

Study of of Ephesians 4

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Ephesians 4:1-32

I therefore, the prisoner of YHVH, beseech you that you walk worthy of the vocation wherewith you are called,

Here Paul, who claims to be a prisoner of YHVH, which means that he is totally surrendered to YHVH and His ways, **IS** speaking to believers and he says *I beseech you that you walk worthy of the vocation wherewith you are called*. What **IS** the vocation that believers are called to?

Matthew 6:33 Seek first the kingdom of Elohim and all these other things will be added onto you.

How are believers supposed to seek the kingdom of Elohim and His righteousness? *Verse 2 With all lowliness, meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; 3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*

Can any of you tell me what Paul is saying here? Do you understand what He is telling us to do? Let's begin with what you have experienced with most church leaders or those of the hierarchy of the church that you have been exposed to. Would you say that in general that the leadership that you have encountered in the church today, from the pastors, or priests to the hierarchy of the church and or synagogues, are *lowly, meek, longsuffering, forbearing one another in love, endeavouring to keep unity of the Holy Spirit in the bond of peace*? Before you answer that question you have to keep in mind what is said in Scripture, in *Ezekiel 36:26-27* which is that the Father's Holy Spirit was given to **ALL** believers for the very specific purpose of **CAUSING** all believers **to believe, follow obey and DO** the Torah of Moses. Based on this biblical **TRUTH**, that the Torah was given to us **TO CAUSE EVERY** Believer to willingly obey the Father's Torah of Life, **WOULD YOU SAY** that your personal experience with the church and synagogue **LEADERSHIP OF TODAY DOES IN ANYWAY AT ALL, EVEN REMOTELY, REPRESENT THESE QUALITIES? IF YOU ARE NOT** finding these qualities that Paul **ADMONISHES ALL BELIEVERS TO HAVE, THEN** maybe it's time to look to a group that at least displays some of these highly sought after characteristics in order to become **A FULL PRISONER OF YHVH AS PAUL'S CLAIMED TO BE.**

How many church and synagogue denominational leaders and teachers claim that there **IS ONE LAW** for the Christians and a **SEPARATE LAW** for the Jews? I would venture to say that **MOST** of them actually believe that there are indeed two separate Torah's, one for the Jews and one for the Christians. Yet Paul, the apostle to the converted gentiles, emphatically states **THAT THERE IS ONE BODY, ONE HOLY SPIRIT** and therefore there **IS ONLY ONE LAW, ONE TORAH** given to **US** by YHVH, and furthermore according to Scripture, **NOT ACCORDING TO ME**, YHVH fills every believer with His Holy Spirit **TO CAUSE** every willing surrendered contrite heart, to obey and walk out His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His One and Only Torah of Life.

Verse 4 There is:

ONE body

ONE Spirit, even as you are called in

ONE hope of your calling

ONE Adonai

ONE belief (faith)

ONE baptism (there isn't a second baptism of the Holy Spirit)

ONE Elohim and Father of all

Who is above **ALL**

Through **ALL**, and

In you **ALL**.

Paul has made it abundantly clear in these *verses* as well as in many other places in his letters, that **THERE IS BUT ONE** family of the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and that family my friends, **IS ISRAEL**, and even **IF YOU KNOW NOTHING** of the Torah or the Word of Elohim, **IT IS STILL VERY CLEAR THAT IF THERE IS ONE FAMILY OF ELOHIM THEN THERE CAN ONLY BE ONE LAW FOR THAT FAMILY.**

Verse 7 But unto EVERY ONE of us IS GIVEN GRACE according to the measure of the gift of Messiah. I hope that you can see and understand what Paul **IS** telling us here? Paul says that to **EVERY ONE OF US, GRACE IS GIVEN**, according to the measure of the **GIFT** of Messiah. That means that since Messiah, the Lamb of Elohim was slain from the beginning of time, **THAT THE GRACE OF ELOHIM IS ALSO FROM THE BEGINNING OF TIME.** Therefore that means that **EVERY PERSON THAT HAS EVER BEEN BORN HAS BEEN GIVEN THE GRACE OF ELOHIM, THROUGH HIS LIVING WORD MADE FLESH, OUR MESSIAH. THERE ARE NO DIFFERENT LEVELS OF ELOHIM'S GRACE, THERE IS ONLY ONE LEVEL OF GRACE** given to us **BY** Elohim Himself, and that level my friends **NEVER EVER CHANGES, FOR IT IS INFINITE GRACE AND NOTHING CAN BE ADDED TO SOMETHING THAT IS INFINITE.** Please understand that this **IS A VERY VERY PROFOUND STATEMENT** and one that needs to be truly understood, accepted and internalized, **BECAUSE** it shows us that Elohim has **NO PARTIALITY** and that He loves absolutely everyone **WITH THE SAME INFINITE LOVE.** What we have to understand **IS** that Messiah **IS THE LIVING WORD OF ELOHIM MADE FLESH**, Messiah **IS** the Living Torah made flesh, and therefore **the phrase, the GIFT OF MESSIAH, IS SYNONYMOUS WITH the phrase THE GIFT OF THE TORAH**, our heavenly Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life **MADE FLESH.**

Verse 8 Therefore he says, 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).

Here Paul is quoting *Psalm 63:18* and telling us that Messiah **descended** into the lower parts of the earth to **free** those that were captured, **BUT** instead of setting them free and on their own, **He drew them to Himself and took their burdens upon Himself and instead of them receiving eternal pain and suffering, He offered them gifts.** Please understand that **ALL** of the gifts that Messiah gave the people are contained in His Torah, **FOR MESSIAH IS THE LIVING TORAH**, He is the Living Word of Elohim made flesh. Paul goes on to say that Messiah **NOT ONLY** descended into the depths of the earth, **BUT** that He also ascended up far above all heavens, so that He as the Living Torah might fulfill **ALL THINGS.** This reminds me of the *verse* in *Matthew 6:33* where it says **But SEEK you first the kingdom of Elohim, and His righteousness; and ALL these things shall be added unto you.**

What are **ALL** the things that He fulfilled?

Deuteronomy 28:1-14 And it shall come to pass, that **IF** you shall hearken diligently unto the voice of YHVH your Elohim, **TO OBSERVE AND TO DO ALL HIS COMMANDMENTS** which I command you this day, that YHVH your Elohim will set you high above all the nations of the earth: And **ALL** these **BLESSINGS** shall come on you, and overtake you, **IF** you shall hearken (shemah) unto the voice of YHVH your Elohim.

Blessed shall you be in the city

Blessed shalt you be in the field

Blessed shall be the fruit of your body

Blessed shall be the fruit of your ground

Blessed shall be the fruit of your cattle

Blessed shall be the increase of your kine

Blessed shall be the flocks of your sheep

Blessed shall be your basket and your store

Blessed shall you be when you come in

Blessed shalt you be when you go out

YHVH shall cause your enemies that rise up against you to be defeated before thy face

They shall come out against you one way, and they shall flee from you seven ways

YHVH shall command the blessing upon you in your storehouses

YHVH shall command the blessing upon all that you set your hand unto

YHVH shall bless you in the land which YHVH your elohim gives you

YHVH shall establish you as a holy people unto Himself

As he has sworn unto you

IF you shall **KEEP** the Commandments of YHVH your Elohim

And walk in His Ways, His Torah

And all people of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of YHVH

And they shall be afraid of you

And YHVH **SHALL** make you plenteous in goods

In the fruit of your body

In the fruit of your cattle

In the fruit of your ground

In the land which YHVH swore unto your fathers to give you

YHVH shall open unto you His good treasure, the heaven

To give the rain unto your land in his season

To bless all the work of thine hand

And you shall lend unto many nations

And you shall **NOT** borrow

And YHVH **SHALL** make you the head, and not the tail

You shall be above only

You shall **NOT** be beneath;

IF YOU hearken (willingly choose to shemah) unto the Commandments of YHVH your Elohim

Which I command you this day

TO OBSERVE AND TO DO THEM:

And you shall **NOT** go aside from **ANY OF THE WORDS** which I Command you this day,

To the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them.

These my friends are **BUT PART** of the Gifts that we will receive from YHVH

In verse 11 we are told of the **MINISTRIES** that Messiah came to establish and that He taught His disciples how to carry them out according to Scripture.

*Verse 11 And He gave some,
apostles
prophets
evangelists
pastors
teachers*

These are but a few of the gifts that Messiah gave to His people. We have to understand that Elohim is omnipotent, and, He could have quite easily done all of this work by Himself, **BUT** He chose to involve His creation, His people as His vessels, to teach a world that **IS** mired in darkness, that He **IS** the Light that we are all to follow, He is the Living Word, the Living Torah of the Father made flesh.

What will this Living Word made flesh **DO** for the people **IF** they willingly choose to obey and follow His example, and His leadership?

*Verse 12 It will
Perfect the saints, for the work of the ministry,
Perfect the saints for the edifying of the body of Messiah*

How long will these ministries or gifts last? They will last
*Until we all come in unity of the **ONE BELIEF** (One faith)
Until we all come in unity of the knowledge of the Son of Elohim (the living Torah made flesh),
Until we all come in unity unto a perfect (mature) man
Until we all come in unity unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Messiah:*

Here in these *verses* Paul tells us that **IF** we willingly and lovingly surrender our wills to our heavenly Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah **made flesh**, **IF** we willingly and lovingly choose to surrender to His Living Torah, it will **PERFECT** us for the **WORK** of the ministry and for the **edifying or teaching** of the Body of Messiah, those that have willingly surrendered their wills to His. Furthermore Paul tells us that these gifts or ministries will be with us until we are united in **ONE BELIEF**, the belief that the only begotten Son of Elohim, His Torah made flesh **IS** our Redeemer and Saviour and that the Torah obedient Life that He led while He was here on earth **IS** what we are to emulate and follow, **IF** we want to experience eternal life at His side as His bride.

What is the fullness of Messiah that we are to measure up to? Well we are told that Messiah was the spotless Lamb of Elohim. To be declared the spotless Lamb of Elohim, means that Messiah did **NOT SIN** and Scripture very clearly states in *1John 3:4* that **SIN IS** transgression of the Torah, therefore the Fullness of Messiah **IS** His totally surrendered Torah obedient Life that He led while He was here on earth, for had He **NOT** obeyed the Torah **PERFECTLY**, He could **NOT HAVE BEEN** our heavenly Father's spotless Lamb. What Paul is telling us therefore **IS** that we are to emulate Messiah, we are to follow in His Torah obedient footsteps as John admonished us to do in *1John 2:6* *He that says he abides in Messiah, **OUGHT HIMSELF ALSO SO TO WALK, EVEN AS HE WALKED***, and since Scripture emphatically tells us that Messiah the Lamb of Elohim was sinless, it means that He walked in total loving surrendered **OBEDIENCE** to our heavenly Father's Torah, the Torah that He gave to Moses at Mount Sinai.

*Verse 14 That we henceforth be no more children (lack maturity, perfection), tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of (man made) doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait **TO DECEIVE**;*

Here Paul is admonishing us **NOT** to be tossed *to and fro with every wind of Doctrine, by the sleight or TEACHING OF MEN*. It is quite evident that Paul is telling us to beware of **THE EVER CHANGING VALUES OF THE DOCTRINE OF MEN**, and although **IT IS NOT** said here in these verses, Paul is admonishing us to follow the **Doctrine of Messiah** for Paul knows what John said in *2John 1:7-11 For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess **NOT** that Yeshua Messiah is come in the flesh. This is a **deceiver** and an **anti-Messiah**. 8 Look to yourselves (Beware), that we lose **NOT** those things which we have wrought, **BUT THAT WE RECEIVE A FULL REWARD** (salvation). 9 Whosoever **TRANSGRESSES, AND ABIDES NOT IN THE DOCTRINE OF MESSIAH, HAS NOT ELOHIM**. However, he that abides in the **DOCTRINE OF MESSIAH, HE HAS BOTH THE FATHER AND THE SON**. 10 **IF** there come any unto you, and **DOES NOT BRING THE DOCTRINE OF MESSIAH, DO NOT RECEIVE HIM** into your house, neither bid him Elohim speed: 11 For he that bids him Elohim speed is partaker of his evil deeds.*

Now that we know that Paul **IS** admonishing **ALL** of us to Believe and follow **THE DOCTRINE OF MESSIAH**, it should be very important for us to **KNOW WHAT THE DOCTRINE OF MESSIAH IS**.

In *John 7:16* Messiah says:

MY DOCTRINE IS NOT MY OWN, BUT IT IS THE DOCTRINE OF THE ONE THAT SENT ME. As you can see for yourself, **THE DOCTRINE OF MESSIAH IS THE FATHER'S DOCTRINE** for **IT IS** our heavenly Father that **SENT** Messiah to earth to do the Work of the Father.

Well **NOW** that we know that **THE DOCTRINE OF MESSIAH IS** the very same Doctrine as **THE FATHER'S DOCTRINE**, **IT IS** therefore very important for us to know **WHAT THE DOCTRINE OF OUR HEAVENLY FATHER IS** in order for us to understand what Messiah and Paul are telling us in these verses.

*Proverbs 4:2 For I give you **GOOD DOCTRINE**, forsake you **NOT My Torah (Law)**.
Proverbs 3:1-2 My son, **forget NOT MY TORAH (Law)**; **BUT let your heart Keep My Commandments**: 2 For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to you.*

IF MESSIAH'S DOCTRINE IS THE DOCTRINE OF HIM THAT SENT HIM and the One that sent Him **IS** our heavenly Father, **THEN IT MEANS THAT THE DOCTRINE OF OUR HEAVENLY FATHER IS THE DOCTRINE OF MESSIAH**, and as you can see for yourself, Scripture quite clearly states that **THE DOCTRINE OF THE FATHER IS HIS INERRANT AND EVERLASTING TEACHING AND INSTRUCTIONS, HIS TORAH OF LIFE**.

Paul has just admonished *the Ephesians* **AND US NOT TO ALLOW OURSELVES TO BE DECEIVED BY THE DOCTRINE OF MEN**, and here, Paul tells them and us that we should instead, speak **THE TRUTH**. Speaking **THE TRUTH** means speaking the Words of YHVH's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life. *Verse 15 But speaking the **TRUTH** in love, (in Scripture the word Truth **IS** synonymous with the word Torah, *Psalm 119:142, Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and Your Torah (Law) **IS THE TRUTH***). Why are we to speak the **TRUTH**? We are to speak the **TRUTH** so that we may grow up into Him in **ALL***

THINGS, who is the head, even Messiah: Paul says that we are to speak the Words of **TRUTH**, which of course means that we are to speak the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life, and **WE ARE TO SPEAK IT IN LOVE**, so that we may grow up, or better yet, so that we can **MATURE** in Messiah, which means grow or mature in the knowledge of Him who **IS** the Living Torah made flesh. Paul goes on to say that the Torah made flesh, Messiah, **IS** the Head, the Leader, the preeminent One. We have to understand that when something or someone is described as the head, **THEN IT MEANS** that we are to look towards it, towards the head, in order to get **ALL** of our instructions from that Head, or Leader or preeminent One; therefore since Messiah, **IS** of course, the Head, the Leader, the preeminent One, and since He is the Living Torah made flesh, **THEN** the only conclusion that we can arrive at according to Scripture, **IS** that Paul **IS TELLING US TO LOOK TO** the Torah of Moses, to get **ALL** of our instructions on how we are to live our daily lives.

Verse 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplies, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, makes increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

Here Paul is telling us that **IF** we, as the body of believers, actually choose to look to the head, the Torah of Moses made flesh, **AND FOLLOW HIS EXAMPLE AS IT IS LAID OUT IN THE TORAH OF MOSES**, and as we are Commanded to do in Scripture, **THEN** the body of believers **WILL** increase, because of the Love that we will be displaying for each other and for the world, **FOR IN ESSENCE WE WILL BE MIMICKING** Elohim, and Scripture describes Elohim this way. *The Elohim of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob SO LOVED THE WORLD that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes on Him shall NOT PERISH BUT have ever lasting Life.* When the body of Messiah **is in that state of mind, a state of mind that loves the world as our heavenly Father loves the world**, Paul tells us that the body will **THEN EDIFY OR INSTRUCT ITSELF AND ALL OTHERS IN THE WAYS AND WORDS OF MESSIAH, AND THE WAYS OF MESSIAH MY FRIENDS, ARE A TOTALLY TORAH SURRENDERED OBEDIENT LIFE THAT IS FULLY SURRENDERED IN OBEDIENCE TO OUR HEAVENLY FATHER.**

Verse 17 This I say therefore, and TESTIFY IN YHVH, that you henceforth NO LONGER WALK AS GENTILES WALK, IN THE VANITY OF THEIR MIND,

I have mentioned this many, many times before, that once a person becomes a true believer in the Elohim of Abraham Isaac and Jacob, and His Word made flesh, His Son, our Messiah, he is **NO LONGER A GENTILE** and therefore should **NEVER AGAIN REFER TO HIMSELF OR HERSELF AS A GENTILE**, for a Gentile, according to the Book of Ephesians, **IS 2:11 Wherefore remember, that you being in TIME PAST being 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 YOU WERE**

1- Without Messiah

2- Aliens from the commonwealth of Israel

3- Strangers from the covenants of promise

4- Having no hope

5- Without Elohim in the world

BUT NOW in Messiah Yeshua you who sometimes WERE FAR OFF are made NIGH by the blood (the Life) of Messiah.

As you can see, **calling yourself a GENTILE IS definitely NOT** what you want to do, and Paul

admonishes us to therefore **NO LONGER WALK AS WE USED TO WALK WHEN WE WERE GENTILES**, and that means that we are **NO LONGER TO WALK IN THE VANITY OF OUR MINDS**, in other words we are **NO LONGER TO WALK IN AND OR BY OUR OWN STRENGTH, OUR OWN FINITE UNDERSTANDING.**

Furthermore Paul goes on to tell us in his letter to the Ephesians in *verse 18* that the **Gentiles** *Have their understanding darkened, WHY IS* their understanding darkened?

It is darkened **BECAUSE** they are *alienated from the life of Elohim through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart.*

What does Paul mean when he uses the term Their heart is blind? What are their hearts blind to? Their heart is **BLIND TO** the inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions of our heavenly Father, the Words of His Torah of Life, His everlasting Word. *Psalm 119: 89 For ever, O YHVH, Your Word is established or settled in heaven.*

What have these Gentiles who are Blind to the inerrant and everlasting Word of Elohim done according to Paul? *Verse 19 Who being past feeling, have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.*

Paul tells us here in this *verse* that the character of the people that are **BLIND** and willingly choose to ignore YHVH and His inerrant and everlasting Word, His Torah of Life, that their character **IS** an **UNCLEAN** and **GREEDY** character that **IS** filled **LASCIVIOUSNESS.**

Next Paul describes a group of people that have actually learned the message that Messiah came to preach, for Paul says that **THEY HAVE LEARNED MESSIAH.** What does Paul mean when he says, **THEY HAVE LEARNED MESSIAH?** Well since we have established that Messiah **IS the Word of Elohim**, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life made flesh, **THEN** that means that to **LEARN MESSIAH** means that they have learned to internalize and put our heavenly Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life, into practice as their daily routine.

Verse 20 But you (meaning the believing Ephesians, and us of course) **HAVE NOT** so learned *Messiah*; In other words **THESE EPHESIANS' CHARACTER AND YOUR CHARACTER ARE NOT UNCLEAN AND GREEDY NOR ARE THEY FILLED WITH LASCIVIOUSNESS.**

There is a condition that one must meet so that these Ephesians' character and our are **NOT UNCLEAN AND GREEDY NOR FILLED WITH LASCIVIOUSNESS.**

Verse 21 IF so be that **You have heard Messiah,**

The word hear (heard) in Hebrew, **IS** the word Shema, which means to **hear, listen, pay very close attention to, understand, believe, follow, and obey what Yahweh has told you.** Therefore that means that we are to **HEAR**, we are to **SHEMA** what Messiah taught us, and Scripture makes **it very clear** that Messiah taught us to lead a totally surrendered obedient life, to our heavenly Father's Torah, as He was totally surrendered and obedient to our heavenly Father's Torah of Life. Messiah understood, that to show **LOVE** for the Father meant **TO KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS, HIS TORAH**, and He instructed us to do the same when He said in *John 14:15, If you love Me KEEP My commandments*, and *John 15:10* Where Messiah says; *If you KEEP My Commandments, you SHALL abide in My love; even as I have KEPT My Father's Commandments, and abide in His love*

and as Messiah says in *John 7:16 My Doctrine, My Commandments, are NOT My own, they are the Father's Doctrine, the Father's Commandments.*

You have been taught by Him, How have we been taught by Him? Messiah taught us by setting an example for us of the perfect surrendered Torah obedient life that He willingly and lovingly chose to live. As it says in *Romans 10:4 Messiah is the GOAL of the Torah for righteousness to every one that believes.*

Paul is telling us in Romans that the life that Messiah lived while He was here on earth **IS THE GOAL** that every believer should aspire to attain, and that **GOAL** my friends **IS** that we are to **LIVE** a Torah obedient life in the same manner that our Messiah lived a totally surrendered Torah obedient Life to the Father, all the days that He was here on earth.

As the TRUTH IS IN Yeshua,

Scripture tells us that Messiah **IS** the Word of Elohim made flesh, and it also tells us that the Word of Elohim **IS TRUTH**, and that the **TRUTH IS** our heavenly Father's Torah, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His directives for everlasting life made flesh, therefore **TRUTH**, the **WORD** of Elohim, and **MESSIAH** are synonymous terms, they are one and the same.

Verse 22 That you put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which IS CORRUPT according to the deceitful lusts;

This is another reason why a believer should never call himself a Gentile, for we have to understand that being a Gentile was our **FORMER** condition, **BUT NOW**, we have put off the old man, our former condition *which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts.*

Verse 23 And be RENEWED in the spirit of your mind; 24 And that you put on the new man, which after Elohim is created in righteousness and true holiness.

Paul is telling us to put off the old man and be renewed in and by the spirit of our mind which of course is influenced by the Holy Spirit of Elohim who according to *Ezekiel 37:26* is given to every believer when they willingly choose to surrender their will to our heavenly Father, and the Holy Spirit of Elohim is given to us with the **VERY SPECIFIC INSTRUCTION OF CAUSING** every believer who continues to willingly surrender his will to the Father, to walk out the Righteousness of YHVH contained in His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of life. Furthermore when we learn to willingly and lovingly walk out the Torah of YHVH by allowing Elohim's Holy Spirit, whom YHVH has so graciously put within us, **TO CAUSE US TO DO SO, THEN** we become Holy as He is Holy. And that happens, because when we walk in Torah, we are **WALKING in TRUE HOLINESS**, and that **TRUE HOLINESS IS** YHVH's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Father's Directives for everlasting Life.

Verse 25 Wherefore putting away LYING, speak every man TRUTH (Torah) with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.

Paul quite clearly tells every believer to put away lying and speak the **TRUTH** to his neighbour. Now this is a lot more profound statement that you have probably imagined or understood at first glance. Let me explain what I mean. In Scripture we are told

In Psalm 119:142 that the Torah **IS TRUTH**

In Psalm 119:151 we are told that **TRUTH IS** the Commandments of Elohim

In Psalm 119:160

In John 17:17 we are told that **TRUTH IS** the **WORD of Elohim**.

In Ephesians 1:13 that the **GOSPEL IS** the **TRUTH**.

Therefore we **MUST** conclude that the **TRUTH IS ALL** of the above mentioned items, The **TRUTH IS** the Word of Elohim, **IT IS** the Torah of Moses, the Law, **IT IS** the Commandments of Elohim and **IT IS** His Gospel, the Gospel of Messiah; therefore when Paul says *put away lying and speak every man TRUTH*, he is commanding us to put away lies and let every man speak YHVH's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life.

Now **IT IS** very important that we understand and accept these **TRUTHS** because what Paul is telling us is that **ANYTHING THAT DOES NOT ALIGN ITSELF WITH ALL OF THE COMMANDMENTS OF YHVH**, the **WORD of YHVH**, the **TORAH OR LAW OF YHVH** and or the **GOSPEL OF MESSIAH**, which of course **IS** the same as the Doctrine of our heavenly Father, **IS A LIE**. Now I want you to take a moment and think of the doctrines of any and **ALL** religions of the world that you have been exposed to in the past. Now I want to pose you a question about these man made doctrines; would you say that **ANY OF THEM, ALIGN** themselves to the **TRUTH**, the Torah of Elohim or do they mostly make up their own **truths**?

Let me give you an example that will give you a very concrete meaning of the word **TRUTH**. In Scripture, in *Luke 8:11* Messiah tells us that the word **SEED** used in His parable of the Sower **IS** the **WORD OF ELOHIM**, He says that the **FIELD IS** the **WORLD**, and in *Matthew 13:37* we are told that that **THE SOWER OF THE SEED IS** Messiah.

We are also told in *John 1:1-2*, and *14* that the Word of Elohim **IS** Elohim, that the Word of Elohim created **ALL** things, and that that same Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

Now let me ask you a question; in creation are there any lies? If you plant an apple seed, what will grow from that seed? You can rest assured that an apple tree will grow from the apple seed every time. The same **IS** true of any seed regardless of what that seed is, whether **IT IS** animal, vegetable or human, **IT WILL ALWAYS** produce the **TRUTH THAT IS WITHIN THAT SEED**. This simply confirms that there **IS NO LIE** in the **CREATION**, for it was created **BY** the **WORD of ELOHIM WHICH IS TRUTH**. The only way that we can get something different than the **TRUTH** which **IS** embedded in every **SEED, IS IF** mankind genetically modifies and or manipulates it somehow, and that, as I said **IS THE WORK OF MAN** and **NOT** the work of Elohim.

Now I want you to get a picture in your mind of Messiah standing in a field with a sac of seeds slung over His shoulder and picture Him taking the seed that our heavenly Father provided for Him, which according to Scripture **IS** the **FATHER'S WORD** and He plants them in the field (the world), and let's apply the very same principal of **TRUTH** that we discussed above and see what happens. Let's assume that Messiah planted the words or the seeds called **FOR EVER** and **EVERLASTING** and see what grows out of those seeds.

Let's look at Vayiqra (Leviticus) 16:29 *And this shall be a STATUTE FOR EVER unto you: that in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, you shall afflict your souls, and do no work at all, whether it be one of your own country, or a stranger that sojourns among you: 30 For on that day*

*shall the priest **make an atonement** for you, to **cleanse you**, that you may be clean from all your sins before YHVH. 31 It shall be a **SABBATH OF REST** unto you, and you shall afflict your souls, by **A STATUTE FOR EVER**. 32 And the priest, whom he shall anoint, and whom he shall consecrate to minister in the priest's office in his father's stead, shall make the atonement, and shall put on the linen clothes, even the holy garments: 33 And he shall **make an atonement for the holy sanctuary**, and he shall make an **atonement for the tabernacle** of the congregation, and **for the altar**, and he shall make an **atonement for the priests**, and **for all the people of the congregation**. 34 And this shall be an **EVERLASTING statute** unto you, to make an **atonement for the children of Israel** for all their sins once a year. And he did as YHVH commanded Moses.*

In these verses we can see that Messiah, the Word of Elohim planted the seed **FOR EVER**. Now how can we prove that the seed **FOR EVER** and **EVERLASTING** will actually grow the fruit that **IS** called **FOR EVER**? What we have to do to prove it for ourselves **IS** go to the Scriptures and let the Scripture show us the **TRUTH**.

Now please remember that we are told in Scripture, in the parable of the sower, that the seed **IS** the **WORD OF ELOHIM** and in *Psalms*, we are told that the Word of Elohim **IS FOR EVER**:

*Psalm 111:7-8 The works of His hands are verity and judgment; **ALL** His **Commandments** are sure. 8 They stand fast **FOR EVER** and ever, and are done in **TRUTH** and uprightness.*

*Psalm 119:44 So shall I keep Your Torah (Law) continually **FOR EVER AND EVER**.*

*Psalm 119:89 **FOR EVER**, O YHVH, Your Word is settled in heaven.*

*Psalm 119:152 Concerning Your Testimonies (Torah), I have known of old that You have founded them **FOR EVER**.*

*Psalm 119:160 Your Word is **TRUE** from the beginning: and every one of Your righteous judgments (Torah) endures **FOR EVER**.*

Now please picture Messiah taking the seed or the Word that is called **FOR EVER** and planting it in the ground. According to the **TRUTH OF ELOHIM**, His creation, that **DOES NOT LIE, WHAT** can we expect will grow from the seed called **FOR EVER**? Well, since **TRUTH IS ETERNAL AND CANNOT BE CHANGED**, for **IF IT IS CHANGED IN ANY WAY, IT IS NO LONGER THE TRUTH**; there should be absolutely **NO DOUBT** in our mind that when we plant a seed called **FOR EVER IT WILL ALWAYS GROW THE VERY SAME FRUIT, IT WILL GROW THE FOR EVER FRUIT, BECAUSE** we planted a seed (Word of Elohim) that **IS** called **FOR EVER**, therefore according to the absolute **TRUTH of CREATION** which states that **LIKE KIND begets LIKE KIND**, the **ONLY** thing that can come out of that **SEED**, the **WORD, called FOR EVER, IS a FRUIT** called **FOREVER**. Now next time you read the Scriptures please keep in mind that the **WORD of ELOHIM IS TRUTH** and that **TRUTH CANNOT** and **DOES NOT** change, **FOR IT IS ETERNAL**.

Think of the implications of the statement that **TRUTH CANNOT and DOES NOT change, for IT IS ETERNAL**. Let me tell you this, **IF** you could actually **BELIEVE** as I do, and as the Scripture tells us, that **EVERY WORD** of Elohim **IS TRUTH**, and that **IT LAST FOR EVER**; it would absolutely **CHANGE** your understanding of **ALL** Scripture reading, it would **CHANGE HOW** you live your life, and especially **CHANGE** how you look at the man made teachings or doctrines of the church fathers of yesterday and today. Therefore to prove this to ourselves, the test that we should do in our minds, is plant the seed that we are investigating and **KNOW** that without a shadow of a doubt

that **IF** we plant the **SEED** or the **WORD of Elohim** in our field, in our world, the **ONLY** possible thing that **CAN** grow from that **SEED, IS TRUTH**, for **TRUTH** never ever changes.

Now I have shown you all of this so that you **WILL KNOW AND UNDERSTAND THAT IF** a Word, an instruction, a teaching, a doctrine, a philosophy **DOES NOT LINE UP** with YHVH's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of **LIFE, THEN, IT IS A LIE**. It may have elements of **truth** within it, to lure us in, **BUT ITS TRUE ESSENCE IS LIES AND FALSEHOOD, IT IS A TRAP TO LEAD US ASTRAY FROM THE TRUE WORD OF ELOHIM..**

I told you above that the only way that the **TRUTH**, a seed can produce something that appears to be the **TRUTH** and **YET NOT BE THE TRUTH, IS IF THAT SEED IS GENETICALLY MODIFIED OR MANIPULATED SOMEHOW**. These genetic modifications and or seed manipulations **ARE CALLED THE DOCTRINES OF MAN**, which is found in all religions, for all religions are man made. Now please take the time to go through **ALL** the doctrines of **ALL** the man made religions that you have been exposed to in the past, and see for yourself what will grow from those doctrines! You can rest assured that **IT WILL NOT BE THE WORD, NOR the TRUTH of Elohim**

TRUTH my friends, the Word or the Seed of Elohim **WILL ALWAYS** produce **TRUTH**, however the word, the seed and or the **doctrines of man on the other hand will ALWAYS** produce **LIES**. There may appear to be an element of **Truth** in it, **BUT ITS ESSENCE IS A LIE NEVERTHELESS**.

Verse 26 Be you angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:

Paul is telling us that **IT IS** acceptable to have righteous anger, **BUT we are told that** before the sun goes down on the day that we experience this anger we are to learn to forgive.

Verse 27 Neither give IN to the devil and his temptations

That is exactly what James told us to do in *James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to Elohim. Resist the devil, and he and evil will flee from you.*

Let him that stole steal no more (obey YHVH's Word)

Rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good (Torah),

WHY?

So that he may have something to GIVE to him that is in need (Elohim loves a cheerful giving Heart)

Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth

Let only communication which is good to the use of edifying come out of your mouth

That it may minister grace unto the hearers

Grieve not the Holy Spirit of Elohim

Whereby you are sealed unto the day of redemption (Ezekiel 37:26)

Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamour, evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: Be you kind one to another,

Tender-hearted,

Forgiving one another,

EVEN AS ELOHIM FOR MESSIAH'S SAKE HAS FORGIVEN YOU.

This my friends **IS** the Life that YHVH wants for each and every believer, therefore I admonish **all of us, to take the time** to go over this list very, very carefully and see **IF** there are any areas where **we fall short in**, and **THEN PRAY** to Elohim that He would, through and by His **GRACE AND MERCY**, help us to make the necessary changes in order that we can truly return to His ways and walk with Him in the cool of the day. Amein

Studying and keeping Torah together as a community.

Have a great Elohim blessed week and may Yahweh bless your every thought, and your every deed. Until we meet again, שְׁלוֹם עֲלֵיכֶם, Shalom Aleykem. Amein