



How to Overcome the devil

Luke 4:1-13

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Today in this particular teaching, I will be dealing with one of those subject matters to which I strongly encourage you to pay close attention. From time to time I give you a warning as to the fact that this is going to be one of the most important teachings that I'll be doing. In this particular teaching, I'm going to be looking at, and giving you some keys on **How to Overcome the devil**.

Those of us, who are knowledgeable and intimately familiar with the Scriptures, know that **the devil has already been defeated**. We know that Messiah took care of him once and for all, but sometimes **because of our human nature, we have the tendency to forget that**. Because of our religious environment, and dealing with people, we have a tendency to sometimes forget that. In dealing with people, there are times when we are not aware and we focus on the people around us instead of the entity that is operating, or allowing itself, or the people who are yielding themselves to the enemy.

Many of us have never really gotten mad at the devil; we have gotten mad at people. I'm going to say that again. **Many of us have never gotten mad at the devil**. I remember, back in the day, I had a saying when I first came into the Kingdom, or into the Church, let me put it that way. But when I

came into the Church, I believed that I was coming into the Kingdom. I confused the Church with the Kingdom. I confused the people in the Church with people of the Kingdom. And what I did was make classic mistakes because I was treating people who were in Church as saved people, not realizing that even **saved people can give place to the devil**. Oftentimes, saved people give more place to the devil more often than they do yielding to the Holy Spirit.

You may have heard the reference to, “sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me.” Well, I can tell you, I don’t remember any hurts from sticks or from stones. Most of the hurt that I dealt with in my life has been because of the actions of people, things people have said to me. In fact, I don’t spend time, as I can recall, thinking about the sticks and stones that caused harm to me. But there are people that were in my head, folks who did things and said things to me over the course of my life that had an impact, whether it be positive or whether it be negative. And even to this day, people can say things, that once we allow them into our spirit, they begin to create these feelings and emotions within our being: hearing some of their names, seeing some of them, interacting with some of them.

As a father with eight children, most of the issues my children had were with me. Things that I have said; things that I have done; things that I didn’t say; things that I didn’t do. And, looking at and listening to much conversation, I have been the culprit in their lives, in my wife’s life, and in people’s lives based on my personality, my demeanor, how I handle myself, how I carry myself, my faith, how I stand on certain positions. Those stances and positions that I take, create problems for people.

Now, it doesn’t create problems for people who are not trying to get their way with me, because they could care less about me. It’s people that are close to me that desire of me, or want from me, or expect from me, or who have to live with me, or deal with me, that I get in their way. And so, I think there are many fathers who may be familiar with the fact that when it comes down to the problems in your family, you are the responsible party.

And so, I want to deal with some issues today that I have had to deal with personally myself and give you some keys and tools that I use myself every single day. I used them yesterday, I used them this morning, I used them day before yesterday, I used them last week, and I intend to use them tomorrow. Or, let me finish the day out first. I’m going to continue to operate in them.

Here’s one thing that if you don’t get anything else that I say to you today, you need to take this, wrap it up, and hide it in your heart.

“There is no point in knowing the Word of God, if you are not going to obey it.”

Now, you all say Amein. You can say Amein all day long, but I can tell you that many of us know what the Word says, but don’t necessarily do what the Word says because we’re not meditating and focusing on what the Word says. And, people who are close to us have a tendency to cause us to compromise what the Word says for their sake. So, I’m going to say this again.

“There’s no point in knowing what the Word of Elohim says, if you’re not going to do it.”

In fact, the Bible warns us that if we are a hearer of the Word, and not a doer of the Word, what do we do? **We deceive ourselves**. In that deception, we believe that we’re walking in the Word when we know and recognize that we’ve compromised on the Word. And we have to deal with that internally, in

our own thinking, in our own feelings. And I can tell you that some of us go back and forth on this issue throughout the course of the day when you're dealing with folks that you love and care about.

The second thing I'll say to you today is: **we have to make up in our mind, once and for all, that our only model is Yeshua.** Our role model, the person that we look to, the folks that we seek counsel from, should not be elevated above the counsel of Yeshua Himself. Why do I say that? There's only one human being who walked this earth, who has walked in complete victory. It was not Paul, not Peter, not your Auntie, not your Grandma, not your Daddy, not your Momma. **There's only one person who has walked this earth, who was able to walk in complete victory in every area and in every aspect of life.** In fact, the Bible says that He was tempted just like all of us.

And I'm saying these things because there are some slides that I'm going to share with you that will show where our emotions and our feelings put us in a position of compromise, whether we compromise or not. If you are honest with yourself, as I am honest with myself, I have found myself compromising when I knew better. When I should have stood on the Word, but because I desire the people that I love, the people that I care about, the people that are around me ... because I love them so much, there are times when I have compromised the Word of YeHoVaH for the sake of them. And every time I do that, I'm giving the enemy place and something to use against me in the future. And the way it comes is, "You did this, you allowed that, you did it for them, you did it for him, you did it for her."

So, I'll tell you, make sure that you try your best to avoid distractions. I would encourage you to revisit this teaching 2 or 3 times, because there is so much information in this and I'm going to do my best to get through it all in this Teaching.

So, we're going to talk about **How to Overcome the devil, Luke 4:1-13.** The thing about the devil, just as the Holy Spirit, it is not a physical source. The Bible tells us that our struggle is really not against flesh and blood. **People are not our issue, but people are our issue, people who give place to the enemy.** And as a result of that, we compromise. When we compromise, we become compromised. **When we become compromised, then the enemy has place in us to use our own compromising against us. And we must always remember that his purpose is to steal, to kill, and to destroy.** The ones that he uses the most are the ones who are the closest to us. The ones he uses the most are the ones who are the closest. **The ones he uses the most ... are the ones who are the closest.**

When we stand on YeHoVaH's Word, He's got us, and we have to trust that. We have to remember that. Because people will make threats against us; people will threaten us; people will threaten the relationships that we have; they will threaten to leave us; they will threaten suicide; they will threaten death; **they will threaten whatever they can use to threaten us to cause us to step back off of what the Almighty says in His Word.**

I can tell you this, that sometimes standing on the Word of the Almighty makes you seem like you are an uncaring and insensitive person to the needs of other people. Those are also ploys of the enemy to get us to compromise, and to step back, and to stand down. The worse thing we can do, Brothers and Sisters, is give place where we realize that, that place is a manipulative place that has been working against us. Sometimes, we see the manipulation and give in to it anyway because we don't want to fight. Sometimes it's just easier to simply compromise than to stand. But notice that every time you compromise

instead of standing, you end up regretting it, and the enemy will use it. As they say, in the Court of Law, “Everything you say, can and will, be used against you.”

Father has really been encouraging. There has been, so much encouragement that He’s been throwing at me and I’m so glad for His encouragement. So, no matter how I sound, no matter what I say, **I’m coming from a place of encouragement.** In that encouragement, there’s strength to be able to stand and to say the things that I’m going to say, knowing that any time I stand like this, there’s a tendency that I’m going to create some issues. I’m not trying to create issues; I’m trying to bring solutions. But, oftentimes to deal with the solutions, it’s going to create some issues. Amen?

Those of you who received the description of the teaching, those of you who are signed up on our website, those of you who have downloaded the App, each week prior to these teachings we send out the description of what we’re going to be discussing and then encouraging you, and asking you to take the time to read. Read the verses, read the passages, and meditate on those things and allow Father to cause those words that you are reading from His Word to help you and prepare you for what He wants to do in you. I believe that the Almighty is constantly working, 24/7, on our perfection. He’s trying to perfect us, He wants you and I to walk in complete victory every single day of our lives. And yet, our own decision making, our own emotions, our own desires, and feelings have a tendency to get in the way of what He desires for us.

We walk by sight, more than we walk by faith, regardless of what we tell ourselves. And, unless we are practicing on walking by faith, we’re not going to do it. We can do it at times, but most of the time we find ourselves having to deal with the circumstances that confront us. If you’re a father, if you’re a mother, you are constantly having to deal with issues. If you are a single person, you still have to deal with the issues if you are part of anybody’s family. If you have boyfriends or girlfriends, you have to deal with issues. You have to deal with your issues, and you have to deal with their issues, the things that are affecting them, the things that are affecting you. And sometimes, if you are not careful, you will find yourself focusing on the issues outside of you a lot more than you focus on the issues that are going on within you.

The first thing we need to do, according to what Messiah says, is seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness. And once we seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness, it’s through the application of the righteousness that He reveals to us that He enables us to deal with all the other stuff that is going on around us.

Every last one of us have economic challenges. When I say economic challenges, I’m talking about you may have a lot more money today than you had last week or last year, but the concerns of tomorrow, next week, next month, the concerns of retirement, the concerns of your children growing up, an inheritance for your children ... you’re looking far ahead, and those things can cause anxieties for us.

And don’t let our children start having issues. If our children have issues that they are facing, whether they be emotional, medical issues, psychological, or anxiety issues, whatever the issue may be ... And don’t let them have to deal with any form of mental issues, where they become unstable. Because the more unstable our children are, the greater the tendency they have to keep us off balanced. Because we’ll put our energy into stabilizing them and in the process of trying to stabilize them, we become

unstable. The average parent, especially moms, and many dads, will sacrifice their life for the stability of their child.

We'll make sacrifices. Sometimes, mothers will even turn on fathers for the child. They forget the Marriage Covenant, as if they are married to the child.

You see, you shouldn't marry your child, no matter how much you love them, no matter how much you care about them. **You have one responsibility to your child and that is to train them up in the Commandments of YeHoVaH.**

Well, what if they don't want to do it? What if they don't want to live according to these Commandments? What if they have been bitten by the serpent who desires for them to seek the things of the world and they see the things of YeHoVaH as less important. That creates a problem. It creates a problem between you and them, and if you don't deal effectively with the problem between you and them, it creates a problem between you and Father. The last thing you want is a problem with you and Father.

I would rather have a problem with me and my children, or me and my wife, or my mom or my dad, or sister or brother, than to have a problem with Father. Why? Because they will not help me figure out how to satisfy Him, but **He will help me figure out how to deal with them.** And when it's all said and done, if they all leave ... cause some of y'all have been abandoned, some of y'all have been left, some of y'all have been left more than once, and it is that abandonment, and those fears, and those concerns, that have shaped and molded you more than He is molding and shaping you. We have got to get back on that Potter's wheel. He's the only One who has promised to never leave you or forsake you and mean it!

If you think about some of the folks who have left you, they have covenanted with you, to be with you till death, and you aren't dead yet, and they are no longer with you. That's just the reality of the matter, folks. There is no point in knowing what the Word says, if you are not going to do what the Word says. **And there are people in our lives who will have us compromising what the Word says for their sake.** But you are not doing them any favors, you're not helping them, and you are certainly not helping yourself.

In the beginning, Mr. and Mrs. Adam were given instructions to replenish, subdue, and exercise dominion over the earth. After the fall of man, the serpent in the garden, known as the dragon, the devil, and also known as the prince of this world, exercised dominion, and power over fallen man.

Revelations 20:1 “And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain.”

In this next verse, we will see several titles that lucifer is called by or recognized by in Scripture. Verse 2 says,

Revelations 20:2 “He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years.”

And so, all of these different names of the adversary, these different manifestations of how the adversary is operating in the earth, we, as the people of YeHoVaH, have to be aware of, because Yeshua, even here, shows us how to overcome all of these.

3 times according to John's Gospel, Yeshua referred to the devil as a prince of this world.

And this is what He said,

John 12:31 “Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.”

John 14:30 “Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.”

What does he have in you? I have to deal with what does he have in me? I have to deal with that. Because **if I don't deal with what he has in me, then he can use me against me.** These are the things that he does. Others around us, who see these things, will begin to use them, exploit them, to get their way in your life.

John 16:11 “Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.”

You see, the prince of this world is judged! Therefore, when we look at this, there are two princes that we're going to be looking at in the earth.

Prince – 758 -archon {ar'-khone} meaning: 1) a ruler, commander, chief, leader

There's the prince of this world, Satan, the dragon, the devil, that old serpent, and then there's the Prince of Peace. These are the two entities that we will have to deal with and they're both now, in this world invisible and the visible manifestation is the Word of YeHoVaH. The Word. **We, must remember that the Word, was the Word before it became flesh and dwelt among us.** And when the Word, that became flesh, that dwelt among us, ascended back to whence it came, the Word which was in the world before the Word became flesh, is still in the world.

You can't believe in a Jesus or Yeshua or a Yahshua or Yehoshua, no matter what you call Him, you can't believe in Him and reject the Word because **He and His Word are One!**

YeHoVaH's plan for the restoration of man was put into effect and revealed at the baptism of Yeshua.

During the baptism of Yeshua, John the Baptist witnesses the Holy Spirit descending on Yeshua in fulfillment of what YeHoVaH had said to him, and thereby YeHoVaH reveals the “Lamb of Elohim who takes away the sins of the world”. The same Holy Spirit then leads Yeshua into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

*In this teaching, **How to Overcome the devil**, Yeshua gives all Spirit filled believers, for ages to come, the method and example on how to personally exercise dominion and power over all the works of the devil in the Kingdom believer's life and take their rightful place in the Kingdom of Heaven.*

This is probably the greatest danger of religion, it tries to get the people of YeHoVaH to abandon the Law. I will say this right up front, **what Yeshua does in overcoming the work of the devil is He quotes from the Law.** He speaks because He lived the Law of YeHoVaH. We are going to see in this particular passage that **He did not quote from the New Testament.** Even when the devil tried to use Psalms against Him, He didn't quote from the Psalms.

Luke 4:1 “And Yeshua being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,

Now if you remember when we read Matthew, and then, as we dealt with the beginning stages of Luke, Yeshua came from Nazareth, He came from Galilee to be baptized of John. Once He was baptized of John, it says He returned from the Jordan.

Now, looking at other passages in various Gospels, He returned from the Jordan. The question is, where did He return to? Well, the language indicates He returned to where He had come from. Matthew deals with it in a sense. It's kind of disconnected, and this is one of the reasons why when we are looking at the Gospels, and looking at the whole layout of the Gospels, overlaying passages with other passages, we get a broader picture of what's going on.

Luke 4:2 “Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days, he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered.”

Luke 4:3 “And the devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread.”

And notice Yeshua's response.

Luke 4:4 “And Yeshua answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.”

Now a New Testament believer would say, well, He's quoting from the New Testament. That's what they would say; that this is Yeshua quoting from the New Testament. But, we know better. **He wasn't quoting from the New Testament because the New Testament hadn't been written yet.** He's quoting from what was written! And this is why it's important for us to understand timeline, even though we looked at when Luke was written and when this happened, it's two totally different times. See, this happened long before Luke investigated and wrote about it. So, Luke is writing about something that had happened before he wrote. He is revealing to us something that happened before Luke was written. So, He's not quoting from Luke, He's quoting from what is written. And where is it written?

Deuteronomy 8:2 “And thou shalt remember ...

And what I want to do here, because we see a verse, we see a statement, but I want to put the statement back into the context from whence Yeshua pulled it out from when He quoted it. Luke gives us a portion of what was in that particular context.

Deuteronomy 8:2 “And thou shalt remember all the way which YeHoVaH thy Elohim led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep His commandments, or no.”

So, the whole purpose of what the Almighty did to the Children of Israel was to expose themselves to themselves. He wanted to show them what was in them. And when we look through the Torah, and we look through this whole 40-year wilderness experience, **the whole 40-year wilderness experience was YeHoVaH trying to show His people what was in them.** And what was in them is what was in them before they came into the knowledge and began to sojourn with Him. What was in them was in them while

they walked with Him. What was in them was what was causing them to make decisions on how they were going to respond to what He was saying.

We know that in many cases the decisions that they made while they were in the wilderness was what kept them in the wilderness. In fact, some of the decisions that they made while they were in the wilderness upset Him so bad that He swore in His wrath that they would not enter into His rest. Now that's a terrible thing, that is like, "I'm trying to show you what's in you because what's in you is hindering your walk with Me and I can't take you into what I promised you because what's in you is preventing Me from doing it. I'm not your problem, you are! Now you can get angry at me for pointing it out."

And that's what the people did. They got angry at Moses; they got angry at Aaron; they got angry at YeHoVaH; and they turned on them. **People will turn on you when you hold them to the truth.** That's what they'll do. If they don't want to live the truth, why are they going to listen to you and you're telling them the truth. What they'll do is they'll find flaws and issues in areas in you, and your character, to undermine what you are saying to illegitimize what you have spoken, based on who you are and the character and the stuff they remember about you.

"Oh, you think you're perfect."

"No, no, no. Let's not bring it to me, listen to what I'm saying."

"Well, no, no. The vessel ... I'm looking at the vessel that is saying what is being said to me, and when I look at the vessel and find flaws in the vessel and I can de-legitimize the Word."

"Well, the Word is still truth whether you de-legitimize the vessel or not. Why even go through the process of de-legitimizing the vessel? Because you don't want to hear the Word! Now, don't you do that to yourself! I did this to show you what was in your heart."

Do you know what's in your heart? Do you?

Examine yourself.

I have to look at all of my motives for what I do. I have to look at what's motivating me to do what I do. And I have to be honest with myself, and if I see what's motivating me is coming out of some bad place in me, then I need to confront that. Because if I allow bad places to stay there, it's going to cause me to operate in a motivation that may not be of Him even though I have approved that message. And that's in everything, in everything.

And I'll tell you that we can be some cunning and self-deceiving people. That's what I identified about myself. There are things that I do, that I have done, and even though I explain them to people, they don't believe it. They don't believe the motivation that I'm explaining them as to why I'm doing what I'm doing. I've even been called a liar. And it's like, how do you defend someone calling you a liar when you've been honest in sharing with them what is motivating you to do what you're doing?

What are they saying? "No matter what you say because you've already said it, I'm not going to believe it. Unless you change the story, you're a liar!"

How do you win somebody from that perspective? You can't!

So, you have to be true to you regardless to what they think. Because they will try to hold you to their standard and what they think. If you are trying to conform to them, you're conforming to the wrong person!

“Well, I love him!” “Well, I love her!” “Well, I love them!”

“Love Him more! Love Elohim more!”

And I'll just let this out of the bag because you already know it. If you are going to walk with Him, you're going to make enemies with people that you walk around. When Yeshua said a man's enemies, his foes, will be those of his own household, take note. Because He is not a liar!

Unless a husband and a wife are willing to die to self and yield to the Commands and the Instructions of the Almighty, they're going to have problems! And even if they do submit, they are still going to have problems. But they have the Problem Solver! They have the One who will help them find the solution, but they have to die to themselves to even get to that place. And in the process, the Almighty has established order.

See, when I say, and I've said this before and I don't take it back, that the original intent for Father, when He created the man and the woman was for them to be equal. But, you know what? Most people can't handle equality. They cry about it, they want it, they demand it, they march, they petition. But they can't handle equality because with equality comes humility. And humility says, “Ok, I'm not going to fight about this. OK, I am not going to argue about this. Here's my position, that's where I stand, you deal with that. And where is that position coming from? (Arthur points upward, indicating YeHoVaH.)

Deuteronomy 8:3 “And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, ...

See, some of the trouble, some of the sufferings that we're going through in life is His doing! Why? Because He is trying to teach us some humility. It's tough for a human being to humble themselves. You might say, “Well that's not true.”

When was the last time you really tried it and stuck with it? And in the process examine your thoughts, examine your feelings, examine what's going on in your head. Examine the conversations you're having with yourself in your humility, and you'll see your motivations. And there are things about us that we see that we don't say because to say it would be to expose ourselves and to be taken advantage of, as we foresee it.

To walk in true humility means that you are exposed to the point to where you will be vulnerable. And yes, people can take advantage of that vulnerability. Because we don't want to be taken advantage of, it's hard to allow ourselves to be in that place. But you can't walk in His humility without going into that place. It's like you become naked, exposed. And then, when people try to take advantage of it, there's a tendency to try to cover up your nakedness, try to defend your vulnerability, and take matters back into your own hands.

All of this is the Almighty's doing to get you to a place to where He says, “You say you trust me? Ok. You say you trust me. Ok. You say you really trust me? Ok. Prove it!”

“But they might take advantage of me!”

“Do you trust me?”

“But they may read it the wrong way!”

“Do you trust me?”

“But they might mistreat ...”

“Do you trust me?”

And when it really comes down to it, we'll see that there are certain areas in our lives that we do trust Him and then there are other areas that we don't. To be brutally honest, can be damaging to people who are looking for another person in you. See, there's you that people want to see, and there's the Him in you that they aren't interested in.

When we die to self ... we have to die to self. And you know the self we have to die to, is the self-people are familiar with. So when you die to that self that people are familiar with, they don't know you anymore. Now they're going to try to reshape you.

Now here's the thing, the person that you were, they didn't like any way. There are things about you that they loved, things about you that they liked, but there were things about you they had already started working on trying to change. Think about the ones you've been trying to change. The person that you like and there are things about them that you don't like, and you tell them, and you tell them, and then you try to manipulate them, and then you try to control it, and they still be who they are!

We say we're in love because it's not a good thing to say that the person that you love, you can't stand. But there are people that we love, and we can't stand them. We don't like them. There are certain conversations we don't like having with them. They get on our nerves, but yet we love them.

Now we can probably tell them if we aren't scared of them. But most of us are scared! We're scared to tell the person about themselves and don't want to hear when they tell us about us. I'm going to tell you, it's a beautiful relationship when a husband and a wife can tell each other about themselves and love each other through it.

You're not going to become “One” overnight. It might take you a lifetime! Why? Because you are constantly changing. Why? Because He's constantly growing you. With everything that He reveals to you about you, it forces you to change, and every time you change, you become unfamiliar with the one who's familiar with you.

I told you, you going to have to listen to this a few times, cause this stuff ... man.

Deuteronomy 8:3 “And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of YeHoVaH doth man live.”

And the Torah came from where? From His mouth. The Law came from where? From His mouth. **Moses wrote, but YeHoVaH spoke.** Whatever Moses wrote, YeHoVaH spoke. So if YeHoVaH spoke, what did He speak through? Through His nose? His ears? He spoke through His mouth! And it's

the words that come forth from His mouth doth man live and when Yeshua is confronted with the devil, what is He quoting? He's quoting to the devil what came from YeHoVaH's mouth.

So, what the devil is doing, he's working on religion, he's working religious people saying, "Abandon that Torah! Abandon that Torah! That's the Law! That's the Law! That's a curse!"

But the moment you abandon the Law, you got no more fight! You got nothing to throw at him! Cause that's under the Law. Well, I can tell you this, think about it. Who's the lawless one? He (devil) is. Who gave the Law? He (YeHoVaH) did. If you abandon the Law, what do you become? Lawless. Who becomes your daddy? The lawless one. That's a simple equation. And it's not funny math, it's simple. And yet, the enemy has convinced the world, especially the church world, that the Law is not for you.

Deuteronomy 8:4 "Thy raiment waxed not old upon thee, neither did thy foot swell, these forty years."

So, Yeshua is in the wilderness for forty days quoting the Word of YeHoVaH that had been spoken to the people of YeHoVaH. By the time they got through that 40 years of wilderness to go into the Promise Land, the leader, who had brought them during those 40 years, was instructed by YeHoVaH in one sense ...

When YeHoVaH commissioned Moses, He told Moses, that you are going to bring my people into this land. He says, you're going to go tell Pharaoh to let my people go. And the promises of Abraham, that I promised Abraham, you're going to go and get the people so that the promises of Abraham, that was promised him, would be fulfilled.

Well, Moses completed a great part of his mission because he did bring the people out, but he wasn't able to carry them in. He brought them to the mountain and that was a promise. The Almighty said, "You worship me on this mountain, and this is how you're going to know that what I'm saying to you is going to be fulfilled, cause you're going to worship me on this mountain." And Moses did. Once he brought the people out, he was called up into the mountain. And what did he do up there? He worshipped and received the Word to give to the people so that when they crossed over into the land this would be the Constitution for the people.

Luke 4:5 "And the devil, taking him up into a high mountain, showed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time."

Luke 4:6 "And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, ..."

Now remember we already looked at what Yeshua said that the devil was the prince of this world. How did he become the prince of this world? Because the first man and woman abdicated their responsibility. They chose to listen to the serpent instead of listening to the One who made the serpent.

You and I have a lot more advantages than the man and the woman in the garden. You see, the man and the woman in the garden didn't have a history of what the Almighty was able and capable of doing. He put them in a place that already existed. They had no adversary, that they were aware of, and all they had to do is follow an Instruction.

You and I, we have Bibles in various versions. We have the history of man's dealings with YeHoVaH and YeHoVaH's dealings with man. We have the pros and the cons; we have the examples of those who obeyed and those who disobeyed. We see the consequences and the blessings. We see all of it, the failures, and the successes. So we got a whole plethora of history they didn't have.

So, when the enemy comes and begins to question them, "Did God really say you're going to die?" We've got the examples of those who rebelled and who died! They had no examples! All they had was a Word that the enemy could now kind of talk them out of and second guess. In that moment, they went against the Almighty. The world that they've been given to subdue, they are now being subdued in, and by the serpent. At that moment, he became the prince, little prince. See, there's a big Prince coming, but this big Prince was before the little prince. And that's our Prince, which we're going to see that He takes on different characteristics.

So, he says,

Luke 4:6 "... All this power will I give thee, [it was his to give] and the glory of them: [the kingdoms] ...

Because in the end, what's going to happen if you read the end of the Book, you're going to see that the kings and the nations of the world are all going to give their power to the devil. They're already doing it.

This is how laws are being made today. Our nation, the nation of the United States of America, has crossed so many lines and allowed things to occur, that have become the laws of men, that are a slap in the face of the Creator. And it doesn't matter what nation it is because every nation in the earth is going to give its power. And so, the devil says, I'll give it all to you, I will give it,

Luke 4:6 "... for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it."

Luke 4:7 "If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine."

In another version, "if you would bow before me". Well to bow is to worship. And I'm not talking about one of these bows (Arthur bows from the waist.). I'm talking about "face to the ground" bow. This is what he's saying.

Luke 4:8 "And Yeshua answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship YeHoVaH Elohim, and him only shalt thou serve."

And where did He get that from? You're going to notice that all of these quotes come from Deuteronomy.

Deuteronomy 6:13 "Thou shalt fear YeHoVaH your Elohim, and serve him, and shalt swear by his name."

Deuteronomy 6:14 "Ye shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the people which are round about you."

Deuteronomy 6:15 "(For the LORD your Elohim is a jealous El among you) lest the anger of YeHoVaH your Elohim be kindled against thee and destroy thee from off the face of the earth."

So, Yeshua is pulling these statements out of these contextual passages, but within the context. If you notice He says,

Luke 4:8 “... Thou shalt worship YeHoVaH your Elohim, and him only shalt thou serve.”

But when you look at the context from what He’s pulling it out of ... See, He’s recognizing, and He’s already recognized that Satan has the ability to give Him the things that Satan’s says he can give Him. But see, **here’s what He also knows, it doesn’t belong to Satan.** So, for Him to yield to Satan would be the same as the first man. Yeshua came to restore what the first man had lost, and you can’t do it by yielding to the same entity that caused the first man to lose his dominion.

Luke 4:9 “And he brought him to Jerusalem, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, and said to him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence:

And then, he quotes from the Psalms.

Luke 4:10” For it is written, He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee:

Luke 4:11 “And in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.”

Now, I’m just going to read these verses and you’ll see the context again, where he pulls it from. This is the devil taking verses ... it’s kind of a lot like the sermons that we’ve been accustomed to in church where they cut and paste verses and weave them together to make a doctrine.

The devil quotes from Psalms 91.

“Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation;

Psalms 91:10 “There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.”

So, what is this based upon? You’ve made YeHoVaH your refuge. YeHoVaH, the most High, is your habitation. This is what the Psalmist is saying.

Psalms 91:11 “For he shall give his angels charge over thee, ...

Why?

Psalms 91:9 “Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation;

No evil shall befall you. See, whenever you’re confronted with the enemy, if you’ve made YeHoVaH your habitation, if He’s your refuge, then all you have to do is stand on what He says. If you stand on what He says, sometimes standing on what He says seems like the wrong thing to do. You say, well, how is that Brother?

There have been times when Father has told me things that I didn’t agree with Him. I just didn’t. I’m looking at it from my perspective, but **His ways and my ways are not the same.** He sees tomorrow, He sees the next day, He sees next week, He sees next month, He sees next year. He knows my end from

my beginning. He knows that my way of thinking is what has gotten me to this place to begin with. My wisdom took me through all the trouble I went through. It was my wisdom, my way of thinking, my way of doing, that allowed me to connect to this person, that allowed me to connect to that person ... decisions I made that I look back and regret. Even though at times I heard Him in the background saying,

“NOOOO, don’t do that!”

“NOOOO, don’t go with that person!”

“NOOO, run!”

And I didn’t run,

And I did do that.

And I went with them.

And now I’m in trouble.

And it’s like, “Where You at? When I needed you, you weren’t there!”

“Well, I was there when you needed me, but you just rejected Me when I was calling out to you! Now that you’re in trouble, you want My help.”

“Well, I will help you, but there are somethings you need to learn in this, because if you don’t learn the things you need to learn in this, if I bail you out too soon, if I come to your aid too soon, if I remove these obstacles and hurdles too soon, you’re not going to learn the lesson and you’re going to find yourself right back there again!”

“So, there’s some things you must learn.”

He says, “I suffered you to hunger! I allowed you to go through hunger.”

There is something about hunger that causes you to reconsider some things. And then, you will see how low you will go when you are hungry. Because hungry people ... there are standards ... you won’t eat broccoli? You don’t like broccoli? Ok. You get hungry, and all you see is a broccoli patch all around you. What are you going to do? Do you hate broccoli that much to where you’ll just starve yourself in the midst of all this food?

There’s some things that the Almighty allows us to go through to teach us some lessons because He knows what’s best for us. But I have to admit there are things where I’ve thought, more often than not, that I knew better. And do you know how I know that? Because of the decisions I made that went against His Word.

I’m not ignorant of the fact that I violated His Word when I did the things that I did. I’m thankful, I’m grateful, I’m extremely grateful that the calamity and damage that it could have done wasn’t as great as it could have been. And in the midst of that, I still can be thankful because I recognize that when I didn’t think He was with me, He was right there all along. I was just too busy being into me!

He says, because he has made YeHoVaH his refuge no evil will befall thee, no plague shall come near thee, (Psalms 91:9-10)

Psalms 91:11 “For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.”

Psalms 91:12 “They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.”

But then, notice what he just left out!

Psalms 91:13 “Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou [Now, he just stopped at Verse 12.] trample under feet.”

Do you hear what I’m saying? It’s like verse 13 would not have benefited satan in that moment. He didn’t want to empower Yeshua with the Word, he just wanted to use the Word against Him.

Luke 4:12 “And Yeshua answering said unto him, It is said, ...

“It is said” is similar to “It is written”, except in the Greek they give it another word definition but,

Luke 4:12 “... It is said, Thou shalt not tempt the LORD thy Elohim.”

Now where was that said at? Where it was written!

Deuteronomy 6:16 “Ye shall not tempt YeHoVaH your Elohim, as ye tempted him in Massah.”

So, what is He saying? YeHoVaH told them, “Y’all tempted Me once, don’t tempt Me again like you did.” And Yeshua is remembering. Because He’s has history. He has the Word. Unlike Mr. & Mrs. Adam, He knows that there have been people who have been tempted before to disobey the Almighty. These things are written for what? For our example. We have example, after example, after example, throughout the written Word if we study it, remember it, recite it, live it. And, I can tell you, to do that, it’s going to go against everything within your natural self because your natural self is conditioned to this natural world.

And if you’re not mature enough to be listening to national TV, looking at idols in humans, having people that you admire ...

For me, when I begin to look out in the world, there are people who at times and seasons in my life have said something or done something that left an impact. But they’re not to become my God. They are not to become my Elohim; they are not to be the go-to every time I need counsel.

People who love God, can give you ungodly counsel. They’re going to counsel you because they have a connection to you. They’re emotionally connected to you. They are trying to look out for you. They perceive, they think that because of all the conversations you all have had together and the journeys you have been on together, that they know what’s best for you. That is what they think.

Anyone who loves you is going to get out of the way and tell you, “**Here’s what I think, but you need to seek the most High. You need to seek the counsel of YeHoVaH!** Don’t take what I’m saying as the only counsel because I’m not the Counselor. You have a Counselor, you have One. And, if what He says overrules what I say, then you better follow His ruling. I love you; I care about you; I want what’s

best for you, but I don't know what's best for you. Why? Because I can only see the now, based on the past, based on our history. I don't see tomorrow, I can't see the next day."

And oftentimes because of those connections, especially parents ... Parents want to be forever connected to their children. When it comes to children, parents can get irrational! Flat out stupid!

OOO, I know that sounded hard, it came out hard, but you know, I'm telling you the truth. I've seen parents do stupid things because of their children. I've seen parents lie! I've seen parents be deceived! I've seen parents go against the Word of YeHoVaH for their children.

I've done it, I've been tempted to do it, and I have to restrain myself from doing it. Because every time I do it, I embolden them to become more rebellious against God! Every time!

And, if I support that rebellion, the Almighty is going to have an issue with me. In fact, He already has some issues with me and He's saying, "Listen, you've supported the rebellion long enough! Now, you need to get off that boat. You need to get off that train. You need to deal with some issues that's going to cause you some emotional investments and, in some cases, some emotional collateral but don't worry about it. I'm backing you up, but I can't back you up if you don't stand on what I'm telling you." And the tendency is, it's going to create some issues.

You know, I think some of our biggest challenges are because we can see people, but we can't see Him. I don't see if Father frowns at me, but I can see when somebody frowns. If I say something to one of my children, I see their reaction. If I say something to my wife or to one of you, I see your reaction. My eyes see what you are reflecting in your response to what I am saying and that sends a message back to me. I don't want you to look like that. I don't want you to feel like that. I want to satisfy you, I want to please you, I want to make you happy! And what you are showing me, based on what I am saying, it does not make you happy, so the tendency is to reconsider.

And this is why children bank on, "Please, please, please, please, pretty please, pretty please, pretty please, please, please, please, please, please, please." No matter how many times you say, "No, no, no, no, no!"

It's like, when are they going to get the "No" message? They aren't planning on getting it. Because they know that if they do this long enough ... because they learned that as a baby! If I just (Arthur wails like a baby having a tantrum ... then acts like a baby stopping and looking around to see if mom is watching. Then Arthur imitates screaming again, stops, looks around, then screams again, stops, and looks for attention.)

Check them out some time, they have you figured out! If that gets them what they want, why should they abandon it? And they grow up doing the same thing. They just got a different way, they don't cry like a baby, they just whine like one, pout, slam doors. You have to deal with all of that, you have to look at it, you have to feel it, and then they stop talking to you.

Now they're mad at you, but they get on the phone and in the midst of their anger toward you, they're laughing and joking with their friends. Like,

"Wait a minute, hold on, what happen to that anger?"

"Oh, that's at you! That has nothing to do with my friends."

“So, you’re now saying you have turned the anger off that you had towards me while you’re dealing with your friend and then, once you are finished dealing with your friends, which you are happy, and jubilant, and excited to talk to. Then, you turn the anger thing back on?”

This is no different than that child. (Arthur pretends to wail again and abruptly stops and looks around to see if Mom is watching.)

And, you know what? Now this is going to seem cruel, it’s going to seem mean, because it seems like that pressure ... this is some pressure. If that child falls out in the grocery store, and starts acting crazy, just walk away. Leave them. The moment you get out of sight, they’re going to jump up, find you, and then fall out again. You think I’m lying? Try it.

So, you shall not tempt Him.

Deuteronomy 6:17 “Ye shall diligently keep the commandments of YeHoVaH your Elohim, and his testimonies, and his statutes, which he hath commanded thee.”

Deuteronomy 6:18 “And thou shalt do that which is right and good in the sight of YeHoVaH: that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest go in and possess the good land which YeHoVaH sware unto thy fathers,”

You see, Yeshua understood the Power of YeHoVaH’s Commandments in defeating the devil. And notice again, Yeshua did not quote a New Testament verse or passage, but He quoted from the Law, the Law is the WORD of YeHoVaH!

It’s the Word of YeHoVaH, it’s not the words of Moses. It’s the WORD of YeHoVaH!

The devil and sin reigned, why? Because sin entered through disobedience. The serpent that enticed the woman and got the man to disobey YeHoVaH, took both of them captive. Sin entered the world at that moment, and it reigned until the Law.

This is what Paul tells us.

Romans 5:12 “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so, death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

Romans 5:13 “(For until the law [until when? Until the law] sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.”:

Why? The Law says, sin, that’s sin there. That’s sin there! That’s sin! Paul says, I wouldn’t have known that was sin, or that was sin, or that was sin, except the Law said, “That’s sin, that’s sin, that’s sin, that’s sin!” Now the Law has exposed sin for what it is!

Romans 5:14 “Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, ...

So, wait a minute. Until the Law, death reigned. For how long? From Adam to Moses.

Romans 5:14 “... even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam’s transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.”

Who was the figure of him that was to come? Who is that? Yeshua, the second man! This is what Paul calls Him in 1 Corinthians. The first man, Adam. The second man, Yeshua. And he carries this theme through Romans, through Galatians, and through Corinthians.

So, what the WORD of YeHoVaH, the LAW, did was identified and labeled sin as a work and tool of the devil. By coming in agreement with the LAW, one could defeat the devil at every turn. The LAW, the WORD of YeHoVaH, was preached to Israel but they did not mix it with faith.

This is why they were in the wilderness all that time.

Hebrews 4:1 “Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.”

Hebrews 4:2 “For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached ...

Now wait a minute, **unto us the gospel preached as well as unto them. Unto whom? Unto the Children of Israel.** What was the Gospel preached to them? The WORD of YeHoVaH! **That was the Gospel preached to them, the WORD of YeHoVaH.**

Hebrews 4:2 “... but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.”

And it won't profit us. See, for you to know that the Sabbath is Holy, but not remember it and keep it Holy, it's not going to profit you the way it's supposed to profit you. For you to know the Holy Days, the Feasts, and then you do not honor them, it's not going to profit you the way it's supposed to profit you. There are things that when we walk in obedience to the Almighty concerning His Law, you know what He does? He starts whispering things in our ear.

Think about this Brothers and Sisters, from you who was created in His image and likeness, you don't trust everybody. In fact, you may have a select people that you trust, and that's not a whole lot of folks. There are some people that you feel that you can tell anything to, but that's not everybody you know. How did they get that place in your life? You two became tight. They showed themselves, they proved themselves, and now, you trust them to tell them things you wouldn't tell anybody else.

Guess what? YeHoVaH desires that trust with you and I. And when we become tight like that, He starts saying things to you. He starts revealing things to you. Things He won't reveal to anybody else. Why? To whom much is given, much is required. And those who are faithful over the little, He will give them more.

There are certain things that Father does not reveal to certain people who do not walk in obedience to His Word in certain areas. What is He saying?

“You've shown me that I can't trust you. I've told you what's Holy, but you disregard it, or you treat it Holy when it's convenient. When it's not convenient, then it's not Holy like it is on other days. Sometimes you may put your will, and what you need to do, before Me, especially when it comes down to the children, I gave you. When it comes down to the wife, I gave you. The husband, I gave you.”

Sometimes they want to do stuff on His Holy Day, sometimes they don't want you to be as Holy on this Holy Day as you were on the other Holy Days.

"Now here's what we'll do, we'll compromise. This Sabbath, you can be Holy, but this other Sabbath, we get to do what we need to do." So, now you have a Holy Sabbath, and a Sabbath that you know, you just kind of compromised on.

It took us a while to figure out, but every time we started getting close to the Sabbath, the devil showed up. When we start getting close to the Feasts, the devil shows up. People who have plans, and because we can't plan it out in advance ... You know, there's folks who have booked a cruise for us.

"You know what, we need to get this locked in. We need to get it locked in!"

And now, once you get it locked in, you have to pay for it or whatever the case maybe. There are things that people are locking in months, sometimes years in advance. And then, it just so happens when the time comes, it's a Holy Day. It's His Holy Day.

We didn't plan on it; you didn't plan on it. We're on vacation. We're on a cruise. We're seeing the world. We're doing things.

You know what? **You can keep the Sabbath Holy on vacation.** You sure can. Now it means you may have to forego that ride on the boat. I know you've paid for it but... Now you compromise because, "Hey, we're going to relax on this Sabbath Day."

And Father says, "Ok, I see what you're doing! That's your plan, no problem. Just understand something, you're showing Me that during this time there may be somethings that I want to reveal to you. There are somethings that I want to share with you. But you put Me on hold, so..."

And you know there's been some situations where you are having a conversation with somebody, and you may have finally built up enough nerve to say that thing you haven't been able to say all this time. And you say to somebody, "I need to talk to you. I need to talk to you." And they say, "Not now. Not now. I'll be available in a few hours."

At that moment, whatever you've just built yourself up to share, goes back down.

"Ok."

"What's that you wanted to talk to me about?"

"Oh, never mind. Never mind."

This is the way it is with the Almighty. We don't know what we've missed. **We don't know what He's not revealing to us because we weren't available when He wanted to reveal it to us.**

Quoting the LAW without faith in it is useless.

The LAW by itself without faith is useless.

See, the problems with the people of Yeshua's day is that they didn't put their faith in Him, but they had the LAW, their version of it, and their traditions with it.

The LAW as the WORD of YeHoVaH must be lived. We must be doers of the Word.

Luke 4:13 “And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season.”

Season – 2540 – Kairos {kahee-ros} 1) due measure 2) a measure of time, a larger or smaller portion of time, hence: 2a) a fixed and definite time, Usage: time – 64, season – 13, and so on.

From time to time, the devil showed up in Yeshua’s life. And how did he show up? Through people. This is the only time we see that Yeshua is dealing with the devil, as the devil. Throughout His Ministry, He’s dealing with the devil through the people.

Even His own Disciple! “No LORD be it far from me ...”

“Get behind me, Satan.”

“ I know who your daddy is! Abraham is not your father; your daddy is the devil.”

People came at Him: His mom, His brothers, His sisters, the religious leaders. From time to time His own Disciples, they dragged their feet, He got upset at them. The enemy left Him for a season, but he showed up from time to time, manifesting through people.

This is why I know the Scriptures say, “We struggle not against flesh and blood.” You have to learn how not to respond to some stuff. You have to learn how to let certain things go. You have to learn how not to let things into your spirit.

If you live by the adage of sticks and stones, you will allow the words to break your bones. They will break you! Words in your spirit will damage you! That’s why psychology, psychologists, and psychiatry are big business today; as well as, social workers, mental hospitals, mental institutions, social institutions, and social networks.

People are trying to get their identity through likes, loves, and shares in the social network. People are looking for affirmation from strangers, people they don’t even know, people they have never met! A “Like” will go a long way. Don’t mess around and put a “heart” in there. It will go a long, long way because they’re looking for affirmation, externally, instead of from Him in us.

Luke 4:14 “And Yeshua returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.”

So, He’s operating, His Ministry has started. I just want to give you a few simple things. I want to start out with ... we looked at **lucifer, satan, the dragon, the devil, and the adversary being the prince of this world.** But it was prophesied that **Yeshua was and is the Prince of Peace.**

Isaiah 9:6 “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty Elohim, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.”

And when you think about government, it’s hard for us to think about the Government of the Kingdom because we’re knowledgeable of the governments of this world. And we don’t see that Government. Well, the Kingdom of Heaven has a Government. The Kingdom of Heaven has an order.

The Kingdom of Heaven has a King. The Kingdom of Heaven has Laws and rules by which the occupants of the Kingdom are to conduct themselves.

The Kingdom of Heaven has a prosecutor. The Kingdom of Heaven has a prison. It was not designed for the people of the Kingdom. But those who reject the King, and His Kingdom, that's where they'll reside. They'll be locked away from the rest of society and that's an unfortunate thing, but that was not designed for any of us. That's for satan and those who yield themselves to him.

Paul wrote to us that whoever you yield your members to, his servant, his slave you become. If you yield your members unto unrighteousness, you become a slave unto unrighteousness.

And let me throw this out here again, every chance I get. **Young men, keep your virginity. You lose it, you can't get it back. Young women, keep your virginity. You lose it, you can't get it back.** Don't let somebody talk you out of something so Holy, something so Sacred. Don't let somebody do that! The world around us wants so desperately to be accepted, to be loved, to be embraced, to be wanted, to be desired. But once you give yourself to somebody, their servant you become.

Once you yield yourself to that, you become a slave and there's nothing you can do about it because you are forever changed! Your way of seeing things, your thoughts, your feelings, your emotions, your judgement, and everything else, and you won't know it until after you've done it. You won't see it. There are certain things you will not see until after. It's the same thing with our walk with the Almighty. There are certain things He won't reveal to us until we have demonstrated our faithfulness to Him.

After the resurrection, Yeshua was referenced as the Prince. And this word Prince is a different word than the prince of this world.

Prince – 747 – archehos {ar-khay-gos} meaning: 1) the chief leader, Prince, the Messiah, one that takes the lead in anything and thus affords an example, a predecessor in a matter, pioneer, author.

And so, we see this word in the New Testament in three different terms: prince, captain, and author.

Acts 3:13 “The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Yeshua; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go.”

Acts 3:14 “But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you;

Acts 3:15 “And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; ...”

Acts 5:30 “The Elohim of our fathers raised up Yeshua, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree.”

Acts 5:31 “Him hath Elohim exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Savior, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.”

Acts 5:32 “And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy [Spirit] Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.”

Hebrews 2:9 “But we see Yeshua, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.”

Hebrews 2:10 “For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain [the Commander] of their salvation perfect [How?] through sufferings.”

Much of the sufferings you are going to endure in life, if you walk this walk, is going to be **self-denial**. It's not going to be what people do and say, it's going to be you going against your own nature. Because your human nature is a fallen nature, and your human nature is connected to the human natures around you. You have got to die to that person in order to become the son, the daughter.

Hebrews 12:1 “Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, ...

Hebrews is in the New Testament and Hebrews 12 comes after Hebrews 11. If you read Hebrews 11 where it talks about the Generals of the Faith, you will notice that **there is not one New Testament character in that list**. Not one. Not one! **They are all Old Testament characters, who were under the Law... who lived by faith!**

Hebrews 12: 1 “... let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

Hebrews 12:2 “Looking unto Yeshua the author [now that's that word Prince, the author] and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

Yeshua the is the author and finisher of our faith. We looked up author, but this is where I want to get to.

Finisher – 5051 – teleiotes {tel-i-o-tace'} – meaning: 2) one who has in his own person raised to its perfection and so set before us the highest example of faith. Usage: finisher

There is no greater or higher example of faith than that demonstrated by our Savior and King. No example. No Paul, Peter, James, John, Maimonides (for our Jewish Brethren), Luther, Zwingli, none of them, Calvin, any of those individuals, or the Church Fathers. You can read all of their books, you can study all the Generals of the Faith, you can look to the Hickeys, and the Hinn's, and all the people of faith, the Fathers of faith, the Apostles of faith, you can look at all of them, and none of them, **not one of them, demonstrates the highest example of faith**.

You say, “Well, we didn't see Yeshua.”

Well, a lot of the people that we put our faith in, and confidence in, is based on books we've read. We have read their books! And we come to admire them not because we met them. Maybe we've seen them on TV. And a lot of the people that the young people aspire to, they've listened to their music, read

their books, read their testimonies. They've never met them. And now they want to recommend to you, "Have you heard, have you heard, have you heard?"

The One, that each of us, each and every one of us, should aspire to become like, is the author and finisher of our faith. Does that mean that nobody else is important? No, that's not what that means. Just know that **everybody else is flawed, to the degree that their flaws hinder them in walking out the example of faith that Yeshua did. Yeshua also was dealing with some of the flaws that humans deal with, because He was born of a woman.**

How many of you know Yeshua had flaws? Now I know it's hard for you to think that He had flaws, but if He didn't have flaws, He couldn't have been tempted. And **He was tempted, but yet He didn't sin! He didn't give in to those temptations. Even on the cross!**

It was a man on that cross. He demonstrated. Now some of us can't get beyond the fact that it was God, but the fact of the matter is, that **He died as a man, a human being.** And as a human being, He says,

"Listen, what I do, you can do too."

But if you separate yourself as a human because you come to the conclusion, He's God, you've already put a great gulf in between you and you've come to the conclusion that you can't do what He said you can do.

So, somebody's lying. **If He said you can do the things He did and you say you can't do what He did, then, somebody is lying.** And I can tell you **it's not Him.**

But in order for you to do what He said you can do, you got to overcome yourself. And you can overcome yourself and still be a father. You can overcome yourself and still be a husband, a wife, a mother, a sister, a brother, a grandmother. **You just live according to the standard that He's laid out.**

And if people want you to respect their beliefs and they don't respect yours ... then Houston, we've got a problem. Why would you respect somebody's belief when they don't respect yours? Why would you compromise your faith to be in relationship with somebody who doesn't respect your faith? I won't tell you who the fool is, I think you already know. I've chosen not to be anybody's fool anymore. Father didn't save me to be your fool or to be foolish.

There is no greater or higher example of faith than that demonstrated by our Savior and King. So, now, I want to give you a few keys and some Scripture verses to overcome the devil.

Keys to Overcoming the devil:

- **Read, Remember and Recite the WORD of YeHoVaH, that's what Yeshua did.**

Joshua 1:8 [Father said] **"This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate 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."**

- **Agree with the Word, trust the Word of Truth.**

- **Stand on the Truth of the Word of YeHoVaH against all feelings, all emotions, all counsel, and wisdom of the world and men.**
- **Trust YeHoVaH with ALL your heart, with all your mind, and with all your strength.**

Proverbs 3:5 “Trust in YeHoVaH with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.”

Proverbs 3:6 “In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall [Do what?] direct thy paths.”

*Another Key: We must take all thoughts captive that exalt themselves against the Truth of the Word of YeHoVaH. There will be times depending on situations and the people involved, **you will want to reason with yourself and compromise the Word of Truth.***

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You will be tempted. It will be hard not to.

“Well, what if they threaten you? What if they threaten to leave you?”

If I have to compromise who I am because they threaten to leave me, then, I become a captive to them. They should leave. It may hurt me. I may not want that. But if I compromise, I become their slave. And anytime I say or do something ... because if they see that threat works, how many times do you think they'll go back to that bag?

“If you want me to love and appreciate you the way you are, how dare you try to change me.”

“Now, I may not like you. I may not like your ways, but I have to trust the Almighty. I don't give in to you. I don't compromise who I am for you. I'm going to speak the truth to you in love and if anybody leaves, it won't be me.”

Many people have left me, I'm still here. And many people will leave you, and you are still there. Think about the folks who you thought would always be there that aren't there anymore. Now, the question is, “How much of you did they take with them?”

“Get you back!”

“Take you back!”

Don't let people take you! Don't let them take a part of you! Don't let them leave you damaged!

Choose not to be damaged because you have a Healer. Choose to be whole because that's His desire for you.

If you think you can't be whole because somebody took a part of you and they broke your heart, and I'm not trying to be mean,

“Get your heart back and be bold about it.”

“I will no longer allow you to take a part of me hostage. I’m going to love you, I’m going to cherish you, I’m going to treat you like you deserve to be treated, but I will accept no less.”

Proverbs 3:7 “Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear YeHoVaH and depart from evil.”

Proverbs 3:8 “It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.”

Give no place to the devil in your thoughts, words, or actions.

See, I know where I give place to the devil, it’s in the mind. I am walking around fighting, talking to myself. Sometimes people would overhear me. And you all may not do this, but I am walking through the house fussing, in my head. Sometimes I have to fuss with myself to show me how unreasonable I am! And once I come to the conclusion that you’re just being unreasonable, you’ve solved the issue, you’ve worked it out, now you have to play it out and act it out.

Because if you think about what’s going on in there and you monitor it according to His WORD, you’ll realize that your motivations, your reasonings, the way you’re thinking, the way your behaving, that’s not what He wants from you. You may feel justified in that, but you know better. And **you’ll just have to come to the conclusion that you’re going to yield to Him and not to your feelings, not to your emotions, not to how someone is treating you, not to how someone is acting, not to what someone is saying to you.**

People can get into your spirit and they can get on your nerves, they can get under your skin. And once they get there, it’s like a tick! They’ve burrowed themselves in. My daughter was telling me when she goes hiking, they have a “tick check” before they come out the woods. They have to check because a tick gets into your blood stream, they start sucking life out of you, and you can’t feel them. **There are people who become like a tick in your life and they’re just sucking life out of you, and you’ve got to pluck them out!**

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Ephesians 4:24 “And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.”

Now this is Paul writing, y’all!

Ephesians 4:25 “Wherefore putting away lying, [Stop lying!] speak every man truth with his neighbor: for we are members one of another.”

Ephesians 4:26 “Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:

Ephesians 4:27 “Neither give place to the devil.”

Ephesians 4:28 “Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labor, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.”

Ephesians 4:29 “Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.”

Ephesians 4:30 “And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.”

Ephesians 4:31 “Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

Ephesians 4:32 “And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as Elohim for Messiah’s sake hath forgiven you.”

Ephesians 5:1 “Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;”

Submit to YeHoVaH, resist the devil, and he will flee!

James 4:7 “Submit yourselves therefore to Elohim. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”

James 4:8 “Draw nigh to Elohim, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.”

I tried to shake this but I’m not going to shake it, I’m going to speak it. I don’t know how else to say it than to say, if you’re living with somebody who’s not your husband, or living with somebody who’s not your wife, you have to stop being intimate with them. You need to stop having a sexual relationship with someone who is not your husband, or who’s not your wife. You need to stop doing that.

And stop performing sexual acts on yourself. Why sex? Because of all the sins, that is the sin whereby we sin against ourselves. **Paul wrote that all sins are outside the body, but he who commits sexual sin, sins against their own body.** And that’s where the greatest amount of confusion comes from ... from people.

Sexual intercourse creates confusion because to be intimate with somebody is to be one with somebody and we should not become one with anyone other than the one we are married to. And so, **if you’re not married, then you need to stop it!**

Moving on.

Proverbs 3:7 “Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear YeHoVaH and depart from evil.”

Proverbs 3:8 “It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.”

And then, finally,

Proverbs 3:9 “Honour YeHoVaH with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase:

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

Now, in Proverbs 3:9, Honour YeHoVaH with your substance, that’s everything! Everything that He has entrusted you with, you want to make sure that you’re honoring Him with it. That’s from the

clothes on your back, the car you drive, the house you live in, everything that you are the steward of, you want to make sure that how you're using what He has entrusted you with, is honoring unto Him.

With that, I'm going to bring this Teaching to a close.