



## Minister Training Course – Class 6 November 28, 2021

Well, greetings everyone and welcome to our last and final Class. Thank you all for joining in with us. There are just a few things that I want to point out to you on the Website before we get started. I want to point these out to you because its going to be very important, as we go forward with this Course.

Can you see my screen there? Now we are looking at the Minister Training Page. For those of you who don't know how to get to it on [ArthurBaileyMinistries.com](http://ArthurBaileyMinistries.com), you go to the Teachings, then Trainings by Arthur Bailey, and launch the [Minister Training Course](#). I've added several things to this Page today.

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1. There is a [Minister Training Course Evaluation](#) that I would like for you to fill out after this Course.

- Also, you'll see that there is a [Praise Assignment Document](#). Last week I gave you a Minister Training Assignment, about defining Praise. I reviewed the submitted Assignments and instead of me trying to grade all your papers, what we are going to do is allow you to grade your own paper. Now I know that one of the questions was is this going to be an Open Book Assignment? Well, it's going to go beyond that, not only was it an Open Book, but now you will be the one who will grade your Assignment and you can decide whether or not you want to send your grade to us through the [Contact Us](#) form.

I used two student's documents because as I read their documents, there were a couple of things that I felt stood out and so, theirs will be the **Grading Templet**. You can go through these documents; they will be there for your own record. When you click the [Praise Assignment Document](#) link, it will take you to a form to fill out your name and email, then the document will automatically be sent to you. It's a long document because two Assignments are connected in one PDF. So download it and then you can use that to grade your paper. You can see the definitions that you got, you can identify the ones you didn't get, and then you'll have that document for your own personal record and reference going forward because from my perspective they are just that impressive.

- Next is a [Special Video Presentation](#). Rosalinda sent the presentation to me today and I thought it was such a beautiful Presentation that I wanted to make it available to all of you. Many of your photos are in it. And, she laid it out! She didn't do it and send it from Rosalinda; she sent it from the group and so, I would encourage you to take a moment after this Class, and just check out this Presentation. Now, it had music but the moment I uploaded it to YouTube, YouTube flagged it and I didn't want YouTube to flag our Class so I asked her if she would not have music assigned to it, and she removed the music.
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So, with that said we are now officially in **Class 6**. In this particular Class, I want to share with you from my heart, lessons that I have learned over the course of my time in the various denominations and years that I have been in Ministry. So, with that said, we'll get started. As I said, I am saving the best for last.

And the first thing I wanted to make clear ...

### **Saved The Best For Last**

**The True Gospel of the Kingdom is not a mixture of Judaism and Christianity.  
The True Gospel of the Kingdom is what Yeshua taught.  
It's not about salvation to go to Heaven, it is about Kingdom living here on the earth.**

And those of us who follow Him, because we believe in Him, eternal life is a promise, but that's after we are dead. The question is, how do we live? And that's what the Gospel is about. As we've gone through Matthew, and we've gone through John, we've come to realize that Messiah taught a lot about how people were to conduct themselves, how they were to live. The first sermon He preached to the multitude had to do with the pure in heart, those who mourn, concerning how you treat your brother, and your neighbors. All of these teachings that He did, beginning with His first, up to the time He commissioned His disciples before He ascended, were all about how we are to conduct our lives in the earth; how we were to live; how we are to live until His return.

And so, He commissioned His disciples, the Apostles, and us, that we are to teach what Yeshua did and teach what He taught. Remember when we went through John, Yeshua said, that those who believe on Me, the works that I do, they shall do, and greater works shall they do.

And then in Matthew 28:19, the last Instruction He gave His disciples, before He ascended, is for them to go and teach all nations. Teaching them to do what?

### **Teaching what Yeshua did and taught...**

**Mt 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:  
Mt 28:20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.**

A lot of things that people are teaching today have nothing to do with what Yeshua taught, but that's denominational gospel. It's going to be important, especially those who believe that you are called to Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor, Teacher that you teach what Yeshua taught. And He said, **I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world [age]. Amen.**

**Most important is to be obedient to the Instructions Father gives you and be a doer of the Word.**

**1Sa 15:22 And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey *is* better than sacrifice, *and* to hearken than the fat of rams.**

In 1 Samuel, and if you remember the context, Saul had been given Instructions. Saul was the first king of Israel; he had been given Instructions, but because of his disobedience, the kingdom was taken out of his hands. And here is the deception, Saul said, “Everything Father told me, everything God told me to do, I did.” And the Prophet had to question him, “Well, what is this bleating of sheep, what is this I am hearing?” Well, of course, you know, now he’s got to confront the fact that he didn’t do everything that Father told him to do. Saul’s going to take those things that Father told him to destroy, and present them as an offering. And we don’t know if he would have done that. But the fact of the matter is that his intent was against the Instruction. And so, the Prophet told him,

**1Sa 15:22 ... Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? ...**

**What’s more important? What you want to do for Him or what He tells you to do for Him?**

I am reminded of a situation once I left the Baptist Church. I was in the ministry of hospitality. And there was this woman who had very much difficulty walking and being the gentleman that I am in the ministry of hospitality, I took it upon myself to assist her, whenever I saw her come in the building, to take her by the arm and to escort her to her seat. Well, one day she just snatched me, she stopped me in my tracks, she snatched me, she says, “Listen, if you are going to help me, let me tell you how to help me.” And what I had found that I had done, was that I was dragging her. I was pulling her; I was going at my pace, not at her pace.

It taught me a valuable lesson, that **if you are going to help somebody, let them explain to you how to help them.** And it’s the same thing with the Almighty. **If you are going to serve the Almighty, let Him explain to you how He wants you to serve Him.** There are a lot of things we do for Him, out of the goodness of our heart, but it might not necessarily be what He wants.

Remember David wanted to build Him a temple. He told David, “No.” It was not Father’s idea for a temple to be built, that was David’s idea, and Father wouldn’t allow him to do it.

Now, one of the most important things I will say to you over the course of our time together, and I’ve said this on a number of occasions to different individuals.

**Protect your family from your Ministry.  
Shielding your family from the expectations of Ministry.**

Protect your family from your Ministry. See, there are expectations that people have of you if you are called to Ministry. They expect your wife to serve in the Ministry. They expect your wife to behave a certain way. They expect your children to behave a certain way.

Well, let me say this, they expected my wife. If you are a woman, they may have expectations of your husband if you're married, or your children, if you have children. And I came to find that people look at me and they use the excuse, "Well the Ministers are going to be held to a greater degree of accountability." And that is true, but what does that have to do with my wife and my children? Absolutely nothing.

Because I'm your leader doesn't give you access to my wife, or to my children. My wife and my children have to walk their Calling. They have to serve their Elohim the way I serve my Elohim at the pace and level that they in their own heart's desire to do. They may not have the zeal that I have. Your spouse might not have the zeal that you have. When Father called you that doesn't mean that He called them. Now, that's the stuff they told me when I was in church. "Well, God called family!" Well, where's that at? And for that reason, I started asking the question,

### **What was the role of the Patriarchs' wives: Abraham, Isaac, and Israel/Jacob?**

What role did Sarah play in Abraham's ministry? What role did Isaac's wife play, or Jacob's wife, or Israel's wife play? And let's take it beyond that.

### **What was Moses' wife's role and responsibilities?**

#### **What was the role of the High Priest's wife and the Priests' wives?**

What role did Moses' wife play; what was her ministry calling? Where did she serve in the Ministry of Moses?

What was the role of the wife of the High Priest, or the Priests' wives? What was their service? Where did they serve in the Tabernacle? Or the Temple?

Now grant it, the children, because they were Levites and because of Aaron, that was what Father established as it related to the High Priest being the descendant of Aaron. Father established that. But we don't even know the name of the High Priests' wives.

### **What were the Apostles' wives' role and responsibilities?**

Let's take it into the New Testament. What was Peter's wife's name? We don't believe or the Bible doesn't teach us that Paul had a wife, but Peter did. What was his wife's name? We don't even know her name.

**Your ministry does not give you your identity.**

**Your identity is in Messiah and is not based on**

- **How many people join your Ministry**
- **How many people attend your Services**
- **How many people Follow you on Social Media: Facebook Likes, YouTube Views**

Your identity doesn't come from your Ministry, and you need to get that because some people's identity is tied to their Ministry. Our identity is in Messiah. **A Minister's identity is in Messiah just like a non-minister's identity is in Messiah. All of our identities are in Him.**

Your identity doesn't come from how many Likes you get when you post a Facebook post, or a Meme, or you put up a You Tube Video. If your identity is based on that, that's what Social Media wants you to get connected to so you'll spend your life to get Views and Likes from people.

As a Minister you have one responsibility and that is to do what you are instructed to do. It's important for you and for me to follow the Instructions that the Almighty gives us regardless of whether others receive and follow those Instructions or not. So, **if you do what He told you to do, be satisfied that you did what He told you to do. It's not your job to follow people around to make sure that they are doing what you taught.** Man, you would be a miserable somebody, I'm telling you, don't get caught up in that trap.

### **Exegesis vs. Eisegesis Keeping Scripture in Context**

When you compare your Praise Assignment to the Grading Templet, several of you are going to ask some questions. I know you are. Because you are going to look at how you interpreted what I said and understood it, the length and depth of what you put into your Assignment, how far you went; and then, you're going to look at the depth and length that someone else did and you're going to say to yourself something like, "Well, why didn't I see that?" "Well, why couldn't I find that?" And what you are going to find out is that we hear things based on where we are.

One of the things that became abundantly clear is that many of the Assignments on Praise only dealt with the words in the Old Testament, in the Hebrew. Several individuals didn't go to the New Testament. And here's one phrase that every last one of us in this Zoom Meeting have probably heard is, "Halleluyah is the highest praise." If you've heard that wave at me. With all of that, only one person had that one in their Assignment. And I wondered, Ok, now, I know I used the term Scripture. And I know that many of you have heard me say that the New Testament is the writings of the Apostles. It is the Word, it is Letters and that each time the New Testament uses the word Scripture, it's talking about the Old Testament.

And so, I suspected that some of you all only looked at the Hebrew for that purpose. But what I spoke about was finding and defining, Praise and that goes through all of it. And the first thing that I would think of is the highest praise, which is Halleluyah, which you don't even find that word, per se, in the Old Testament.

And so, the way we think is based on how we've been trained to think. We think we are independent thinkers, but the fact of the matter is, when we get an assignment, we go into that frame, that mindset, and oftentimes, if you are not freed in your mind, you won't see what's there. Why? Because you are going to read into the Scripture what you believe.

You will see in Delores' paper, the name Judah. See, in most writings Judah = praise, and people will say well Judah means praise. That's not what Judah means; it doesn't mean that, but that's

what we've been taught. Send Judah first, send the praise first. Church has taught us how to think and **we have to break out of the mode of church when we approach the Word, otherwise, we will never exegete, we will always eisegete because we will read into the Word** what we believe. When in fact, the Word itself will challenge what we believe, if we are looking at the Word outside of our doctrinal perspective.

Context matters! Once you take a verse out of context, a minister can twist it however he or she wants it, in order to build their doctrine to sell their sermon. And they will be pulling things out of thin air, will make it sound so good, and throw a Scripture at you, and you'll say, "Wow, I never heard of that!" Well, do you know why you never heard it? Because they just made it up, many of them, they just made this stuff up. I'm watching these folks and they're just pulling stuff and throwing Scripture here and throwing Scripture there.

I mean the whole world is deceived with Christmas, especially the church! And as I said so many times, **as important as Christmas is to the church of Jesus Christ, we should find it in the Bible, at least one time!** And yet, we celebrated it, preached it, taught it, many of us. And we use Scripture to do it although we could not find Christmas in the Bible, just like the Rapture, just like Trinity.

And so, once we got a doctrine in our head, Trinity for instance, you'll start finding verses to support the Trinity. It's like, the first thing you should look for is Trinity, cause it ain't there. The word itself is not there. As a matter of fact, it's crazy sometimes, but if you are not challenged, you will never know. And that's one of the things I want to do is to force you to think about these things because I've had to do that. I know that when I bring certain things to the Body, I know that some of this stuff they are hearing, they can't wrap their minds around it, because it contradicts a lot of the stuff we've been taught.

I had a brother call me this morning ... The teaching we did last week on the origin of musical instruments, we saw the fact that musical instruments came from a certain people and how we use the Psalms and other verses of Scripture to support what it is we do, when those verses may not have anything to do with what it is we do. We use those verses to support our praise and worship just like people use verses to support Christmas. And oftentimes, we don't even realize that we're doing it. Because the majority is going down that road, we follow right along side them because certain things have become so endearing to us we have to learn how to separate truth from tradition, truth from a denominational doctrine. Because only the truth sets men free, not your teachings, not your preaching, not your revelations, but His truth. If your revelation comes from Him, it's going to be grounded in His truth.

Are you with me? Nod at me if you are, just give me a nod. Alright, thank you.

So, it's important that we Exegete the Scriptures not Eisegete. Exegesis is to read and pull out what's actually there. Eisegesis is to read into the Scripture your belief.

### **Meditation on the WORD**

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

Now this is something I do ... I was having lunch with a Brother a few weeks ago and I talked to him. I mentioned to him about my process for preparation. One of the Minister Brothers asked me a question about how long it takes me to put together my Teachings. I've said, that I get up around 5 o'clock on Sabbath morning and start the preparation process for the sermon.

Well, that's not when I start preparing the sermons. That's not when I start preparing the Teachings. But because I said that, that's what people hear. It was my own communication that led him to think that. So, I laid it out for him just like I will lay it out for you.

Every **Monday**, one of the first things that I do is develop the **Teaching Title**. By **Tuesday**, I've developed the **description for the Teaching**. But my meditation... the Teaching that I did this past Sabbath, the title for that was already being developed this past Sunday-Monday. So, last Sunday, I'm thinking about the Teaching for the upcoming Sabbath.

So, I begin with the title and then I get the description, but the whole time, I'm meditating because to get the title I already have the **Scriptural text**. So, I'm reading those text, I'll **read** them 5, 10, 15, as many times as I need. I'll **listen** to it on my earphones. I will **think** about it and **meditate** throughout the whole course of the week. I'm **allowing Father to saturate me with that Word; I'm asking Him questions. I'm reading it, looking at it, I'm taking notes.**

And so, on **Friday evening**, I will start **writing and putting my document in order**. Then on **Sabbath morning**, I get it into the order that I want and try to narrow it down to a certain amount of time, and then, I develop my **PowerPoints**. And that's what you see on Sabbath morning. But what I didn't say to you is that **I'm meditating on the Word throughout the course of the day, throughout the course of the week, and this is each and every day.**

Coming from Joshua,

### **Meditation on the WORD**

**Jos 1:8 This Book of the Law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, ...**

Joshua lets us know, at least it lets me know what I should be meditating on, what I should be **meditating on day and night is the Law, His Instruction**. And so, when I read the Prophets, when I read the Writings, when I read the New Testament, the Gospels, when I read the Letters, I'm trying to identify where does this fit in the Law and the Prophets? And then, my knowledge and understanding of it puts me in certain categories, where OK, it could be associated here. But, **the goal for me is not for the Teaching, it's for the living. Why? Because I want my life to be successful. I want my life to be prosperous.**



When I did [True Biblical Prosperity](#) several years ago, I shared that everybody's prosperity looks different. And so, my prosperity and success is going to look different than someone else's prosperity and success. **But that prosperity and success comes from meditating on the Word day and night,**

**Jos 1:8 ... that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein:**

...

Now, David took it so far as to say,

**Ps 1:2 But his delight *is* in the Law of the LORD; and in his Law doth he meditate day and night**

David talks about, But his delight ... he starts out by saying Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly; doesn't sit in the seat of the scornful nor stand in the way of sinners, but his delight *is* in the Law of the LORD; and in his Law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season;

...

The whole goal is the Law, is what I'm meditating on, it's the Law of the LORD, it's the Word that proceeds from His mouth. And then, in Psalm 119:97, he goes into meditation, he says,

**Ps 119:97 O how love I thy Law! it *is* my meditation [how often?] all the day.**

See, if David had been meditating on that before he hooked up with Beersheba, Beersheba would have never happened. Now Father worked it out, but David took his way and Father worked it out, just like He has a way of working all things together for the good of them who love Him. And then David goes on in a couple of verses later,

**Ps 119:99 I have more understanding than all my teachers: ...**

Now that seems like an arrogant statement to make. Are you that smart, David? No, that's not what he's saying. I have more understanding than all my teachers because my teacher is YeHoVaH and in His Law is what I'm meditating on. See, when he says all my teachers, he's not speaking about YeHoVaH, he's talking about those who counsel, those who instruct him, those who try to teach him, but his teacher is God. Why? We only have One Teacher; this is what Yeshua taught us. We have One Master, we have One Teacher, One Rabbi. Solomon got it, that **there's only One Teacher, and that Teacher is YeHoVaH.**

Now, character ... Character counts Brothers and Sisters.

#### **Character Counts**

- **How you handle Opposition**
- **How you handle People**
- **How you handle Money**
- **How you handle the Opposite Sex**

- **Boundaries with the Opposite Sex**

Your character will be revealed in how you handle Opposition. **Opposition is a teacher.** See ... Father resists, He opposes. When we are going against what He wants us to go with, He opposes us. Much of the opposition we experience in life is not from the devil. The only time you start experiencing opposition from the devil is when you start walking the walk. Most of your opposition does not come from the devil, we might blame the devil on it, but you think about it. What you were trying to do, what you were trying to accomplish, was it something that Father was leading you to?

You see, when you receive Instructions from the Almighty, the last person who wants you to fulfill that is the enemy and he's going to do everything within his power to try to stop you. Our emotions, and all of that it gets in the way, if we are not careful.

So, **how you handle opposition** ... and you know, much of our opposition comes from within our home, within our own house, if you have a husband who is not necessarily in agreement with what you believe. If you have a wife who doesn't, or children, or extended family members that you're close to. How you handle people, that's an issue.

I say your money because once we realize whose money it is ... So, **how we handle money** is crucial. It's crucial. Money is a test, if you mishandle it, you won't have much of it to mishandle. You know there's a famous proverb, it doesn't come from the Book of Proverbs, but the proverb goes a little like this: A fool and his money will soon part.

One of the things that Father does is that when you are faithful in what He gives you, He makes you ruler, that's the whole meaning of the parable of the talent. The talent is not about your skills and abilities, the talent, if you look at the definition of the talent, it's about money, it's currency. If you don't manage money properly, money will evade you. If you manage money properly, use it for it's intended purpose to accomplish Father's ...

Remember what He said in the Torah. He says, it is He who gives you the ability to get wealth that He may establish His covenant in the earth. When you handle the resources that the Almighty places in your hand, for the purpose in which He placed it in your hand, then guess what? He's going to begin to direct money to you.

Now, **dealing with the opposite sex.** Brothers and Sisters, this is where most men and women fall. The two areas of money and sex destroy Ministry ... like yesterday! A person may think they are getting away with something. You're never getting away with anything; Father first of all. And let me share with you about how Father handles us.

Father first gives us opportunity to repent. He'll nudge us; He'll speak to us; He'll give us dreams; He'll show us visions; He does everything within His power, from what I can tell, and then, He will send someone. When a person is publicly exposed, it's because they have ignored every warning that Father has tried to warn them with. Father is very patient. He is longsuffering, plenteous in mercy. And it's not His intent to expose people and He gives us the Bible to show us. Most of the individuals exposed in the Bible were exposed after a period of Father dealing

with them and trying to get them to understand ... I mean, look at how long He put up with mankind before He raised up Noah. And even after He told Noah to start building the Ark, look how long He gave Noah to minister and preach before the flood came.

And so, we have to understand that when it comes down to dealing with the resources, when it comes down to dealing with the opposite sex that we have to make sure ... when James says, that true religion is visiting the orphan and the widow, the fatherless, and then, keeping oneself untainted.

You don't want to get caught up in things you shouldn't be caught up in, so you set a boundary. You have to **set boundaries**. Everybody doesn't understand boundaries and many people don't have them. But for you, you have to have them because if you don't have them, you will cross them and before you realize you have crossed lines that you should have not even been close to. So, you have to set those boundaries for your own protection.

When it comes down to counseling,

### **Counseling**

#### **Always counsel from the Word of YeHoVaH.**

Your experiences are wonderful, they are fine, there's no question about it. But in counseling, you always want to acknowledge the Almighty to make sure you are giving the person, that you are counseling with, what Father has for them, not your wisdom. And that's not to discount your wisdom; your wisdom worked for you, but who you're counseling is not you. Your experiences are your experiences, you don't know their experiences. Father knows all. He knows everything about them, and He knows how to communicate to you so that you can effectively communicate with them.

### **Dealing with stress**

Ministry is probably the highest stress work because you are dealing with people, and as long as you are dealing with people you will ... I mean, some of us stress our own selves out. Our mind just won't shut down. We are constantly going, constantly going, constantly going, and not only do we create work and mess for ourselves, but we also create work and mess for other people, being busy bodies getting in other peoples' business. So, we have to manage the stress in our lives. So, you have to develop stress relievers and you have to know what those stresses are, who stresses you out, what you have to do when you come into their company, and how to guard your heart.

Now,

#### **Do I need to learn Hebrew to understand the Bible?**

No.

#### **Do I need to learn Greek to understand the Bible?**

No.

## **What is meant by Hebrew Roots?**

When I say Hebrew Roots, I'm saying that the **Hebrew Roots is the foundation of our faith.** Our foundation comes from the Hebrew side of the Bible, that's the Old Testament. That doesn't mean we disregard the New Testament because that's when Yeshua came. Yeshua came to help us understand what men thousands of years couldn't.

No one lived the Torah, like Yeshua lived the Torah and demonstrated it as a human being on earth. He walked it out. What did He walk out? The Word of God. Where is the Word of God found? In the Torah, in the Law, the Word that proceeds from YeHoVaH's mouth. That's the Hebrew portion of the Bible.

## **Finding the balance between the Hebrew portion of the Scriptures and the Greek portion of the Bible.**

There is a balance, otherwise we'll swing from one end to the other, you'll either accept the New Testament and reject the Old, or accept the Old Testament and reject the New. And you'll have to find and reconcile the difference because there is some difference even in the changes of words and how they've been translated from the Greek to the Hebrew, which is why we search and study.

## **Avoiding the Pressures and Traps people navigate or try to force you into; especially the Cultural Traps.**

As a black man, I have to deal with that. If you are Asian, you have to deal with that. No matter what culture you came from, people expect you to keep the cultural traditions going. And in the cultural traditions, many cultures go to certain denominations, certain belief systems.

I know that when I was in the Baptist Church, all of our members were black. Now if you're in Southern Baptist, most of the Southern Baptist members were white. When I went into the Missouri Synod Lutheran, you know, German. In the Christian Reform, I'm dealing with the Dutch. And then, even if you're part of some traditional denomination you have the White church, Black church, Asian church, Hispanic church, and with that comes a cultural music. Music that comes from that culture. Now, all of a sudden, Jesus' music is the instruments from that culture and the songs and the sounds from that culture, and we have to be mindful of those things.

I was sharing with a Brother this morning about when I went to Africa and was looking at the people dance. The Holy Ghost dance in Africa is not the same Holy Ghost dance in the Pentecostal Church. In fact, most of the Churches, all of the places I went to, especially in Nigeria, they had tribal dance. So now, the tribal dance is part of the worship and in certain places that's what happens; they bring the tribe, the culture, the beliefs, the tradition.

I was thinking about this, Thanksgiving just passed, most people eat turkey on Thanksgiving and for many people, that's the only time they eat turkey. Why is it that turkey can only be eaten around Thanksgiving? Tradition! Why are there certain meals that are served? For those of us

who used to celebrate Christmas, baking cakes and pies, and all of the traditional meals. Tradition. And in every tradition, there are foods associated with those traditions, cultural.

So, with all of that, we have a lot of traps to avoid; pressures to deal with; balance that has to be maintained; boundaries that have to be established and we don't cross over our own; we don't set boundaries and then cross them. You don't set a rule and break it. If you set a rule and you break it, how can you hold anybody else accountable to it? So, **it's important for us that what we do is according to what is written.**

I just said a bunch of mouthfuls, I know I did, and I went quickly. I would encourage you to go back over this particular Teaching, look at these PowerPoint slides, and just think about them because I raddled them off. I didn't give a whole lot of the significance, the lessons that they taught me, as far as I had to learn things the hard way. In learning things, the hard way, I had to learn how to deal with that. And you too can avoid a lot of these mistakes.

I remember in the Baptist Church one of the things they taught, and they were big on this, is husbands love your wives like Christ loved the Church. Now their understanding of that was never explained to me, but the way it played out, or the way it seemed to have been communicated, is that husbands control your wife. You control her. And that doctrine almost got me divorced. Because now I'm expecting my wife to be in church. I'm expecting my children to behave a certain way. Now everybody else's children are cutting up! But mine ain't supposed to cut up because they are the preachers kids. And out of that ... this is why preachers' kids or preachers' children, PK's they call them, get such a bad rap because of all the pressures that the churches and the people in the churches are putting on the leaders who are going to be held to a higher degree of account. No, all of us are going to be held to the same degree.

Now I know that the Bible says that we'll be held to a higher account, that's because of what we teach. But can I tell you something, the hell, the Lake of Fire that the preacher is gonna be cast into is the same Lake of Fire that the person who doesn't follow the Instructions is going to be cast into. The torment of the preachers is going to be no different than the torment of the people who are trying to hold the preacher to a higher degree of accountability. Did you follow what I'm saying? In the end, their suffering is going to be the same.

And so, **the most important thing is to hold yourself accountable because nobody can hold you accountable.** You can have all the covering in the world, you can have every Bishop, the right Reverend, Pope, in the highest order, degree, grand master, be your Bishop High Priest Apostle, but you know, they can't watch you seven days a week, 24 hours a day, you can get away from them. They don't see what you're doing at night. They don't have the password to your cell phone. They ain't watching what you're watching. YeHoVaH is. Nobody can hold you accountable, you can always sneak. The only person you can't sneak (not be watched or seen) is the One who sees it all. You can hide from your husband, you can hide from your wife, you can hide from your pastor, your can hide from your boss, but you can't hide from YeHoVaH.

And when you are mindful of His presence, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, it affects how you conduct yourself. It affects how you communicate and treat other people.

