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LESSONS IN LIFE!

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Heavenly Father - The Title Of The Creator Of The Universe! Yahweh - The Eternal Name Of The Creator Of The Universe!

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When one speaks of righteousness it carries with it the most significant state of mind one could hope to achieve. For, without righteousness, the Kingdom of the Heavenly Father is unreachable which leaves billions and billions of human beings in the dark.

The saying, "our righteousness is as of filthy rags" *(in comparison to His)* gets tossed around by religious circles all the time.

It is absolutely, unarguably correct. We cannot hope to achieve the perfectness

of Yahweh because He is the Heavenly Father and is not human.

Herein lies the problem.

Because of statements like that, hu-mans quit trying. They don't even make an attempt at righteousness, and especi-ally when one realizes he or she is born in to sin to begin with. Born in to unrighteous-ness. Born with evil preva-lent. Born with a body driven to do wrong by its mind, seemingly without control.

What we do know about righteousness is that no one can enter the Kingdom of the Heavenly Father in unrighteousness. Wickedness can't be there, so if that's the case, what do we or can we do about it?

The Heavenly Father specifically says that **only** the righteous will be with Him.

In His presence, a <u>scroll of remem-</u> <u>brance</u> was written to <u>record the names</u> of those who feared him and always thought about the honor of his name.

"They will be my people," says Yah-weh of Heaven's Armies. "On the day when I act in judgment, they will be my own special treasure. <u>I will spare</u> <u>them</u> as a father spares an obedient child. Then you will again see the difference between the <u>righteous</u> and the <u>wicked</u>,

between <u>those who serve Heavenly</u> Father and <u>those who do not</u>." Malachi 3:16-18

A time is coming when the righteous and the wicked will raise from the grave and He will judge and separate the two. Some will be raised (says Yahweh) to everlasting life (that's being with Him). Some will be raised (says Yahweh) to everlasting shame and disgrace (that's being without Him).

And who are those that are raised to everlasting life? The righteous who **serve** the Heavenly Father. Serving in part is **obeying**, and obedience means His **commandments**, His **decrees**, His **directives** and His **desires** for our lives. He will spare us just as a father spares an obedient child.

Those who don't serve Him by disobeying His Commandments, disobeying His decrees, disobeying His directives and not allowing Him to direct their lives will end up living in everlasting shame and disgrace.

Then there are the really, really bad ones called evildoers and liars. They are judged to sink in to the pit, the underworld where they won't see the light of day, ever.

Father has had a few righteous men on earth and likes to use as a few examples, Noah, Job and Daniel. So to comfort oneself, picture yourself as one of these three individuals, and in this newsletter, we'll use Job as an example of righteousness in the eyes of Yahweh and what he did to deserve what he will eventually inherit (and as a matter of fact did get blessed with much in his physical life as well).

Remember, the Father asked Satan once upon a time what he was doing in His presence and Satan answered that he had been roaming the earth looking at things.

Yahweh asked Him if he had observed His faithful servant Job. Satan said yes he had, but criticized the Father for protecting Job like He did.

Yahweh responded by telling Him he would show Satan just how righteous Job was by letting him *(Satan)* test him, and it ended up being almost to the death. Satan told the Father Job would give in without those protections, Father disagreed and without Job's knowledge, the test of faith *(total trust and obedience)* in the Creator of the Universe began. Job knew Yahweh, one of the few men on earth at that time that did.

He didn't have a bible.

He didn't have a college degree, (especially theological).

He didn't have a religion. He was very, very wealthy, the richest man in that area of the world at that time, abundant with livestock and paid servants to help keep things in order.

However, he was a blameless man of complete integrity (<u>adherence to</u> <u>moral principles; honesty</u>) and he <u>feared Yahweh and</u> <u>stayed away from evil</u> (that's the definition of righteousness).

Did someone teach that to Him? Did the Heavenly Father cause his brain to think that way? Was there a mentor or tutor somewhere along the way that brainwashed him into that condition of being blameless, having complete integrity? And, was he taught to fear Yahweh and stay away from evil?

We see no history of some sense of teachings that would bring Job to the mental condition he was with Yahweh, so we, as he, desire to be righteous and redeemed by the Father when the time comes.

So let's read in to some of Job's thoughts about righteousness that we might apply them to our own lives:

"People know where to mine silver and how to refine gold. They know where to dig iron from the earth and how to smelt copper from rock. They know how to shine light in the darkness and explore the farthest regions of the earth as they search in the dark for ore. They sink a mine shaft into the earth far from where anyone lives. They descend on ropes, swinging back and forth. Food is grown on the earth above, but down below, the earth is melted as by fire. Here the rocks contain precious lapis lazuli, and the dust contains gold. These are treasures no bird of prey can see, no falcon's eye observe. No wild animal has walked upon these treasures: no lion has ever set his paw there. People know how to tear apart flinty rocks and overturn the roots of mountains. They cut tunnels in the rocks and uncover precious stones. They dam up the trickling streams and bring to light the hidden treasures. "But do people know where to find wisdom? Where can they find understanding? No one knows where to find it, for it is not found among the living. 'It is not here,' says the ocean. 'Nor is it here,' says the sea. It cannot be bought with gold. It cannot be purchased with silver. It's worth more than all the gold of Ophir, greater than precious onyx or lapis lazuli. Wisdom is more valuable than gold and crystal. It cannot be purchased with jewels mounted in fine gold. Coral and jasper are worthless in trying to get it. The price of wisdom is far above rubies. Precious peridot from Ethiopia cannot be exchanged for it. It's worth more than the purest gold. "But do people know where to find wisdom? Where can they find understanding? It is hidden from the eves of all humanity. Even the sharpeyed birds in the sky cannot discover it. Destruction and death say, 'We've heard only rumors of where wisdom can be found.' "Heavenly Father alone understands the way to wisdom; He knows where it can be found, for he looks throughout the whole earth and sees everything under the heavens. He decided

how hard the winds should blow and how much rain should fall. He made the laws for the rain and laid out a path for the lightning. Then he saw wisdom and evaluated it. He set it in place and examined it thoroughly. And this is what he says to all humanity: 'The <u>fear of Yahweh is true wisdom</u>; to <u>forsake evil is real understanding</u>." Job 28

Job found the truth of life and applied it. We too have the opportunity to gain wisdom and understanding from the one who created it, <u>Yah-</u> <u>weh</u>, and like Job, applied, we are considered righteous in the eyes of our Creator, and He says a scroll of remembrance of us and our lives is actively kept updated, and when we are raised *(or should we still be here)*, our name will be <u>found in the book</u>, and like Daniel, we will receive our inheritance of everlasting life.

Again, <u>fear Yahweh</u> and <u>forsake evil</u> and we'll be <u>in-</u> <u>fluenced</u> (*led by His Holy Influence*) in His wisdom and understanding. No amount of education or intelligence on the face of the earth can com-

Acknowledgment Of Yahweh

(Honoring and recognizing our Creator Psalm 59)

Rescue me from my enemies. O Heavenly Father. Protect me from those who have come to destroy me. Rescue me from these criminals; save me from these murderers. They have set an ambush for me. Fierce enemies are out there waiting, Yahweh, though I have not sinned or offended them. I have done nothing wrong, yet they prepare to attack me. Wake up! See what is happening and help me! O Yahweh Heavenly Father of Heaven's Armies, the Heavenly Father of Israel, wake up and punish those hostile nations. Show no mercy to wicked traitors.

They come out at night, snarling like vicious dogs as they prowl the streets. Listen to the filth that comes from their mouths; their words cut like swords. "After all, who can hear us?" they sneer. But Yahweh, you laugh at them. You scoff at all the hostile nations. You are my strength; I wait for you to rescue me, for you, O Heavenly Father, are my fortress. In his unfailing love, my Heavenly Father will stand with me. He will let me look down in triumph on all my enemies.

Don't kill them, for my people soon forget such lessons; stagger them with your power, and bring them to their knees, O Yahweh our shield. Because of the sinful things they say, because of the evil that is on their lips, let them be captured by their pride, their curses, and their lies. Destroy them in your anger! Wipe them out completely! Then the whole world will know that Heavenly Father reigns in Israel.

My enemies come out at night, snarling like vicious dogs as they prowl the streets. They scavenge for food but go to sleep unsatisfied.

But as for me, I will sing about your power. Each morning I will sing with joy about your unfailing love. For you have been my refuge, a place of safety when I am in distress. O my Strength, to you I sing praises, for you, O Heavenly Father, are my refuge, the Heavenly Father who shows me unfailing love. pare to <u>His</u> wisdom and understanding in our lives.

Job was also a blessed man, and as he went through the test of faith, he longed for those blessings:

Job continued speaking: "I long for the years gone by when Heavenly Father took care of me, when he lit up the way before me and I walked safely through the darkness. When I was in my prime, Heavenly Father's friendship was felt in my home. The Almighty was still with me, and my children were around me. My cows produced milk in abundance, and my groves poured out streams of olive oil. "Those were the days when I went to the city gate and took my place among the honored leaders. The young stepped aside when they saw me, and even the aged rose in respect at my coming. The princes stood in silence and put their hands over their mouths. The highest officials of the city stood quietly, holding their tongues in respect. "All who heard me praised me. All who saw me spoke well of me. For I assisted the poor in their need and the orphans who required help. I helped those without hope, and they blessed me. And I caused the widows' hearts to sing for joy. Everything I did was honest. Righteousness covered me like a robe, and I wore justice like a turban. I served as eyes for the blind and feet for the lame. I was a father to the poor and assisted strangers who needed help. I broke the jaws of unrighteous oppressors and plucked their victims from their teeth. "I thought, 'Surely I will die surrounded by my family after a long, good life. For I am like a tree whose roots reach the water, whose branches are refreshed with the dew. New honors are constantly bestowed on me, and my strength is continually renewed.' "Everyone listened to my advice. They were silent as they waited for me to speak. And after I spoke, they had nothing to add, for my counsel satisfied them. They longed for me to speak as people long for rain. They drank my words like a refreshing spring rain. When they were discouraged, I smiled at them. My look of approval was precious to them. Like a chief, I told them what to do. I lived like a king among his troops and comforted those who mourned. Job 29

Job was going through "wishful thinking" at this juncture of the test, but none-the-less, describes His relationship with Yahweh before the test began, and continued to long for it.

Then the human side of him begins to play on his mind. And, just like all of us when we are tested, some despondency sets in:

"But now I am mocked by people younger than I, by young men whose fathers are not worthy to run with my sheep-dogs. A lot of good they are to me - those worn out wretches! They are gaunt with hunger and flee to the deserts, to desolate and gloomy wastelands. They pluck wild greens from among the bushes and eat from the roots of broom trees. They are driven from human society, and people shout at them as if they were thieves. So now they live in frightening ravines, in caves and among the rocks. They sound like animals howling among the bushes, huddled together beneath the nettles. They are nameless fools, out-casts from society. "And now they mock me with vulgar songs! They taunt me! They despise me and won't come near me, except to spit in my face. For Heavenly Father has cut my bow-string. He has humbled me, so they have thrown off all restraint. These outcasts oppose me to my face. They send me sprawling and lay traps in my path. They block my road and do everything they can to destroy me. They know I have no one to help me. They come at me from all directions. They jump on me when I am down. I live in terror

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Such sadness that has befallen Job at this point, but such relief, joy, strength and encouragement it serves we who are tested for righteousness. We have to be ready for both ends of the spectrum as we go through life, enduring and overcoming as we approach our last breath and know that we have continued to be written in the book.

Not easy physically (or mentally) by any stretch of the imagination, but, Job is not only written in the Fa-

ther's book of life, he gained favor three-fold before he died.

As he crumbled, seemingly without any defense whatsoever, he cried out to Yahweh and presented his life to Him for reconsideration:

"I made a covenant with my eyes not to look with lust at a young woman. For what has Heavenly Father above chosen for us? What is our inheritance from the Almighty on high? Isn't it calamity for the wicked and misfortune for those who do evil? Doesn't he see everything I do and every step I take? "Have I lied to anyone or deceived anyone? Let Heavenly Father weigh me on the scales of justice, for he knows my integrity. If I have strayed from his pathway, or if my heart has lusted for what my eyes have seen, or if I am guilty of any other sin, then let someone else eat the crops I have planted. Let all that I have planted be uprooted. "If my heart has been seduced by a woman, or if I have lusted for my neighbor's wife, then let my wife belong to another man; let other men sleep with her. For lust is a shameful sin, a crime that should be punished. It is a fire that burns all the way to hell. It would wipe out everything I own. "If I have been unfair to my male or female servants when they brought their complaints to me, how could I face Heavenly Father? What could I say when he questioned me? For Heavenly Father created both me and my servants. He created us both in the womb. "Have I refused to help the poor, or crushed the hopes of widows? Have I been stingy with my food and refused to share it with orphans? No, from childhood I have cared for orphans like a father, and all my life I have cared for widows. Whenever I saw the homeless without clothes and the needy with nothing to wear, did they not praise me for providing wool clothing to keep them warm? "If I raised my hand against an orphan, knowing the judges would take my side, then let my shoulder be wrenched out of place! Let my arm be

torn from its socket! That would be better than facing Heavenly Father's judgment. For if the majesty of Heavenly Father opposes me, what hope is there? "Have I put my trust in money or felt secure because of my gold? Have I gloated about my wealth and all that I own? "Have I looked at the sun shining in the skies, or the moon walking down its silver pathway, and been secretly enticed in my heart to throw kisses at them in worship? If so, I should be punished by the judges, for it would mean I had denied the Heavenly Father of heaven. "Have I ever rejoiced when disaster struck my enemies, or become excited when harm came their way? No, I have never sinned by cursing anyone or by asking for revenge."My servants have never said, 'He let others go hungry.' I have never turned away a stranger but have opened my doors to everyone. "Have I tried to hide my sins like other people do, concealing my guilt in my heart? Have I feared the crowd or the contempt of the masses, so that I kept guiet and stayed indoors? "If only someone would listen to me! Look, I will sign my name to my defense. Let the Almighty answer me. Let my accuser write out the charges against me. I would face the accusation proudly. I would wear it like a crown. For I would tell him exactly what I have done. I would come before him like a prince. "If my land accuses me and all its furrows cry out together, or if I have stolen its crops or murdered its owners, then let thistles grow on that land instead of wheat, and weeds instead of barley. Job 31

As Job defends his righteous life, it should prompt us to look at our own and humbly admit to the Father of Creation, our wrongs and repent of any wrong-doings currently blocking our path to everlasting life, because these are choices we can and must make if we intend being with Him forever. No religion, no government, no system, no man or woman *(including relatives)* can make these choices for us.

They are ours to make. We become righteous (and He will purge us as if we were in a furnace of fire), we remain unrighteous - or the worst, evil-doers and liars.

The choice is an individual one. No one can do it for us or on our behalf.

Job's test ended, and while he did get chided by Yahweh a little (the Father described some of what he said as "ignorant words"), the Father blessed Job in the second half of his life even more than in his beginning.

Job ended up with double what he started with before the test, along with 7 new sons, 3 new daughters and lived a life long enough to see four generations of his offspring before he expired to his rest.

We are not about to tell you that some man-god has come along and wiped out the need for us to achieve righteousness and that Job's test won't touch our lives. We'll tell you just the opposite.

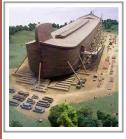
Righteousness <u>is</u> the goal, not some mystic bornagain experience.

The holier-than-thou (*prideful*) will call you to religion. Having been humbled, we will call you to righteousness, the pathway of salvation given us by Yahweh and reserved for the day of judgement.

Human <u>pride</u> will be brought down, and human <u>arrogance</u> will be humbled. Only <u>Yahweh will be exalted on that</u> <u>day of judgment</u>. Isaiah 2:11

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Noah



Go into the boat with all your family, for among all the people of the earth, I can see that you alone are righteous. Genesis 7:1

Job



I will present profound arguments for the <u>righteousness</u> of my Creator.

Job 36:3

Daniel



Those who are wise will shine as bright as the sky, and those who lead many

to <u>righteousness</u> will shine like the stars forever. **Daniel 12:3**