

## **Lesson No. 118 – How Do I Walk As A Child?**

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Happy Sabbath everyone. As we observe this Appointed Time of the weekly Sabbath, many have just completed the observance of the commanded 8-day Appointed Time of Tabernacles. And for certain, many who observed this wonderful 8 days now face dire challenges as they have now returned to what is often referred to as Babylon within the Household of Faith. For some, it may be job considerations awaited them. For others it be financial considerations that must be dealt with. You see, not everyone who were in attendance of this last of the spiritual year Appointed Times could actually afford to attend it. Yet, they did it in faith. Now that they have returned to normality, they must contend with the facts that they knew would await their return.

Yet, for others, there are the spiritual challenges of confronting the lessons they may have learned about ELOHIM's WORD and how they must confront these challenges.

One of the challenges I was confronted with was the fact that not all of the Household of Faith is accepting of new found Biblical information as quickly as perhaps was anticipated. There was this hesitancy within the Household of Faith to simply accept what is written in ELOHIM's WORD. Why? Well, I am no one's crystal ball. Yet I truly believe that in order for the Household of Faith to accomplish its commission, this must be addressed. This is why tonight we are discussing Lesson No. 118 – How Do I Walk As A Child?

This title was actually on my mind prior to my attending this year's Feast. And as I fellowshipped with fellow Brethren, it was quite obvious that we all must take the following words much more seriously.

- Mat 18:1 At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?

As human beings, we tend to want to make everything as if it is a challenge, like a sporting event. Who is the greatest of all time? Who is the greatest basketball player, football or soccer player, or baseball player? Here the disciples are wandering about who shall be the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven. This reminds me of a European Sister I know who has observed ELOHIM's appointed times all her life who once said to me she wasn't concerned about being in the first resurrection. She just wanted to get in. I thought to myself wow, how profound, when I heard that. Look at YESHUA's response to HIS disciples.

- Mat 18:2 And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, Mat 18:3 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Now during this year's Feast, I was pulled to the side of a discussion and corrected after I had said to a group of Brethren that we must think like a child in order to enter the Kingdom. And as you can see, this Brother was correct. Yet, was I so out of bounds? You see, YESHUA places a condition on our becoming as little children and our entering into the Kingdom of Heaven. We must first be converted. We need to clarify this condition.

And believe it or not, our understanding of YESHUA's words here will require us to begin to think like a little child in school; learning from someone with a level of expertise that we must grow to understand in order to reach the goal of the subject we are learning. Our purpose tonight is to learn how to implement this necessary requirement so that we may enter into the Kingdom of ELOHIM.

The word “be converted” is vital because YESHUA uses the Greek word “strepho”. Here is the catch. We will see that this word literally means “to turn to or towards someone or something. I.e., it is a conversion towards something or someone from something or someone. Let’s look at a few examples.

- Mat 16:21 From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day. Mat 16:22 Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.

This was Peter; always jumping to conclusions and seeking and trying new things. Yet, in his curiosity, he became a leader by showing us how we become little children. Like the curiosity of children, we should always be curious about ELOHIM’s WORD. And yet at the same time, as we think we have it conquered, we must like little children be humble enough to accept our humanity falls short. YESHUA was quick to teach Peter, and the disciples, a very painful lesson.

- Mat 16:23 But **he turned**, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

First, the scripture says “HE turned”. How did HE turn? It appears HE turned from one direction towards Peter. You see, this word “turned” is the same Greek word “strepho” translated “be converted” in Matthew 18:3. These are powerful words given unto the Household of Faith, if we are willing to walk as children. In verse 21, YESHUA is prophesying to HIS disciples, and to each of us, that HE is to become the PASSOVER LAMB of ELOHIM for the salvation of the earth.

And yet, in this same verse HE is prophesying that HE is also the fulfilment of the two goats of the Atonement, by being killed and rising on the third day; which is simply an idiom that was replaced by the fact that it refers to the sign of Yonas – 3 days and 3 nights.

In essence, Peter was allowing himself to momentarily be led by Satan and potentially misleading others away from the plan of salvation designed by ELOHIM. Satan has momentarily misled many within the Household of Faith to accept that the second goat of ELOHIM's Atonement ritual given to the COY represents him. As such, the leadership of these groups are creating an atmosphere of misrepresentation of Biblical facts by misleading members who may be trying to become little children.

Let's look at another example.

- Act 7:37 This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear. Act 7:38 This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and *with* our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us: Act 7:39 To whom our fathers would not obey, but thrust *him* from them, and in their hearts **turned back** again into Egypt,

Here we read about Moses, to whom the angel spoke to in the Mount Sinai. The Children of Yisrael (COY) would not obey him, and in their hearts “turned back again into Egypt”. “Turned back” is that same word, “strepho”. In fact, there are many examples that give us an understanding of how this word is used in context. However, I want us to look at just one other important example. This is the Apostle Paul while he was at Antioch.

- Act 13:42 And when the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, the Gentiles besought that these words might be preached to them the next sabbath. Act 13:43 Now when the congregation was broken up, many of the Jews and religious proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas: who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God. Act 13:44 And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God. Act 13:45 But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming.

It is painfully obvious here that these Yehudans were not walking as little children. They were full of envy. There is no place for envy in the Household of Faith. These wanted the Gospel all to themselves. They did not understand the Apostle Peter's words at the first New Covenant Feast of Weeks that the promise was unto them, and to their children, "and to all that are afar off, *even* as many as the Lord our God shall call" in Acts 2:39).

- Act 13:46 Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, **we turn to the Gentiles.**

The Apostle Paul is simply walking in oneness with Peter and the other apostles. The WORD of ELOHIM requires that the gospel first be spoken unto the COY. We know that in the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter of Acts, the Apostle Peter was led to convert the first Gentiles unto YESHUA. Now, the Apostle Paul is now turning ("strepho") primarily to the Gentiles (the Nations).

We should now be getting a very clear picture of what YESHUA was commanding HIS disciples, and the Household of Faith to do, as HE said they and we must first "be converted".

HE is commanding that we must turn our total attention towards HIM, our MESSIAH. This is first and foremost in our quest to become as a little child. We will see a little later that YESHUA is also requiring that in order to focus on HIM, we must turn our attention from other very personal elements of our lives. For the Household of Faith, YESHUA must always come first. If not, we have not truly been converted. This is the first step required for us to “walk as a child”.

- Mat 18:4 Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Are we humbling ourselves as little children? Understand that these were YESHUA’s disciples HE was speaking these words to. These disciples would later become the main part of the foundation of the New Covenant Church. YESHUA went on to say the following.

- Mat 18:5 And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me. Mat 18:6 But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and *that* he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

So, when we are approached by someone walking in this humble state, and we receive them, we receive YESHUA. If we offend one of these, it is clear that we are making a grave, grave mistake. How do we offend these little ones? We do so when we willingly or mistakenly convert, or turn them away from YESHUA, in any manner.

I see this pastors and leaderships have convinced Brothers and Sisters that Satan plays a vital role in our Atonement. Whoever taught these beautiful Brothers and Sisters this failed to emphasize the following simplicity about YAHWEH’s commandment.

- Lev 16:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they offered before the LORD, and died;

Here we see YAHWEH speaking unto Moses about the Atonement. This is YAHWEH! This is YESHUA coming to Moses in HIS own name, prior to HIS later coming unto the COY in HIS FATHER's name, YESHUA.

- Lev 16:5 And he shall **take of the congregation of the children of Israel two kids of the goats for a sin offering**, and one ram for a burnt offering.

If we are becoming converted, as YESHUA would later command us to be, we MUST accept that verse 5 is the foundation of the Atonement ceremony. BOTH GOATS are for a SIN OFFERING! In our thinking, this must be the foundation of everything that follows. Someone has misled many Brothers and Sisters into somehow thinking that Satan was a sin offering for the COY, and now, for the Household of Faith.

Likewise, there are those who think of themselves as being a part of the Household of Faith that have been misled by someone on a far greater commandment, the Passover.

- Joh 13:5 After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe *them* with the towel wherewith he was girded. Joh 13:6 Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet? Joh 13:7 Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter.

Did YESHUA lie, or did the disciples simply follow HIS instructions, knowing that they would get the fuller understanding later?

- Joh 13:8 Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.

And there goes the little spiritual baby Peter, always inquiring, pushing and seeking. YESHUA was quick and to the point. Either let ME do what I must do, or, “Thou hast no part with me”. Many Hebrew Yisraelites have been taught that these words do not constitute a commandment. For now, they cannot see or hear that if Peter had hindered YESHUA from washing his feet, he would have been spiritually lost. Later YESHUA said this.

- Joh 13:13 Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for *so* I am. Joh 13:14 If I then, *your* Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. Joh 13:15 For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

These Hebrew Yisraelites cannot see that if the disciples did not do as YESHUA instructed them to do, that is, to wash each other's feet, at the appointed time, they too would have been spiritually lost. As such, someone has done the unthinkable. They have offended a flock which seeks to believe in YESHUA, from actually believing in and trusting in YESHUA's own words. And unfortunately, this offence potentially may cause some to never enter into the Kingdom of ELOHIM.

How can this be? This is how important tonight's subject truly is How do we walk as a child? We accept the words of YAHWEH only as truth.

Now, there is something else we must accomplish before we can receive one of YESHUA's little ones. Later on, during this year's Feast, my words about thinking like a little child became clearer to my Brother. In order for one to humble oneself as a little child, one must begin to spiritually think like as a spiritual child. And this is where we all encounter personal difficulties. You see, there is another principle about the Kingdom that we must master, which may be the most difficult thing for us to conquer.



- 1Co 15:50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

If we took a poll of everyone who called themselves a Christian, wouldn't this be the overwhelming goal? They would no doubt each want to enter into the Kingdom of ELOHIM. Of course, the traditional Sunday keeper would refer to the Kingdom as heaven. Yet, the thought is there. However, the Apostle Paul is letting us know that flesh and blood cannot inherit this Kingdom. YESHUA HIMSELF stated that in order for us to enter into the Kingdom, we must be converted and become as a little child.

The fact is we must discern the difference between our walk as a flesh and blood being and how we must begin to think of our potential as spiritual beings. So, this process of walking as a child takes on a much more important factor in our spiritual walk.

We learn a little about the Sabbath, the Holy Days, perhaps the identity of the Children of Yisrael and maybe a few other spiritual truths, and we think we have it made. And before we know it, conceit steps in and we forget how and why we got to where we were in the first place. Perhaps scriptures such as the following threw us off just a little.

- Heb 5:12 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which *be* the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. Heb 5:13 For every one that useth milk *is* unskillful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.

Now, YESHUA said we must become as a little child to enter into the Kingdom. The Apostle Paul states that if we are babes, we are using milk and are unskillful in the word of righteousness. What then is the answer?

Why is the Apostle admonishing those who have become babes, when YESHUA the MESSIAH is telling us we MUST become as a little child? Well, if we can see it, the next verse begins to shed some light.

- Heb 5:14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, *even* those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

One of the more interesting things I continue to learn about in my own walk is that the more I humbly accept the first principles of the oracles of ELOHIM, the more I realize the need to continue to walk as a little child. And yet, what is the human process? We are first babies before we become children. We are children before we become adults. The process of entering the Kingdom is no different. We are spiritual babes that must become spiritual children before we enter into the Kingdom as “born-again” beings.

Earlier we read in Acts 7:37-39 about Moses being spoken to by the angel, and the Fathers, who received the lively oracles. This teaches us how Moses transitioned from an adult human to a spiritual babe. What are these first oracles of ELOHIM that the Household of Faith should always remember?

- Exo 3:1 Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, *even* to Horeb. Exo 3:2 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush *was* not consumed.

Moses was presented with a potential to walk like as a child. Would he run for fear, which based upon human reasoning would not have been unreasonable? What did he do?

He showed the curiosity of a baby.

- Exo 3:3 And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt. Exo 3:4 And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here *am* I.

Remember YESHUA's New Covenant first step towards becoming as a little child; to convert, or, turn to. He converted. Moses turned to this opportunity just as babies tend to do. And then he received what was probably the first of the lively oracles.

- Exo 3:5 And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest *is* holy ground.

He was first commanded to put off his shoes, which represented the accumulation of the dirt of the earth. It represented worldly things accumulated outwardly. And then he got hit with a bombshell.

- Exo 3:6 Moreover he said, I *am* the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God.

This is what Moses had to first accept. He was now talking to YAHWEH of ELOHIM, the ELOHIM of the fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Yacob!! These oracles were first given to our fathers. This was the first principle that we must never forget. This is the CREATOR of the universe now exposing ELOHIM's prize creation to HIS plan to reconcile mankind back to ELOHIM. And at the same time, provide the example of how mankind must be converted to become as a little child.

When the Apostle Paul spoke of our being a babe, he emphasized the need to again be taught the first principles of the oracles of ELOHIM.

YAHWEH would later emphatically tell Moses the following:

- Exo 3:13 And Moses said unto God, Behold, *when* I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What *is* his name? what shall I say unto them? Exo 3:14 And **God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM:** and he said, **Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.** Exo 3:15 And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this *is* my name forever, and this *is* my memorial unto all generations.

This is the true meaning of YAHWEH's name; I AM. This is our first and foremost conversion lesson that eliminates our desire to remain as human babes, and provides us a clearer understanding of how to grow from being babies to that of being ELOHIM's little children. Earlier YAHWEH spoke to the fathers.

- Gen 15:6 And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness. Gen 15:7 And he said unto him, I *am* the LORD that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it.

This was spoken to Abraham. I AM YAHWEH!

- Gen 26:24 And the LORD appeared unto him the same night, and said, I *am* the God of Abraham thy father: fear not, for I *am* with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed for my servant Abraham's sake.

This was spoken to Isaac. YAHWEH said I AM the ELOHIM of Abraham!

- Gen 28:13 And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I *am* the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed;

And this was spoken to Yacob. I AM YAHWEH, ELOHIM of Abraham thy father, and the ELOHIM of Isaac. HE then gives Yacob the same promise HE gave unto Abraham.

- Gen 28:14 And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed. Gen 28:15 And, behold, I *am* with thee, and will keep thee in all *places* whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done *that* which I have spoken to thee of.

This is the first principle of the oracles that must be foremost in our souls. HE IS! When HE came unto HIS people, HE told them who HE was.

- Joh 8:56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw *it*, and was glad. Joh 8:57 Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? Joh 8:58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.

YESHUA was, is, and, shall always be I AM!! This is first. If we get this deep down in our souls, we can potentially transition from babies into little children. Why did I say “potentially”? It is because it can’t simply be knowledge. It must be the ultimate guide in our lives. Can we assert that this is in fact the case in our lives to everyone who may offend us? Do we trust HIM and HIM only?

HE told the COY the following about HIMSELF, and how HIS personality operates.

- Exo 20:5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me; Exo 20:6 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments. Exo 20:7 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.
- Exo 34:14 For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name *is* Jealous, *is* a jealous God:
- Deu 4:24 For the LORD thy God *is* a consuming fire, *even* a jealous God.

That is three times the COY are told that YAHWEH is a jealous ELOHIM.

- Jos 24:17 For the LORD our God, he *it is* that brought us up and our fathers out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, and which did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way wherein we went, and among all the people through whom we passed: Jos 24:18 And the LORD drave out from before us all the people, even the Amorites which dwelt in the land: *therefore* will we also serve the LORD; for he *is* our God. Jos 24:19 And Joshua said unto the people, Ye cannot serve the LORD: for he *is* an holy God; he *is* a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins. Jos 24:20 If ye forsake the LORD, and serve strange gods, then he will turn and do you hurt, and consume you, after that he hath done you good. Jos 24:21 And the people said unto Joshua, Nay; but we will serve the LORD.

Yoshua tried to educate the COY about YAHWEH's jealousy before their vow. When YAHWEH came in the flesh HE declared HIMSELF.

- Mat 5:34 But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne: Mat 5:35 Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King. Mat 5:36 Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black. Mat 5:37 But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.

Our words speak what is in our minds. Our tongues can sometimes betray us. This is why that very first principle is so, so important. If we are deceived and so believe in the deceit, even in ignorance, we tend to teach others in ignorance. Understanding the first principle, we would serve others best by continuing to humble ourselves in silence until we follow the basic instructions given.

- Jas 4:6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. Jas 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Jas 4:8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *ye* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *ye* double minded. Jas 4:9 Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and *your* joy to heaviness. Jas 4:10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

To become childlike, we must humble ourselves and resist our human pride.

- 1Pe 5:5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all *of you* be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. 1Pe 5:6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: 1Pe 5:7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

Isn't this what the first principle of the oracles is teaching us? Place all our cares on YAHWEH. HE will then exalt us. When Peter began to get it notice what happened.

- Mat 16:13 When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? Mat 16:14 And they said, Some *say that thou art* John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. Mat 16:15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? Mat 16:16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. Mat 16:17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed *it* unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

Obviously, Peter had been chosen for leadership. He was feisty. Yet, he also knew something bigger than life was happening. In all his feistiness, he was willing to be led by a greater force.

- Mat 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Mat 16:19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

YESHUA came asserting the words from the FATHER above.

- Mat 4:3 And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. Mat 4:4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.



When we allow ourselves to believe that Satan is somehow a part of our Atonement, because he is a sinner and tempts us to sin, did we forget that he also tempted YAHWEH, I AM, as HE came in the flesh? YESHUA gave us the key. We must live by every word that proceeds from the mouth of ELOHIM. And in them, we learn that YAHWEH was a jealous ELOHIM. Did that somehow change when HE came in the flesh?

- Mat 10:32 Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. Mat 10:33 But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

How do we deny HIM? We allow ourselves to be led to deny HIS words. If we accept HIS words, and HIS words only, the answer is clear.

- Joh 14:23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. Joh 14:24 He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

These are YAHWEH's words as HE came in the flesh. If we confess that we love HIM, we must keep HIS words. We cannot keep two days, the first and the eighth day of Tabernacles, and believe we have kept HIS words. We cannot continue to rely upon physical circumcision, while also denying the commanded foot washing, and believe we have kept HIS words.

We must be converted. We must turn to the right source. We must then become as that little child by placing our lives in HIS hands, to enter the Kingdom of ELOHIM.

YESHUA made it plain whether or not HE had changed.

- Mat 10:34 Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. Mat 10:35 For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. Mat 10:36 And a man's foes *shall be* they of his own household. Mat 10:37 He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. Mat 10:38 And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. Mat 10:39 He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it. Mat 10:40 He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me.

Do we accept HIS words? If we don't, we have failed to be converted. And as a result, we have failed to become as a little child. We cannot qualify to enter unto the Kingdom until we do so.

- Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. Joh 1:2 The same was in the beginning with God. Joh 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made. Joh 1:4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

The WORD was in the beginning. HE was with ELOHIM. HE was ELOHIM. HE made all things. In HIM was life.

- Joh 1:11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not. Joh 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on his name:

It is only those who have been converted and began to walk as a little child that have truly received HIM, by HIS own words.

- Joh 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. Joh 5:25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. Joh 5:26 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; Joh 5:27 And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.

Yes, Brothers and Sisters, as YESHUA, YAHWEH did not change. Eventually HE would put this in perspective.

- Joh 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, *they* are spirit, and *they* are life.

YESHUA is consistent. We believe in, we accept, we think by, we live by HIS words only, if we are to walk as HIS children.

And yet, there are some things HE said to those who would follow HIM that may be hard sayings, such as the following.

- Luk 14:16 Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many: Luk 14:17 And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready. Luk 14:18 And they all with one *consent* began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused.

What we fail to reason within ourselves at times is that while YESHUA came bearing grace, mercy, love and clarity to ELOHIM's WORD, HE is still YAHWEH. HE is still ELOHIM, and HE hates our excuses.

- Luk 14:19 And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused. Luk 14:20 And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.

Earlier we read where HE said if we love our parents and children more than HIM, we are not worthy of HIM. Here, this man has now married, and as such, could not come to the supper. This applies to the woman that gets married as well. The essence here is that if we love those we are married to, our parents, our children, our friends, etc., etc., more than we love HIM, we are not worthy of HIM. This is precisely why HE said in another place that many are called, but few are chosen.

- Luk 14:21 So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind. Luk 14:22 And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room. Luk 14:23 And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel *them* to come in, that my house may be filled. Luk 14:24 For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper.

As we learn how to walk as children, this is something we must also be sure of. Have we been invited to the supper? And, if so, have we made up excuses as to why we have not accepted it? If we have, we have not converted and are not walking as HIS children.

- Luk 14:25 And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them, Luk 14:26 If any *man* come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.

These are scriptures that we need to periodically read over again, again and again until we understand what this means to each one of us, so that we ensure that we are not allowing anyone, fathers, mothers, wives, husbands, children, etc., etc., to circumvent our conversions and walk as little children with YESHUA.

- Luk 14:27 And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. Luk 14:28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have *sufficient* to finish *it*? Luk 14:29 Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish *it*, all that behold *it* begin to mock him, Luk 14:30 Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish. Luk 14:31 Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand? Luk 14:32 Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassage, and desireth conditions of peace. Luk 14:33 So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

These are the hard sayings that we must consider over and over again as we grow in our individual knowledge of how we each must walk as a child.

During this year's Feast, there were again teachings by many of the commanded eighth day not being a part of the Appointed Time of Tabernacles. Is the Appointed Time of Tabernacles two days, seven days, or eight days? Yet YESHUA told us this.

- Joh 7:37 **In the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.** Joh 7:38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

- Joh 7:39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet *given*; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

Remember, HIS words are spirit and they are life. This is the only place in ELOHIM's WORD where the phrase "the Last Great Day" exists. It is universally accepted that this is the eighth day. Yet, whether you consider yourself a Hebrew Yisraelite or you fellowship with the European-led groups, you have been taught that this day is not Tabernacles. Are our leaders walking as children with this teaching? YESHUA clearly says this is the last day of the Feast, which by context here is Tabernacles.

Let me share what the Comforter showed me recently about this great Appointed Time we just honored.

- Lev 23:2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, *Concerning* the feasts of the LORD, which ye shall proclaim *to be* holy convocations, *even* these *are* my feasts.

The word feasts here, as we know by now, is that Hebrew word "moed", meaning appointed times. So, the weekly Sabbath is an appointed time.

- Lev 23:4 These *are* the feasts of the LORD, *even* holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons.

All of the seasonal annual holy days that follow are also appointed times.

- Lev 23:34 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the feast of tabernacles for seven days unto the LORD. Lev 23:35 On the first day *shall be* an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work *therein*.

- Lev 23:36 Seven days ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: on the eighth day shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: *it is a solemn assembly; and ye shall do no servile work therein.*
- Lev 23:39 Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days: on the first day *shall be* a sabbath, and on the eighth day *shall be* a sabbath. Lev 23:40 And ye shall take you on the first day the boughs of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, and the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and **ye shall rejoice before the LORD your God seven days.** Lev 23:42 **Ye shall dwell in booths seven days; all that are Israelites born shall dwell in booths:** Lev 23:43 **That your generations may know that I made the children of Israel to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt:** *I am* the LORD your God.

Now here is the gist of this. In verses 34 and 39, the Hebrew word translated feast is not “moed”, but “chag”. It means a festival or celebration. But wait, the festival is only for seven days. It is both a festival, and yet, a vital part of the Appointed Time of Tabernacles. The Appointed Time is for eight days. The festival is the first seven days

For the vineyard of YAHWEH, the COY, the seven days reminded them of their dwelling in the flesh after they were delivered from Egypt. Yet, what about the Household of Faith?

- Luk 20:9 Then began he to speak to the people this parable; A certain man planted a vineyard, and let it forth to husbandmen, and went into a far country for a long time. Luk 20:10 And at the season he sent a servant to the husbandmen, that they should give him of the fruit of the vineyard: but the husbandmen beat him, and sent *him* away empty.

- Luk 20:11 And again he sent another servant: and they beat him also, and entreated *him* shamefully, and sent *him* away empty. Luk 20:12 And again he sent a third: and they wounded him also, and cast *him* out. Luk 20:13 Then said the lord of the vineyard, What shall I do? I will send my beloved son: it may be they will reverence *him* when they see him.

The vineyard of YAHWEH was the COY. Who is the LORD of the Vineyard? Isn't it YAHWEH. YAHWEH metaphorically sent HIMSELF as a SON to HIS vineyard.

- Rom 1:3 Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; Rom 1:4 And **declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:**

YAHWEH was officially declared to be the SON of ELOHIM through HIS resurrection from the dead. However, concerning HIS vineyard.

- Luk 20:14 But when the husbandmen saw him, they reasoned among themselves, saying, This is the heir: come, let us kill him, that the inheritance may be ours. Luk 20:15 So they cast him out of the vineyard, and killed *him*. What therefore shall the lord of the vineyard do unto them?

The vineyard killed HIM, the SON of ELOHIM. What did this action earn them?

- Luk 20:16 He shall come and destroy these husbandmen, and shall give the vineyard to others. And when they heard *it*, they said, God forbid. Luk 20:17 And he beheld them, and said, What is this then that is written, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner?



- Luk 20:18 Whosoever shall fall upon that stone shall be broken; but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.

HE shall give the vineyard to others. Who were and is these others? The vineyard was now given unto those who would become of the Household of Faith. As such, the festival of the first seven days of Tabernacles reminds the new vineyard that they have been metaphorically and spiritually brought out of Egypt, while yet still existing in their physical booths or tabernacles. We celebrate both our spiritual conversion, and, our hope to partake in the eighth day Sabbath; that Last Great Day of the Appointed Time of Tabernacles.

In our previous studies, we have learned how that YAHWEH spoke to HIS prophets of the events that will occur “in that day”, the Last Great Day”, when those of the Household of Faith, along with those who were obedient to YAHWEH, will no longer exist in these physical tabernacles. They will at that time have their flesh cut from them and no longer be little children, but “born-again spirit beings reigning with YESHUA in the Kingdom.

How excellent is the WORD of YAHWEH! Brothers and Sisters, how do we walk as a child?

- 1Jn 1:1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; 1Jn 1:2 (For the life was manifested, and we have seen *it*, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;) 1Jn 1:3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. 1Jn 1:4 And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.

Being full means to walk as a child, growing in the fullness of the knowledge of the truth.

- 1Jn 1:5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. 1Jn 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: 1Jn 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. 1Jn 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 1Jn 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1Jn 1:10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Once we began to operate and walk as the Apostle is instructing us, notice his shift in how he then relates to us.

- 1Jn 2:1 **My little children**, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

We are now walking in conversion as little children, having turned our focus only on YESHUA.

- 1Jn 2:2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for *the sins of* the whole world. 1Jn 2:3 And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. 1Jn 2:4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. 1Jn 2:5 But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. 1Jn 2:6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

YESHUA obeyed. HE taught us how and what to obey. As HE walked, so should we.

- 1Pe 2:2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: 1Pe 2:3 If so be ye have tasted that the Lord *is* gracious. 1Pe 2:4 To whom coming, *as unto* a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, *and* precious, 1Pe 2:5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. 1Pe 2:6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.

As newborn babes, being built up unto a spiritual house of little children, we should be walking and enduring unto we become full grown spirits in the family of ELOHIM.

How do we endure? We walk by every word out of the mouth of YAHWEH. Who is YAHWEH? YESHUA HAMASHIAC!!

Following HIM and HIM only, is how we walk as a child of the living ELOHIM of Abraham, Isaac and Yacob!!

Shalom Brothers and Sisters!!