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Introduction:

You really need to understand money. How many of you have ever been broke? You weren't poor; you were "po." You couldn't even afford the "o-r." You were so broke you couldn't even change your mind. Do you know what I'm saying? If you've ever been like that, you understand that being broke is miserable. And yet every last one of us has had money. So how do we end up broke unless we don't understand how to manage that which we have?

If you don't manage that which have — if you are not faithful in the little; if you don't properly manage it, as an old proverb says by an old "sage" by the name of "Fred Sanford":

"A fool and his money will soon part."

Our teachings, *Maximizing Your Talents* and *True Biblical Prosperity* really help you understand how to manage that which you are given. Ladies and gentlemen you need to understand what prosperity is and what it is not.

Unfortunately because of the environment that we live in, there are certain things that have been "hijacked" by certain denominations. Prosperity preachers have "hijacked" prosperity. Seventh-Day Adventists have "hijacked" the Seventh Day. Pentecostals have "hijacked" the Holy Spirit.

Charismatics have “hijacked” the gifts and manifestations of the Holy Spirit.

Because they have perverted and twisted the doctrines of the Bible; the teachings of the Bible, when we hear the true message of it, it causes us to put this guard up. That is because of those who have perverted the truth in the Bible.

We should not be afraid of the truth. There is the truth that you know and the truth you apply. If you are afraid of the truth, you’re not going to apply it. That is what these teachings are going to do. They will help you understand truth and show you how to apply it.

Teaching: The Feast of Firstfruits

These are exciting times to be in! Prepare yourself to be blessed. One of the things that I trust is that I am not speaking to your mind. I am not speaking to your head. I’m speaking to your spirit.

Don’t underestimate the things that are being deposited in your spirit because the Bible tells us that Father is Spirit. Those who worship Him must worship Him in Spirit. His Spirit communes with our spirit. It is His Spirit that bears witness with our spirit; not with our mind.

I want to start out with this. There are a lot of places that I can start, but I want to start out here.

This is to help bring an understanding to you. In the book of *Malachi* 3:8, this is what it says:

Mal 3:8 “Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, ‘Wherein have we robbed thee?’”

He says:

“In tithes and offerings.”

Mal 3:9 “Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.”

Notice here that I have underlined the word “offerings.” One of the things you will find in the churches is that most churches have taught people the importance of tithing and often times with verse 9, the fear of being “cursed.”

Let me tell you something folks. There are a lot of people in churches who are under a curse because they are falsely assuming that to be “under the law” is a curse. But how many of you know that the *curse* of the law is the *violation* of the law, and not the *keeping* of the law? So in essence, the ones who are saying that we are “cursed” because we try to keep the law are really the ones who are cursed because they *violate* the law. This is why they get so angry



and belligerent and mad and ready to just curse you out — that’s the spirit of their father (Satan).

Now, if I come out swinging, that’s all right. I think people need to hear things the way they are. We’re not under a curse. Those who don’t keep YeHoVaH’s commands are under a curse.

“All of these curses will come upon you.”

Let me tell you something. Tithing is not going to keep a curse away. Tithing is simply a *portion* of the commands. You can tithe all day long. That’s not going to keep the curse off of a person. Do you understand what I’m saying?

This is not a message about tithing. It’s a message about offering. More specifically, I want the people to understand the importance of what this offering is.

In the churches, we heard “tithes and offerings,” but the emphasis was placed on the tithe. The average church person doesn’t even know what the offerings are. They think an offering is anything they give above a tithe. That’s what we were taught.

“Whatever you give above the tenth brother, that’s an offering.”

Well, no. Father has specific offerings that He has designed in His Word. Let me tell you something. When we follow the instructions that the Father gives us, how many of you know that

there are promises that are associated with it? It is not about being cursed, it's about walking in the fullness of the blessings. That's what this is about, not trying to keep from being cursed. If you want to keep from being under a curse, just simply obey His commands. That's it!

And in His commands, nobody is going to have to tell you to tithe, because you understand the commands. You see it for yourself. If somebody's got to tell you what the commands say, that's an indication that you don't know what the commands say. And if you don't know what the commands say, you're already in deep trouble.

You have to learn what the commands are because when we talk about the Word becoming flesh, it wasn't Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. It was the Word that was with the Father in the beginning. That is the Word. Yeshua is the living Word — the Word that was in the wilderness with the children of Israel. *They* were the first church!

Malachi 3:9-10 “Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith,” saith YeHoVaH of hosts, ‘if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there

shall not be room enough to receive it.”

What does He want to do? Let me tell you something. **Father wants you to be blessed more than you want to be blessed.** The challenge is that He has set and established guidelines on how to walk in the fullness of it. Yeshua gave us a clue when he said:

“Seek first the Kingdom of YeHoVaH and His righteousness and all this stuff will be added unto you!”

He gave a list. The heathens are concerned about what they’re going to eat; what they’re going to wear.

“Look at the lilies of the field. Solomon in all of his glory was not arrayed like any of those. Look at the sparrows; how the Father feeds them!”

You don’t know the number of hairs on your head, but He knows. He knows when one hair hits the ground! Don’t you know that He knows how to take care of you? He says:

“Seek me first.”

“Well, how do I seek you first?”

Get in His commands. Once we understand His commands — I mean, we’re seeking Him and

He's revealing to us — just like He called the children of Israel around the mountain and said:

“Let me tell you how to walk in the fullness of the blessings in this relationship. I know you've been in the world; in Egypt. I know you've been in bondage. I know you've been under a lot of stress.”

“I know you've not been able to think for yourselves; walk for yourselves. You've been told what to do, when to do it and how to do it. But now I'm setting you free.”

“Now in order for you to walk in the fullness of this freedom, here's how you do it. I want to show you how to come in and out of my presence. I want to show you how to relate to your brothers and sisters. I want to show you how to love me and to love yourself and to love your neighbor as you love yourself.”

The way people treat you is a reflection of what they feel about themselves. If they're getting angry at you; if they don't like you, if they have an issue with you, if they want to hurt you and curse you out, that's because you bring something

to them that causes them to reflect on what they see in you and it's despised. That is because:

“How can you have this joy? You don't serve Jesus Christ. You keep the law. You're supposed to be under the curse. We're supposed to be blessed. You're the one that seems to be blessed. We feel like we're under a curse, but you are suppose to be the one under a curse! How can you have joy? How can you walk in the fullness of life? How can you love me and I'm treating you the way I'm treating you?”

Because I know the commands, I'm not going to treat you like you treat me. I'm going to love you in spite of yourself. And if you need help, I'll be there to help you, even though you've cut my throat.

“Love my enemies. Pray for those who wrong me.”

That's living out the Torah. It's not just:

“Hey, here are His instructions...”

...And davening.

It's about walking in this. You're going to see the fruit of it. This fruit, from the crown of your

head to the soles of your feet, is going to bring health to your bones and to your body. It really is.

The peace of the Almighty is in you. When that peace is in you, it kicks out stress. It casts out fear. It eliminates anxiety. It brings forth joy.

The joy of YeHoVaH is your strength!

As you rejoice in Him; in the strength of the Almighty — come on, folks. *That's* life. He is life!

It's not your church or your denomination or your pastor. It's His Word. It's His Word that brings life. The more people know how to get into the Word themselves — this is where you all come in. This is why we need to be equipped.

We've given people what the church says. We've given people what the denominations say, but we need to give people what the Word says; what the Almighty says. We need to connect people to Him.

Instead of every time they've got a problem they run to you, they know how to get on their knees themselves. They know how to call upon the name of YeHoVaH. I'm not talking about calling upon the name of the "Lord God."

"Well, He knows who I'm talking to."

So do all of those other deities!

Mal 3:10 "...See if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

If you don't understand agriculture, you won't understand *Malachi 3:8* because this is not raining pennies. I mean, can you imagine if silver dollars came from heaven? That's a problem.

"See if I will not rebuke the devourer for your sake,"

Who is the devourer? It's not the devil. It's those things. Anybody who has ever tried to plant a garden; especially where I come from — when you see butterflies near your garden and you've got greens, you've got a problem. They will eat the greens.

Do you know when the hole starts forming? The next thing you know, you've got all of these worms because they've laid their eggs. The larvae and the worms are eating your produce. It is the locusts that come in and devour a whole crop. Locusts can come in and just devour a whole crop. The next thing you know, the people are looking at it and saying:

"Where did the food go? It's gone!"

Squirrels and birds are eating your plums. They are eating your figs and eating your dates. It is bugs and ants. It is everything that is forming in

the trees and killing the trees. Those are the devourers that the people of Israel had to deal with. They weren't concerned about the devil!

You'll notice that since the Garden of Eden, you hardly ever see the word "devil" in the Torah. You see it a lot in the New Testament. They weren't worried about the devil. The devil wasn't their problem. Their problem was Him (YeHoVaH). That's who our problem is. We need to be more afraid of Him than of the devil. People are afraid of the devil, when the Father says:

"He's been placed under your feet."

We're not talking about devourers as far as devils are concerned because even the devil doesn't have a role in this. He's already defeated. When Yeshua said:

"It is finished."

He was done. So he is not your problem, ladies and gentlemen. The devil is not your problem. We don't wrestle against flesh and blood. We wrestle against spirits. We deal with people under the influence of the enemy. We are to walk in the strength and the love and the Word of the Almighty.

When we walk in the strength, love and power of the Almighty, guess what? Our love toward those who hate us is like putting hot coals on their heads. That's what the Bible says. We're walking

in power. We're walking in love, and we're not letting the stuff that people do disrupt our Spirit any more.

We're not concerned about what people think about us. We're more concerned about pleasing Him than pleasing them. Do you understand what I'm saying? That's where we need to be.

So this devourer is not the devil. These are locusts, worms and pestilences that come and devour a crop. How many of you know that the devil was not out there taking the pomegranates off of the trees and smashing them on the ground? He really wasn't! YeHoVaH says:

Mal 3:11 "...neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field,' saith YeHoVaH of hosts."

He's going to rebuke the devourer. Here's the part that I like:

Mal 3:12 "'All nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land,' saith YeHoVaH of hosts."

Whether you know it or not, a nation is a people. A nation is a person. Jacob was a person who became a nation. Abraham was a person who became the father of many nations. A nation is a person. When you see this here:

“And all nations shall call you blessed: for you shall be a delightsome land,’ saith YeHoVaH of hosts.”

Of course He’s talking about the land of Israel and the people of the land; but also those who join themselves with Israel. Are you with me?

Leviticus 23:6-14 “And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread unto YeHoVaH: seven days ye must eat unleavened bread.”

⁷“In the first day ye shall have a holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein.”

⁸“But ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto YeHoVaH seven days: in the seventh day is an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein.”

⁹“And YeHoVaH spoke unto Moses, saying,”

¹⁰“Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of

the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest:”

¹¹ ““And he shall wave the sheaf before YeHoVaH, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it.””

¹²““And ye shall offer that day when ye wave the sheaf an he lamb without blemish of the first year for a burnt offering unto YeHoVaH.””

¹³““And the meat offering thereof shall be two tenth deals of fine flour mingled with oil, an offering made by fire unto YeHoVaH for a sweet savour: and the drink offering thereof shall be of wine, the fourth part of a hin.””

¹⁴““And ye shall eat neither bread, nor parched corn, nor green ears, until the selfsame day that ye have brought an offering unto your Elohim: it shall be a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.””

He says that this offering is a very important offering because before you can actually eat of the bread or parched corn or green ears, you must

present this particular offering. But you won't hear much about this offering in the church circles that we've come out of.

In many cases, because Passover has seemingly taken over the whole seven plus Pesach, people have a tendency to understand Passover. But they really don't understand the Feast of Unleavened Bread. I've had to clear up so many misunderstandings about how Passover is not a 24-hour period.

Pesach is a sacrifice.

It is done at a certain time of the day — on the evening of the fourteenth day of the Aviv. The Aviv is the condition of a crop. The moment the Babylonians changed the name “Aviv” to “Nissan,” Nissan doesn't have a meaning. It's the name of a month. Typically people will say:

“Well, that month coincides with March or April.”

Now we associate a time period; a month to a particular festival and therefore lose the meaning. We lose the meaning of searching for barley and understanding the beginning of the year and all of the things that are associated with the name that the Father gave it. It loses that meaning when you add another name to it.

During Passover in the Feast of Unleavened Bread, there are actually three festivals being

celebrated: Passover (Pesach), Unleavened Bread (Matzah) and Firstfruits.

Dt 16:16 “Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before YeHoVaH thy Elohim in the place which he shall choose; in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles: and they shall not appear before YeHoVaH empty (handed):”

You need to understand. Even though Yom Kippur is the Holiest of all of the feast days, Yom Kippur was not a pilgrimage feast. People were not required to go up to Jerusalem for Yom Kippur; nor were they required to go up to Jerusalem for the Feast of Trumpets. There were certain things that they were required to go up for. There was a particular reason why they were required to go up. He says:

“...in the place He shall choose; in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles; and they shall not appear before YeHoVaH empty (handed).”

He is saying:

“Listen. When you come up, you’re bringing your firstfruits. You’re coming to present not only yourself to Me, but you’re coming to present the best that you have to Me because you’re trusting Me to provide everything you need.”

When we talk about how:

“My God will supply all of my needs according to His riches in glory in Jesus Christ,”

What does that actually mean? How can He supply all of your needs if you’re not meeting His requirements? I mean think about it.

We are made in the image and likeness of the Almighty. If we have people who work for us; people who are living in our households who violate our rules; violate our commands and violate the rules of our house, and then they want something from us, how do we feel about that?

You have an employee who is stealing from you; who comes in when they feel like it and always has an excuse and always needs time off, then they want a raise, how do you feel about that? And yet Father is not supposed to have any feelings whatsoever!

“Just give me what I want old man, because I believe in *Jesus*. That’s all I need.”

Father says:

“Yeah, Mm hmm. Sure. I think I need to send Peter to your house. He needs to explain to you how this works.”

Most of us understand *Proverbs 3:5* and *6*.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart; lean not to your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your path.”

And then in verse 9:

“Honour YeHoVaH with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase.”

All of the gospel narratives *Matthew*, *Mark*, *Luke* and *John* tell us in great detail, what happened on the Feast of Firstfruits. But you never see the name *Firstfruits* in the gospel. It’s not there. This is why the church doesn’t know it. It’s there, but it’s not mentioned. You see it, but you don’t see it.

A person unfamiliar with the Torah and the feasts will not have a clue that Firstfruits is occurring in the gospels because the word is not

mentioned. Paul, an Israelite from the tribe of Benjamin and a Torah-observant believer, informs us that Yeshua was our Firstfruits. That's what he says in *1st Corinthians 15*.

1 Co 15:16-20 "For if the dead rise not, then is not Messiah raised: ¹⁷And if Messiah be not raised, your faith is in vain; ye are yet in your sins. ¹⁸Then they also which are fallen asleep in Messiah are perished. ¹⁹If in this life only we have hope in Messiah, we are of all men most miserable. ²⁰But now is Messiah risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept."

You see, Yeshua is our Passover. He is our Pesach. Yeshua also dealt with sin. He dealt with the leaven in our lives. He delivered us from the power of sin. He became our Matzah. He became our Unleavened Bread. He said to us that we are to purge out all of the leaven that is in our lives; which are the things that cause the wrath of YeHoVaH to come upon all mankind.

Colossians says that because of *these* things, the wrath of YeHoVaH is stored up — because of fornication and immorality and all types of lying and perversions. These are the things that are going to bring the wrath of the Almighty. But

because Yeshua has paid the price for us, then we need to now purge ourselves from all of those things that are going to bring the wrath of the Almighty. That is because:

The wages of sin is death!

It doesn't matter whether you are saved or not saved.

The wages of sin is death!

It doesn't matter if you go to church or not.

The wages of sin is death!

It doesn't matter if you believe in Jesus or not.

The wages of sin is death!

Those who live in sin; those who live in unrighteousness are going to have to face that penalty. This is why there is judgment.

Yeshua is coming back looking for a people who have purged themselves of the leaven. He's looking for a people who have rid themselves of sexual immorality; of lying, of deception, rid of misusing people and mistreating people and rid of all of the things that the wrath of YeHoVaH is coming for.

He's coming looking for a spotless bride — a bride that is without spot, without blemish, without wrinkle. How do you get to be that way?

Here is a quick illustration. I hate to point this out, but hey. When you come into the light — like right now I'm in the (spot) light. Some of you all can see me a little bit "lighter" than those of you online. But something the light does, is that it exposes the flaws. Now, we've got these beautiful curtains back here, but when I turn the light off, I don't see the wrinkles and the creases.

I'm showing it. But the moment the lights come on, you see the wrinkles. You see the creases. You see where the ironing needs to take place. When we come into the light, the wrinkles — he's coming back looking for a bride that doesn't have those. I'm so glad that He's not coming back for those curtains, because they will be left behind. (Laughs) Do you follow what I'm saying?

He wants us to get these wrinkles and these blemishes out of our lives. Don't act like we don't know they're there when He exposes them to us. I don't care if it comes from a drunk on the bar stool or whether it comes from a righteous person down the street. It doesn't matter where the message comes from. If the wrinkle is exposed, deal with it. Don't kill the messenger. Receive the message.

So, Yeshua is our Firstfruits.

I Co 15:21-23 “For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, even so in Messiah shall all be made alive. ²³But every man in his own order: Messiah the firstfruits; afterward they that are Messiah’s at his coming.”

That’s us! Paul writes in *Romans*:

Romans 8:10-12 “And if Messiah be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹But if the Spirit of him that raised up Yeshua from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Messiah from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. ¹²But 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.”

So now we see the Spirit of the Firstfruits — Messiah being the Firstfruits, and now the Spirit which is the Firstfruits — that Spirit is given to us.

Tomorrow I’m going to be dealing with the message on releasing the power. You see, too

many people are waiting for the power to come down.

“Oh God send your glory! Reign on us Holy Spirit!”

That’s the stuff they do in church. Those of us who are filled with the Spirit are not waiting on the Spirit to rain on us.

Rom 8:23 “...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.”

What is it about Firstfruits that is critical? Are you ready? Because I’m about to share with you. Those of you who are just joining in, make sure you text, email, tweet, twitter, or whatever it is you do. Call the family members together and get ready for this. I even encourage people to find those people who owe you money. Make sure you send them this teaching.

At creation, YeHoVaH set in place His appointed times where He would meet His creation throughout eternity and where He and His creation would celebrate one another. On the fourth day of creation, YeHoVaH established the set apart times for His set apart people.

Gen 1:14-19 “And YeHoVaH 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 heaven to give light upon the earth:’ and it was so.”

¹⁶“And YeHoVaH 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 Elohim 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 Elohim saw that it was good.”

¹⁹“And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.”

Now, the word that He uses there is the word *mow’ed*. There are a couple of words there. From this *mowed* we get the word *mo-ade’*, *Moedim* or *mow’-eadah*, which actually is an *appointment*, a *fixed time* or *season*; specifically a *festival*.

At the very onset of creation, Father established in the firmament, these signs by saying that:

“Listen. There’s a certain time that I want to meet with My creation.”

We see this happening with Mr. and Ms. Adam. We see this happening in the Garden because He comes to Mr. and Mrs. Adam.

Understand that Adam called his wife Eve. YeHoVaH didn’t — but that’s a whole other story. Those of you who participated and saw the teaching that I did on *Marriage God’s Way*, I’m telling you. If you want your household to be blessed folks, you need to see that teaching.

There are too many people just going through relationships and you don’t understand the value of the mate the Father has placed in your life. Too many people discount their husband or their wife.

You know, when a person says, “I do” to you and they’re willing to get naked in a bed with you — forgive me. I’m just telling it like it is. That is the most intimate thing a person can do. They’re letting you look at every flaw. Everything about themselves is exposed to you and you to them. You can’t get any more naked than that!

This is Mr. and Mrs. Adam! YeHoVaH made them that way. So when a person is willing to expose themselves to you on that level, that is not

something to take lightly. That person is telling you:

“I’m willing to give you all. I’m not holding anything back. You see it all. There’s some stuff that when I look in the mirror, I don’t even like when I see it and I wish I could hide this from you, but you see it.”

And as you get older together, you see more of it — both ways now. I think sometimes that brothers forget that they lose a little hair. They get a little gut. They’re looking at the woman and it is like:

“Okay. You know, you’ve changed!”

“So have you buddy!”

As quiet as it’s kept. But that’s something powerful. The Father established from creation, a time to meet with His creation. He met with Mr. and Mrs. Adam. He fellowshipped with them. That’s what He wants to do with you and me. He wants to do that with us as husband and wife and as man and woman. Do you understand?

He set this appointment time; a fixed time or season. These are the definitions for this word: specifically a *festival*. In *Genesis* chapter 1, YeHoVaH established the festival seasons. He doesn’t bring it into play until we see it in the

books of *Exodus* and *Leviticus*, but He establishes it at creation.

Season/Moedim: Conventionally a year; by implication, an assembly (as convened for a definite purpose); technically the congregation; by extension, the place of meeting; also a signal (as appointed beforehand): — appointed (sign, time). These are set apart times.

We're in a set apart time right now. But the Father established this at creation. It's a place of solemn assembly. All of these words are found in this one word "Season." This is from where we get the word "feast" (appointed, due) season, solemn(-ity), synagogue, (set) time (appointed).

Now, I didn't write this. If anybody has a Strong's Concordance, you can go and look these words up. They are all there.

So we see the word "feast" in *Genesis* chapter 1. We don't see the word "feast." We see a word that translates into feast or that is defined as a feast, a festival, an assembly and even the word congregation — an appointed time, a season. Even the word "synagogue" comes from this word.

Although YeHoVaH established the set apart times on the fourth day of creation, it is not until the exodus from Egypt (2,500 years later) that He implements the set apart times.

Ex 23:1 "Three times thou shalt keep a feast unto me in the year."

Now we know that there were seven feasts and the weekly feast, which is the Sabbath day. He says three times you shall keep a feast unto Me in the year.

Ex 23:15 “Thou shalt keep the feast of unleavened bread: (thou shalt eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded thee, in the time appointed of the month Abib; for in it you camest out of Egypt: and none shall appear before me empty (handed):”

When you come up to the place that I’ve appointed; at this appointed place at this appointed time and you assemble yourselves as a congregation for My feast, don’t come with your hands out. Don’t come with your hands closed. Don’t come empty!

Ex 23:16-19 “And the feast of harvest, the firstfruits of thy labours, which thou hast sown in the field: and the feast of ingathering, which is in the end of the year, when thou hast gathered in thy labours out of the field.”

¹⁷“Three times in a year all your males shall appear before YeHoVaH Elohim.”

¹⁸“You shall not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leavened bread; neither shall the fat of my sacrifice remain until the morning.”

¹⁹“The first of the firstfruits of thy land thou shalt bring unto the house of YeHoVaH thy Elohim.”

Ex 34:21-24 “Six days thou shall work, but on the seventh day thou shall rest: in earing time and in harvest thou shall rest.”

²²“And thou shalt observe the feast of weeks, of the firstfruits of wheat harvest, and the feast of ingathering at the year’s end.”

²³“Thrice in the year shall all your men children appear before YeHoVaH Elohim, the Elohim of Israel.”

²⁴“For I will cast out the nations before thee, I will enlarge thy borders: neither shall any man desire thy land, when thou shalt go up to appear before YeHoVaH thy Elohim thrice in the year.”

Now there are some promises there. In one it says:

Ex 34:24 "For I will cast out the nations before you."

You see, in the *Proverbs* and in the *Psalms*, the Bible lets us know that when a man fears YeHoVaH, He makes his enemies at peace with him. When we delight ourselves in His Word and His commands, He even gives us the desires of our heart. He says:

Ex 34:24 "I will enlarge your borders; neither shall any man desire land."

In other words, how many of you when you go on vacation, go through all of the stuff? You want to make sure that the newspaper deliverer doesn't deliver the newspaper. You don't want the newspapers to pile up at your door. You want to make sure that the mailman doesn't put mail in your box and you've got stuff overflowing. You want to make sure that somebody is checking on your house to make sure that everything is order. Why? Because you don't want people to come in and take your stuff while you are gone. Father says:

"You don't have to worry about that. When you come to see Me; when you come up, I'm going to make sure. I'm going to be that angel."

Do you know that angel that He put around the garden to keep Mr. and Mrs. Adam from coming back? He says:

“I’ve got you! I’ve got your protection. When you go up, people are not going to desire your stuff. They’re not going to come and try to break into your house because I’m watching over it.”

Ex 34:24 For I will cast out the nations before thee, and enlarge thy borders: neither shall any man desire thy land, when thou shalt go up to appear before YeHoVaH thy God thrice in the year.”

He says that when you shall go up to appear before YeHoVaH your Elohim three times in the year:

“Don’t worry about it!”

Now, that doesn’t mean that you don’t put the necessary precautions in place. You don’t just leave your house and leave the door wide open with a sign out front saying:

“Hey, I’m gone for two weeks, you all help yourself.”

Solomon writes concerning the Firstfruits:

Pr 3:9 “Honour YeHoVaH with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase.”

And now I add verse 10 which is in there. I don't add it, it's there. I just didn't show it to you last time because there's a promise that is associated with the Firstfruits.

Pr 3:10 **“So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.”**

This is what *Malachi* was talking about. When you bring in the tithes and the offerings, YeHoVaH is going to watch over your stuff. He's going to rebuke the devourer. Your fruit will not cast forth its fruit before its time — that's what's in your barns. Your grapes shall not fall off of the vine. There's your wine. *Proverbs* is simply saying what *Malachi* said:

“Hey guys, you all messed up. You all didn't do it. And the reason why you are going through all of this stuff that you're going through right now, is because you stole from God. You've robbed him.”

What did you rob from Him? You robbed Him in the tithes. You robbed Him in the offerings. You've become like some Messianics today.

“Well you know, that’s for the priests
— that’s for the Levites.”

YeHoVaH did not tell His people to give their tithes to the priests. He said:

“The tithes belong to Me.”

They belong to Him. That’s what He says.

“These are My feasts! They are not Jewish feasts. They are Mine! And the tithe you are to bring, I will determine.”

We will see that in a minute. Not only did Solomon instruct us to bring the Firstfruits, but he brought Firstfruits himself.

1 Ki 9:25: “And three times in a year did Solomon offer burnt offerings and peace offerings upon the altar which he built unto YeHoVaH, and he burnt incense upon the altar that was before YeHoVaH. So he finished the house.”

Even the prophet Ezekiel weighs in on the promises of Firstfruits:

Ez 44:30 “And the first of all the firstfruits of all things, and every oblation of all, of every sort of your oblations, shall be the priest’s: ye

shall also give unto the priest the first of your dough, that he may cause the blessings to rest in thine house.”

Ezekiel says that when you do this, the priest is going to release a blessing. If you’ll notice in *Malachi* chapter 2, for those of you who got beyond *Malachi* chapter 3. In order to get to *Malachi* chapter 3, you really need to go through *Malachi* 1 and 2 in order to understand what *Malachi* 3 is talking about. Most of the preachers don’t have a clue what *Malachi* 1 and 2 say. All they know is *Malachi* 3:

“Bring the tithe.”

Malachi 2 says:

“Listen, when the priest announces a blessing over you, I’m going to take dung and smear it in his face.”

Here’s the deal folks. People get scared of Yah’s people. This is why Aaron made the golden calf. The people demanded that he do it. He was afraid of them. Moses was gone.

The preachers today are afraid of the people leaving, so they’re not going to preach on certain things. They know about the Sabbath! They know about the feasts. They will preach the feast times to raise an offering. You’ll see it on TBN. You’ll see Mike Murdock and you’ll see Munsey and all

of these other people; and Perry Stone — all of them. They bring elaborate services. And you say:

“Wow, look at that! They’re teaching on the Feasts!”

No, they’re not. They’re using the feasts to fleece! They’re taking what the Bible says about Firstfruits, but they’re not teaching the people about Firstfruits. They’re not teaching the people to keep the commands that Father is telling them that they are suppose to keep. In one breath they’re saying:

“You need to bring the Firstfruits,”

And in another breath:

“You don’t need to keep the laws.”

Well wait a minute. The law — the Firstfruits *is* the law, so if I don’t need to keep the law, why am I bringing the Firstfruits? The Messianics get excited.

“Oh, if only it’s a Sabbath.”

He knows what he knows. They know what they know and they’re going to preach the portion of what they know, to stay on TV. So they preach the feasts to fleece. Yeah, I said it.

You can’t teach people to be blessed by keeping a part of YeHoVaH’s commands that just so happens to bless you. You have to preach what’s going to bless the people. If the people are

unwilling to be blessed by doing what the Word says; and you're telling them that they need to give to be blessed, how many of you know that we gave and gave and gave and gave and gave? We didn't see the blessings that they were talking about.

Some of us gave our electric money, our gas money or our rent money. I see more prosperity-believing members of churches get evicted from more places than I care to shake a stick at. They're the first ones in the offering line; trying to give their way out of debt.

Listen. You can't give your way out of debt! I know that's what they teach. You cannot give your way out of debt. The way you get rid of debt is that you pay your bills. And if you're wise, you won't make bills that you can't pay.

In *Leviticus* 23 after YeHoVaH gave the commandments concerning the feast days, YeHoVaH said to Moshe:

Lev 23:37 "These are the feasts of YeHoVaH, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, to offer an offering made by fire unto YeHoVaH, a burnt offering, and a meat offering, a sacrifice, and drink offerings, every thing upon his day:"

Now notice this:

"Every thing upon his day."

You can't give an offering on a day that YeHoVaH didn't say to give it. I mean, the priest couldn't just go up in there [into the Holy of Holies].

There were some fellows who decided that they were going to go and burn incense before the Lord. The Christians know this as "strange fire." No, what they did was they brought incense and they weren't supposed to. They're up in the Holy Place! They just say:

"Oo, I love the way this incense smells. I know God will love it too!"

Mm hmm. Now, Aaron is in there serving in the temple. He sees his boys laid out by the hand of the Almighty who killed them. He says:

"Listen. You keep doing what I told you to do or you're going to join them. I've got somebody else to take care of them."

Then YeHoVaH gave specific instructions:

"Make sure you tell the people they can't come up in here any time they feel like it."

If you're going to bring the Firstfruits offering, you need to bring the Firstfruits offering when it is *supposed* to be brought. Are you with me?

Lev 23:37b-38 “Everything upon his day, besides the Sabbaths of YeHoVaH, and besides your gifts, and beside all your vows, and beside all your freewill offerings, which ye give unto YeHoVaH.”

What happens to the Firstfruits offerings?

Nu 18:8 “And YeHoVaH spake unto Aaron, ‘Behold, I also have given thee the charge of mine heave offerings of all the hallowed things of the children of Israel; unto thee have I given them by reason of the anointing, and to thy sons, by an ordinance forever.’”

Who gave it to him? YeHoVaH gave it to him. He told the people:

“You bring My offerings.”

Now, what He does with it, is his business. He didn’t say:

“Shall a man rob the priests? Shall a man rob the Levites?”

He said:

“Shall a man rob God?”

“Well, how have we robbed You?”

“Through the tithes and through the offerings,”

Here’s the other thing, ladies and gentlemen. The priest’s responsibility — the priest’s and the prophet’s responsibility (the Bible tells us), is to teach the people the difference between that which is Holy and that which is profane. Are you hearing me?

They are to teach the people between the Holy and the profane. The people are supposed to know. They’re supposed to teach the people between that which is clean and that which is unclean.

In the day of the tabernacle it was a different ball game. That is because during the tabernacle time, the glory of YeHoVaH was present. After that Sinai event and those serpents in the wilderness, YeHoVaH opened up the ground and 3,000 people died. Then He sent venomous snakes. They had to put up the bronze statue and people who looked upon it would be delivered and healed. After those events, I think the folks got the message!

“This God who delivered us out of Egypt doesn’t play!”

For those of you who don’t understand the medical symbol — has anybody ever seen the medical symbol with the serpent around the pole? It’s interesting how *Pharmakeia* (medicine) has

taken certain things from the Bible. But here's the deal. The people understood.

Now the priest during the tabernacle time didn't have many problems with the people. The biggest problem they had was when Moses went up in the mountain and they wanted something to worship, and Aaron made them some idols. They murmured in the wilderness and Father stopped the murmuring.

So during the tabernacle time, the glory and the presence of Elohim — the pillar of fire by night, the cloud by day, and the physical visible presence of the Almighty, was seen.

During the temple time, it's a different ball game. As long as the Ark of the Covenant was in that place, people understood. But after the death of Solomon, there was this huge split and the Ark was gone. The Ark never returned to the temple. Now the priests have to appeal to the people to bring what YeHoVaH required.

The priests got to a point where they had no power. There was no glory, so they appealed to the people. But the people in their hard-hearted stiff-neckedness decided:

“Why should we bring our hard-earned money and give you guys the best of our crops and the best of our flocks? What's God going to do?”

The priests began to yield to the demands of the people. They began to take whatever the people brought.

“The Lord bless you! Thank you, brother. Praise the Lord, we’re going to eat today!”

The priests stopped holding the people accountable for what YeHoVaH required of them. Here is where they allowed the people to bring the halted, the wilted, the lame and the blind. They brought anything they wanted to. That’s what *Malachi* is all about. Now they bring in crippled animals to offer as sacrifices. They are giving YeHoVaH what is left over and the priest is going to stand there and bless them.

“The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord cause his face...”

And Father says:

“Shut up! How dare you let these people do this?! I’m going to take your blessing and I’m going to take the animal dung and smear it on your face! I’m going to turn your blessings into a curse. Now, if you’ve got any backbone, you tell the people, ‘You are robbing Me! You’re stealing from Me! I’m going to curse

you with a curse! How long will you do these things”?”

Father commanded the people to bring the offerings. He said:

“These are the offerings that you are to present to Me. You are to come up three times a year, and don’t come in My presence empty-handed.”

So the people came. Now He says:

“Aaron, here’s what...”

You see, YeHoVaH can’t use your money. He doesn’t need your animals. He’s got people that He has established to stand between Him and the people; who minister to the people and who minister to Him. You have people who say:

“Well you know, we are all priests.”

And that is true. But how many of you are priests in the capacity of ministering to the people on behalf of the Almighty? How many of you are taking the time to have committed and dedicated yourself to disciple, to train, to equip, to minister, to raise the resources and to get the Word out?

Yeah you’re priests! What are you doing with your priesthood other than withholding? You see, people use that stuff. It’s the same excuse, because Moses said:

“I wish that all of YeHoVaH’s people were prophets.”

YeHoVaH has called us all to be a kingdom of priests, but that doesn’t eliminate His commands. Even with the priestly system and the Levitical system, the Father established an order in which that was to operate.

There were some folks who decided they would go against the order. They did it once.

Nu 18:9 “This shall be thine of the most holy things, reserved from the fire: every oblation of theirs, every meat offering of theirs, and every sin offering of theirs, and every trespass offering of theirs which they shall render unto me, shall be most holy for thee and for they sons.”

“Now you all watch what you do with it!”

He gave them specific instructions.

Nu 18:9-10 “...they shall render unto me, shall be most holy for thee and for thy sons. ¹⁰In the most holy place shalt thou eat it; every male shall eat it: it shall be holy unto thee.”

Why? Because it *is* Holy.

Nu 11-12 “And this is thine; the heave offering of their gift, with all the wave offerings of the children of Israel: I have given them unto thee, and to thy sons, and to thy daughters with thee, by a statute for ever: every one that is clean in thy house shall eat of it.”

Nu 18:12 “All the best of the oil, and all the best of the wine, and of the wheat, the firstfruits of them which they shall offer unto YeHoVaH, them have I given thee.”

You see, it hasn't changed, it belongs to YeHoVaH.

Nu 18:13 “...them have I given you. And whatsoever is first ripe in the land, which they shall bring unto YeHoVaH, shall be thine; every one that is clean in thine house shall eat of it.”

Nu 18:14-15 “Every thing devoted in Israel shall be thine. ¹⁵Everything that openeth the matrix in all flesh, which they bring unto YeHoVaH, whether it be of men or beasts, shall be thine: nevertheless the firstborn

of man shalt thou surely redeem,
and the firstling of unclean beasts
shalt thou redeem.”

Nu 18:16 “And those that are to be
redeemed from a month old shalt
thou redeem, according to thine
estimation, for the money of five
shekels, after the shekel of the
sanctuary, which is twenty gerahs.”

There are people who want to think that money
— you know they think:

“If we’re going to give, we’re
supposed to give produce!”

When is the last time you brought produce as
an offering?

“Well, they were agricultural people.
They tithed off of the produce.”

Yes they did. Where is yours? Where is your
Firstfruits from the barley? Where is your
Firstfruits from the grain — from the grapes?
Where is it?

“Well, we aren’t agricultural people.”

Oh, so does that now eliminate you from
Firstfruits? I say this because here it says that in
order for you to redeem the firstborn, you’ve got

to pay five shekels after the shekel of the sanctuary.

“What sanctuary?”

The Holy of Holies, the Holy place — that’s the sanctuary. This is *Numbers*. This is not *Kings*. There is no temple, ladies and gentlemen.

So they are not only bringing produce and grain and flocks and herds, they are redeeming things with money. You can’t redeem the firstborn with your crops. You have to bring some silver and you have to bring a certain amount of silver.

“Well, what if we don’t have silver?”

“Then you sell some of that grain.
You sell some of that flock.”

It doesn’t say this here, but He gives specific instructions on what they are to produce and what they are to present, and He tells them how much.

Nu 18:17 “But the firstling of a cow, or the firstling of a sheep, or the firstling of a goat, thou shalt not redeem; they are holy; thou shalt sprinkle their blood upon the altar, and shalt burn their fat for an offering made by fire, for a sweet savor unto YeHoVaH.”

Nu 18:18 “And the flesh of them shall be thine, as the wave breast and as the right shoulder are thine.”

Nu 18:19 “All the heave offerings of the holy things, which the children of Israel offer unto YeHoVaH, have I given thee, and thy sons and thy daughters with thee, by a statute for ever: it is a covenant of salt for ever before YeHoVaH unto thee and to thy seed with thee.”

Now notice that it wasn't just the priest's sons who were able eat from the holy things. We don't necessarily see the daughters serving, but the daughters had a responsibility to live according to a certain standard; as one who is part of a priest's household. She has standards for who she can marry and who she couldn't. Father has standards, folks. It says:

Nu 18:19 “...have I given thee, and thy sons and thy daughters with thee, by a statute for ever: it is a covenant of salt for ever before YeHoVaH unto thee and to thy seed with thee.”

Here are the instructions on bringing the Firstfruits. These are very clear-cut instructions.

Deut 26:1-2 “And it shall be, when thou art come in unto the land which YeHoVaH thy Elohim giveth thee for an inheritance, and possessest it, and dwellest therein; ²That thou shalt take of the first of all the fruit of the earth...”

This wasn't just the grain. It was everything that was produced. Father says:

Nu 26:2-5 “You are to take of the first, and all the fruit of the earth, which thou shalt bring of thy land that YeHoVaH thy Elohim giveth thee, and shalt put it in a basket, and shalt go unto the place which YeHoVaH thy Elohim shall choose to place his name there. ³And thou shalt go unto the priest who shall be in those days, and say unto him, ‘I profess this day unto YeHoVaH thy Elohim, that I have come unto the country which YeHoVaH swore unto our fathers for to give us.’ ⁴And the priest shall take the basket out of thine hand, and set it down before the altar of YeHoVaH they Elohim. ⁵And thou shalt speak...”

Now there's a profession of faith.

Nu 26:5 “And thou shall say before YeHoVaH thy Elohim, ‘A Syrian ready to perish was my father...”

You see, Abraham was not a Hebrew. Abraham was a Syrian.

Nu 26:5 “...and he went down into Egypt and sojourned there with a few, and became there a nation...”

Where did Abraham become a nation? According to this, he became a nation. He went down to Egypt with a few people. When he left there, he had a bunch, including a concubine.

Nu 26:5-6 “...and became there a nation, great, mighty, and populous. ⁶And the Egyptians evil entreated us, and afflicted us, and laid upon us hard bondage:”

Now He’s tying the Passover to Firstfruits; which is part of it anyway — Pesach, Feast of Unleavened Bread and Firstfruits.

Nu 26:6-9 “...and laid upon us hard bondage. ⁷And when we cried unto YeHoVaH Elohim of our fathers, YeHoVaH heard our voice, and looked on our affliction, and our labor, and our oppression: ⁸And YeHoVaH brought us forth out of

Egypt with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with great terribleness, and with signs, and with wonders: ⁹And he hath brought us into this place, and hath given us this land, even a land that floweth with milk and honey.”

You see, this whole profession is designed for us to reflect on what the Father has done. It is not just what He did yesterday or the day before yesterday. It is what He did *all* the way back to the day that He brought us out of Egypt. That’s going back.

If we are always able to reflect on what the Father has done, it is a stark reminder of what He’s capable of doing. If He can deliver you — and this is what David understood. David reflected. When David was about to face Goliath, he reflected on every opportunity where Father showed Himself. By reflecting on what Father had done, he had full confidence of what He was going to do to that uncircumcised Philistine.

“Oh, you’re coming down today!”

Now, David’s brothers are cowering. They’re hiding. They are trained. They are warriors, but they fear and tremble. But David didn’t have enough sense to be afraid.

He lost his mind for God; for YeHoVaH. He did that in worship. David would be out there

worshipping, talking, fellowshiping, hanging out with the animals; just serving by worshipping and pouring out his heart. He knew what the Father could do because he reflected on what the Father had done.

Has He done anything for you? How many times have you been in a place where you didn't think that you would make it? How many times have you thought about (over the course of your life) that you have felt like throwing in the towel?

The thing about us is that we forget a lot of the stuff that Father did, but we remember all of the stuff that people did. Everybody who has hurt us — we've got a memorial for them. They have a sacred place in our spirit. We carry them around. They burden us down.

Then you try to remember, what did the Father do? Do you remember that time when you thought that you weren't going to make it? Do you remember that time when you thought that everybody had turned against you and forsaken you?

Do you remember back in the day when you just felt like killing yourself — committing suicide and throwing in the towel? You were giving up. You couldn't find a job. Things were just going horribly for you. Remember all those times when you didn't know where the money was going to come from to pay this bill or to pay that bill, or to eat this or to eat that?

Remember that time you were so sick that you thought you were going to die? Remember all those things that the Father brought you through and how right now you are able to rejoice in Him? Remember when there was a time in your life that you couldn't rejoice?

Do you remember what He brought you through and what He brings you to right now? Let me tell you something. What He's going to do is even greater than what He's doing right now and what He has ever done. That is because He knows the plan that He has for you! He's got great work for us. But you can't forget.

So the Father — over and over and over. YeHoVaH didn't have a complex about who He is.

“Remember the Lord now.
Remember YeHoVaH. Remember.
Remember.”

[Pulls on his tzitzits.]

“Remember. Don't forget.”

Why? Because you forget!

“Well, I don't need strings to remember.”

“You don't? Well, if you don't need strings to remember, you've already forgotten.”

It's not about what you think you need.

Lean not to your own understanding.

“Why do I need to wear these things with a blue thread in it?”

That's it. That's it! Why do you need to not lie? Why do you need to not steal? Liars and thieves are going to the Lake [of Fire]. Do you see what I'm saying? He gave us these things to remember.

We are inundated by the world. I remember for a long time like some of you all, I used to hide them [tzitzits]. I would wear them, but I didn't want the people to see them. Come on. Can I get at least one or two witnesses in here? Nobody in here ever hid their tzitzits? Oh, you all just wear them boldly. I used to hide them. I'm hanging around with business people; folks who have a few dollars, and I don't need to be looking like:

“Why do you have those strings hanging from you?”

You see? Especially around all of those Christians and Christian businessmen, the moment they associate you with Judaism, they will hang you out to dry. That was my understanding. And I would rationalize:

“Well, He didn’t say that you had to wear them outside [your clothing]. He just says to wear them.”

There were times I’d ball them up and put them in my pocket. You all don’t mind that I’m being honest with you. It was an embarrassment. I knew what the Word said, but these were an embarrassment.

Now, I know that many of you have never felt embarrassed by serving the King; especially after you’ve been beaten up and abused and accused of all kinds of stuff that you are not guilty of.

I’m not trying to take people under the law of Judaism, but I’m a “Judaizer.” That is what they would call me. They would tell me I’m “cursed.” They would tell me I’ve “fallen away from grace.”

“And now you have these ridiculous strings hanging from your side. What’s wrong with you?”

You see, Father will make you look foolish. The foolish things of the Father are designed to confound the wise people of the world. You see, the things of YeHoVaH seem foolish because the world (in its own eyes) is wise.

“There is a way that seems right to men,”

That’s a world’s way. I’ll tell you, there were times that the Father has asked me to do stuff that

was just *ridiculous* to this mind. Some of you have told me:

“You know, you need to tell your wife you’ve been unfaithful.”

“No, I don’t.”

“Oh, yes you do!”

“No, I don’t!”

“Yes, you do!”

“She’s already left me. How that’s going to get her back? That doesn’t make sense.”

“She doesn’t trust you. That’s why she left. The reason why she doesn’t trust you is because she knows you’ve been lying all these years. Although she hasn’t been able to prove the lies, in her heart, she knows.”

Do you know how you know that you don’t have the right answers when people give you answers? It’s just like we talked about earlier. Some of us have become masters of lying. He says:

“You need to come clean!”

That's what walking in the light will do. You see, people who walk in darkness won't come to the light for fear that what they did in darkness is going to be exposed.

In Him is no darkness.

“If you're going to serve Me, you've got to come clean, because you live in a glass house.”

How many of you know that somebody won the lottery of New Jersey? They already found out that he's wanted for child support. It's like the moment you get a little bit of recognition, here's what the enemy does. Let me just throw this out at you. No, let me finish this. I think I'm almost done.

Nu 26:10-13 “And now, behold, I have brought the firstfruits of the land, which thou, O YeHoVaH, hast given me. And thou shalt set it before YeHoVaH your Elohim, and worship before YeHoVaH thy Elohim:”

¹¹“And thou shalt rejoice in every good thing which YeHoVaH thy Elohim hath given unto thee, and unto thine house, thou, and the

Levite, and the stranger that is among you.”

¹²“When thou hast made an end of tithing all the tithes of thine increase the third year, which is the year of tithing, and hast given it unto the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, that they may eat within thy gates, and be filled;”

¹³“Then thou shalt say before YeHoVaH your Elohim, ‘I have brought away the hallowed things out of mine house,’”

What are the “hallowed things?” They are the tithes and the offerings. Those are Holy.

Nu 26:13-14 “...and has also given them unto the Levites, and unto the stranger, to the fatherless, and to the widow according to all thy commandments which thou hast commanded me: I have not transgressed thy commandments, neither have I forgotten them.

¹⁴I have not eaten thereof in my mourning, neither have I taken away ought thereof for any unclean use, nor given ought thereof for the

dead: but I have hearkened to the voice of YeHoVaH my Elohim, and have done according to all that thou hast commanded me.”

Nu 26:15-19 “Look down from thy holy habitation, from heaven, and bless thy people Israel, and the land which thou hast given us, as thou swearest unto our fathers, a land that floweth with milk and honey.”

¹⁶“This day YeHoVaH your Elohim hath commanded thee to do these statutes and judgments: thou shalt therefore keep and do them with all thine heart, and with all thy soul.”

¹⁷“Thou hast avouched YeHoVaH this day to be thy Elohim, and to walk in his ways, and to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and to hearken unto his voice:”

¹⁸“And YeHoVaH hath avouched thee this day to be his peculiar people, as he hath promised thee, and that thou shouldest keep all his commandments:”

¹⁹“And to make thee high above all nations which he hath made, in praise, and in name, and in honor; and that thou mayest be an holy people unto YeHoVaH your Elohim, as he has spoken.”

You see, the Father has called us to be Holy. The tithes; the offerings are Holy. And He’s commanded us to give those things which are Holy to Him that He may give it to whomever. In this particular case, He gave it to the priests. He gave it to the Levites.

You see folks, I believe in my own life; and I believe that those who honor the commands of the Almighty have every right — just like the people in this statement. Verse 15 says:

Nu 26:15 “Look down from thy holy habitation, from heaven, and bless thy people Israel, and the land which thou hast given us, as thou swore.”

You swore! You see, when people give their word, we have every right to hold them to it. And that’s exactly what they’re doing. They said:

“Listen. We’ve done what you asked us to do. Now, we’ve done our part, You said...”

There are too many people who are saying:

“You said...”

But they haven't done. Father doesn't have to honor you if you don't honor Him. He really doesn't. He is not obligated to do anything for anybody other than what He wants to do. But He has made some promises, and there were times when He said:

“Listen, there is nothing greater for Me to swear to, so I swear to Myself!”

And the people say:

“Now you remember, you swore.”

This is how Moses kept YeHoVaH from killing them. He says:

“Now wait a minute. You said that...you can't do that. That's going back on your Word. And if you do that, the world is going to say that you're not true to your Word. Why should anybody believe you if you don't do what you say you're going to do?”

People lie to you and they don't do what they say they're going to do; especially if you've got a contract with them. You've got an agreement with them. They've borrowed money from you and they said that they're going to pay it back on a

certain day and they don't do it. Then they talk about coming back to borrow some more.

You do business with people whose words have value. People whose words don't mean anything — let me tell you something. If a person's word means nothing, then a contract is not worth the paper that it is written on. Father says:

“If you vow a vow, you hasten to perform that vow lest that vow returns void.”

You don't want to vow. The Father says:

“It is better for you not to vow a vow than to vow a vow and break it.”

Are you with me? Your word should mean something. If you say you're going to do something, then you need to be like the Elohim you are serving! You need to watch over that word to make sure that nobody ever says:

“You said, but you didn't do!”

You're made in the image of the Almighty! You are His ambassadors. You are His representatives. To me, I believe that the hand of the Almighty should rest upon you in such a way that everybody who knows you, knows that you serve the one true Elohim! ■



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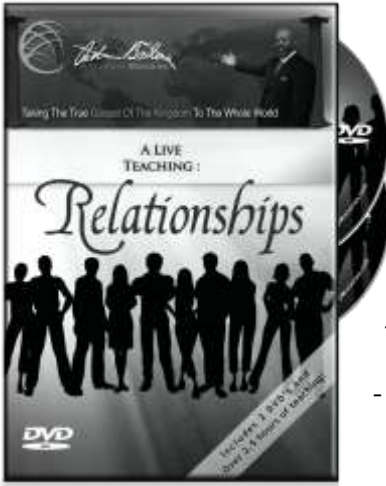
- Why YeHoVaH communicates with His people
- Why he wants you to hear His voice
- How to identify His voice from others
- Where he most likely speaks



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The Power of the Holy Spirit 4 DVDs – \$45.00



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- Is poverty a curse?
- Can believers be prosperous?
- What does the Bible teach about prosperity?
- What is true biblical prosperity?

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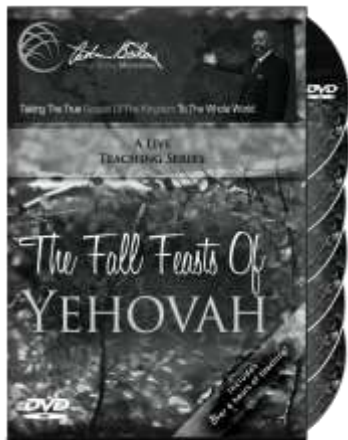
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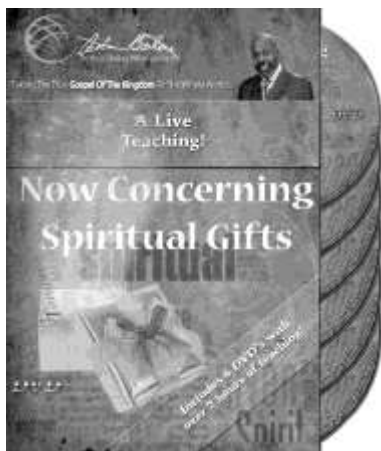


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also help us understand how to celebrate these amazing days in a way that pleases Almighty YeHoVaH.

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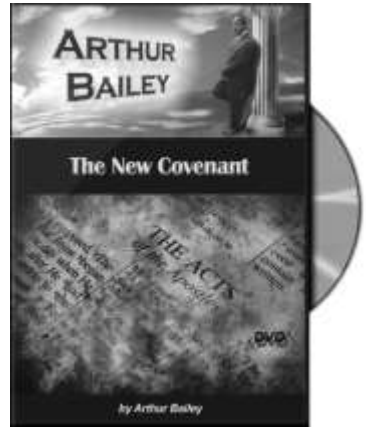
Now Concerning Spiritual Gifts is a 6-DVD set with over 6.5 hours of teaching. Many suggest that the gifts of the Spirit have ceased to be in operation, just as they also insist that the Law is done away with. Among those who accept and teach that the spiritual gifts of the Bible are still operational today, many have abused and misused these gifts in their assembly; similar to those in the days of the Corinthian assembly Paul wrote to correct — thus the controversy! In this series, Arthur Bailey takes the mystery out of manifesting spiritual gifts and empowers believers.



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The New Covenant 1 DVD – \$15.00



The Creator of the Universe demonstrated His love for us by sacrificing His only begotten Son for the sins of man. The Love of God is a gift! You cannot earn it. You do not deserve it. You cannot buy it. So how do we demonstrate our love for God? Often when sharing the Gospel of Yeshua (the Gospel Yeshua taught *not* the Gospel about Jesus), the subject of the “Law” comes up. Yeshua clearly stated that he did not come to do away with or to abolish the Law

(Matthew 5:17). Yet people still argue that we must only “love” YeHoVaH with all of our heart, mind, soul and strength. Are we doing that? What does loving God look like? The Bible instructs us how YeHoVaH wants us to show our love for Him. Learn the truth and find answers you won’t learn from religion. About 2.5 hours of teaching.

And You Shall Love The Lord... 2 DVDs – \$25.00

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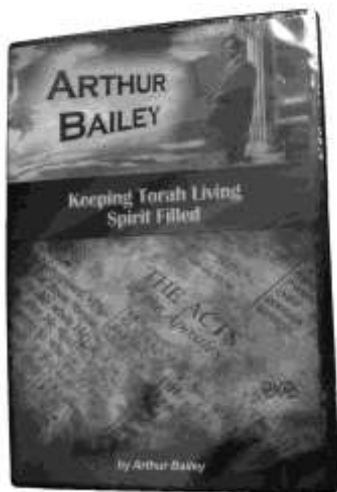


The Baptism of the Holy Spirit — Yeshua said in Acts 1 verse 5: “*For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.*” And in verse 8: “*But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts*

of the earth.”

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Three episodes. About 1.5 hours of teaching.

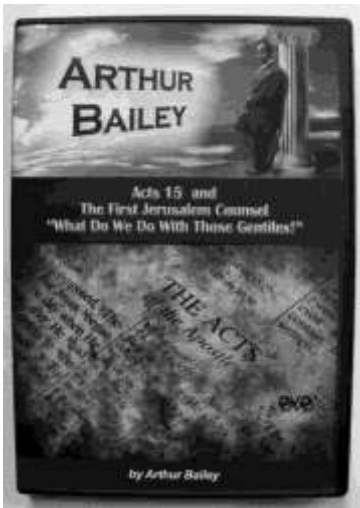
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And The Heavens Were Opened 3 DVDs – \$35.00



In this 2 DVD set, learn about how according to Acts 15, a major challenge existed which confronted the newly formed Messianic community. Arthur Bailey journeys inside the first Jerusalem Council where the Apostles, Elders and the Ruach Ha Kodesh discussed how to deal with a false teaching that was circulating among the early believers and how to incorporate Gentile converts into the newly formed Messianic community. Many traditional Jewish

believers in Yeshua struggled with how to go from a totally ethnic Jewish religious community to one which included non-Hebrew people who were unfamiliar with the rich heritage and traditions formed by the Pharisees and handed down by the Elders. This teaching will deepen and strengthen your spiritual walk in Yeshua Messiah as you learn more about the history of the early called-out ones of faith. 2 episodes.

What Do We Do With Those Gentiles? 1 DVD – \$15.00

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Today there is as much confusion about being “Messianic” as there is on certain issues across denominational Christianity. As more and more people’s eyes are opened to the faith once delivered to the saints and new believers are being added to the family of YeHoVaH, it is vitally important that they get started on the path the right way. In this very important teaching, Arthur Bailey shares what every new believer must know to live a power-filled, successful life in the Kingdom of YeHoVaH. You will learn who you are in Messiah, the importance of the faith, the baptism of the Holy Spirit, how to properly respond to the Sabbath argument, the dietary laws, feast days and much more. About 2 hours of teaching.



Messianic 101: "The Essentials" 2 DVDs – \$25.00



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When Is Firstfruits?

The Feast of Firstfruits occurs on the morrow after the Sabbath during Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

Lev 23:10-11 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, “When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest:

¹¹And he shall wave the sheaf before YeHoVaH, to be accepted for you: **on the morrow after the sabbath** the priest shall wave it.”

How Much Should I Give?

These requirements are set forth within the Torah. How this translates in today’s times is that there is no specific monetary amount for believers to offer today, however *the requirement remains that we must give*. We are to give generously in faith according to what we are believing YeHoVaH to provide for us over the coming year.

Prayer For Firstfruits

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 contains instructions and a prayer you may recite when presenting your Firstfruits offering to YeHoVaH. We recommend that you read and/or recite the entire chapter of Deuteronomy 26 and reflect upon its words and true meaning.

¹“When you have entered the land YeHoVaH your Elohim is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it,

²take some of the firstfruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land YeHoVaH your Elohim is giving you and put them in a basket. Then go to the place YeHoVaH your Elohim will choose as a dwelling for his Name

³and say to the priest in office at the time, 'I declare today to YeHoVaH our Elohim that I have come to the land YeHoVaH swore to our ancestors to give us.'

⁴The priest shall take the basket from your hands and set it down in front of the altar of YeHoVaH your Elohim.

⁵Then you shall declare before YeHoVaH your Elohim:"

(You may recite this prayer)

^{5b} **"...My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and numerous.**

⁶**But the Egyptians mistreated us and made us suffer, subjecting us to harsh labor.**

⁷**Then we cried out to YeHoVaH, the Elohim of our ancestors, and YeHoVaH heard our voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression.**

⁸**So YeHoVaH brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders.**

⁹**He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey;**

¹⁰**and now I bring the firstfruits of the soil that you, YeHoVaH, have given me..."**

(You may place your offerings in a basket and do this action)

^{10b} ...Place the basket before YeHoVaH your Elohim and bow down before him.

¹¹Then you and the Levites and the foreigners residing among you shall rejoice in all the good things YeHoVaH your Elohim has given to you and your household."

Enjoy the Feast Days and your special time with YeHoVaH!

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If you have ever wanted the blessings of the Almighty on you and your household then you must understand the importance of the Feast of Firstfruits.

During Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread there are actually three festivals being celebrated: 1. Passover, 2. Unleavened Bread and 3. Firstfruits. Each of the Gospel narratives Matthew, Mark, Luke and John give us great detail of what happened on Feast of Firstfruits. However, neither of the Gospels mentioned the Feast of Firstfruits.

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