

Lesson No. 127 – Developing A Kingdom Mindset

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Last Sabbath, I was contemplating life and the experiences we all face in our walks. One thought had to do with certain Brethren typically referring to me and other Blacks as Yisrael, instead of calling us by our given names. They believe us to be descendants of the Children of Yisrael (COY). Now, I am very familiar with the fact that most descendants of slavery have been given names of European origin. I am also aware that names often carry meanings. And yet, as I considered this, I realized that simply referring to me as Yisrael was somewhat offensive to me. Why? What does it mean to be recognized as a descendent of the COY? We know that scripture teaches that YAHWEH of ELOHIM maintains a respect for the name of Yisrael because HE said they are a people “called by MY name” (2 Chronicles 7:14). We also know that Jacob (Yacob) was given this name because YAHWEH’s angel declared to Yacob that “as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed” (Genesis 32:28).

Have we stepped back to understand this? Have any of us power with ELOHIM and with men, and have prevailed with both? The COY were given an opportunity, as a nation to prevail. They chose otherwise. As a nation, whatever their fate, it is only because of this name given to their prince, Yacob, who prevailed. What about me or you?

We read this scripture last week and many other times.

- Rom 3:1 What advantage then hath the Jew? or what profit *is there* of circumcision? Rom 3:2 Much every way: chiefly, because that unto them were committed the oracles of God.

Anyone who knows that they are a descendent of the COY probably have had this verse quoted over and over to them. Many take pride in this Biblical fact.

And yet, in the overall scope of what ELOHIM's WORD has presented to us, what does this knowledge of being a descendent of the COY really mean to each of us in our spiritual walks?

The Apostle Paul writes that unto the COY "were committed the oracles of ELOHIM". Well, did this ancestry commit itself to showcasing these oracles to the world, as ELOHIM no doubt desired? What should any descendent of the COY take more pride in during this age of modernity, being a physically-born Yisraelite, or, being someone who has been transformed into a mindset to follow YESHUA HAMASHIAC?

Tonight, we will study how that YESHUA made it plain how any follower of HIS must elevate their mindsets and their walks. This is why this Sabbath night study is all about Lesson No. 127 – Developing A Kingdom Mindset.

Now sadly, even as we know that unto the COY were committed the oracles, we also know that there will be "**tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile**". As we consider what our mindsets must be as members of the Household of Faith, whether Yehudan or Gentile, who do we listen to and follow?

When YESHUA made HIS first advent on the earth to become the LAMB of ELOHIM, HE set the tone for the development of the type of mindset HIS new followers would be required to adapt, as HE constantly responded to the attacks of the leaders of the COY of that day.

- Mat 18:1 At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? Mat 18:2 And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them,

I have been around many Hebrew Yisraelites (those Blacks who claim a physical heritage to the COY in modernity) who tend to see Biblical discussions as a game of who knows best.

It has been all about “one upsmanship”. Judging by the disciples’ question to YESHUA, this attitude has been around for a while. YESHUA took this opportunity to teach them, and others who will later come to follow HIM through the words of these disciples, maybe one of the most important lessons of their spiritual walk.

- 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.**

YESHUA first establishes the ultimate condition HIS disciples MUST adhere to in order to “enter into the Kingdom of Heaven”. They must first be converted. We learned not long ago that this word converted means to “turn to or towards something or someone”. Based on what we have seen presented throughout the Gospels, we understand that YESHUA is commanding HIS disciples to turn only to HIM. Isn’t this the truth we are continually reading in ELOHIM’s WORD?

Well, thinking about those who love to highlight their Yisraelite heritage, here is what YESHUA said to the ancestors of the COY.

- Isa 45:22 Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for *I am* God, and *there is* none else. Isa 45:23 I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth *in* righteousness, and shall not return, That **unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.** Isa 45:24 Surely, shall *one* say, in the LORD have I righteousness and strength: *even* to him shall *men* come; and all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed. Isa 45:25 **In the LORD shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory.**

YAHWEH said it plainly to those of that day. “Look unto ME, and be ye saved”. There was never any justification in simply being a Yisraelite, or in being called one. The only justification for the seed of Yisrael lay in its obedience to YAHWEH.

We know that from its very beginning, the nation of Yisrael never accepted YAHWEH as its King and was ultimately taken out of its land for rejecting HIM and wanting to walk in the ways of the nations. Now that YAHWEH is come in the flesh, HE is reminding them once again to whom they must give their total attention towards. Only, this time it is not as a nation, it is as individuals. HE said “be converted and become as little children” in order “to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven”.

How many of us truly understand what is being commanded here? For one thing, my birthright status as a physical descendant of the COY does not justify me to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. To gain an understanding of what it means to “become as little children”, YESHUA teaches HIS disciples more.

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

HE now answers the disciples’ question by saying it will be those who “humble” themselves as little children that shall be the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven. And so, the first things we must adapt in our mindsets is our conversion to YAHWEH/YESHUA and then our embracing the necessary humility to become as little children in our developing and maintaining the Kingdom mindset.

Later, one of these disciples, the one to whom YESHUA had given the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven, was led to write the following:

- 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.

Verse 5 is so important to the development of the Kingdom mindset. Through the Prophet Yeremayah, YAHWEH made it plain that it was the pastors who destroyed the COY (Jer 12:10 & 23:1).

Here in verse 5 the Household of Faith is instructed to submit to the elders, and yet, be subject one to another and clothed with humility.

In modernity, once again it is evident that the pastors have again taken center stage. Its as though, if the pastor didn't teach it, it must not be true. I guess that is why some follow pastors openly teach that "you cannot believe in everything you read in the Bible". But we are instructed to submit unto our elders and "be subject one to another. I.e., we always listen to others of the Household of Faith in humility, accepting that we may learn additional truths of ELOHIM's WORD from each other. Shouldn't we accept this as our guide in the development of the Kingdom mindset?

Notice his message to the elders.

- 1Pe 5:1 The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: 1Pe 5:2 **Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;** 1Pe 5:3 **Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.** 1Pe 5:4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

We submit ourselves to those elders who feed us and take oversight not vainly and not lording over us, but being examples to the flock of how to obtain and endure in the Kingdom mindset. This is how these shall receive a crown of glory. And to all, the Apostle teaches the consistent message of humility.

- 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.**

The Apostle writes for us to humble ourselves under the mighty hand of ELOHIM, so that HE may exalt us in due time. And then he writes for us to cast all of our care upon HIM. Isn't this the exact thing YESHUA HIMSELF commanded the disciples and all of us when HE said convert and become as a little child? It is not about the nationalistic pride being taught by many in modernity. The Apostle continues to explain the importance of our developing this Kingdom mindset.

- 1Pe 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: 1Pe 5:9 Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

The Apostle makes it plain that Satan constantly seeks whom he may devour. How can he succeed? He will succeed if we do not cast all our care upon YAHWEH of ELOHIM by converting to YESHUA and becoming like little children, submitting to our elders, and being subject to one another.

- 1Pe 5:10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle *you*. 1Pe 5:11 To him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

We are no longer called as a nation, but as individuals that FATHER ELOHIM drew to HIS SON. As soon as we accepted our invitation, our calling, to the SON of ELOHIM, Satan has desired to devour us. We will suffer in some manner, as we are able. And through our endurance as Brothers and Sisters, submitting to one another, ELOHIM will perfect, establish, strengthen and settle us. Do we believe this?

We know that the protocols established by YAHWEH in the New Covenant first began with the COY of both the Houses of Yisrael and Yehudah.

However, the covenant was not given to nations, but rather to individuals of these two nations who were drawn and called-out first directly by the FATHER to YESHUA, and secondly by the FATHER to YESHUA through the words of YESHUA's apostles. And yet, we also know that YESHUA always teaches those that are HIS what ELOHIM's ultimate intentions were and are.

- Joh 9:39 And Jesus said, **For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind.** Joh 9:40 And *some* of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, and said unto him, Are we blind also? Joh 9:41 Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth.

YESHUA explains that HE came into this world for judgement to blind the world. We know that the Household of Faith has been called-out of this world so that it might see.

- Joh 10:1 Verily, verily, I say unto you, **he that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.** Joh 10:2 But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

HE now metaphorically teaches how that many enter into the sheepfold as thieves and robbers, because they don't enter by the door.

- Joh 10:6 This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them. Joh 10:7 **Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.** Joh 10:8 **All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them.** Joh 10:9 **I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.**

- Joh 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly. Joh 10:11 **I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.**

YESHUA is making it plain to the disciples and to the COY at that time that HE ALONE is the door by which the sheep must enter in by to be saved, not Yisrael. I.e., HE is now making HIS words of conversion plain to those willing to enter into the Kingdom mindset as humble servants.

- Joh 10:12 But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. Joh 10:13 The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. Joh 10:14 I am the good shepherd, and know my *sheep*, and am known of mine. Joh 10:15 As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.

But hired hands don't lay down their lives. They see the danger and run, leaving the sheep leaderless and scattered. We already know who these hired hands are that scattered the COY. But there were some of the sheep who knew who the Good Shepherd was. It was in this context that HE taught them the following that must also be understood in the Kingdom mindset.

- Joh 10:16 And **other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.**

Besides those sheep that came out of those which were scattered (the converted of the COY), there are others not of that fold (i.e., not of the COY) that HE must also bring in who will hear HIS voice. When they come in, there will be only the one fold and the one Shepherd.

This fold shall consist only of those from all the families of the earth who accepted the calling and chose to convert and become as little children, of whom HE said the following about.

- 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.**

This is where another important ingredient must be developed in our quest for the Kingdom mindset. We must learn how to receive other little children, because in so doing we also receive CHRIST. HE warns us against anyone who offends one of these little ones. This word offend is from the Greek word “skandalizo” meaning to offend and/or cause others to stumble. Thus, the important ingredient becomes our ability to discern and identify the little children who have become converted.

Now Brothers and Sisters, to me this should be fairly simple, particularly if we are being led by the Comforter. Let’s remember something YESHUA taught us about the Comforter.

- Joh 14:26 But **the Comforter**, *which is* the Holy Ghost, **whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.**

YESHUA HIMSELF informed HIS disciples, and all those who would later be drawn to HIM by HIS FATHER through the words of HIS disciples, that the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, will be sent by the FATHER in YESHUA’s name to teach them “all things”. HE then identifies that when the Comforter shall bring “all things to their remembrance”, it will consist of whatsoever HE has said unto them, the disciples who later became HIS apostles.

Our discernment is to recognize that “whatsoever” HE said unto HIS disciples is what the Comforter will bring to our remembrance as well. I don’t know about you, but these words sound pretty conclusive to me.

As HE spoke these words to HIS disciples, HE also quantified what constitutes “all things”.

- 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.** Joh 14:25 **These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you.**

We read a little about these scriptures recently. However, we must recognize that these instructions by YESHUA to HIS disciples, those same disciples the Prophet Isaiah taught that would bind the testimony and seal the law, are the blueprint for the New Covenant and the development of the Kingdom mindset necessary for our entrance into the Kingdom of Heaven.

First, if we love YESHUA, we will keep HIS words. So, this is also the discernment we must have in order to identify those little children we are to subject ourselves to and must not offend. Who is it in our midst who humbly walk in the knowledge and willingness to keep HIS “sayings”, which HE declares represent HIS FATHER’s WORD? HE said these were the things HE spoke to these disciples while HE was present with them.

Again, this is the blueprint we look for. This is the blueprint we all must develop if we are growing in the Kingdom mindset.

Now, we all know, or should know that through these disciples, there are important levels of structure that comes with the Kingdom mindset. These same disciples taught us all about these structures. However, let’s remind ourselves of another important step we must humbly accept in our quest.

- 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.**

We read how that **YESHUA placed the ultimate authority on HIS sayings that anyone walking in the Kingdom mindset must live by in order to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.** Here, HE says it again, yet in another compelling manner. **HIS words HE spoke to HIS disciples are spirit and life.** And then HE said something that exists all about us in modernity.

- Joh 6:64 **But there are some of you that believe not.** For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him. Joh 6:65 And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that **no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.**

The only question for each of us right now is whether we believe what HE HIMSELF is teaching us with HIS own words. We can only come unto CHRIST if it has been given to us by the FATHER. This is another factor in our walking in a humble mentality. If we know that we are beginning to see and hear YESHUA's words, it is ONLY because the FATHER has given to us the most humble blessing promised to Abraham, to be blessed by his seed. But so many hear these words and can't perceive them because they lack the humility to become as little children. They may have received an invitation, but their lack of humility hinders their ability pass the first requirement, to convert to YESHUA ONLY.

- Joh 6:66 From that *time* many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. Joh 6:67 Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? Joh 6:68 Then **Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.**

Those disciples who remained with Peter knew they had been called to something that even the prophets did not fully understand, because it had not been given to the prophets. It was simply a matter of timing, not because the prophets were lacking in their faith.

Now, back to the structures these disciples taught us.

- Eph 2:18 For **through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father**. Eph 2:19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; Eph 2:20 And are **built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone**; Eph 2:21 In whom **all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord**: Eph 2:22 In whom **ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit**.

Through YESHUA, we gain access to the FATHER collectively by the words of YESHUA and the Spirit of Truth, to become fellow citizens with the saints, the Household of Faith, which is built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, of which YESHUA HAMASHIAC is the chief corner.

Believe or not, the words of these verses remain hidden to most in modernity who claim a belief in YESHUA. There are those who interpret ELOHIM's WORD so that the prophets and apostles appear to teach in opposition to one another. There are many others that teach that the words of the prophets only carry emotional weight. And we know of those who place the prophets above the disciples. The problem with these teachings is that the CORNER STONE is not recognized as the center that bridges both the apostles and prophets into "the building fitly framed together" "unto a holy temple".

When YESHUA first showed up HE set the structure for the Kingdom mindset.

- Mat 4:17 From that time **Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.**

This HE said shortly after Yochanan the Baptist, who had declared these exact words earlier, was imprisoned.

Yochanan told his followers that one would follow him of much more importance to the concept of the Kingdom of Heaven, which by the way was never heard of prior to Yochanan. I.e., the Kingdom of Heaven was never spoken of nor taught during the Old Covenant. However, the development of the Kingdom mindset does require one to come to grips with the fact that if the Household of Faith was built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. We must acknowledge there were vital pieces of the puzzle that the Household of Faith must recognize are founded in the Old Covenant.

After all, YAHWEH's Old Covenant servants were called prophets for a reason. We remember how that they were the ones who declared to us what the role of YAHWEH's disciples would be in the New Covenant, which is all about the Kingdom mindset. These would bind the testimony and seal the law. They did not prophecy that the disciples would get rid of the law, as most so-called Christians of modernity have been taught. They were to seal the law.

This word seal is translated from the Hebrew word "chatham" which literally means to seal or affix one's seal. As I read through the other scriptures using this word, there is a consistency of use that mirrors the following:

- 1Ki 21:8 So **she wrote letters in Ahab's name, and sealed them with his seal, and sent the letters unto the elders and to the nobles that were in his city,** dwelling with Naboth.

In modernity, we typically seal a letter with a signature. This signature asserts to the reader the verification of the writer. Here, Jezebel forged Ahab's seal to give the impression that Ahab actually wrote the letters. Let's look at one other example.

- Dan 12:3 And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. Dan 12:4 **But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end**: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

Daniel was given several visions of future events and then told to seal them in a book, until the time of the end, when knowledge shall be increased. This in no way means that the words of the truth ended. In so doing, Daniel shut up the words of the book. It actually means that the true understanding of these words could not be unsealed until a future date.

The Prophet Isaiah told us that it would be the disciples who shall seal the law. This same prophet told us how that ELOHIM's WORD would be given here a little, there a little. It would be line upon line, precept upon precept, so that ELOHIM's true followers "might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken". It is through these disciples, now called apostles, that the seal of the law is now opened to the Household of Faith. They would attest to its relevancy and place their seal, their stamp of approval on the law, based on the words spoken to them by YESHUA HIMSELF.

It was one of these disciples that informed us of the foundation of the Household of Faith. We know that it was YAHWEH of ELOHIM, the creator of the universe who came to the COY as YESHUA HAMASHIAC, who said the following only to HIS disciples.

- Mat 13:10 And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables?

- Mat 13:11 **He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.**

These disciples would become the first of many unto whom it was given “to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven”. It is in this Kingdom knowledge that they were also given that great commission to bind the testimony and seal the law. YESHUA taught them how to seal the law through HIS sayings to them.

They were taught that they had joint players in the overall scope of this Kingdom mindset, the prophets. And, just like the prophets, HE would give each one of them here a little, there a little, line upon line, precept upon precept. However, the prophets were not given the testimony.

Do we remember how that we had to read each of the writers of the Gospels in order to unseal the mystery of YESHUA’s only sign given to the Pharisees of HIS MESSIAHSHIP? Likewise, through each of the gospels, we learn how that YESHUA HIMSELF unsealed the true meaning of the Passover. These disciples would later further unseal the weekly Sabbath, the Passover, Unleavened Bread, Weeks, Atonement, Trumpets, and Tabernacles. And yet, the true Kingdom mindset teaches that one must study the basics, which were given by YAHWEH to HIS prophets, beginning with Moses.

It was Moses to whom YAHWEH gave the history of HIS great creation in the first chapter of the Book of Genesis, as well the detail of the first two covenants made with Abraham. It was the major prophets (Isaiah, Yeremayah, Ezekiel and Daniel) that YAHWEH gave the history of HIS original vineyard as an example of HIS absolute expectations. Through these prophets, HE gave to those who would come later the collective outline of ELOHIM’s plan of salvation for the world. However, it is the disciples/apostles who were chosen to bind and seal those lessons, and those new lessons yet to come through the testimony.

- Mat 13:12 For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath. Mat 13:13 Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand. Mat 13:14 And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive: Mat 13:15 For this people's heart is waxed gross, and *their* ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with *their* eyes, and hear with *their* ears, and should understand with *their* heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

These words of the MESSIAH remain true even until this time of modernity. I believe people mean well. They simply do not understand that they have misplaced loyalties. The disciples/apostles were chosen because they realized that something greater than Moses and the prophets was happening right before their eyes and ears.

- Mat 13:16 **But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear.** Mat 13:17 For verily I say unto you, That **many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.**

Blessed were these disciples to be given this most unique of all blessings in ELOHIM's WORD. They were the ones chosen to unseal Daniel's visions.

Because the Household of Faith has accepted that the same omnipotent BEING that spoke to the prophets of Yisrael, also spoke to the apostles of Yisrael, it now has received those same blessings, as long as they continue to convert, become little children, and do those things that those who were given the authority to seal the law while binding the testimony have instructed us. One of them wrote the following:

- Heb 11:24 By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; Heb 11:25 Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; Heb 11:26 Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward. Heb 11:27 By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible. Heb 11:28 **Through faith he kept the Passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them.** Heb 11:29 **By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry land:** which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned.

This same Apostle will connect the dots between YAHWEH and YESHUA regarding the Passover given by YAHWEH to Moses and the Passover conversion that was given to the disciples chosen to bind the testimony and seal the law. Later he wrote the following words that many pastors have simply ignored because they are not being led by the Spirit of Truth.

- 1Co 5:7 **Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:** 1Co 5:8 **Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.**

The truth is, all who claim to be Christians should know this so very instructive scripture. This Apostle makes it so plain that a child should see and understand this transition. YESHUA, who is the CHRIST and YAHWEH, come in the flesh, is our Passover. So, anyone walking in a Kingdom mindset must now keep the Passover on what basis? We now keep the Passover as YESHUA instructed HIS disciples. HE taught them how that the bread and the wine replaced the body and blood of physical lambs commanded of the COY under the Old Covenant. HE taught that the bread and wine are now HIS body and blood.

However, when one is walking in the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth, one is being led by the Comforter to remember and accept as commandments “all things” spoken to HIS disciples during the final Passover of the Old Covenant, which became the guideline for the Passover under the New Covenant.

It is the Comforter that guides us into all truth to open our minds to see how that prior to teaching the disciples about the change from the physical blood of lambs to the one-time offering of HIS own blood, YESHUA made another major conversion of the token and commandment under the Old Covenant, that Hebrew Yisraelites refuse to recognize in modernity.

Of course, this is the new foot washing ceremony that YESHUA gave to HIS disciples during that Passover, that began to unseal what had been given to the physical seed under the Old Covenant, and seal how that the new vineyard was to convert and become as little children. We know that YESHUA explained to the COY to HIS disciples what has become a mystery. HE explained that this was a new and spiritually-based protocol, a spiritually-based token, they were to follow from that point forward.

Let’s remember what HE said to them.

- 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.** Joh 13:16 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. Joh 13:17 **If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.**

Earlier in this lesson, we read in 1Pe 5:3 how that the elders were to be examples to their flock. Well, YEHSUA said the Household of Faith is “one fold” with “one Shepherd”.

This “one SHEPHERD” is the ELDER that gave to HIS disciples the example of the new protocol and standard that is now required to become qualified to partake in HIS body and blood, the New Covenant Passover. This is the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. You see, to teach and believe that YESHUA’s Passover instructions to HIS disciples regarding the purpose of this new requirement is anything but a new commandment, is to refuse to accept YESHUA’s own sayings, and as such, showcases one’s unwillingness to convert and become as a little child.

One truly called-out to the Kingdom mindset would do what this Apostle would instruct him/her to do.

- 2Ti 2:14 Of these things put *them* in remembrance, charging *them* before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, *but* to the subverting of the hearers.

This is why we must always try to teach and respond to one another cloaked in humility rather than shouting; all it does is subvert the hearers.

- 2Ti 2:15 **Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.** 2Ti 2:16 But shun profane *and* vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.

We study. Why? The Apostle writes, to show ourselves approved unto ELOHIM. We stand on the WORD of ELOHIM. HE approves us. Through study we learn that in the Kingdom mindset we continue to honor the Passover, however not YAHWEH’s Passover, but YESHUA’s Passover. We learn that any blood other than that of YAHWEH HIMSELF as HE came unto HIS own people in the name of HIS FATHER, YESHUA, is useless to the Kingdom mindset. And not only is any other blood useless. Well let’s read it.

- Gal 5:1 **Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.**

To not allow ourselves to understand that the New Covenant, which is based on better promises, must of necessity upgrade many of the physical protocols of the Old Covenant given to the COY, places one again under a yoke of bondage.

- Gal 5:2 Behold, I Paul say unto you, that **if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing.**

The Kingdom mindset understands that the circumcision was all about self-qualification. It was never designed to qualify one spiritually. It was designed to separate a nation to dwell in the land promised to Abraham, which is a reason why it shall return during the 1,000-year reign of YESHUA and HIS saints when the COY return to their land in the flesh. The understanding of the fact that women would now have to qualify for themselves to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven is critical to the Kingdom mindset.

- Gal 5:3 **For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law.** Gal 5:4 **Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.**

Like everything else in the Kingdom mindset, it took me some while to get this. The Apostle was called to inform and teach the New Covenant to all of the families of the earth.

- Act 9:10 And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I *am here*, Lord.

- Act 9:11 And the Lord *said* unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for *one* called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth, Act 9:12 And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting *his* hand on him, that he might receive his sight. Act 9:13 Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem: Act 9:14 And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name.

Ananias knew that dealing with Saul, later renamed Paul, was detrimental to the Household of Faith. However, notice these next words very carefully.

- Act 9:15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for **he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:**

YESHUA HIMSELF teaches us that Paul was sent to all of the families of the earth (Gentiles or nations, kings and the COY). So, when we read his writings to the called-out ones at the various places he had visited, we know that his message is written to called-out ones of all of the families of the earth, including the COY.

As such, when the Apostle wrote that if we, meaning those already “called-out” and baptized unto YESHUA, become circumcised, we are then a debtor to do the whole law, what is he saying? He is saying we may as well start killing goats and lambs once again because we no longer are accepting the sacrifice of YESHUA. If we choose to be justified by the law of circumcision, CHRIST is of no effect to you. We have now fallen from grace.

As we have previously read in the 15th chapter of Acts, there were then and remain Hebrew Yisraelites today, subverting new converts with the circumcision because of their own ignorance and refusal to accept “all things” that CHRIST HIMSELF has given to HIS disciples.

Brothers and Sisters, we have continually been blessed to be drawn and called-out to be amongst those blessed of all the families of the earth, as we are willing to convert and become as little children. We have been taught that when YAHWEH came unto the COY, HE presented HIMSELF as the HOLY ONE of Yisrael under the Old Covenant. We have also been taught that under the New Covenant, HE has come and presented HIMSELF as the LAMB of ELOHIM in the name of HIS FATHER, YESHUA.

We have been taught that within the new concept of the Kingdom of Heaven, there was a need to upgrade the requirements, which the COY as an example proved did not generate the required level of faith needed to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

We are now, or, we should now be in preparation mode to once again appear before ELOHIM at the soon coming beginning of the year on the 14th day of Abib as commanded. And once again we should be performing an internal cleanse as required.

- 1Co 11:24 And when he had given thanks, he brake *it*, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. 1Co 11:25 After the same manner also *he took* the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink *it*, in remembrance of me. 1Co 11:26 **For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.**

These words have flown above the heads of the so-called Christians of modernity like man's attempts to live on Mars. Many in modernity have interpreted these words to justify their communion services each 1st Sunday of every month.

It is the New Covenant Passover that reminds us ONLY of CHRIST and HIS shed body and blood, as observed by YESHUA and HIS apostles.

- 1Co 11:27 **Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.** 1Co 11:28 **But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.** 1Co 11:29 **For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.**

I recently stated to two Hebrew Yisraelites that children should not take the New Covenant Passover. The first one initially disagreed. I then asked whether or not we must determine whether or not we are worthy to partake of the Passover. He said no. However, he was willing to listen. As we read these specific scriptures, I then ask him whether or not children are capable of examining themselves to determine their worth to eat the bread and the wine. He then agreed.

The second Hebrew Yisraelite simply threw up his hands in disgust before listening and said we couldn't talk any longer. He refused to listen. This makes me consider that even though they take the bread and the wine each year, YESHUA's sayings obviously either have not been taught to them, or have not been brought back to their memories at this time. They continue to believe that the circumcision remains active under the New Covenant. They simply have not accepted the spiritually humbling mindset this season requires as a foundation of the Kingdom mindset.

The Apostle teaches the Household of Faith, both man and woman, to examine themselves, and then eat of the bread and wine. YESHUA said this which we have read so many times.

- 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.** Joh 13:9 **Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head.** Joh 13:10 **Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet,** but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all.

Understand the true context of these words to the Apostle's words about examining ourselves. **It was directly after YESHUA said these words and gave HIS disciples HIS own example of what they were to do to one another, that HE said that those who do not keep HIS sayings HE gave to HIS disciples, are not HIS.** Those walking in the Kingdom mindset will discern how that HE told Peter, the disciple to whom HE gave the keys to the Kingdom, that if HE did not wash his feet, Peter would have no part in HIM. Peter would have at that moment, forfeited the keys to the Kingdom.

It was to these disciples, those to whom HE gave authority to bind on earth what would be bound in heaven, that HE gave the basic structure behind the Apostle Paul's words regarding determining one's worthiness to partake in HIM and have a part of HIM. As HE responded to Peter's sometimes over eagerness as he requested that YESHUA wash his feet, hands and head, YESHUA made HIS new protocol plain. If you have been washed, i.e., baptized, you only need wash the feet at the Passover. This is why it is important to recognize that the Apostle Paul spoke his words only to the "called-out" Galatians regarding circumcision. We know that "called-out ones" have repented and been washed through baptism unto YESHUA.

This is partially why YESHUA only commanded the feet to be washed. Only previously baptized servants have a reason to determine worthiness to partake in YESHUA's body and blood once a year. And, isn't it also metaphorical of the fact that simply knowing the right thing to do is only the beginning? We must humbly embrace it and walk it; thus, the foot washing. HE then said if we are washed (previously baptized), and then wash the feet at YESHUA's Passover, HE then will declare that we are clean "every whit", meaning throughout; i.e., we are totally spiritually clean once again, as we were when we got baptized and entered into our individual covenants with YESHUA.

What the Apostle is teaching us is that to qualify to even get to this point we must first determine whether or not we are worthy. We cannot wait until the 14th day of Abib to make this determination.

The time is now to begin our cleansing. The Apostle Peter instructed us to subject ourselves to one another in humility. YESHUA gave us the first example of how to do this. The Apostle Paul was called to amplify what it takes in order for us to follow YESHUA's example.

We know and will continue to grow in the words of YESHUA to HIS disciples, and their words written to each of us. Together with the words given to the prophets before the disciples, we have what we need to develop the kingdom mindset.

And yet, we were given the clear understanding of ELOHIM's established structure we must follow. The ultimate basis needed for the development of the Kingdom mindset began with Yochanan the Baptist and the New Covenant protocol of water baptism. YAHWEH then came in the flesh to confirm the covenant given to Abraham that would bless all of the families of the earth. In so doing, HE gave us the words of eternal life through HIS own disciples.

As we close, another of these disciples provides us one of many summary versions of what it takes to develop the Kingdom mindset.

- Jas 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

First, we must submit to ELOHIM, and then resist Satan. Seems kind of plain, right?

- 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.

We then draw near to ELOHIM by keeping YESHUA's sayings through which HE said HE and the FATHER would then come and sup with us. We endure through constantly cleansing and purifying ourselves by studying to show ourselves approved.

- Jas 4:9 Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and *your* joy to heaviness.

We have been warned that affliction, that is common to man, will come our way.

- Jas 4:10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

And through our affliction, we maintain our humility in the sight of YESHUA, who shall lift us up, knowing what each of us is capable of handling.

- Jas 4:11 Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of *his* brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge.

We speak no evil of one another. We don't judge. But we do maintain and endure together, not as a nation, but as fellow members of that one fold founded by the one SHEPHERD, knowing the following:

- Jas 4:12 There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy: who art thou that judgest another?

YESHUA told us there would be but one fold and one Shepherd. That Shepherd said HE was the door through which we must enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. HE is the one lawgiver. HE gave the official seal to HIS disciples. They now had the authority to seal the law. This is what they did in the 15th chapter of Acts as they denounced the circumcision. This is what the Apostle Paul did in the 3rd chapter of Galatians as he explained why the circumcision had been denounced. Once they sealed it, it was closed. Finally, the Apostle Yochanan states the obvious.

- Rev 22:18 **For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:** Rev 22:19 **And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and *from* the things which are written in this book.**

Here is their seal of the law, their authority to bind the testimony before YESHUA. This is what the Kingdom mindset must embrace as converts to YESHUA as little children, in all humbleness to the sayings HE gave to HIS chosen disciples and their seal on the words given to the prophets of YAHWEH.

Let us continue to endeavor to place all our care on HIM, growing in HIS WORDS, trusting on HIM, who is able to transform our physical tabernacles into new tabernacles that one day will allow us to see HIM as HE is, and be like HIM, born of the water and the spirit.

This is the promise given to Abraham, and likewise to each of us, if we develop the Kingdom mindset, and, endure until the end.

Shalom Brothers and Sisters!