to know, please and worship the One True Elohim, God or other gods is given effect from this realm.
7. The soul is the buffer between the human body (that is physical flesh and blood) with the eternal spirit. Its intrusion into any of these two realms will affect how they function. We will explain this issue later.
8. Let us say however that true spirituality consists of willingly giving up the extraordinary powers of the soul so that the spirit man leads the life of the redeemed under the direct influence and leadership of the Holy Spirit. It is when we get to this point that true spiritual worship which is acceptable to The Father takes place.

Matthew 16:24-26 (KJV) 24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. 25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. 26 For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

Galatians 5:16-21 (KJV) 16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. 18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. 19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, 20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

John 4:23-24 (KJV) 23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. 24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

When Elohim God created Adam, he was blessed with an exceedingly powerful soul. His mind was so expansive that Adam was able to name all the animals created by God.

Genesis 2:19 (KJV) 19 And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.

The reason for this feat is that Adam was perfectly aligned with Elohim God in his spirit, soul, and body. Consequently, he was able to know and do things according to the mind of God. When we lay hold of the truths revealed in this course, the Grace to walk in the mind of our King will be restored.

How the fall of Adam & Eve happened

The fall of Adam and Eve came about when Satan activated their flesh (soul and body) to take pre-eminence over their spirit man by being driven by lust to possess what was forbidden. The enemy also suggested to Eve that she would be better off if independent of Elohim. As soon as the soul of Eve was quickened to “break ranks” with the spirit man, it made the bad decision to desire what God forbade. That ungodly desire became so overwhelming that the word of God was overtaken and relegated to second place

Genesis 3:1-13 (KJV) 1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? 2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit

of the trees of the garden: 3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. 4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: 5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. 6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

Note that it was only after Satan had successfully compromised them and caused them to yield to his temptation that their eyes “were opened” to see the consequences of their bad choice. Shame, recrimination, and separation from Elohim God followed.

Genesis 3:7-13 (KJV) 7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. 8 And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden. 9 And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? 10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. 11 And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? 12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. 13 And the Lord God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

The book of James gives us an understanding of how Satan causes the soul (mind and body) to respond to temptations.

James 1:13-16 (KJV) 13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: 14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. 15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. 16 Do not err, my beloved brethren.

That formula of seducing the human soul out of its place under subjection to the spirit-man is the key principle which Satan uses against saints of all ages. The adversary of our souls tried that same process on Yeshua, Jesus in the wilderness.

Matthew 4:1-11 (KJV) 1 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. 2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred. 3 And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. 4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. 5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, 6 And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. 7 Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. 8 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; 9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. 10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. 11 Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

Until this day, nearly every temptation is based on that simple old trick of making the soul step out of line and play a leading rather than be subordinate to the spirit man. Saints are warned of the dangers of allowing the soul to lead us astray.

1 John 2:15-17 (KJV) 15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. 17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

Part B: The Components of the Soul

This complex dimension of man has three distinct but interlocking and mutually supporting faculties.

Part 1. The Mind

This is the faculty responsible for thinking. It processes every information or signal from the environment. The mind is a very powerful tool of self-preservation. It therefore tends to frame every activity within the context of self. This is the root issue in selfishness and self-centeredness'. The Mind has 3 sub-faculties:

- 1.1. The Brain where all information is processed and centre of analysis. Ideas are generated within the brain. Fiery darts of Satan in the form of evil thoughts are directed at this part of the mind with the intention that the victim will 'own' them through meditation/contemplation. Mature saints are those who take the whole armour of Elohim and use especially the shield of Faith to quench such fiery darts so that they do not penetrate or settle down.

As a man thinks in his heart, so is he. The inclination of the natural heart is simply corrupt and unacceptable to Elohim God Who is

Love; Who is selfless and who wants His children to be as He is. This mindset is at the heart of the sin question because it processes and interprets every issue in the light of self-interest. Mindsets are simply the thought processes which have formed and congealed into a particular way of looking at things based on past experiences rather than what the word of Elohim God says.

Strong holds must be dealt with. They need to be:

- repented of
- rejected
- pulled down and demolished by faith, using the authority of the name and power of the blood of Jesus.

2 Corinthians 10:3-6 (KJV) 3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: 4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) 5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; 6 And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

The problem many saints face is that after pulling down strongholds, they wittingly or unwittingly start another vicious cycle of being receptive to all the things which cause them to form in the first place! The key therefore is to:

- Accept what the Word says of us as new creatures in Yeshua and reject thoughts which are contrary to who we are as born of the Spirit (2 Corinthians 5:17)

2 Corinthians 5:17 (KJV) 17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

- Consecrate our entire beings to Elohim and feed our mind with the Word to the degree that it is utterly renewed to have the mind of Yeshua, Jesus

Romans 12:1-2 (KJV) 1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Ephesians 4:23 (KJV) 23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

Colossians 3:16 (KJV) 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

2 Timothy 3:15-17 (KJV) 15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Philippians 4:8 (KJV) 8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

When the word is given space to renew the mind, saints are able to think like Yeshua in terms of love and humility!

Philippians 2:5-11 (KJV) 5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. 9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- Live a contented lifestyle where you are not anxious for anything and under no pressure to prove anything to anyone. Rather, we are to live within the ambit of the grace and gifts which are freely provided by Yeshua, Jesus. This will enable you to enjoy perfect peace in the heart as our mind is stayed on Yeshua, Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7 (KJV) 6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. 7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Hebrews 13:5-6 (KJV) 5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. 6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

Isaiah 26:3 (KJV) 3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

- A life of praying without ceasing, walking by faith and not by sight. That way, we avoid hasty decisions, always waiting on the Lord for direction. In this way, saints consciously deny their mind the capacity to lead you in life decisions. You are thus able to give the spirit man space to hear from the Holy Spirit and be the driving faculty of life.

1 Thessalonians 5:17 (KJV) 17 Pray without ceasing.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (KJV) 17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Isaiah 28:16 (KJV) 16 Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.

Romans 8:5-16 (KJV) 5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. 8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. 10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. 12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. 13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. 14 For as many as

are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. 15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. 16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

Since Adam's fall, everyone who comes into the world comes with this fallen mindset.

Psalm 51:5 (KJV) 5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Education, culture, and environment may grant a veneer of niceness and pleasantness, but no one should be fooled! What education, upbringing and environment do with the mind is to "refine" it to be conscious of the need to appear polished and sophisticated. As we all know, this is a mere ruse which even takes people further away from God as they try to intellectualize Him. The pseudo kingdom gospel and its variants – the emergent church movements share the same strain of a virus with the New Age movement – the tendency to intellectualize God and make Him logical. Consequently, there are strenuous efforts towards secular humanism and "doing good" in the name of advancing the Kingdom and taking mountains of society. The result is always the same:

- rejection of the infallibility of the bible
- minimization of or rejection of the divinity of Jesus
- negation of His Second Coming (2 Peter 2:1-22; 2 Peter 3:1-18; 1 John 2:18-28; 1 John 4:1-6; 2 John 1:7-11; Jude verses 1-19).

1.2. The Imagination. This is the sub-faculty of the mind through which the soul 'sees' far beyond tangible realities. This makes it the natural basis of inventions. It is here that man's intrinsic capacity for research, exploration, experimentation and reaching out to the unknown is warehoused. In the natural, all the inventions of man – aircraft that flies over 300

people 40,000 feet above sea level; submarines which range 30,000 feet below sea level; the internet, Facebook, missiles, the nuclear bomb, space explorations and indeed all human inventions are all products of the imagination chamber of the soul exerted to find solution to human needs.

In the arena of religion, the imagination can cause an individual to be so deceived into pursuing an ambition or idea which he or she fancies. Seeming success can be deceptive because on the last day, all that seemed to have been achieved will burn up.

1 Corinthians 3:10-15 (KJV) 10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. 11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; 13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. 14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. 15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

1.3. The Memory. This is the chamber of the Mind where all experiences and information are stored. Whether they were true encounters, suppositions, or outright falsehoods, they get stored in the conscious and sub-conscious memory. When triggered or provoked, information in the memory is pulled out and can bring joy, sorrow, or pain. Every saint should desire earnestly to have the cleansing power of the blood to blot out all painful and negative memories. The reality is that the greatest instrument for keeping the memory positive is to forgive from the heart any one or thing which brought pain. When forgiveness is real, the memory does not store pain, rather the blood dissolves them into nothingness!

Part 2. The Will.

This is the faculty of the soul where decisions are made. It is the seat of preference or choice. This is the place where all the things received and processed by the mind is turned into a decision. In making man after His own image and likeness, Elohim God gave every human being a will. Ultimately, this is the very basis of the bill of rights for all men to be born and live free! The will of man is not supposed to be violated by fellow humans otherwise control will ensure which is an advanced form of witchcraft.

In making independent decisions on issues of life and spirituality there is a clear outcome called “consequence”. In effect Elohim God has given us a will which when exercised should take away every basis for excuse and justify the basis of divine consequence when wrongly exercised. Even Elohim God respects the will of humans. Though redemption of man was purchased at the great price of the precious blood of Yeshua, Jesus, God never requires His saints to impose salvation on anyone, whether they reject Him or not. Yeshua, Jesus even graphically charged saints to respect the opinion of whole families and cities concerning the gospel.

Matthew 10:12-15 (KJV) 12 And when ye come into an house, salute it. 13 And if the house be worthy, let your peace come upon it: but if it be not worthy, let your peace return to you. 14 And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet. 15 Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrhah in the day of judgment, than for that city.

Those who reject us are to be left to face the consequences of their choice. We thus learn that the gospel is to be proclaimed to all as a witness. There is nowhere in scripture that Elohim God forces humans to accept His offer of salvation!

One more thing about the will. God can forgive a sin and yet allow a human to live with the consequence of the sin. This was the case of Moses and why he was unable to enter the Promised Land after the matter of striking, rather than speaking to the rock which brought forth water. This was also why David's sin with Bathsheba was forgiven but his household was polluted with the sin of immorality. This first manifested in incest between one of his sons and one of his wives and peaked in the absolute immorality of Solomon with 1,000 women! The ultimate solution to consequences arising from sin is to plead for mercy and hold on to God until the petition is answered. Just like the Mercy Seat was above the Ark, His Mercy rejoices against Judgement.

James 2:12-13 (KJV) 12 So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty. 13 For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment.

Part 3. The Emotion

This is the third faculty of the human soul. Here is the chamber in man where he responds to everything which happens in his spirit, soul, or body. This involuntary reaction to what lies on the outside or what is picked up in the radar of the spirit man or soul can determine how mature, stable, or complete any one is. Emotional stability, maturity or Intelligence is a key requirement for leadership both in the Kingdom as well as in Society. It enables one to live above the unsteady motions of feelings which are fleeting. Rather those who are emotionally mature can suspend or ignore their feelings and rather be objective in assessing people and situations with the mind of Yeshua, according to leading of Holy Spirit.

Emotions can manifest as:

- Knee jerk reactions or reflex actions arising from what is stored in the mind. The emotion can be wholesome or wounded.

- Wholesome emotions are those that carry no baggage from the past. The past is properly dealt with and forgotten with therefore no current power to negatively affect decisions and reaction.
- On the other hand, wounded or damaged emotions are those which arise from these distortions:
- Reactions from one of the basest aspects of the human persona: the ego. This is the tendency to self-exaltation and high mindedness. Any time it is “stepped on”, the human ego reacts with pain and self-preservation.
- Attitudes emanate from the emotional bank in the individual’s psyche. Attitudes reveal the depth of flesh at work in an individual and will show up in unconscious ways. One may be a “good Christian” yet with a bad attitude. It simply means that while the outward exertions may be good and acceptable to men, the inward part is not sound. Right attitudes come when the mind is healed as indicated above.

From works of Flesh to Fruit of the Spirit

As a saint matures, he/she is able to honestly confront the motions of the soul, cry out in brokenness to the Lord until the fruit of the spirit become the natural response of the soul to all situations. All this time, the saint abides in Yeshua, Jesus allowing the motion of the soul to keep him/her humble before the Lord and people! The transition from living the soulish life full of works of the flesh to one in which Holy Spirit takes over and bears lasting spiritual fruit is the ultimate mark of spirituality.

John 15:1-8 (KJV) 1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. 2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. 3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. 5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the

same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. 6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. 8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

When this happens, the saint enters into rest while Holy Spirit uses the vessel to do the work of life!

Galatians 5:13-26 (KJV) 13 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. 14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 15 But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another. 16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. 18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. 19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, 20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. 24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. 26 Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

UNDERSTANDING HUMAN NATURE

Assignment: 1. Please describe the human soul, how it was activated on creation morning and at least 5 features. 2. What are the 3 main components of the soul and sub-components of the Mind? 3. What new things did you learn from this lesson?

Chapter 4

Situating Carnality or Fleshly life V Spiritual Life

Part A. What is the Flesh?

From a biblical point of view, the flesh is the state of being where the soul and physical body are in cahoots (alignment or combine). When these two faculties are aligned with the soul in authority over the body, the spirit man is suppressed and functions well below par. Another biblical name for this state is “carnality”. Carnality therefore means a state in which a believer is ruled, moved, and inspired to believe and act based on what the Five carnal senses suggest rather than what the Holy Spirit says. In effect, this is a life lived by what is SEEN, HEARD, TOUCHED/ FELT, TASTED or SMELT! In a Christian, who is genuinely regenerated, carnality is the clearest sign of backsliding into a state of low life! The reason is simple: with the new birth experience, saints are designed to live by faith as they ‘see’ by the inner man, hear from the Holy Spirit and act only when prompted by Him.

Romans 1:16-17 (KJV) 16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. 17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

Galatians 3:10-11 (KJV) 10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them. 11 But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.

Hebrews 10:38 (KJV) 38 Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

Carnality is therefore the number one enemy of the spiritual walk as Apostle Paul eloquently discloses:

Romans 8:5-8 (KJV) 5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. 8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

Because it seeks to worship God with a platform contrary to what He has decreed by an immutable law (to be worshipped in spirit and truth John 4:21-23), carnality or soul worship will lead anywhere but to the God of the Scriptures! The flesh tends to religion and religiosity and cannot obtain victory over sin as Romans 7:1-25 expounds. Because flesh and blood cannot possess the kingdom, those who live this way are unable to make much progress in their journey of faith. A careful reading of Romans chapters 6 and 8 offer us a glimpse into the quality of life that Elohim God wants us to live – the Spirit-led life!

Soul-driven worship

The entire pseudo-kingdom gospel and its sibling, the Mountain climbing movement deceive their followers to pursue raw ambitions under the guise that they are engaged in ‘vision’ or ‘purpose’. Unfortunately, what they lead the unwary into can actually be classified as soul worship! The pseudo-kingdom gospel is based on these planks:

- Minimize the Person and central importance of the Biblical Yeshua, Jesus as Centre, and Circumference of the Kingdom.
- Exalt the position of man as the true centre of the universe. The core issues that are strenuously packaged as revelation by almost all strands of the pseudo-kingdom gospel is that

the Kingdom of God is actually all about “you” the individual possessing all things you desire to ‘be fulfilled’ on planet earth. With powerful imagery and beautiful prose, their purveyors play on something that is deep in the soul of every human being: take charge and control of your own life and destiny!

- To cap their pernicious doctrines, the pseudo-kingdom gospel basically asks you to forget about the return of Yeshua, Jesus and even brands such talk as “religion”. This greatest of false religions specifically foisted on saints by Satan is actually an alternative gospel with an alternative Jesus who is not really The Divine Saviour, Redeemer, and Lord but merely our “senior brother”.
- Because the pseudo-kingdom gospel denies the claims of the scripture and minimizes the real and full identity of Yeshua, Jesus as very God and very man, its assignment is basically to deceive as many as possible to think they are pressing into the Kingdom whereas they are pressing into the bosom of Satan! It is the religion of man. Because its adherents have rejected the real Jesus, they will miss the sound of the Trumpet – which they also minimize. In effect, adherents of the pseudo-kingdom gospel are actually preparing some who may have been saints before to receive the mark of the Beast.

Part B. The spirit-led life, which is led by Holy Spirit

True spiritual life is one in which the redeemed human spirit actively leads the soul and body and in turn is led by Holy Spirit. The new birth experience is a spiritual encounter of the spirit of humans with Spirit of Elohim which makes it to come alive.

John 3:3-9 (KJV) 3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. 4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? 5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he

cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. 8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit. 9 Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be?

Ephesians 2:1-3 (KJV) 1 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; 2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: 3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

The human spirit is awakened from the place of death in Sin, and receives by Faith, the Salvation Elohim offers freely as an act of Grace.

Ephesians 2:4-10 (KJV) 4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, 5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) 6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: 7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

In summary, we are born again by Faith that is exercised on Who Yeshua, Jesus Is and what He accomplished for us at the Cross of Calvary. Saints are designed to live by faith as they 'see' by the inner man, hear from the Holy Spirit and act only when prompted by Him.

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Hebrews 10:38 (KJV) 38 Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

Hebrews 11:1-2 (KJV) 1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. 2 For by it the elders obtained a good report.

Hebrews 11:6 (KJV) 6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

The Kingdom is evidential

As we continue on this intensely practical course, let us receive what the Lord is bringing forth as the pathway to the Kingdom life

which we receive on the inside, and which should be manifest to all who are in contact with us

Luke 17:21 (KJV) 21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

When we live by Faith, it adds flavour to wherever we are in a self-evident manner, just as Salt is a self-evident catalyst which adds value to food. You do not need to tell anyone to come and see Light. This is because light is self-evident especially in an environment of darkness.

Matthew 5:13-16 (KJV) 13 Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. 14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. 15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Nothing is amusing to Satan as the loquacious profession of people to have the Kingdom when their lives, teachings and ministry pattern and focus offer contrary evidence! The Kingdom of Elohim God is self-evident in the lives of people who are fully subject to Him based on His Constitution and not the doctrines of men. An innumerable company of saints triumphant, as recorded in the Hebrews 11, reveal the way the Lord wants His Kingdom citizens to live.

Apart from Yeshua, Jesus Himself, there is no man who ever lived on planet earth to who was committed a greater revelation of the Kingdom life on earth than the former murderer of Tarsus, Paul. Paul himself exemplified the principles of the Kingdom and documented his journey of faith in great detail. In the closing chapter

of this age, Satan has raised worldly men of great intellectual capacity who have turned the gospel of the Kingdom into lasciviousness. These men have gone against the truth of scripture with vehemence, teaching as Kingdom truths, doctrines of devils and of men.

Matthew 5:8-9 (KJV) 8 Blessed are the pure in heart:
for they shall see God. 9 Blessed are the peacemakers:
for they shall be called the children of God.

Between the revelations God granted Paul in the epistles to the Romans, Galatians, Ephesians; Philippians and Colossians, a number of self-evident truths come forth regarding how to walk in the Spirit so that the spirit-man takes its rightful place as lead of the other two dimensions of man (the soul and the body). The spirit man, in turn, is designed to be led by Holy Spirit. To understand and live by this principle is to live the spiritual life.

Romans 8:9-16 (KJV) 9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. 10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. 12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. 13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. 15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. 16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

When the pattern so clearly set forth in the Word is understood and applied, we will be able to worship Elohim God in Spirit and in Truth as Yeshua, Jesus Himself declared.

John 4:23-24 (KJV) 23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. 24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Scriptural Principles for Living the spiritual life!

Satan will do anything to obfuscate the truth that the New Birth experience occurs in the spirit- man. The truth is that though born again, the saint still has the responsibility to cooperate with and yield to Holy Spirit Whose mandate is to work out the fullness of Yeshua in the realm of the soul (mind, will and emotion) and physical body! This is the import of the Word in Philippians 2:12-13:

Philippians 2:12-13 (KJV) 12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. 13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

As a matter of fact, 2 Peter 1:5-11 contains some graphic illustration of what the saint ought to do as part of the growth process. It says the saint must exercise due diligence to add to faith, virtue, knowledge; self-control, perseverance; godliness; brotherly kindness and love. Those who lack these virtues, though they may shout from the roof-top that they are in the Kingdom, are said to be short sighted, blind with lives that are no better than when they were in un-believing state.

2 Peter 1:5-11 (KJV) 5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; 6 And to knowledge temperance; and to

temperance patience; and to patience godliness; 7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. 8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. 10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: 11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 3:18 (KJV) 18 But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

The inside out transformation of life of the saint ensures that the Kingdom of God is not in words but in demonstration of power, starting with the power of a truly reformed life from inside out!

1 Corinthians 4:20 (KJV) 20 For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power.

Unfortunately, Satan wants saints to believe a twisted version that as long as they are born again, nothing more is required of them other than to “hang in there with Jesus” or claim that they are Kingdom citizens by slogans, even with excess baggage of a life sorely in need of an extra touch of the Cross. The favourite scripture that is used to advance this view is Romans 8:1(a) “There is now no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus...” Dangerous doctrine ensures whenever men twist scriptures out of context, picking and choosing what they want! Part b of Romans 8:1 that is often unquoted holds the key to the meaning of what Elohim is saying “who walk not according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit”. In effect, Romans 8:1 sets forth a profound truth: Those who are in Yeshua, Jesus will receive no condemnation if their spirit-

man, led by the Holy Spirit, takes pre-eminence over the flesh. The evidence of this will be the fact that they are no longer ruled by the flesh or carnal nature (their souls and physical bodies).

Romans 8: 2- 17 go on to expound some of the most glorious truths in the New Covenant related to spiritual growth of saints.

Verses 2 and 3 say: The Law of the Spirit of life in Christ sets us free from the law of sin and death which ruled man under the Old Covenant. In other words, what man could not attain by self-effort or by the system of rituals and observances of old in trying to please Elohim God was accomplished for us when Yeshua, Jesus died on our behalf at the Cross and signed our Bill of Freedom with His own blood!

We must bear in mind that the epistle to the Romans was written to saints, not sinners as Romans 1:1-7 reveal. Romans 8:4-9 tell us some profound truths: the liberty in Yeshua is reserved for saints who press on to have their carnal nature (soul + body) subjected to the authority and power of the Cross!

Romans 8:4-9 (KJV) 4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. 5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. 8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

Holy Spirit then goes ahead to make some equally strong demands on saints who yearn to walk in son ship and are ready for the day when Yeshua, Jesus will appear to release the glorious bodies of His

faithful. They must deny their flesh (soul + body) the pre-eminence they desire. The reason is that the spirit of man is where the Holy Spirit resides right from the day of the new birth. See how it is stated in Romans 8:12-17

Romans 8:12-17 (KJV) 12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. 13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. 15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. 16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: 17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

Additional guidance for Spiritual dominance over the flesh

In Galatians 5:16-21, Holy Spirit uses Paul again to set forth in clear language the dangers of the soul-led life. The downward descent of life to the state where the person who was presumably born again is no longer able to possess the Kingdom at its fullness is set out with precision. Saint, please pay attention here:

Galatians 5:16-21 (KJV) 16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. 18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. 19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, 20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that

they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

As we abide in Yeshua (John 15:1-8) and cooperate with Holy Spirit, He infuses our spirit-man with strength which manifests as 'fruit', not 'works'.

Galatians 5:22-24 (KJV) 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. 24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

In the epic epistle to the Ephesians, Holy Spirit again uses Paul to bring forth some uncomfortable truths. It is apposite to state that Ephesians is possibly one of the scriptures that Satan twists to present the doctrine of the New Plastic Cross. Satan does it by making so called Kingdom preachers to dwell on twisted interpretations of Chapters 1, 2 and possibly 3 which deal with what Yeshua did for us to the exclusion of chapters 4, 5, 6 which focus on responsibilities of saints to walk in the Light of His glory. Those who prefer to believe the ensuring half of truth and toy with their eternal states cannot blame Elohim God when they come face to face with their infernal future! Nowhere in the New Covenant are saints permitted to live by their soul (mind, will, emotion) or the motions of their physical bodies. Nowhere does Elohim God permit any saint to suggest that the New Covenant has no rules! Rules of the New Covenant are righteous principles of godliness which those who are indeed redeemed recognise as needful and embrace same by Faith, relying on the grace released by indwelling Holy Spirit to live out.

In this regard, it is needful to use the framework of fixed components of the Kingdom to see how these things work out in everyday living. Every Kingdom has four fixed constants or pillars amongst many others:

1. A King Who is a Supreme Ruler. Yeshua, Jesus, the God-Man is King of the Kingdom. The Kingdoms of this world have a

limited span. As yet, they are permitted to stay under the suzerainty of Satan who keeps them through deceit and lies. A day is coming however when the Kingdoms of this world will become His Kingdom as Revelation 11:15 reveals. In that day, Yeshua, Jesus will return in glory, vanquish the armies of this world and their kings. He will set up a Kingdom and rule with as many saints who were faithful in what was committed to them on this side of eternity. Luke 19:11-28;

Revelation 1:6-8 (KJV) 6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. 7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen. 8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

Revelation 5:9-10 (KJV) 9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; 10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

Revelation 20:1-6 (KJV) 1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, 3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season. 4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which

had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. 5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. 6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

Those who will be part of this glorious future phase of the Kingdom are those who willingly submit to the Sovereign rule of Yeshua as King and Lord in every dimension of life, not just Saviour.

2. A Constitution or rule book which states the rights, privileges, and obligations of citizens. The Bible is our constitution which no man has the right to tamper with it.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (KJV) 16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

True saints do not struggle with the Word. Rather, they embrace the word as Truth which is to be lived out by Grace of Elohim.

3. The domain is the sphere of the realm of the Kingdom. The dominion incorporates all those who are subject to the Sovereign rule of Yeshua in the present dimension of the Kingdom.

Why is it so? The whole world system lies in the hand of the wicked one, rejects the authority of Elohim God and will progressively grow away from Him until Yeshua, Jesus returns to put down their rebellion, put Satan where he belongs then rule and reign on earth.

1 John 5:19 (KJV) 19 And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.

At Calvary Yeshua, Jesus judged Satan, paid the price for the original sin of Adam so that all those who receive what He did for them will be liberated and set free to the glorious liberty of sons. It is not just those who are blood-washed who are part of the dominion of God, but all who submit to His reign and rule in every department of life.

4. Ambassadors of the King who represent him at the court of other Kings. In this present life, we are called out of the world to be Ambassadors to it representing Yeshua, Jesus as His witnesses.

John 17:9 (KJV) 9 I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.

John 17:14-16 8 (KJV) 14 I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. 15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. 16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

Acts 1:8 (KJV)8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

To be able to live out the ambassadorial life, saints need to press further into the Lord, laying hold of the grace poured out at Calvary to become truly spiritual beings who do not judge or act according to what their carnal senses suggest but in reality, die to their old man and carnal natures. This way, they simply become mere vessels to contain, carry and manifest the life of the risen Messiah! Here is a treatise on how saints should deal with their soul driven life so that their spirit man can spring forth to manifest the life of Yeshua. Let us read Ephesians 4:17-32:

Ephesians 4:17-32 (KJV) 17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, 18 Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: 19 Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. 20 But ye have not so learned Christ; 21 If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus: 22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; 23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; 24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. 25 Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. 26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: 27 Neither give place to the devil. 28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. 29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. 30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: 32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Philippians 2:12-15 proceeds to tell us another inconvenient truth: saints have a responsibility to work out their salvation with fear and trembling and places some degree of responsibility to maintain what has been graciously received:

Philippians 2:12-15 (KJV) 12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. 13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. 14 Do all things without murmurings and disputings: 15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

In the book of Colossians chapter 3:1-17, Paul the Apostle was inspired to challenge those who claim to be saints to press into the actual possession of the Kingdom by what they reject and what they bring on board. The challenge is simple: if we are indeed risen with The Messiah, the focus of life should be Him alone! When there is such intense focus on Him, it reflects on choices we make. The saint is required to choose the pure over the impure; right over wrong and to do everything to the glory of Elohim God. These instructions are easy to obey for those who truly are Kingdom citizens. These are saints who have renounced their right to self-ownership and handed over all of their beings – spirit, soul, and body – to Yeshua Jesus to be Lord and Supreme Ruler.

Colossians 3:1-17 (KJV) 1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. 2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory. 5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: 6 For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: 7 In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them. 8 But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy

communication out of your mouth. 9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; 10 And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: 11 Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all. 12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; 13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. 14 And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. 15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. 17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

Assignment: 1. What is the Flesh and Carnality? Please explain 2. Please describe the spiritual led life 3. Describe Scriptural Principles for Living the spiritual life! 4. Share 3 main take aways for you from this lesson

Chapter 5

Sanctification of the Soul: the key to the Kingdom Life

As said earlier in this teaching, the human being is made up of three distinct but congruent components – the spirit, soul, and body. The soul in turn has three compartments, namely: the Mind; the will and the emotion. The mind is made up of:

1. The intellect (physically known as the brain) which processes information from outside and inside the body,
 2. the memory which stores information and
 3. the imagination which is the creative base of the soul with capacity to “see” things that are not yet visible and plan their creation just as God does. Every invention of man is a function of the interplay of his intellect, memory, and imagination! The mind conceived and created the aircraft flying 40,000 feet above sea level as well as the submarine which carries nuclear war heads 25,000 feet below sea level. The mind created such an outstanding platform like Facebook as well as the great medical inventions which save lives of millions world-wide.
- The mind is a very powerful tool of self-preservation. It therefore tends to frame every activity within the context of self. This is the root issue in selfishness and self-centeredness’. When the mind is applied to spiritual issues, the result can be devastating: religiosity and dead works of Phariseeism
 - When the mind engages with the emotion, a dangerous cocktail of secular humanism results! These scriptures show that we cannot find Elohim God through exertions of the natural mind:

Job 11:7-9 (KJV) 7 Canst thou by searching find out God? canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection?
8 It is as high as heaven; what canst thou do? deeper than hell; what canst thou know? 9 The measure thereof is longer than the earth, and broader than the sea.

1 Corinthians 2:6-16 (KJV) 6 Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: 7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: 8 Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. 10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. 13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. 15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. 16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? but we have the mind of Christ

The mind has a natural tendency to think in carnal terms while God demands death of the old man before we can serve Him acceptably. Unfortunately, Satan has successfully caused humans to attempt to serve God out of their minds and emotions rather than in their spirit-man as Elohim God desires (John 4:23,24). Our heavenly Father demands obedience, not the exertions of our soul! This spiritual blindness leads many to try to circumvent the Holy Scriptures and invent pseudo-Kingdom messages which appeal to the human reason.

2 Corinthians 4:1-6 (KJV) 1 Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; 2 But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. 3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: 4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. 5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. 6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The Grand Key to spiritual success: Sanctification of the Soul!

Religion tends to pursue holiness with the wrong tools: a list of do's and don'ts which people are expected to keep in order to be outwardly pious, even if their inner man: spirit, soul are unhealthy. We are told to avoid this pathway:

Colossians 2:8, 16-23 (KJV) 8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: 17 Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ. 18 Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, 19 And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and

knit together, increaseth with the increase of God. 20 Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances, 21 (Touch not; taste not; handle not; 22 Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men? 23 Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body: not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh.

The natural mind cannot truly serve the Lord!

Romans 8:5-8 (KJV) 5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. 8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

1 Corinthians 2:14 (KJV) 14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

In the Kingdom the way to achieve inner purity involves sanctification of the spirit, soul, and body with spiritual means as the saints yearn to be holy, just like their heavenly Father.

1 Peter 1:15-16 (KJV) 15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; 16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

It must be emphasized that genuine sanctification is achieved by divine, rather than carnal means or self-effort.

Colossians 2:6-15 (KJV) 6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: 7 Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. 8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. 9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. 10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: 11 In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: 12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. 13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; 14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; 15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

2 Corinthians 7:1:7 (KJV) 7 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

A core revelation of this course is the reality that Elohim is willing and ever ready to sanctify us wholly!

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 (KJV) 23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

Indicators that a saint needs sanctification of the Soul

In everyday life, there are some manifestations of the carnal nature which The Lord wants to deal with and root out of every saint:

- Inherent capacity for jealousy, envy, and other negative emotions such as bitterness, anger, wrath, anxiety, worry and unbelief
- easy tendency to take offence over things that do not work the way one intended
- disappointment with people who do not meet your expectations or when things are outside your control.
- easy tendency to be hurt in the emotions because of unhealed damages and wounds that are ever fresh to the extent that the least stimuli triggers them
- pride of life; desire to be seen; desire to be commended for doing what is normal duty and

These and many more are simply manifestations of diseases in the soul which negate ability of Christians to be holy and live out Kingdom principles.

Outcome of sanctification in the soul:

1. The sanctified soul is one which has been dethroned from leadership of the being. As the spirit man takes ascendancy as prime mover of life, it acts according to the dictates and leading of Holy Spirit.

Romans 8:14 (KJV) For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God

2. The saint is thus able to live by faith and not by sight as he/she used to do.

2 Corinthians 5:7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

3. The sanctified life is one where the supreme love of God takes root as well as love of fellow men.
4. The sanctified soul, for instance, is able to love people of the opposite gender without hidden agendas
5. It can do good out of a pure heart without seeking recognition and reciprocation!
6. The sanctified soul will recognize the limits of your anointing and spiritual gifting and receive others so that the Body of Yeshua can be built up by what every joint supplies (Ephesians 4:11-16). It therefore does not compete but rather complements others.
7. The sanctified soul does not rebel against authority because there is a right alignment within the being!
8. The sanctified soul knows only Yeshua redeemed and owns them. Neither religious/spiritual leaders nor governments can claim ownership or demand allegiance which negatively impacts their relationship with our heavenly Father.
9. Sanctification enables a saint to walk in righteousness of the Kingdom which Matthew 6:33 says that we should seek, even as we yearn for and wait for the return of Yeshua Jesus to rule and reign. In other words, the Lord calls His own to live in the present for the future! Live in the light of the eternal phase of the Kingdom giving no one and anything any cause to make you to miss the world to come!
10. Those who press into this state are able to represent Yeshua, Jesus before men in this present time because they are His Ambassadors to an alien world, the royal priesthood. 1 Peter 2:9-12
11. He rules and reigns their spirit, soul, and body. They have no other agenda than to be yielded vessels through which the King of Kings demonstrates His Person, Character and Power to a dying and lost world.
12. They dare not charge any fee for anyone to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit they received freely nor can they afford the dainties and fancies of this present world which will assuredly come to an end one day!

1 John 2:15-17 (KJV) 15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. 17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

This is the Kingdom life which does not consist of food and drink but manifests in righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit!

Romans 14:17-19 (KJV) 17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. 18 For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men. 19 Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

Saints, in all thy getting, get this qualitative Kingdom life! Do not be deceived by vain words of those who make the Kingdom of God a one liner and turn it into a doctrine of man, devoid of the power of the transformed soul!

Two critical facts stand out concerning sanctification

1. It is the perfect will of our heavenly Father to sanctify us completely in the realm of the soul so that the natural tendency to gravitate towards or yield to sin is rooted out of the saints.

This is expressed in:

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 (KJV) 23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the

coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

1 Thessalonians 4:3-8 (KJV) 3 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: 4 That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour; 5 Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God: 6 That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified. 7 For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness. 8 He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit.

Philippians 1:6 (KJV) 6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

With sanctification, our whole being (spirit, soul, and body) is preserved blameless unto the coming of the Lord Jesus. At this point, Elohim corrects a distortion in the human persona. He restores our spirit man to lead the whole body. The soul with its proclivity to carnality (walking by sight, sound, touch, smell) is thus subjected to the spirit man which is where Holy Spirit resides and leads those who live and walk by faith. It is in this way that we can by Grace come to a state of holiness 24/7 without struggle because we are empowered to love righteousness and hate iniquity, just like Yeshua in Hebrews 1:9. This is the best place to be since no one knows the hour when Yeshua, Jesus will return. It is the pure in heart who will hear the sound of the Trumpet and “see God” on that day. It is this state of heat which is able to penetrate the spheres of first and second heaven to approach His Throne of Grace in prayer.

Hebrews 12:14-15 (KJV) 14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: 15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of

God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;

Psalm 15:1-5 (KJV) 1 Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill? 2 He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart. 3 He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour. 4 In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the Lord. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not. 5 He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved.

Psalm 24:3-6 (KJV) 3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place? 4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. 5 He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation. 6 This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah.

2. Let us note that Elohim will not impose sanctification on us. He requires our willing cooperation. Sanctification thus calls for a DIVINE-HUMAN PARTNERSHIP. Philippians 2:12, 13 – 16 outline our part and the consequences of receiving His touch. Our part in the process is Yearning for the experience, Praying earnestly, in Faith and Yielding to the inward work of Holy Spirit!
- 2.1 We should never relax with our salvation experience or base our Kingdom life on the theories and suppositions of men. The Lord wants us to deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow Him to have the self-life (also called old man or better still the soul) crucified with Him.

Matthew 16:24-25 (KJV) 24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. 25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. When this sanctification experience happens as Paul describes, we no longer live but The Messiah lives in and through us, manifesting and demonstrating the Kingdom life through our vessels.

Galatians 2:20 (KJV) 20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

The Two dimensions of sanctification.

- Instant/Crises dimension: Sanctification is a gift from our heavenly Father requiring strong desire, and faith that are released at the place of persistent prayer until the experience comes through as the Adamic nature or Old man is rooted out. This is the crises dimension of sanctification.
- Progressive dimension: All through our lives, we are to allow the Holy Spirit to utilize every challenge, fire of affliction, and all manner of challenges or problem encountered to work out in us greater realms of Grace. It is never ending because we still live in an imperfect world filled with imperfect people, even in the Kingdom. They will knowingly or unknowingly step on our toes. People have lifestyles that are at variance with ours so there will always be things that seek to irritate and agitate us.

We find this progressive sanctification on a fast track if only we heed one critical counsel found in Philippians 2:12-15: avoid murmuring and disputations when you encounter a challenge or difficulty. Rather believe that our ever-loving heavenly Father allowed it to happen as an instrument of victory! Even if it was a

stumbling block Satan placed to block you, believe that it will become the very pedestal on which Elohim God will place you and display His glory! Joseph the son of Jacob understood this principle and turned out to be an outstanding saint who was never bitter with life, even when the turns seemed bad (Genesis 45:1-8) This lifelong dimension was also demonstrated by the outstanding vessel Paul in Philippians 3:1-16. This is why Holy Spirit used Paul to pen these immortal words:

Romans 8:28-39 (KJV) 28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. 29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified. 31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? 32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? 33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. 34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. 37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. 38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

2 Corinthians 12:7-10 (KJV) 7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. 8 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. 9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

We thus never really ‘arrive’ until we breath the last breathe! We are progressively wiser, more mature, more patient, more understanding of human frailties both in us and in others! This is a truly humbling thought! If there are four words which sums up our role in the entire process, they are these: Yearning/Desire, Prayer; Faith and Yielding to Holy Spirit! Elohim is pleased when we embrace every challenge that comes our way with equanimity and prayerfully turn them over to Him in full assurance of faith that He will see us through. Our Father wants us to trust that He will not allow any situation beyond our capacity of grace to come upon us

1 Corinthians 10:13 (KJV) 13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

With this mindset, we enter into His Rest!

Assignment: 1. Please describe what sanctification is and why every saint needs to experience it. Use some of the truths outlined in the first part of this chapter 2. What are some of the indicators that a saint needs to experience sanctification? 3. Out of the 12 outcomes of sanctification of the soul, please outline any 7. 4. Please

summarise the 2 critical facts which stand out about Sanctification
5. Describe the two dimensions of sanctification 6. What is the
impact of this chapter and the Course on you?

Chapter 6

Perfecting Holiness in the Body

Let us start by reflecting on the import of this scripture which was written in the context of the instructions for godly living which precludes immorality in 1 Corinthians chapters 5 and 6:

2 Corinthians 7:1 (KJV) 7 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

The human body is one of the most complex yet beautifully woven works of art ever created by God! In Genesis chapter 2: 7 we see that whereas God spoke the heavens and earth into being, He uniquely created man out of the dust of the earth! There is nothing else on earth that matches the beauty of the human body. Psalm 139 captures the essence of the human nature:

Psalm 139:13-18 (KJV) 13 For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. 14 I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. 15 My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. 16 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them. 17 How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them! 18 If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.

A. The Physical Body as a marvel of creation

Here is how one internet site describes the human some parts of the human body. While we are not experts to independently verify, yet we believe the statistics are very plausible:

- The average human brain has about 100 billion nerve cells.
- Nerve impulses to and from the brain travel as fast as 170 miles (274 km) per hour.
- The only jointless bone in your body is the hyoid bone in your throat
- It's impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.
- Your stomach needs to produce a new layer of mucus every two weeks, or it would digest itself.
- It takes the interaction of 72 different muscles to produce human speech
- The average life of a taste bud is 10 days.
- The average cough comes out of your mouth at 60 miles (96.5 km) per hour.
- Relative to size, the strongest muscle in the body is the tongue.
- Human thigh bones are stronger than concrete.
- When you sneeze, all your bodily functions stop even your heart.
- Babies are born without kneecaps. They don't appear until the child reaches 2-6 years of age.
- It takes the stomach an hour to break down cow milk.
- If you go blind in one eye you only lose about one fifth of your vision but all your sense of depth.
- The average human head weighs about 8 pounds.
- In the average lifetime, a person will walk the equivalent of 5 times around the equator.
- An average human scalp has 100,000 hairs.
- The length of the finger dictates how fast the fingernail grows. Therefore, the nail on your middle finger grows the fastest, and on average, your toenails grow twice as slow as your fingernails.
- The average human blinks their eyes 6,205,000 times each year.

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- The entire length of all the eyelashes shed by a human in their life is over 98 feet (30 m).
- Your skull is made up of 29 different bones.
- After you die, your body starts to dry out creating the illusion that your hair and nails are still growing after death.
- Hair is made from the same substance as fingernails.
- The average surface of the human intestine is 656 square feet (200 m).
- A healthy adult can draw in about 200 to 300 cubic inches (3.3 to 4.9 liters) of air at a single breath, but at rest only about 5% of this volume is used.
- The surface of the human skin is 6.5 square feet (2m).
- 15 million blood cells are destroyed in the human body every second.
- The most sensitive cluster of nerves is at the base of the spine.
- The human body is comprised of 80% water.
- The average human will shed 40 pounds of skin in a lifetime.
- Every year about 98% of the atoms in your body are replaced.
- The human heart creates enough pressure to squirt blood 30 feet (9 m).
- You were born with 300 bones. When you get to be an adult, you have 206.
- Human thighbones are stronger than concrete.
- There are 45 miles (72 km) of nerves in the skin of a human being.
- The average human heart will beat 3,000 million times in its lifetime and pump 48 million gallons of blood.
- Each square inch (2.5 cm) of human skin consists of 20 feet (6 m) of blood vessels.
- During a 24-hour period, the average human will breathe 23,040 times.
- Human blood travels 60,000 miles (96,540 km) per day on its journey through the body.

B. Lust and Cravings of the soul: chief issue of the human body

The human body has its own kinds of cravings which may war against true spirituality. Because the physical body lives within a fallen world and corrupt environment, it is normally “pulled” towards that which catches its attention and holds its interest. Because the body is created to be a medium or vessel, it can make no interpretation of external stimuli on its own. It rather relies on the soul to interpret what it sees, hears, touches, feels, and smells. If the soul is sanctified and subject to the spirit man which in turn is subject to the Holy Spirit, it will transmit warning of danger to the physical body concerning an object of temptation. The exertion of the soul will thus prevent the body from venturing further into actual state of sin. If the soul is un-sanctified, its interpretation of what the body makes contact with or is exposed to will trigger negative motions which deconstruct the body further and make it progress towards sin. This tendency to crave for what is worldly, sinful, or negatively impact spirituality is called Lust. Lusting after what Elohim specifically prohibits in Constitution of the Kingdom is the root of all sin, just as it was for Eve in the Garden of Eden.

James 4:1-5 (KJV) 1 From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? 2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. 3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. 4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. 5 Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?

1 Peter 4:1-3 (KJV) 1 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; 2 That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God. 3 For the time past of our life may suffice us to

have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries:

Instead of taking responsibility and crying to The Father for mercy, some people are prone to give excuses when they drag their physical bodies down to sins of various types. Some even blame Elohim God while others are quick to blame Satan. Here is what James 1:13-15 says to such situations:

James 1:13-15 (KJV) 13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: 14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. 15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

Satan has no power to force a saint to sin against his or her will. He can tempt, seduce through throwing of fiery darts of negative suggestions/thoughts designed to make evil appear desirable, just as he demonstrated with Eve in Genesis 3: 1-6. The truth is that ALL saints have the capacity in Yeshua to resist Satan and refuse his solicitations to sin because of the victory Yeshua procured for us at the Cross.

John 10:10 (KJV) 10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

1 Peter 5:8-9 (KJV) 8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: 9 Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

Body needs to be brought under subjection through spiritual discipline

When the body is left alone, it can go rogue towards sinful proclivities. That is why it needs to be brought under subjection to leadership of Holy Spirit and the sanctified soul. When it is thus aligned, the body ceases to act independently. Spiritual disciplines like constant study of the word creates knowledge and understanding of the mind of the Father and an inward purification of impulses. By regular, consistent prayers, there is heightened awareness of the presence of Elohim

Worst sin against the Body: Immorality!

In 1 Corinthians 6:9, we learn that sins against the body are grievous indeed in the sight of God and can cost perpetrators access to the Kingdom of God:

1 Corinthians 6:9-20 (KJV) 9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, 10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God. 12 All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. 13 Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body. 14 And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power. 15 Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid. 16 What? know ye not that he which

is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh. 17 But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit. 18 Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. 19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

A Fallacy: “it does not matter what we do with the Body”.

Those who claim that it does not matter what we do with the Body as long as we have ‘a relationship with The Father’ are clinging to a fallacy! True Salvation is by Grace through Faith. Those who are saved are required to give their physical bodies the space to become conduits of manifesting the Nature, Presence and power of Yeshua Who reigns supreme in the heart. This is the basis for these scriptures which prove that true Faith produces holy works of the Body:

James 2:17-26 (KJV) 17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. 18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. 19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. 20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? 21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? 22 Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? 23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God. 24 Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only. 25 Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she

had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way? 26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

Titus 3:1-8 (KJV) 3 Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work, 2 To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men. 3 For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another. 4 But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, 5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; 6 Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; 7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. 8 This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.

Sins of the Body

The Body is a house for the spirit and soul. To that extent, what is done by the human while alive will be accounted for. When a human exercises faith in the Blood sacrifice of Yeshua on Calvary Cross, there is redemption which produces a new creature in the spirit-man according to Ephesians 2:1-10 and 2 Corinthians 5:17. The realms of the soul, and body need to be continuously brought into alignment under leadership of the spirit-man which is in turn to be led by Holy Spirit. To that extent, if the saint remained in the Lord until death, living in obedience, as it pleases Elohim, the Body will not be a candidate for eternal damnation in the lake of Fire and Brimstone. On the resurrection morning or Day of Rapture, the

saints will be ushered to the Judgement Seat of Yeshua to give account.

2 Corinthians 5:10-16 (KJV) 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. 11 Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences. 12 For we commend not ourselves again unto you, but give you occasion to glory on our behalf, that ye may have somewhat to answer them which glory in appearance, and not in heart. 13 For whether we be beside ourselves, it is to God: or whether we be sober, it is for your cause. 14 For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: 15 And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again. 16 Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more.

For saints, this will not be a judgement unto condemnation for purposes of eternal damnation. It will rather count for or against us concerning the rewards in the hereafter for faithfulness to Elohim God and His Kingdom in the present. On that day, all the things which were done in the secret, including motives for getting into and running ministry; life on Facebook, other social media and telephone conversations; how we related to brethren of the opposite gender; how faithfully we executed the Kingdom assignment for which we were redeemed will be brought to play before the Just Judge of the whole earth

Mark 4:22 (KJV) 22 For there is nothing hid, which shall not be manifested; neither was any thing kept secret, but that it should come abroad.

What Satan has successfully done is to try to deceive saints with false doctrines which suggest that once you are saved, nothing you do is counted against you! This dangerous doctrine simply turns the grace of God into lasciviousness and is based on twisting of scriptures. Let us examine the truths in 10 passages of the New Covenant which contain clear instructions for godly living by those who believe.

1 Corinthians 3:10-17 (KJV) 10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. 11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; 13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. 14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. 15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire. 16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? 17 If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

Galatians 5:13-21 (KJV) 13 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. 14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 15 But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another. 16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye

cannot do the things that ye would. 18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. 19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, 20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Ephesians 4:16-32 (KJV) 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love. 17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, 18 Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: 19 Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. 20 But ye have not so learned Christ; 21 If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus: 22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; 23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; 24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. 25 Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. 26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: 27 Neither give place to the devil. 28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. 29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that

it may minister grace unto the hearers. 30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: 32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Ephesians 5:1-14 (KJV) 1 Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; 2 And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour. 3 But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; 4 Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. 5 For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. 6 Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. 7 Be not ye therefore partakers with them. 8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: 9 (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) 10 Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. 11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. 12 For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret. 13 But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light. 14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

Hebrews 6:4-8 (KJV) 4 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy

Ghost, 5 And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, 6 If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame. 7 For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessing from God: 8 But that which beareth thorns and briers is rejected, and is nigh unto cursing; whose end is to be burned.

Hebrews 10:28-31 (KJV) 28 He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: 29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? 30 For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people. 31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

2 Peter 2:19-22 (KJV) 19 While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage. 20 For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. 21 For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. 22 But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

1 Peter 2:9-25 (KJV) 9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light; 10 Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy. 11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; 12 Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation. 13 Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; 14 Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well. 15 For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: 16 As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God. 17 Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king. 18 Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward. 19 For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. 20 For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God. 21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: 22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: 23 Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: 24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. 25 For

ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

Revelation 21:7-8 (KJV) 7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. 8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

Revelation 22:11-15 (KJV) 11 He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. 12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. 13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. 14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. 15 For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

In the next chapter, we will examine the gates of the Body and how Satan tries to use them to manipulate believers to sin against Elohim.

Assignment: 1. How would you describe the body in the light of the revelations in this chapter? 2. Please summarise the subsection titled “Lust and Cravings of the soul: chief issue of the human body 3. Please share your main takeaway from this chapter

Chapter 7

Gates of the Body, their besetting sins and the way out

A besetting sin is one in which a saint is prone to fall into more often than not. It is a sin which has developed a strong root, is like second nature and occurs without effort. This is because it was not identified and dealt with when Holy Spirit first revealed it. Consequently, deliverance from them may seem impossible, leading to a life of struggle and defeat. However, we have a sure word of Elohim concerning how to get the Body out of ‘habitual sins’

Hebrews 12:1-4 (KJV) 1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, 2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. 4 Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.

The first remedy is “Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith”. He alone has the power to deliver, and He is ever willing to deliver to the uttermost and keep us safe and holy, if only we will let go of self-effort and commit all our lives to Him, withholding nothing and any part. The second key is in verse 4: to resist unto blood, striving against Sin. There has to be a holistic rejection of the power of Sin, shutting down all gates of seduction through which Satan entices us, giving no room for the flesh. Elohim is able to deliver to the uttermost those who love righteousness, hate iniquity, and strive against sin, relying on Yeshua for victory!

Hebrews 7:25-27 (KJV) 25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. 26

For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; 27 Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself.

Jude 24-25 (KJV) 24 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, 25 To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

The Major Gates of the body.

Cities and nations have gates through which people, spirits and goods enter. In the same way, the human body has external organs which function as gates or access points. As the spirit and soul is sanctified, the Lord releases the power of His grace which gives saints the capacity to intentionally guard the gates of their beings, shutting off the undesirable and evil while giving access only to what will edify or empower. In this lesson, we shall discuss 8 gates.

1. Eyes - The eyes have lids which can be shut or open at will. When our eyes are open, we can see all kinds of things – the wholesome, and edifying as well as the unwholesome and unedifying. What makes the difference is the quality of our hearts and minds and the degree of discipline or self-control we exercise over what the eyes 'see'. Here is the testimony of Job:

Job 31:1 (KJV) 31 I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid?

The problem lies with 'looking' at people or objects beyond what are reasonable and safe. Gazing intently at such objects causes the soul to lust after them or yearn for them and thus trigger negative passions and desires. This happens when a believer gazes either at a

person, film/video, or picture of the opposite gender. Satan, who instigated that gaze, in the first place, then throws fiery darts of suggestions which activate lustful passions in those who are weak or ignorant. The result is lust, which is sin, as Jesus explained in the sermon on the Mount:

Matthew 5:27-28 (KJV) 27 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: 28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

The solution of Yeshua is radical and practical, requiring exercise of helpful spiritual discipline:

Matthew 5:29 (KJV) 29 And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.

The simplest advice to give saints is this: do not allow your physical body to be put in a situation where you have to struggle to come out of it. This includes allowing visitation at unholy hours by brethren from the opposite gender, even if engaged lawfully to marry. The marriage estate is a holy one and should be devoid of pre-marital sexual activity of any sort.

Hebrews 13:4 (KJV) 4 Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.

2. Ears – The fact that the ear is permanently open reveals that it is a potentially dangerous gate and also a potentially useful one. Even Jesus warned us to mind what we hear!

Mark 4:24 (KJV) 24 And he said unto them, Take heed what ye hear: with what measure ye mete, it shall be

measured to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given.

The plan of Elohim God is that we are swift to hear but slow to speak. We are to guard our ears from gossip, backbiting, malicious communication, and unwholesome words. Our ears should not be an open dumpster infested with vermin that are crawling all over the inside. What this means is that what we hear should be processed against the backdrop of this framework to determine if it deserves further attention or be taken off our consciousness.

Philippians 4:8 (KJV) 8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

The redeemed of the Lord have an awesome capacity to live out these precepts because they are inscribed in our hearts. What the Lord is looking for is our yielded-ness and submission to His Lordship over all aspect of our lives including our responses to what we hear. In effect, he or she who would act on what is heard without first hearing from the Lord concerning what to do in response is displaying carnality which is simply to be ruled by what the natural senses suggest.

James 1:19-21 (KJV) 19 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: 20 For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. 21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

3. Nose – It is through the nose that we perceive and smell odours. What is perceived through the nostrils can trigger off the soul to interpret. As the soul interprets the odour, it

can take over the body and respond to fiery darts or suggestions of the wicked one. There are men and women who have been destabilized by the scent of perfumes worn by people of the opposite gender. Knowing this truth, Satan instigates manufacturers to produce perfumes which emit powerful scents that are intended to “trap and kill” their victims! Whether you are male or female, allow the Holy Spirit to work through your conscience to question the motive behind the particular brand of perfume, body spray or cologne/after-shave you use. Is there any seductive disposition behind your preference?

4. Skin – The skin is a gate to the body, containing so many nerves which are capable of triggering emotions when used or touched wrongly at the wrong places. It is dangerous for saints to use their fingers to touch people of the same or opposite genders in regions of the body considered sensitive. This is because the nerves can convey messages whose interpretation can lead to sin.

Kingdom culture requires that certain parts of the human body should be well covered.

1 Corinthians 12:22-24 (KJV) 22 Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary: 23 And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness. 24 For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked.

For a sister to wear a dress which keeps half of the front or back bare is to walk without proper moral boundaries which can unleash negative instincts in brothers within the congregation. To claim that it does not matter is to display ignorance of the duty of care which requires saints to be charitable towards the weaker.

Romans 14:20-22 (KJV) 20 For meat destroy not the work of God. All things indeed are pure; but it is evil for that man who eateth with offence. 21 It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak. 22 Hast thou faith? have it to thyself before God. Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth.

1 Corinthians 15:1-3 (KJV) 1 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; 2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. 3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

5. Mouth /Tongue - The mouth is a gate the enemy tries to use to get saints into a whole bunch of troubles including but not limited to:

- Lying; exaggerating

Ephesians 4:25 (KJV) 25 Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.

- boasting; hypocrisy; venting pride; talking down on the less privileged.

Mark 7:6 (KJV) 6 He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.

Venting anger in the soul; expressing wrath; clamour; swearing; cursing;

Romans 12:14 (KJV) 14 Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.

Ephesians 4:26, 31 (KJV) 26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:

31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

James 1:19-20 (KJV) 19 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: 20 For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.

There is extensive exposition of sins of the tongue in the New Testament.

James 3:1-16 (KJV) 1 My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation. 2 For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body. 3 Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body. 4 Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth. 5 Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! 6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. 7 For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind: 8 But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. 9 Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of

God. 10 Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. 11 Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter? 12 Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh. 13 Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. 14 But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. 15 This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. 16 For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

- Evil speech that does not glorify God including lewd remarks; sexual advances; (Ephesians 4:2)
- Expressing racist, ethnic and gender chauvinism;
- Displaying greed and lack of moderation in eating food and drinking alcohol; smoking harmful substances such as cigarette/cigars.

Philippians 4:5 (KJV) 5 Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.

The mouth/tongue should not be given space to start or respond to unholy communications. To walk in ignorance of potentially harmful weaknesses will lead a saint to start a fire, which when put into the bosom can burn with lust until sin occurs. Most sinful relationships start as casual conversation on social media which when not reigned in can destroy testimony.

Proverbs 6:27 (KJV) 27 Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned?

6. The Fingers – In the age of the internet and computers, the fingers are extensively used to express all the sins of the tongue including lying, boasting, and seduction. In a contemporary sense, the fingers now represent “feet that run

to do evil” Proverbs 1:16. We are called to be radical about deliverance from any evil propensity within the natural being.

Matthew 5:30 (KJV) 30 And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.

7. Feet – The feet signify the base of the entire being. Most sins involved a movement from the place of safety to a place of attraction which offers secret liaison for immoral pleasure; financial gratification; or indulgence in alcohol or other substances. Saints have no business to continue to patronise barbing shops or hair salons where the language and environment is toxic to spirituality.

Proverbs 1:15-17 (KJV) 15 My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path: 16 For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood. 17 Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird.

If you are a minister on mission, it is better to stay in homes of brethren than to prefer hotels.

Matthew 10:10-13 (KJV) 10 Nor scrip for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of his meat. 11 And into whatsoever city or town ye shall enter, enquire who in it is worthy; and there abide till ye go thence. 12 And when ye come into an house, salute it. 13 And if the house be worthy, let your peace come upon it: but if it be not worthy, let your peace return to you.

If you have to stay in hotels, exercise due diligence in research to determine if the area is spiritually suitable or not. It is best practice to not allow visitors of the opposite gender to visit you alone even in the daytime!

Living proactively is always the key to living the clean, overcoming life! If Satan could tempt Yeshua, Jesus, no one in the Kingdom is immune. However, the fact that Yeshua, Jesus had victory on the basis of “It is written” tells us that our own victories are assured, if only we will heed wise counsel from the Word and wage effectually! Matthew 4: 1-11

1 Corinthians 10:12-13 (KJV) 12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. 13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

8. Reproductive/Sexual Organs – They are placed in the Body for use within the context of marriage only. There is no grey area of permission outside that context. Though the enemy may attempt variously activate the soul to lust after what is not given to the individual saint, necessity behoves us to know by the Spirit to submit to the Lord our mortal bodies, obey His Word and keep our vessels pure from adultery (sexual relations involving a married person outside the spouse) and fornication (sexual relations involving single people)

1 Corinthians 6:9-11, 18-20 (KJV) 9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, 10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

18 Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. 19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Colossians 3:1-6 (KJV) 1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. 2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory. 5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: 6 For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:

1 Thessalonians 4:3-8 (KJV) 3 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: 4 That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour; 5 Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God: 6 That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified. 7 For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness. 8 He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit.

2 Timothy 2:22 (KJV) 22 Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

That one is engaged and will wed in Church the very next hour does not give a saint any excuse to get involved in pre-marital sexual activity! The sexual organs have been put in place by God for lawful procreation (Genesis 1:28) and legitimate pleasure in the context of godly marriage (Genesis 2:24,25; 1 Corinthians 7: 1-9

Genesis 1:28 (KJV) 28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Genesis 2:24-25 (KJV) 24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. 25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

1 Corinthians 7:1-9 (KJV) 1 Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman. 2 Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband. 3 Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband. 4 The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife. 5 Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency. 6 But I speak this by permission, and not of commandment. 7 For I would that all men were even as I myself. But every man hath his proper gift of God, one after this manner, and another after that. 8 I say therefore to the unmarried and widows, it is good for them if they abide even as I. 9 But if they cannot contain, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn.

Let this point be made again: If the soul is un-sanctified, its interpretation of what the body makes contact with will trigger negative motions which deconstruct the body further and makes it progress towards sin. Instead of taking responsibility and crying to God for mercy, some people are prone to give excuses when they drag their physical bodies down to sins of various types. Some even blame God while others are quick to blame Satan. Here is what James 1:13-15 says to such situations:

James 1:13-15 (KJV) 13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: 14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. 15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

Conclusion: True Grace empowers us for righteousness and to live above sin.

When Yeshua dwells in hearts of saints, they have grace to recognise unprofitable motions of their beings; have the capacity to put such off certain negative/sinful dispositions and also the capacity to ‘put on’ the virtues that are needful to walk the walk and not merely talk the talk.

Ephesians 4:17-32 (KJV) 17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, 18 Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: 19 Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. 20 But ye have not so learned Christ; 21 If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus: 22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful

lusts; 23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; 24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. 25 Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. 26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: 27 Neither give place to the devil. 28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. 29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. 30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: 32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Just as Faith without works is dead, sanctified souls have the capacity to reign in on their physical organs to line up with the holy propensities of their spirit-man which in turn is led by Holy Spirit! This is the path of true holiness: it leads to wholesome and pure conduct.

James 2:17-26 (KJV) 17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. 18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. 19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. 20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? 21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? 22 Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? 23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was

imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God. 24 Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only. 25 Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way? 26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

Titus 3:1-9 (KJV) 1 Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work, 2 To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men. 3 For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another. 4 But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, 5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; 6 Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; 7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. 8 This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men. 9 But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain.

Grace cannot be used as excuse to relapse into sin. Grace rather empowers us to have mastery over our flesh and use our members/organs for only righteous conduct.

Romans 6:1-7 (KJV) 1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? 2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any

longer therein? 3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? 4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: 6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. 7 For he that is dead is freed from sin.

11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. 12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. 13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. 14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. 15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid. 16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? 17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. 18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

Assignment: 1. Please discuss any 5 Gates of the Body, their potentials for Sin and way out. 2. Make the case for ‘True Grace empowers us for righteousness and to live above Sin’ as discussed in the concluding part of this lesson. 3. What new things did you learn from this lesson and what will you do with them?

Chapter 8

Constant Consciousness of the Body as Holy Temple of Elohim God + 12 Vital Keys.

Elohim, our heavenly Father and God wants us to be constantly conscious that through the Blood sacrifice of Yeshua, our physical body is, just like the spirit-man and soul, redeemed to be His holy Temple! It is not just a mass of water, tissue, muscles, bones, skin, and nerves, but the very sanctuary in which the God of the whole universe resides by His Spirit!

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (KJV) 19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

With this constant consciousness, we will discern when the enemy seeks to cause us to abuse, tamper with, alter or indeed engage in any other activity which can destabilize this temple and cause the indwelling Holy Spirit to be grieved, quenched, or caused to leave. Wilful sins and those which abuse the body top the list of what can cause the Holy Spirit to leave a Christian (Hebrews 6:1-8; Hebrews 10:26-31,38,39).

Ephesians 4:30-31 (KJV) 30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

1 Thessalonians 5:19 (KJV) Quench not the Spirit.

Immorality of any sort, including pornography and lusts are among top contenders of sins of the soul and body which make the being inhospitable for Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 6:9-18 (KJV) 9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, 10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God. 12 All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. 13 Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body. 14 And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power. 15 Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid. 16 What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh. 17 But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit. 18 Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.

The Two Inconvenient Truths

Two other abuses that are particularly ignored when discussing the subject matter involve the physical body and are inconvenient truths. They include lack of contentment and acceptance of how Elohim God, The Potter, made you to be. You are uniquely designed by an intelligent God to deliver the purpose He had in creating you!

Psalm 139:13-18 (KJV) 13 For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. 14 I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul

knoweth right well. 15 My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. 16 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them. 17 How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them! 18 If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.

Ephesians 1:3-6 (KJV) 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: 4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: 5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, 6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

When you engage in deliberate rejection of who He made you to be and with strong obsession, seek an alteration of your colour, shape, hair, or other body parts to conform to a popular sinner who is modelling what appeals to your eyes, idolatry is at work. Likewise, when through excessive eating and indulgence in food, drinks, and pleasures, you pile up excess body mass or destroy vital organs, is it not evident that one is abusing the body, God's temple?

By way of balance, let us note that it is a healthy thing however to exercise discipline to shed off excessive fat or body mass which arose from abuse of the physical body. Many saints today are sick and dying before time because of indiscipline in what they eat or drink. The same is true of saints who disregard the word of Elohim God to engage their reproductive organs in sinful sexual activities.

The human body can be sound 24/7 if His simple ordinances concerning healthy living in the word is adhered to. The word proclaims the mind of the Father for our holistic well-being:

3 John 2 (KJV) 2 Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

As we saw in previous chapters, the physical body can be kept holy and thus fulfil its assignment as temple of Holy Spirit and the inner man (the spirit and soul). Instead of sloganeering, saints must learn how to nourish the body to soundness. Though he lived in the Old dispensation, Job demonstrated how the spirit and soul can purposefully, through godly discipline and consciousness keep the body away from sin in:

Job 31:1 (KJV) 1 I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid?

Part B. The 12 Vital Keys

From what has been said so far, saints can keep their vessels pure and in a sanctified state by application of these definite keys:

1. Live on the basis of true conversion of the spirit man and its translation from darkness and conveyance into the Kingdom of God. True holiness starts when we are genuinely converted.

Acts 3:19 (KJV) 19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.

Colossians 1:12-14 (KJV) 12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: 13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us

into the kingdom of his dear Son: 14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

2. Present the body as a living sacrifice to Elohim God to be holy and acceptable to Him. He owns the entire body by creation, redemption, preservation and providential care so it makes sense to consecrate it to Him alone.

Romans 12:1 (KJV) 1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

3. Submit the mind and other parts of the soul for renewing by consistent feeding on the Word until it becomes flesh or internalised. By study and meditation on the word, Holy Spirit uses it to renew the mind. What used to be 'fun' before, when seen in the light of the Word will be recognized as sin and avoided.

Romans 12:2 (KJV) 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Ephesians 4:23 (KJV) 23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

Joshua 1:8 (KJV) 8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Psalms 1:1-3 (KJV) 1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. 2 But his

delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. 3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

4. Deliberately give space for the pure and clean culture and lifestyle of the Kingdom take root in you. This occurs when the Word is embraced as Constitution of The Kingdom and guide for acceptable conduct. The Sermon on the Mount in Matthew Chapters 5, 6, and 7 provide guidance on how we can live as Kingdom citizens.

2 Timothy 3:15-17 (KJV) 15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

5. Be filled with the Holy Spirit and walk in His fullness in you! Let Him take over your entire being. Let Him guide you in all decisions. Give Him right of way to make your conscience lively with enhanced capacity to promptly respond to every alert as to the things, people or relationships which can endanger your soul.

Acts 1:8 (KJV) 8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Ephesians 5:18 (KJV) 18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

6. Walk in genuine agape love. True love will enable you to escape the snares of fleshly passions.

John 13:34-35 (KJV) 34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. 35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

1 Corinthians 13:1-8 (KJV) 1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. 2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. 3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. 4 Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, 5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; 6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; 7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. 8 Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

Colossians 3:14 (KJV) 14 And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

1 Peter 4:8 (KJV) 8 And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.

7. Elevate pursuit of the Kingdom of God above all else to the degree that you would rather deny the body any illicit pleasure or die than miss the Kingdom to come.

Matthew 6:25-34 (KJV) 25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? 26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? 27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? 28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: 29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? 31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? 32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. 33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

8. Embrace the call to discipleship. This involves a strategic shift from believing on Yeshua for Salvation of the Soul in eternity to enthroning Him as King and Lord Who alone will sit on the throne of the heart and rule in every situation on this side of eternity. This enables you to die to self and trust

Him wholly for ALL things which pertain to life and godliness.

Matthew 16:24-26 (KJV) 24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. 25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. 26 For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

9. As you seek first the Kingdom of God never allow the needs of your soul (emotional satisfaction for instance) and your body (pleasures, food, drink, shelter) to take your eyes off the grand prize!

1 Corinthians 9:24-27 (KJV) 24 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. 25 And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. 26 I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: 27 But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

10. Live daily in the light of eternity and consciousness that in a single moment of time, which no one knows, mortality will be swallowed up in immortality with the appearance of Yeshua, Jesus!

Matthew 24:36-39 (KJV) 36 But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. 37 But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. 38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and

drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, 39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Let the zeal of the Lord and His Kingdom consume you so much so that you do not give place to the possibility of being tripped over by Satan! Prayer and Watchfulness become imperative.

Luke 21:36 (KJV) 36 Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

1 Peter 4:7 (KJV) 7 But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.

11. Abstain from every appearance of sin and flee from situations which can compromise spirituality and encourage sin in the physical body. This includes sexual immorality of every type including masturbation, hetero or homo sexual activities; harmful and impure communication involving use of seductive clothes, language, and communication. Saints must avoid using social networking sites like Facebook, YouTube, and others to seek emotional satisfaction from people of the opposite gender, including mentors, and spiritual parents. Elohim God has planted in every saint a conscience which warns clearly whenever a relationship with any human, either of the same or opposite gender is unhealthy and potentially destructive. It is important that saints act as soon as the amber light is up!

2 Timothy 2:19-22 (KJV) 19 Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. 20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to

honour, and some to dishonour. 21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work. 22 Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

1 Thessalonians 5:22 (KJV) 22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.

12. Recognise that the experience of sanctification is by Grace in Yeshua alone, not self-effort. He who poured out His Blood at the Cross for our Salvation, also paid the price for total sanctification and has the capacity to preserve us blameless throughout our pilgrimage. While His Grace makes it possible, the experience will be effective when we release our Faith to believe it is possible, yearn for same and Pray passionately and reckon it as a done deal!

Hebrews 13:12-13 (KJV) 12 Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate. 13 Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 (KJV) 23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

Romans 6:11-16 (KJV) 11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. 12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. 13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness

unto God. 14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. 15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid. 16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

Conclusion of chapter 8

You can never succeed in ministry on a sustainable basis if you do not understand your flesh (soul and body) and bring both under subjection to your spirit man which in turn should be under the total leadership and empowerment of the Holy Spirit!

Romans 8:14 (KJV) 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Every great preacher who fell by the wayside or made shipwreck of ministry suffered from the flesh gone burst in one way or the other, in an unguarded moment. When Satan tempted Eve, it was essentially to realign her soul and body away from the rightful order that Elohim God set. The moment the soul of Eve and her physical body made the value decision over and above her spirit man to believe the lie of Satan, the fall was a foregone conclusion.

As it was with Adam and Eve, so shall it be with everyone who rejects or mocks the divine invitation to bring the Old man to be crucified with Christ!

Galatians 2:20 (KJV) 20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

1 Corinthians 15:31 (KJV) 31 I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.

As our perfect example, Yeshua Jesus came to reverse that fallen nature. He accomplished it by overcoming Satan when He was tempted with the same set of issues as Eve after the Baptism of John as Matthew 4:1-11 faithfully documents. When He surrendered His will to that of the Father even unto death, Yeshua sealed the deal.

John 4:34 (KJV) 34 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

John 5:30 (KJV) 30 I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

After His death, resurrection and ascension to heaven, Yeshua sealed the deal and has given those redeemed by His Blood the power to live Holy unto The Father.

John 6:38 (KJV) 38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

Assignment: 1. Please summarise the main thrust of this chapter 2. Please summarise 7 of the 12 Keys in this chapter. 3. What new thing or personal challenge did you receive from this chapter?

Chapter 9

Holiness, Sin, and the New Creation

In discussing need for sanctification, the Lord is simply showing us that the pathway to true holiness of life is by His Grace, not legalism of religious exertions. It is He Who sanctifies the redeemed to make their whole being - holy in spirit, soul, and body - become vessels of honour, fit for His use.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 (KJV) 23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

2 Timothy 2:19-22 (KJV) 19 Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. 20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. 21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work. 22 Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

A. Holiness is not a denominational thing, but the New Life in Yeshua!

Those who project holiness as a denominational thing miss the point entirely. Those who claim that just as fish in water must be covered with same are simply being disingenuous! Holiness is the nature and life of Elohim He purposes for us to live in and for which sake He gave Yeshua as a Sin offering!

1 Peter 1:15-17 (KJV) 15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; 16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy. 17 And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear:

2 Corinthians 5:17, 21 (KJV) 17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

When the grace of Holiness is received, it translates tangibly into these specific attributes:

- Openness to obey Elohim and His Word without struggle or crafty cherry picking
- Deep love of Elohim which drives this tendency to obey His Word.
- Love of the brethren and also all humans including those who hate us

1 John 2:3-11 (KJV) 3 And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. 4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. 5 But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. 6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked. 7 Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you, but an old commandment which ye had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which ye have heard from the beginning. 8 Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because the darkness is past, and the

true light now shineth. 9 He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now. 10 He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him. 11 But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.

1 John 3:1-24 (KJV) 1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. 2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. 3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure. 4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. 5 And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. 6 Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him. 7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. 8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. 9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. 10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother. 11 For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. 12 Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous. 13 Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you. 14 We know that we have passed from

death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. 15 Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him. 16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. 17 But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? 18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. 19 And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him. 20 For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. 21 Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. 22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight. 23 And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment. 24 And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.

B. The Nature and Danger of Religion

Religion is simply the process of trying to find and please God with the soul (Mind, Will and Emotion) and physical body which combine to be called the flesh or carnal nature which is not acknowledged and crucified with Yeshua as the Word demands. This is why religion involves recitation of creeds with the lips, not the heart; repetitive actions, rituals and dead works 'performed' inside specific buildings on special 'holy days', and hours, after which people relapse into their sinful ways. This posture gives no room for deepened work of the Cross or Holy Spirit to direct. In the same way, the stiff organizational structure of religion empowers religious leaders at the expense of the spiritual identity and gifting

of saints. Unfortunately for religion, the Kingdom is entirely a spiritual one and those who worship Him must do so in spirit and in truth (not in flesh)!

John 4:23-24 (KJV) 23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. 24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

It is in this context that we receive this body of truth which helps us to be rightly aligned with Elohim God 24/7 in Course 128: Understanding the Human Nature! We have learnt that from the day of the fall, Adam began to pass on his fallen nature to all humanity through the process of procreation. That is why David said:

Psalm 51:5 (KJV) 5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

This is why Holy Spirit said through Paul:

Romans 3:23 (KJV) 23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

When a saint is born again, his/her spirit man undergoes an instantaneous change

2 Corinthians 5:17 (KJV) 17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

It is the responsibility of the saint to dwell in the Word as expounded in this course and yield to Holy Spirit to sanctify the soul and body and preserve it as such. It is Holy Spirit also Who gives the saint power to identify the Old man, reject its base motions inherited from Adam, mortify or 'kill' the fleshly nature and put on the fullness of the New man which is inherited in Yeshua as full expression of the New Creation. It needs to be re-emphasized that this miracle (for so

is it) cannot be achieved by self-effort of religion but by appropriate response of saints to the internal work of the Holy Spirit.

Philippians 1:6 (KJV) 6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

Philippians 2:12-13 (KJV) 12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. 13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

C. The Spirit, Soul and Body can have different experiences and yet one can be whole!

Paul was in excellent spiritual condition with Elohim God. However, to prevent the revelations he received from puffing him up and becoming a snare to his spirituality, Elohim permitted a messenger of Satan, a thorn in the flesh to torment His faithful disciple, Paul in the body. Evidently, this was a very painful experience which tasked the soul of Paul so much that he travailed in prayer, three times asking God to take it away. Elohim reminded Paul that his real need was not to be delivered from physical pain but to lay hold of the sufficiency of grace to live above the realm of physical pain! Reading properly through the text in 2 Corinthians 12:1-10, we can see that Paul was whole – enjoying the grace arising from the Kingdom life in His spirit man (Luke 17:21).

2 Corinthians 12:1-10 (KJV) 1 It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord. 2 I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven. 3 And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) 4 How that he was caught up into

paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. 5 Of such an one will I glory: yet of myself I will not glory, but in mine infirmities. 6 For though I would desire to glory, I shall not be a fool; for I will say the truth: but now I forbear, lest any man should think of me above that which he seeth me to be, or that he heareth of me. 7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. 8 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. 9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

One of the most unfortunate features of modern Christianity is the tendency to sloganeering, use of buzz words that are thrown around like firecrackers by those who claim to know about the Kingdom to excite their followers. Using lofty sounding words, they activate the base desires of the human nature to accumulate stuff on a personal or ministry level which unleash carnal ambitions. The Word is clear that the Kingdom is not about accumulation of stuff, climbing mountains of society or any of those fancies. Here is what it is all about:

Romans 14:17-19 (KJV) 17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. 18 For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men. 19 Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

D. Sanctification, not absolute sinlessness: freedom from oppression of the Old man/body of Sin!

Modern iterations of weak theologies have invented a fairy-tale gospel of the 'New Plastic Cross' which is exact opposite of the gospel of the Old Rugged Cross. In the New Plastic Cross gospel, sin is not preached, and people live in pleasures. The Holy Scriptures teach clearly that Elohim has another plan for His saints.

Romans 6:5-7 (KJV) 5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: 6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. 7 For he that is dead is freed from sin.

Ephesians 4:22 (KJV) 22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

Colossians 3:5-10, 12-15 (KJV) 5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: 6 For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: 7 In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them. 8 But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. 9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; 10 And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

There is a relevant question: does sanctification mean that a saint will be absolutely sinless? The reality, as confirmed in the Holy Scriptures and the witness of saints from the days of Yeshua (think of Peter, Thomas, and the doubting bunch of disciples) through the

centuries till today, is that any Christian can stumble at any moment, if careless or distracted or let down the guards which can occasion fall into sin. That is the consequence of presence of the 'Old Man', when it is not crucified or whenever it is given space to be resurrected to thrive.

If a believer stumbles and sins, there is a spiritual remedy: prompt repentance, when convicted by Holy Spirit, falling forwards into the loving arms of the Father who cleanses by Blood of Yeshua, forgives, and decorates such people with the gift of justification. This wipes away the sin with no record whatsoever that it was done in the first place.

1 John 2:1-3 (KJV) 1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: 2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. 3 And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.

Assignment: 1. Briefly summarise this section of the lesson titled 'Holiness is not a denominational thing, but the New Life in Yeshua! 2. Please discuss why Holiness is a work of Holy Spirit but requires our cooperation 3. What are the three outcomes of holiness discussed in this chapter and 2 relevant scriptures 4. Please discuss the nature and danger of religion 5. What would you say if someone asks you whether sanctification is guarantee of absolute sinlessness? 6. What will you do with this chapter?

Chapter 10

Five Understated Needs of the Body after Sanctification

One of the most outstanding realities of modern life is the huge price human being generally and especially Christians pay to 'succeed'. In the rat race to succeed, basic Kingdom principles are set aside for saints to engage in what is called 'hustle'. For Kingdom citizens, the way to succeed is not by might or by power but by Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit leads us into all truth, inspires trust in the Father and enthronement of Yeshua as a King Who cares for the holistic wellbeing of faithful saints, including their guaranteed rewards.

Matthew 6:19-21 (KJV) 19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: 20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: 21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Matthew 6:31-34 (KJV) 31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? 32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. 33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. 34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

Matthew 19:27-29 (KJV) 27 Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore? 28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes

of Israel. 29 And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.

Hebrews 4:10-11 (KJV) 10 For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. 11 Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

Need for wholeness, wellness and soundness of spirit, soul, and body.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 (KJV) 23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

3 John 2 (KJV) 2 Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

The human body can be sound 24/7 if the simple ordinance of God concerning healthy living is adhered to. The physical body can be made holy and thus fulfil its assignment as temple of the Holy Spirit and the inner man (the spirit and soul) when properly nourished with balanced food and constant rehydrating with recommended levels of water. Instead of sloganeering, saints must learn how to nourish the body to soundness so that the temple of Holy Spirit can fulfil the appointed destiny for which we were created and redeemed. Let us outline a few principles and practices saints need to take to heart and practice consistently.

1. Rest and Sleep

The physical body is not meant to run as a mechanical machine. Elohim designed time in such a way that we work in the day, get rest and sleep in the night. In the bid to get more done in a day, the easiest tendency is for rest and sleep to be compromised.

Spiritual Rest

Beyond physical rest, saints are also called to enjoy spiritual rest.

Hebrews 4:1-11 (KJV) 1 Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. 2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it. 3 For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. 4 For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works. 5 And in this place again, If they shall enter into my rest. 6 Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief: 7 Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts. 8 For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day. 9 There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. 10 For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. 11 Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

Spiritual rest is achieved when we shun worry, anxiety and rather have our minds stayed on the Lord in who we place our complete trust. This releases an atmosphere of profound peace which is not disturbed by external issues.

Isaiah 12:3 (KJV) 3 Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.

2. Physical Exercise

Saints are also called to exercise their physical bodies. The limbs are made for motion, not to be static. When they are moved regularly, and blood circulates well, the heart pumps blood at required levels, leading to sound health. Physical exercises include dancing to Praise songs; pacing around when praying; moving body parts and limbs when working and stretching the hands and legs at regular intervals. Those who are in sedentary jobs need to practice the art of standing and walking around after about an hour of sitting at their desks. Those who can afford it should acquire exercise machines. Lifestyle adjustment implies that we should walk rather than drive when on routine neighbourhood bound activities such as light shopping.

3. Healthy Food/feeding habits and water intake.

The physical body needs balanced nutrition to operate at optimum capacity. Each of the food components - Protein, Carbohydrate, Fats, Vitamins, Minerals - need be taken in recommended quantities. Because the human body consists mainly of water, there is need for consistent rehydration with appropriate levels of Water. It is recommended that adults consume at least 2 litres of water daily to stay in top form.

4. The Beauty of Holiness

Many saints are waking up to the need for exercise, enhancement of their physical features and healthy diets. The Word encourages us to go beyond physical exercises and seek the beauty of holiness which manifests as virtue proceeding from the presence of Elohim on our beings!

1 Timothy 4:8 (KJV) 8 For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having

promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

Romans 13:12-14 (KJV) 12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. 13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. 14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

For Christian sisters, one of the most forgotten and neglected exhortations is this one by Apostle Peter:

1 Peter 3:1-6 (KJV) 1 Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; 2 While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear. 3 Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; 4 But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. 5 For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands: 6 Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.

5. Living in Love, not Judgement or legalism

One of the most powerful ways of staying fresh in the presence of the Lord and enjoying excellent relations with other humans is the life of love or charity.

Romans 13:8-10 (KJV) 8 Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. 9 For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Romans 12:9-10 (KJV) 9 Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. 10 Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

A life of love does not necessarily guarantee that everyone will admire and hail us. Love is stress tested and proven in spite of, not because of. It manifests in our attitude to those who hate, despise, or offend.

Matthew 5:43-48 (KJV) 43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. 44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; 45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. 46 For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? 47 And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so? 48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

True love releases the capacity to forgive; not retain offence and willingness to remain on the higher ground of the narrow way till the end.

Romans 12:14 (KJV) 14 Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.

Romans 12:17-20 (KJV) 17 Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. 18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. 19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. 20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.

These virtues can only be achieved by His Grace and our willing cooperation through yearning/earnest desire, faith, prayer and surrender of our vessels as instruments of righteousness. In that case, we need to be radical in refusal of access to Satan, demons, and motions of sin.

Consequences of clinging to old fleshly patterns of life

When saints refuse to enter into the rest of Yeshua, their spirit, soul, and body suffer undue strain.

- Sin of all types is toxic and leads to backsliding and danger of missing the mark of holistic wellbeing.
- Immoral conduct brings guilt consciousness, lack of confidence and inability to access the divine presence (Psalm 15, Psalm 24; Psalm 66:18).
- Pressure to meet up with appointments and drive to succeed often exerts strong pressure on the spirit, soul, and body of saints.
- Many saints get sick and die before time because of indiscipline in what they eat or drink.
- Alcohol has capacity to destroy vital internal organs such as the liver. When people are intoxicated, they have reduced capacity for making rational informed decisions.

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- Eating unhealthy food such as Fats and Sugar have been known to trigger such diseases like Diabetes and Obesity.
- Lack of exercise and inadequate water intake puts major strain on the health of saints.

John 8:32 (KJV) 32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Romans 10:13-17 (KJV) 13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. 14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? 15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! 16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? 17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Assignment: 1. Please share 5 things you understand from this chapter 2. What will you do with this chapter?

Chapter 11

Spirit, Soul, and body: Epilogue (1)

As we bring the curtain down on this vast course, we trust that God will put in a word or two which will wrap up what we have learned so far. It is all about worshipping Elohim God in spirit and in truth as Jesus commanded in John 4:23,24.

John 4:23-24 (KJV) 23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. 24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

As we saw in Genesis 2:7; 1 Thessalonians 5:23 and Hebrews 4:12, man is a tri-dimensional being created in the image of Elohim and in His likeness.

New Birth: instant and in the spirit man!

The New Birth is received in an instant of time. It is cataclysmic with the definite outcome of a transition of the spirit man from darkness to light and from subjection to the kingdom of darkness to conveyance into the Kingdom of God. You can hear the Word for years, months or days but you can be saved in just one instant of time. When that happens, you are a new creation. Your yesterday is gone! You are forgiven! From a sinner, you transition to become a saint. These self-evident truths are articulated in (John 3:3, 16; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 2:1-6; Colossians 1: 12-14, 21-22).

The Kingdom of God has two equally significant dimensions. The first is the present which is received in our spirit man (hearts – Luke 17:21). Though physically in this world, we are not of it and are required to constantly walk in the understanding that it will pass away so our role is to allow Yeshua to pass through us to touch as many lives as possible as His witnesses and bring them into the Kingdom of which we are citizens. In effect, every saint is a citizen of the Kingdom (not membership of a local church!) as well as a

citizen of an earthly kingdom. Our prime loyalty however is to the spiritual. Yeshua, Jesus was emphatic that His Kingdom was not of this world

John 18:36 (KJV) 36 Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.

Elohim God has ordained that His Kingdom - which will soon be inaugurated at the Second Coming of Yeshua, Jesus - will be populated not by robotic beings but by people who willingly accepted His rule and yielded to His appointed process of being whole while on earth. These are people who made the value decision to accept the testimony of scripture that the key to enjoy the best of their Father on earth and prepare to co-rule with Him in the world to come is by dying to the self-life (rule of their soul and body) so that Jesus may be all in all.

Matthew 16:24-26 (KJV) 24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. 25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. 26 For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

Romans 12:1-2 (KJV) 1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Galatians 2:20 (KJV) 20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith

of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Galatians 6:14 (KJV) 14 But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

For the sake of His Kingdom which they yearn for, saints are to make it their priority in prayer and in practical pursuit. To demonstrate this priority, their time on earth is to be seen as a pilgrimage in the realm of time and preparation for the eternal phase of the Kingdom which is the real deal. For this reason, saints are to live in the present in the light of eternity.

Matthew 6:10 (KJV) 10 Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Matthew 6:33 (KJV) 33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

1 Peter 2:9-12 (KJV) 9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light; 10 Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy. 11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; 12 Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

For the above to happen, saints are to cooperate with Holy Spirit Who works with the Word and circumstances of life to reveal the

state of the soul and cravings of the physical body which war against spirituality.

Galatians 5:15-21 (KJV) 15 But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another. 16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. 18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. 19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, 20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

By yielding to the dealings of the Holy Spirit, He shows us the motions of the soul (Mind, Will and Emotion) and cravings of the Body (appetite, wrong use of the tongue, and sexual drives) which are contrary to the will of Elohim God for His redeemed. The process of being open to Holy Spirit to show us what is not pleasing to our Father, what contradicts the Blood of redemption at work in the motions of the soul and body and heartily giving Him right of way to take those things off is at the heart of “working out our salvation with fear and trembling” (Philippians 3:12); Philippians 1:6; Philippians 2:12-15; 1 Peter 2:9-12. Elohim God has left us in an imperfect world full of imperfect people.

The only way we can represent Him as His Ambassadors is by embracing His internal dealings in our souls to the degree that it gives up leadership of our being in cahoots with the Body. When this spiritual deliverance happens, we are not ruled by what the five senses of the body suggest (see, hear, feel, smell, taste) but by what Holy Spirit communicates to the spirit man who is enthroned to its rightful place as leader.

Romans 8:14 (KJV) 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

The spirit man is the dwelling place of Holy Spirit, is where we are born again and is where His gifts and callings are deposited. Because of this, the Kingdom is ordered not according to the flesh (gender, biological age or socio-economic means) but by the quality of the spirit man.

Galatians 3:26-29 (KJV) 26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

The question of whether a woman can be called to ministry generally or be called to any of the fivefold offices is therefore a carnal-themed, old wineskin type of question that bears no relevance to the Kingdom of Elohim God! In the realm of the spirit-man, gender is a non-issue, and we are not to know any one after the flesh but by the Spirit!

2 Corinthians 5:16 (KJV) 16 Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more.

Righteousness V Holiness

Take note of this truth: Righteousness or right standing with Elohim God on the merit of the Blood sacrifice of Yeshua is a gift of grace. We did not work for it nor can we earn it by effort or prayers. However, righteousness demands a robust response from he/she who is justified by Grace. That response is holiness.

1 Peter 1:15-16 demands:

1 Peter 1:15-16 (KJV) 15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; 16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

The Lord clearly reveals that saints have a definite part to play. That part is not to be legalistic. It is not to try to “touch not”, “taste not” or “handle not” as some religious folks try to make it out. For instance, in some congregations in Africa, men used to sit on one side of the aisle while women occupied the other side, including married people! These physical efforts were naively done in the name of holiness. In one denomination in Africa, brothers do not shake hands with sisters lest they fall into immorality! These are fleshly efforts of religion that mimic holiness!

It is Holy Spirit Who uses the Word to renew our mind so that, in a real sense, it aligns with the spirit-man to reflect the fullness of our being born again! By this we mean is that Holy Spirit uses the Word to wash off old ideas about life and living acquired from birth, native culture, background, education, and upbringing. As He washes them off, Holy Spirit begins to form the mind of Yeshua our Messiah and culture of the Kingdom (Romans 12:1,2; Ephesians 4:23). As Holy Spirit does this in say a mixed congregation of African Americans, European Americans, Native Americans and Hispanics and Asian Americans, we all imperceptibly at first and clearly later begin to think the same way: the mind of Yeshua. We begin to see life through the lenses of Yeshua, Jesus, and the Holy Scriptures. Our individuality gives way, and He becomes all in all. Unity of the Faith and a sense of true fellowship replace our former individuality and agenda-driven purposes for meeting together.

Ephesians 4:1-6 (KJV) 1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, 2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; 3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; 5 One

Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

The power of love and unity thus combine to release the fullness of the Presence and Power of Yeshua, Jesus.

1 Corinthians 1:10 (KJV) 10 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

Matthew 18:19-20 (KJV) 19 Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

When this renewal takes place, old mental strongholds are pulled down at the place of prayer and spiritual warfare because the Word has revealed clearly to the saint that the old way of thinking and living will lead one away from the purity and purpose of God

2 Corinthians 10:3-6 (KJV) 3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: 4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds ☺) 5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; 6 And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

The old doubt-filled life; the old carnal mind which wants to “see before believing”; the old carnal mindset which equates success with size of wardrobe, cars, houses, amount of cash in the bank and

other criteria soon finds those things vain. The renewed mind understands easily that we ought to live by faith, not sight.

2 Corinthians 5:7 (KJV) 7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight

The new mind agrees with scripture that the Kingdom is not of this world and does not consist in the abundance of earthly possessions but rather that it is the righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost we enjoy from our passionate, intimate relationship with The Father in Yeshua Jesus.

Romans 14:17-18 (KJV) 17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.18 For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men.

For this reason, the renewed mind leads the saint to give up life of worry and anxiety. Trust in our heavenly Father and His love takes over. With that heavy encumbrance off the way, the saint is able to seek first the Kingdom in all situations and circumstances knowing assuredly that Elohim God is able to and will provide all that is needful for life and godliness! (Matthew 6:25-34; 2 Peter 1:3). Thus, we are talking about growing in grace and in the practical knowledge of Yeshua, Jesus.

2 Peter 1:5-11 (KJV) 5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; 6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; 7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. 8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. 10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give

diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: 11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 3:14-18 (KJV) 14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless. 15 And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; 16 As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction. 17 Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness. 18 But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

Implication for the body

The physical body of the saint who has yielded to the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God and circumstances of life can be renewed, if the will of Elohim is so, like an eagle.

Psalm 103:4-5 (KJV) 4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; 5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's

By faith and in earnest prayer, the saint can receive healing and deliverance from diseases which were in the body as a result of sin before salvation. Such physical ailments such as Sexually Transmitted Diseases; barrenness caused by badly executed

abortions in the days of ignorance or indeed any other ailment can be healed by the stripes and through the mercy of Elohim God.

Family yokes such as curses brought by blood guiltiness (where an ancestor murdered people for instance as a robber and used the money to train his children and they all failed in life, passing that down many generations); near success syndrome, poverty, lack of favour and such besetting family lifestyles as anger, wrath, jealousy, divorce-prone life and inability to settle in families can be broken. The saint who is growing this way soon finds that there is no more arousal of his reproductive organs to the presence of people of the opposite gender! He or she finds that the mind is clean of the former lusts and impurities. This is holiness in action!

The saint who allows Holy Spirit to sanctify the mortal body soon discovers the joy and power of moderation in what he/she eats or drinks. The correlation between food and health becomes self-evident. More importantly, as the peace of Elohim God which passes all understanding takes hold of the soul and as the saint begins to live out the Kingdom life of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit (Romans 14:17,18), he /she discovers that the healthy heart does good like medicine and effectively leads to a sound mind in a sound body. This conforms with the words of 1 Timothy 4:8 that godliness is profitable in all things! Saints, the Kingdom life is real! It is not a set of doctrines or goose bump activities we engage inside the four walls of buildings called “churches”. The church is who we are – the very temple of the Holy Spirit through which He show off THE PRESENCE and POWER of Yeshua, Jesus – very God, very Man!

On the other hand, it may be that one is genuinely saved but the physical body suffers various ailments. This does not imply lack of Favour with The Father or presence of any Sin.

John 9:1-3 (KJV) 1 And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. 2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? 3 Jesus answered,

Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.

Critical issues

Because the saint is in Yeshua and is pressing forward in spirituality, growing in grace and under the full sovereign rule of Yeshua Jesus, they come under His full benefice as their King. Nothing is impossible for them as long as such is in the will of Elohim God. This is why they pray earnestly based on the holy scriptures. The Lord however always reserves His best for those who make Him, not blessings, their delight and who live according to His Will in every area of life including all decisions!

Psalm 37:3-7 (KJV) 3 Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. 4 Delight thyself also in the Lord: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. 5 Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. 6 And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday. 7 Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

Proverbs 3:5-8 (KJV) 5 Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. 7 Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil. 8 It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.

More importantly, the Lord has His countenance open to those who are actively engaged in completing His mission which is to preach the gospel of the Kingdom in all nations so that the end can come for Him to return and set up the eternal phase of the Kingdom

Matthew 24:14 (KJV) 14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

Acts 1:8 (KJV) 8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

For such saints, prayer is not a physical exercise neither is it an emotional joust. It is not about imposing our wills on a complacent Elohim God, expecting Him to rubber stamp our fancies and one-sided tantrums. Prayer becomes an expression of our dependence on Him as a good Father and gracious King. In prayer, we acknowledge that we come before an Omniscient, Omni Present, Omni Potent King; indeed, the only true Potentate Who has a will, plan, and purpose for all of creation generally and us in particular. Our prayer lives become acts of spiritual midwifery where we partner with Him to birth His will for our lives, ministries, congregations, cities, nations, and this generation.

Matthew 6:10 (KJV) 10 Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

The priority of Elohim God becomes our priority! What He says for instance about the end times becomes the compass with which we evaluate world news. We no longer join the ranks of rabble rousers of the religious right or liberal left. We are in the middle, standing on the known will of our heavenly Father and by the Spirit, decreeing and enforcing His will and ordinance upon our nations and generation!

We stand with Him concerning Israel not in terms of political agitation-propaganda, but in knowing the timeline of Elohim God. Instead of shouting ourselves hoarse over what is happening in the US, Europe, China, Russia, Iran, and the Middle East vis-a- vis Israel, for instance, we go to the Bible and inquire of the Holy Spirit. The result is that we will know assuredly that the times of the

gentiles are coming to an end and that the ring of fire that is tightening around Israel signifies that the end is at hand.

We thus move assuredly to focus on finishing the task of the Master with every ounce of energy in us, knowing assuredly that the end is at hand, and we will soon be required to account for what we did with every gift, calling, money, opportunity and indeed asset He blessed us with! We make sure we are occupying in our assigned territory, getting ready and watchful over our hearts, minds, and indeed entire lives!

Luke 19:10-28 (KJV) 10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost. 11 And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear. 12 He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. 13 And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come. 14 But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this man to reign over us. 15 And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. 16 Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds. 17 And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities. 18 And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds. 19 And he said likewise to him, Be thou also over five cities. 20 And another came, saying, Lord, behold, here is thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin: 21 For I feared thee, because thou art an austere man: thou takest up that thou layedst not down, and reapest that thou didst not sow. 22 And he saith unto him, Out of

thine own mouth will I judge thee, thou wicked servant. Thou knewest that I was an austere man, taking up that I laid not down, and reaping that I did not sow: 23 Wherefore then gavest not thou my money into the bank, that at my coming I might have required mine own with usury? 24 And he said unto them that stood by, Take from him the pound, and give it to him that hath ten pounds. 25 (And they said unto him, Lord, he hath ten pounds.) 26 For I say unto you, That unto every one which hath shall be given; and from him that hath not, even that he hath shall be taken away from him. 27 But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay them before me. 28 And when he had thus spoken, he went before, ascending up to Jerusalem.

In other words, the saint who is truly waiting for the return of Yeshua, Jesus proves this by active engagement with the present, spending and being spent in executing the present status as Ambassador of the King of Kings in the court of the peoples and temporal governments to which we are assigned.

Armed with sound mind and notwithstanding state of our bodies, we demonstrate by the power of Holy Spirit at work within and through us that Yeshua, Jesus is indeed Lord. We do not fold our hands or escape reality into monasteries waiting for the sound of the trumpet! The trumpet sound can only be heard by those who are watching, praying, and occupying for Yeshua not those who are lazy and timid! The parable of the wise and foolish virgins in Matthew 25 spoke of the wise as those whose lamps were full of oil with which they were at the Master's service!

Assignment: 1. Please share 5 things you learnt from this chapter. 2. What personal message did you receive?

Chapter 12

Epilogue (2) The Bottom Line.

The bottom line of this Course on understanding the human nature is this: Elohim wants us to be sanctified wholly in the realm of the spirit, soul and body! He does not want any aspect of our lives to reflect the values and principles of the adversary, Satan, and the kingdom of darkness. What is inside will reflect outside. A diseased soul will make the anointing of the Holy Spirit which is received, warehoused, and released from the spirit man to be of none effect because of bad behaviour and negative or repulsive attitudes. Yeshua, Jesus said that those who believe in Him will enjoy the privilege of being used by Elohim God to release rivers of living water from their spirit man. How terrible it is to see a man or woman of Elohim God used mightily to heal the sick and deliver the oppressed only to display carnal propensities in the darkness of the night? Do not ever be deceived by miracles sign and wonders! Yeshua, Jesus said that ministers of the gospel shall be known by their fruit!

Matthew 7:15-23 (KJV) 15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. 16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? 17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. 19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. 20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. 21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

By fruit the Lord means what rules the soul will manifest in what comes out of them. Is it the fruit of the spirit or the works of flesh as these two passages from Paul's epistle to the Galatians show?

Galatians 5:16-21 (KJV) 16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. 18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. 19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, 20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

OR

Galatians 5:22-25 (KJV) 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. 24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

It is said that anointing without character will lead to nuisance! Many there are who after their mountain top experiences of manifesting the power of the Holy Spirit, fall into the valley of soulish passions when the flesh takes over. Moses suffered this flip flop of spirituality and soulishness at the Mount of God and when he returned to find the people in whoredom. Vexed in his soul, in a fit of anger, he broke the tablets of stone which the very fingers of Elohim God had inscribed His Laws! Soulshness was to take Moses fall short of the Promised Land when he struck the Rock rather than speak to it. Elijah suffered this experience too after his epic

encounter with the prophets of Baal when a single threat from Jezebel sent him running scared! 1 Kings 19 tells the epic story.

1 Corinthians 10:11-13 (KJV) 11 Now all these things happened unto them for examples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. 12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. 13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

Their issues were written for our learning. Sanctification of our soul and body is an absolute necessity to function in a way that is well pleasing to Abba Father! It is our insurance against falling into the ditch of the high wired politics we encounter even in ministry, the snares of false brethren who lie in wait and the horde of hell's demons which have possessed men and women whose greatest satisfaction is to have the dubious distinction that they are used of Satan to cause another soldier of the cross to miss the mark!

Saints have remained at babyhood stage for too long, drinking and desiring even more measures of spiritual milk! Many have developed itching ears open only to hear words of "encouragement". They have bought the lie that the work of kingdom ministers is to tell you what makes your soul happy!

1 Timothy 4:1-2 (KJV) 1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

It is by this principle that many saints are in a never-ending quest for happiness through what happens on the outside of the spirit-man: more money; wage rise; better jobs; new clothes; visiting the theatres and eating out in expensive restaurants, vacations and even

sexual promiscuity! Two dangerous doctrines are back of these lifestyles.

- The first is the doctrine of eternal security and “cheap grace” which says no matter what you do or how you live after salvation, nothing is imputed to you. In other words, “sin as much as you can because grace covers them “. This of course is a lie from the pit of hell. Grace may be free, but it is certainly not cheap, procured as it were with the very blood and esteem of the God-Man, Jesus Christ!
- The Second doctrine that has led many astray is the one which subtly enthrones self as Lord. This is at the heart of the pseudo-Kingdom gospel. With this doctrine, God in effect exists to service you – make you happy. The Holy Book encourages saints to seek joy, not happiness. Joy comes from the state of our relationship with Elohim God. Isaiah 12:3 says with joy, you shall draw from the wells of Salvation! Romans 14:17-18 says joy in the Holy Spirit (that which has no bearing with what happens on the outside but rather what happens in the inside) is one of the sure proofs of the Kingdom that is within you Luke 17:21.

Where there are true Kingdom leaders

If we have true Kingdom leaders who share the heart of Abba, all saints in various congregations will be trained, equipped, activated, and released to be functional parts of the local expression of the Body of Jesus the Messiah (Christ)! Miracles become a lifestyle rather than an event that depends on the disposition of the man or woman of God. No one is a “laity”. No one warms benches. Everyone is thus a minister, fulfilling the dream of Yeshua, Jesus to lead a Royal Priesthood (Romans 12:5-8; 1 Corinthians 12:1-31; Ephesians 4:7-16; 1 Peter 2:9-11; 1 Peter 4:10, 11). True Kingdom leaders thus make a deliberate effort to decrease and emulate John the Baptist who pointed the people to Yeshua, Jesus.

John 3:26-36 (KJV) 26 And they came unto John, and said unto him, Rabbi, he that was with thee beyond Jordan, to whom thou barest witness, behold, the same baptizeth, and all men come to him. 27 John answered and said, A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven. 28 Ye yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before him. 29 He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled. 30 He must increase, but I must decrease. 31 He that cometh from above is above all: he that is of the earth is earthly, and speaketh of the earth: he that cometh from heaven is above all. 32 And what he hath seen and heard, that he testifieth; and no man receiveth his testimony. 33 He that hath received his testimony hath set to his seal that God is true. 34 For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him. 35 The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand. 36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

For this to happen, true Kingdom leaders are open to the ministry of the fivefold and make deliberate efforts to expose the sheep to those who have the word, gifts and anointing the flock committed to them need to be fully nourished.

Ephesians 4:11-12 (KJV) 11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

There is no room for insecurity in them because the flock is Yeshua's, Jesus's own, not theirs! True leaders focus on teaching saints the pure word of Elohim God, not fanciful doctrines of men

and encourage them to grow in grace and hear from their heavenly Father independently. They encourage saints to discover the gifts of Holy Spirit in them and proceed to tap into it. Any saint who is not receiving on a regular basis the varied inputs of the fivefold will stagnate and can never be empowered or fulfilled.

Empowerment therefore shifts from the old religious paradigm of an anointed man or woman of God who swaggers into town to “perform” miracles to the process of making all saints what Elohim God intends them to be: an empowered people who seek intimate relationship with Him! That quest for intimate relationship with Elohim God in Yeshua, Jesus requires a progression and growth in grace (2 Peter 1:5-11).

2 Peter 3:14-18 (KJV) 14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless. 15 And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; 16 As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction. 17 Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness. 18 But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

That growth in grace is designed to lead to a three-step transition in terms of maturity.

- The journey begins as a babe in Yeshua at the new birth. With the right ingestion of spiritual milk, the saint begins to grow. There may be struggles with a host of issues and besetting sins of the old life. With the first level of

sanctification, the saint finds his/her heart more in love with God.

- This leads to a state of intimacy with The Father that is based on friendship, not legalism.
- Subsequent sanctification experience to a deeper level deal essentially with the mindset of the saint. He/she is able to see the full import of his/her awesome position in Yeshua, Jesus. This is the stage of son ship. Son ship drives the saint to take responsibility to be, in a sense, an effective partner with Yeshua, Jesus in executing His authority over the environment where he or she lives. It is about making your territory too hot for Satan and his agents to operate unchallenged! In spite of this awesome privilege, the saint knows that the real deal is coming the day Yeshua Jesus returns and inaugurates the full phase of the Kingdom John 15:9-15; Romans 8:12-17; Galatians 3:26-29; Matthew 16:19.

The whole idea is for us to live the way Yeshua, Jesus lived – at the behest of our Father in heaven! We dare not make decisions of our own neither dare we live anyhow. Son ship is about being responsible for securing the territory assigned to us so that the preaching of the gospel is not hindered. Let us see the example of Jesus who every saint is called upon to emulate:

John 5:30 (KJV) 30 I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

John 6:38 (KJV) 38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

John 12:24 (KJV) 24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

Let us see what Jesus said is the basis of walking in the Kingdom life:

Matthew 16:24-26 (KJV) 24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. 25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. 26 For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

Paul the apostle was a man who so followed Yeshua, Jesus that he could ask saints to emulate him also (1 Corinthians 11:1). Let us see what he said is the basis of living the acceptable Kingdom life:

Romans 12:1-2 (KJV) 1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Let us hope Abba Father has spoken enough to grab our attention; enough to make us allow the mirror of the word to show what the sword of the Spirit needs to cut off from our fleshly realm (soul and body)! Let us hope that none of us will be too proud to contend with Elohim God and His Word! Let us hope every one of us is open for Holy Spirit to use the Word we have learnt in these lessons on Understanding the Human Nature to wash off carnality in us. Let us pray that Elohim God will do a massive sanctification of saints in all the nations who are part of the Kingdom Educational System (Global School of Ministry, Master Class, Yes Course, True Kingdom Live Channel on YouTube) so that a mighty holy army of battle-ready saints will arise and shine for Him! Let us believe that saints who are fit for purpose in the final harvest will emerge from this very sanctification project.

Hebrews 4:12-16 (KJV) 12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. 13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do. 14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. 15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Let us go boldly to the Throne of Grace to tell our Father that we want to be conformed to the image of Yeshua! Let us open up to the deep cuts of the word as they excise out of us every vestige of the Old man – that crafty body of Sin inherited from Adam which is comfortable with religion and religiosity. Let us desire for more of Yeshua, Jesus to be formed in our vessels of clay. Let Him how forth from our spirit-man, through the soul and body for all to see that He is indeed alive and King! For that reason, let us emulate Paul and die daily, yielding to Him so that He may continue to work in us all that He has purposed so that we can be all He meant us to be. In this pursuit, we find comfort in the words and attitude of our senior brother, Paul of Tarsus in the immortal words of Philippians 3:1-14: We want to apprehend all for which we are apprehended by Yeshua, Jesus! None of us has arrived at our destination yet! May the dealings of the Word, the Blood, and circumstances of life as we study this Course be used by Holy Spirit to propel us into the place where we truly enter His rest and walk in brotherly love.

Hebrews 4:1-11 (KJV) 1 Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. 2 For unto us was the

gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it. 3 For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. 4 For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works. 5 And in this place again, If they shall enter into my rest. 6 Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief: 7 Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts. 8 For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day. 9 There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. 10 For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. 11 Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

Hebrews 13:1 (KJV) 13 Let brotherly love continue.

Let His dealings bring us to a place where we do not worry or fret over things outside our control such as the attitude of those who prefer to play games with Him and brethren. Knowing that all things indeed work together for good, let us allow The Lord to show us that some fires we go through are of His making in order to work out His eternal purpose and deal with our soul in deeper sanctification. Let us come to a place where we no longer see Satan in all tough situations! Hallelujah, in the midst of some fires, we need to ask the Lord to do and allow what seems right in His sight – as long as it brings and gives Him glory. The transformative effect of this grace He will work in us will produced out of our fragile human frames, a depth of incredible faith-life and courage. Saints, this is to say that whatever fire Elohim God allows to come our way is certainly not

ordained to consume us but to refine, take off dross and bring forth the gold within.

Isaiah 43:1-2 (KJV) 1 But now thus saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. 2 When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

Saints, let us go for gold in this phase of the Kingdom! The world to come will be a piece of cake if we allow the heat of the now to do its work in the now. Who is coming with us?

Assignment: 1. Please share 5 truths in this chapter. 2. What is the personal application or message for you? 3. Do you feel led to embrace the call to be part of a global movement to promote the message in Course 128: Understanding the human nature?

Chapter 13

Postscript Unanswered Questions

At beginning of this course, the synopsis set out the scope of what we would learn. We have covered a great deal of ground already. What remains is to provide biblical answers to some questions which were asked therein. Let us therefore go into the Question-and-Answer mode to make our learning complete to the extent the Lord ordained through this course.

Question 1. How did death come about?

Answer: Originally, humans were created to enjoy immortality – just like Himself.

Genesis 1:26-27 (KJV) 26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Genesis 2:7 (KJV) 7 And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Death came about as a result of sin. Elohim God had ordained that death would be the consequence of sin.

Genesis 2:15-17 (KJV) 15 And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: 17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and

evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

When Adam and Eve sinned, they first “died” spiritually by being separated from the life-giving presence of Elohim God.

Genesis 3:7-13, 22-24 (KJV) 7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. 8 And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden. 9 And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? 10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. 11 And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? 12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. 13 And the Lord God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

22 And the Lord God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: 23 Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. 24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

From that separation, it was only a matter of time before the body expired. From that day, ability to sin and its consequence, ability to expire in the physical body were passed on naturally to all humanity

through the process of procreation. This enables us to appreciate the essence of the Incarnation of Yeshua, Jesus which was to pay the price for recovery of all who would have been lost.

Romans 5:12-21 (KJV) 12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: 13 (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. 14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come. 15 But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. 16 And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification. 17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.) 18 Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. 19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. 20 Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: 21 That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:21-22 (KJV) 21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Question 2. What happens to the physical body at the point of death?

Answer: Physical death is said to occur when the spirit-man and soul are separated from and depart from the body. Every human on earth is appointed to die once after that the judgement follows on the appointed date Elohim God has set.

Ecclesiastes 3:2 (KJV) 2 A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;

Hebrews 9:27 (KJV) 27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

The Body – when ‘death’ happens, the body becomes lifeless. No amount of money, intellect, position in life can save a human from this separation of the inner being (the real being) from the outer being or body (the house in which he lived!). The body will rapidly decompose as its water base is polluted by the un-renewed cells and deconstructing systems (80% of body mass). On the day of the first resurrection and rapture, the bodies of saints will be given a celestial version with which to live forever.

Question 3. Where do the spirit and soul of the righteous go at death?

Answer: The spirit and soul of the righteous go to rest in Yeshua Jesus in Paradise. Some parts of Scripture call this Abraham’s bosom (Luke 16:20-25). In other words, the spirit of the righteous can be said to go back to Elohim God Who gave it in the first place (Ecclesiastes 12:1-7). Because the soul is the realm of self-expression, it will account for what was done in the body while alive and how far it influenced the spirit-man (2 Corinthians 5:9-11). The truth is that the day a sinner makes a value decision to repent of sin and accept the propitiatory death of Yeshua Jesus at the Cross of Calvary, the spirit and soul of that person has been redeemed from

eternal damnation (except such a person backslides or goes into apostasy).

Physical death for the righteous is simply a transition into a state of resting in The Saviour/Messiah. Scriptures clearly teach that it is the first stage of reward for believing and serving Elohim God faithfully while on earth. It must be stressed that in the realm of eternity, the spirit and soul are treated as one: the inner or real man who was on pilgrimage on earth and needed a physical body to function for the span of time spent here returns to its maker (2 Corinthians 5:10; 1 Peter 2:11).

Question 4. What happens to the spirit and souls of sinners, backsliders, and apostates at death?

Answer: Because they rejected the propitiatory work of Yeshua Jesus, those who die in their sins, including saints who backslide into a life of sin and apostates who embraced doctrines which made His death of none effect, at death, they stay in a place of torment waiting for the day they will be resurrected, judged, and punished in the Lake of Fire and Brimstone forever and ever.

Deuteronomy 24:16 (KJV) 16 The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, neither shall the children be put to death for the fathers: every man shall be put to death for his own sin.

Psalm 49:5-20 (KJV) 5 Wherefore should I fear in the days of evil, when the iniquity of my heels shall compass me about? 6 They that trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches; 7 None of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him: 8 (For the redemption of their soul is precious, and it ceaseth for ever:) 9 That he should still live for ever, and not see corruption. 10 For he seeth that wise men die, likewise the fool and the brutish person perish, and leave their wealth to others. 11 Their inward thought is, that their houses shall

continue for ever, and their dwelling places to all generations; they call their lands after their own names. 12 Nevertheless man being in honour abideth not: he is like the beasts that perish. 13 This their way is their folly: yet their posterity approve their sayings. Selah. 14 Like sheep they are laid in the grave; death shall feed on them; and the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning; and their beauty shall consume in the grave from their dwelling. 15 But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: for he shall receive me. Selah. 16 Be not thou afraid when one is made rich, when the glory of his house is increased; 17 For when he dieth he shall carry nothing away: his glory shall not descend after him. 18 Though while he lived he blessed his soul: and men will praise thee, when thou doest well to thyself. 19 He shall go to the generation of his fathers; they shall never see light. 20 Man that is in honour, and understandeth not, is like the beasts that perish.

Ezekiel 3:18-21(KJV) 18 When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. 19 Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul. 20 Again, When a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumbling-block before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand. 21 Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned; also thou hast delivered thy soul.

John 3:16-19 (KJV) 16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. 18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

Question 5. What will be the critical differences between the time and place of rewards of the righteous and sinners?

Answer:

The righteous start to receive and enjoy their rewards at physical death when they go to rest. Paul said that this state is better and more preferable for saints as it marks permanent escape from eternal damnation! It also marks the end of struggles, labouring for wages or profit, stress, crises, and disappointments. It is a state of sweet rest.

Philippians 1:21-24 (KJV) 21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. 22 But if I live in the flesh, this is the fruit of my labour: yet what I shall choose I wot not. 23 For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better: 24 Nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you.

Subsequently, on the day of the Lord, the First Resurrection occurs with the righteous dead before the living saints are raptured, those in this state will have their spirit and souls that are already redeemed, clothed with new celestial (imperishable versions) bodies 1 Corinthians 15: 35-50. The redeemed spirit and soul now clothed with the celestial body will resurrect to meet Jesus in the air

1 Corinthians 15:51-58 (KJV) 51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. 55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? 56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-16 (KJV) 13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. 15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. 16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

The resurrected saints will be joined by other saints who are alive in this Day of All Days; the Mother of All Days when truth of scripture will be confirmed! That Day is very near!!! (1 Thessalonians 4:17,18). The taking away of the saints is what some call the “Rapture” or “catching away”. Labels are not the issue but what matters is the actual fact as described in the Scriptures. The reason

for this development is that Elohim God did not appoint His saints to wrath on earth or in hell. Those who embrace Yeshua, Jesus and stick to Him in spite of trials and temptations pass from death to life and will be treated separately from the rest of humanity. He commits Himself to honour those who honoured Him while in the Body; not using their physical beings to serve Satan and sin (John 5:24-29; John 5:51; Romans 5:6-21; Romans 6:1-23).

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (KJV) 1 But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. 2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. 3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. 4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. 5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. 7 For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. 8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. 9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. 11 Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

Hebrews 9:27-28 (KJV) 27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: 28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

These two sets of saints, those who would be resurrected and those who would be raptured, will be taken to the JUDGEMENT SEAT OF Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:10 (KJV) 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

This is not a judgement unto destruction. It is rather a time for evaluating the quality of work done; how faithfully saints discharged the vision and mission committed to their trust and the motivations for projects saints and ministers embarked on. Did one build according to the divine pattern for the Church given to Apostle Paul or not including whether the Fivefold was given space to activate the Priesthood after the Order of Melchizedek? The fire of Elohim God will try every work done in His name. What was of the flesh; what was done out of strife or vanity will be consumed. Some seemingly 'great ministries' may be found to have been built with inferior materials and therefore will earn ministers no rewards, leading to their 'squeezing' into eternity without Crowns they thought they deserved.

1 Corinthians 3:10-15 (KJV) 10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. 11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; 13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. 14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. 15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

The outcome of this Judgement will determine who gets what quality of rewards. The scope of territory saints will be assigned to rule over in the Millennial Reign of Jesus will also be determined

there. For instance, the persons who will supervise the entire territory now known as the United States of America or United Kingdom during the Millennial reign of Yeshua will be determined at this place. It may not be one of the great televangelists or Church leaders with mega congregations. It may be an unknown quantity, you!

The saints who passed through this gate of ultimate Redemption are ushered into immortality. They will enjoy the pleasures of life in heaven for a brief period of time (believed by interpretation of some scriptures as 7 years) while the world will descend into a period of Great Tribulation.

The Marriage Feast of the Lamb will follow. This is the time when the Whole Church Triumphant will be joined to Yeshua, Jesus as a Bride is united in a grand wedding feast with her groom!

Revelation 19:1-9 (KJV) 1 And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God: 2 For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand. 3 And again they said, Alleluia And her smoke rose up for ever and ever. 4 And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia. 5 And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great. 6 And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. 7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. 8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. 9 And he saith

unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

About the 7th year from the Trumpet Blast when saints were supernaturally lifted from both their graves (those who had died before) and from amongst human beings (for those alive), the saints will accompany Yeshua, Jesus Christ on His descent to the earth to subdue all rebellion. At the first coming, Yeshua, Jesus was the Lamb of Elohim God who came meekly as a sacrificial offering for redemption of humans. At His Second Coming, He will be like a Warrior King, The Lion of the Tribe of Judah, in full Military Might! He will invade the earth realm with the saints triumphant, save Israel which would have been surrounded by extraordinarily large army intent on destroying her completely.

Revelation 19:11-21 (KJV) 11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. 12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. 13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. 14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. 15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. 16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, King Of Kings, And Lord Of Lords. 17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; 18 That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the

flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great. 19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. 20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. 21 And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

Preceding this day, Israel would have suffered 7 years of intense persecution known as a time of Jacob's Trouble – the last 31/2 years worse than the Holocaust!

Matthew 24:20-22 (KJV) 20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: 21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. 22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

Jeremiah 30:6-7 (KJV) 6 Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child? wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness? 7 Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble, but he shall be saved out of it.

The timely return of Yeshua, Jesus with the glorified saints will save Israel, and stamp out the rebellion of the anti-Christ, False Prophet, and their armies. The events of our contemporary times are all pointers to the reality that all prophecies of the end time are coming together! Saints, let your lamps be in burning mode like the Wise Virgins! Be Ready 24/7; Be Watchful and yet Be very productive,

using all the gifts, callings, and opportunities before you to preach the sound gospel of the Kingdom so that many will be saved! Expand the frontiers of the gospel in your sphere of influence according to Luke 19:10-28.

After Psalm 2 is fulfilled at this time, Satan will be bound in the Bottomless Pit for 1000 years so that there will be no evil influence in the earth realm. Yeshua, Jesus will rule the whole earth realm in a practical sense from Jerusalem, His chosen capital city.

Revelation 20:1-6 (KJV) 1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, 3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season. 4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. 5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. 6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

As Supreme Monarch of the Kingdom, which is worldwide, He will not rule alone! He will assign saints to rule as Kings over various cities, districts, states, nations, and regions according to the evaluation at the Judgement Seat. This will be literal, not figurative as it is in the now! Revelation 1:6; Revelations 5:9, 10.

In this sense, we will fulfil the mandate of redemption as co-regents and joint heirs of the Kingdom with Yeshua, Jesus

Romans 8:17 (KJV) 17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

Romans 8:18-25 (KJV) 18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. 19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. 20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, 21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. 23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body. 24 For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? 25 But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

Saints will be assigned to function as the Royal Priesthood, that is kings who rule and Priests who stand in the gap between humans and Elohim.

Revelation 1:5-6 (KJV) 5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, 6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Revelation 5:9-10 (KJV) 9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; 10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

As Priests, they will teach those unbelievers who are alive when these things happen and are given an amnesty into that phase of life, principles of the Kingdom. This amnesty is the only key to explain what has puzzled bible scholars for several centuries. The reality is that all sinners will not be destroyed neither will the physical earth which Peter spoke of be destroyed at this time.

2 Peter 3:7-14 (KJV) 7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. 8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. 10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. 11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, 12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? 13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. 14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

Destruction of the physical earth realm by fire when the heavens will be rolled away like a scroll occur after the millennium – first at the sight of The Righteous Judge at the Great White Throne Judgement.

Revelation 20:11 (KJV) 11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

All unbelievers on earth at onset of this glorious era – irrespective of their former ideologies, religions, and excuses – who were given a free pass into the millennium will now be receptive of the message of the Kingdom for four reasons.

- The first is that Satan would be bound and taken out of the way. His capacity to tempt man would be circumscribed for the entire 1,000 years (Revelation 20:1-6).
- The second is that the world will witness the Mother of All Wars at the Battle of Armageddon and with all their natural Presidents, Kings, and soldiers defeated in battle, they would have no choice than to accept the victorious Yeshua, Jesus and receive His priests and Kings assigned over them.
- The third reason is that the entire spiritual atmosphere would have changed. The hunger and thirst for the things of Elohim God would be widespread. There will be enough Priests of Yeshua, Jesus who will be available to teach people the ways of the Kingdom. Part of the message of the pseudo-kingdom gospel is the mixing up of this truth and appropriating it for the now! This fallacy has been proved to be mere figments of men's imagination so much so that there is not one single nation which is ruled by Kingdom principles on earth today. Yet some saints allow themselves to be deluded that we are called to "take over and rule the earth now". Our present realm of rule is in the spiritual dimension where we exercise the authority of the Kingdom to determine how the hearts of men and women respond to issues. A day is coming however

when we will rule and reign physically. Saints, the wait will be worth it! (Romans 8:18-25).

- The Kingdom will be a wonder to behold: a re-enactment of life in the Garden of Eden on a universal scale. All that humans desire would be provided graciously by Elohim: no death, hunger, sickness, or death. There would be universal peace with no nation at war with another, no terrorism, or natural disasters. All people of all religions, races and tribes would simply enjoy life under the full beneficence of Yeshua and therefore bow to His authority and rule.

Isaiah 65: 21-25 (KJV) And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.²² They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.²³ They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the Lord, and their offspring with them.²⁴ And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the Lord.”

Question 6. What is the future of sinners, backsliders, and apostates?

Those who die in their sins have missed eternity with Elohim God without any remedy since they rejected His appointed instrument of eternal life, Yeshua, Jesus (John 3:16-19).

Those who remain in their sins when the trumpet sounds will face 7 years of the rule of the opposite personality: the anti-Christ! The anti-Christ will unleash pain on those who claim to be saints but missed the exit of the true saints. A world ruler, he will be affirmed

by the False Prophet who will make the possession of a chip in the right hand or forehead the linchpin of a global economic system.

Revelation 13:16-18 (KJV) 16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: 17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. 18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.

The name, number and mark of the Beast will not be sold as a religious object! It will be packaged and presented as a need; something which will solve some fundamental problems of mankind and therefore of high functional value to make life more convenient for humans. The idea is to have a true “Big Government” with an interconnected data base of all people on earth. This will solve the issue of identity theft, make crime a past sense, and make life more convenient for global citizens! The assumed ‘benefit’ however comes with a price: anyone who takes it is forever condemned without any remedy!

Revelation 14:9-12 (KJV) 9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, 10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: 11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. 12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

Apart from Christians who were left behind, the bulk of wrath of the anti-Christ is Israel and Jews everywhere. In the first 3 1/2 years of His rule, he will try to trick the Jews that he is their Saviour. His true colours will however be revealed when he insists on being worshipped as God and places the abomination of desolation on the altar of the Temple in Jerusalem. The eyes of Israel will be opened, and they will rebel. For this reason, they will suffer intense persecution. Armies of some global powers will mass around to destroy Jerusalem and the people. The timely return of Yeshua, Jesus will frustrate his plans and he will be destroyed.

Some backsliders and sinners who witness the exit of saints at the sound of the Trumpet will however recover themselves, be brave and embrace martyrdom. They will ultimately be saved by knowing what the bible says of those who take the mark of the beast. As they refuse to take the mark, they will be killed for their faith.

On the actual Second Coming of Yeshua, Jesus, everyone alive would have a chance to live sin free for 1,000 years. Faithful triumphant saints will rule over them and also teach them the ordinances of God.

At the end of 1,000 years, Satan who was bound in prison would be loosed for a short season. The purpose would be to see if those people who were granted a “pass/amnesty” into the Kingdom/millennial reign; who experienced the righteous rule of Yeshua Jesus and His co-regents and who received ministry from priests assigned to them were merely playing along or genuinely received Him. The word shows clearly that their unregenerate hearts will respond to the solicitations to sin and rebellion of Satan!

Revelation 20:7-10 (KJV) 7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, 8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog, and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. 9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about,

and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. 10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

The Great White Throne will be the place where all the unrighteous dead of all generations including those who responded to Satan after the 1,000-year reign of Jesus will be summoned. The Books will be examined. All whose names are not in the Lamb's Book of Life will be cast into the place of eternal torment, the Lake of Fire and Brimstone!

Revelation 20:11-15 (KJV) 11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. 13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. 14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Endless eternity would follow, some to eternal bliss and others in eternal perdition/damnation!

Question 7: Are there exceptions to the rule of death?

Answer: Yes. This is because Elohim God is Sovereign and can do anything or allow anything according to the good pleasure of His will. Sometimes, He allows an exception in order to lay a basis for us to understand His nature, attributes and the things that are yet to come. This is the case with these exceptions to the rule of death:

Enoch: This 7th generation descendant of Adam lived such a righteous life that Elohim God allowed him to be translated without physical death, thus prefiguring the rapture of saints

Hebrews 11:5 (KJV) 5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

As flesh and blood cannot possess the Kingdom, Enoch was given his celestial body at the point of departure. Enoch was the vessel who first prophesied about how Jesus will return with an uncountable number of saints in their glorified bodies to set up the full phase of the Kingdom of God

Jude 14,15 (KJV) And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints 15 To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him

Elijah: The prophet Elijah was so effective in his ministry that the day he fainted, Elohim God in His graciousness decided to give him a safe passage into eternity! A Chariot of fire was dispatched from heaven to take him in a blaze of glory to heaven! (2 Kings 2).

Yeshua, Jesus: After completing His Mission on the Cross, the Father resolved that the physical boy of Jesus would not see corruption. On the third day, His body was glorified and resurrected

Psalms 16:10 (KJV) 10 For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

Acts 13:37 (KJV) 37 But he, whom God raised again, saw no corruption.

Because this was the glorified body, it needed to be shown in the courts of heaven to bring closure to the redemption mission before any human was allowed to touch it. That is why Jesus asked an excited Mary Magdalene not to touch him yet until He showed the Father His Body! (John 20:1-18). He ascended in that glorified body to heaven where He is seated on the right hand of His Father in Majesty.

Acts 1:9-11 (KJV) 9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. 10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; 11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

Assignment: 1. Please summarise any 5 of the 7 questions and answers. 2. What are your personal resolutions flowing from what you learnt in this chapter? 3. Would you recommend this chapter to other believers? If yes, please intentionally share with all your loved ones – both saved and unsaved.

Course Impact Assessment

1. What is the spirit of man and where does it come from.? Share 2 features of the spirit man
2. Briefly summarize the human soul explaining the method Elohim used to activate it and explain features of each of the 3 components of the soul.
3. Summarize the flesh. Include in the summary the difference between a life led by the flesh and a life led by the Spirit.
4. What is sanctification and why is it important for every saint?
5. How does one know if they have received sanctification?
6. List at least 5 outcomes of genuine sanctification. Explain at least 1 critical fact about each and why it is important to living a spiritual life.
7. Describe what the bible says about the purpose of the human body.
8. What are lust and cravings of the soul and how should saints deal with them?
9. True or False: A besetting sin is when a sin a saint has control over.

 True False
10. Which of the following is not a major gate of the body?

 Hands

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Eyes

Ears

Skin

11. True or False: Living proactively is always the key to living the clean, overcoming life!

True False

12. True or False: Grace can be used as excuse to relapse into sin.

True False

13. Select 2 of the 12 Vital Keys to keep your vessels pure and in a sanctified state, explain each supporting your response with at least 1 scripture reference.

14. Fill in the blank: You can never succeed in ministry if you do not understand your _____ and bring it under _____ to your spirit man.

15. True or False: Holiness is a denominational thing

True False

16. True or False: Holiness is a work of Holy Spirit but requires our cooperation

True False

17. True or False: Spiritual rest is achieved when we shun worry, anxiety and rather have our minds stayed on the Lord

True False

18. True or False: Saints are also called to exercise their physical bodies.

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True False

19. True or False: When saints refuse to enter into the rest of Yeshua, their spirit, soul, and body suffer undue strain.

True False

20. Explain at least three of the outcomes for those who refuse to enter into the Rest provided by Elohim

21. Explain the significant dimension of the Kingdom of God.

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