

Lesson No. 156 – The Comforter, From YAHWEH to YAHSHUA

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It is obvious that ELOHIM designed a plan that from the beginning created man and woman to live on this earth, and in a manner of duality, developed over a long period of time, both physically and spiritually. This development began with a physical emphasis that was meant to lead to a spiritual emphasis; that over that time period would ultimately result in man and woman becoming a part of ELOHIM's spiritual family. When we look back on this plan, ELOHIM founded a nation to showcase this plan and show the world THEIR goodness and gradually include other nations into THEIR showcase. We know that this nation, Yisrael was created for this purpose. Just as man and woman were given their commissions and their commandments to follow; so too was the Nation of Yisrael. Yet, we all know the story. Yisrael, struggled to uphold its part of the covenant it made with YAHWEH of ELOHIM.

As we have studied man and woman over the years, one thing rings continues to be true. From the beginning of man, even until this day, ELOHIM has known that man and woman could not overcome the efforts of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil without help from above. And, a part of this overcoming has been made even more difficult because even within the Household of Faith, the knowledge of the true identity of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil has been misidentified. There have been strong men and women, who have factored mightily in man's progress. Yet, without assistance, their progress could not have grown according to the established plan. Even today, as we count the cost in our individual as well as collective lives as called out ones, we alone cannot withstand the desire of that tree to devour each of us. We constantly have need of assistance. And so, this is why we will once again discuss "Lesson No. 156 – The Comforter, From YAHWEH to YAHSHUA".

Over the years, I often use the nouns ELOHIM and YAHWEH. It may seem to some that I use these nouns interchangeably. This is not the case. Let's make sure we are all on the same page.

In the beginning, there was ELOHIM.

- Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

This word GOD is the Hebrew word ELOHIM.

- Gen 1:3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

This again is ELOHIM. In fact, this is consistent throughout ELOHIM's WORD.

- Gen 1:6 And ELOHIM said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.
- Gen 1:9 And ELOHIM said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry *land* appear: and it was so.
- Gen 1:11 And ELOHIM said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, *and* the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed *is* in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.
- Gen 1:14 And ELOHIM said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:
- Gen 1:21 And ELOHIM created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and ELOHIM saw that *it was* good.

- Gen 1:22 And **ELOHIM blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas**, and let fowl multiply in the earth.

Notice here how that when these animals were created, they were blessed by ELOHIM and given their commission; “be fruitful, and multiply”.

- Gen 1:24 And ELOHIM said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.

In each of these scriptures, we see ELOHIM molding the clay of creation in various forms to inhabit the prize creation of the universe, the earth. Now, ELOHIM is ready to create the prize earthly molding, and in doing so, ELOHIM begins to reveal something about HIMSELF. I say HIMSELF because the word ELOHIM is presented in a male tense.

- Gen 1:26 And ELOHIM said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. Gen 1:27 So ELOHIM created man in his *own* image, in the image of ELOHIM created he him; male and female created he them.

Now notice how HIS creation took on a different tone. ELOHIM now informs us that HE is actually made up of more than one potters; i.e., more than one creators. And, these creators created man in THEIR image. ELOHIM also tells us in a very subtle manner that there are two creators. This prize creation, the man was created on the principle of duality, for notice in verse 27 HE created the man in HIS image. Yet, HE created them male and female, two, to showcase the ultimate spiritual image He desired man and woman to obtain from the beginning. So, we see THEY were establishing this most important principle right from the beginning. If we fast forward to the end of the story, the beginning is clearly manifested.

- Rev 22:1 And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of ELOHIM and of the Lamb.
- Rev 22:3 And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of ELOHIM and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

Notice that there is only one throne, the throne of ELOHIM and of the Lamb; i.e., the throne of ELOHIM. This is ELOHIM; two spiritual entities who together created this great universe that includes the earth. How difficult mankind has made such simplicity. Now, let's grow in our understanding.

- Gen 2:2 And on the seventh day ELOHIM ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. Gen 2:3 And ELOHIM blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which ELOHIM created and made.

So, we see this spiritual duo continuing in its creation, creating the seventh day, which would help frame the plan made for man.

- Gen 2:4 **These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that YAHWEH ELOHIM made the earth and the heavens,**

Now all of a sudden ELOHIM presents HIMSELF a little differently. HE is now YAHWEH ELOHIM. A careful study of this rendering should be YAHWEH of ELOHIM.

And notice how YAHWEH of ELOHIM presents HIMSELF.

- Gen 2:5 And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for YAHWEH ELOHIM had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and *there was* not a man to till the ground.
- Gen 2:7 And **YAHWEH ELOHIM formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.** Gen 2:8 And YAHWEH ELOHIM planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Gen 2:9 And out of the ground made YAHWEH ELOHIM to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Within these verses, we can see that YAHWEH of ELOHIM presents HIMSELF as the one who actually performed the creation of the earth and all its inhabitants. Why did ELOHIM choose to very early on inform those of us who accept HIS WORD about YAHWEH? One reason is that the rest of the WORD presented to mankind is based on the relationship between ELOHIM and man. And, as we have grown to understand more of the knowledge given us, ELOHIM's plan was for only one of the two of THEM to be presented to man. And as such, within the concept of duality, the principle of oneness is maintained; a principle based upon total unity and trust between two or more entities; first ELOHIM the family, secondly man and woman, and third and even more importantly, those would eventually believe in and trust in THEM. If man, over the time of the carrying out this plan could grasp this concept of unity and trust, he could grow towards the spiritual oneness that was desired from the very beginning. Once YAHWEH of ELOHIM was presented, YAHWEH could proceed with the plan.

- Gen 4:1 And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from YAHWEH.

Now, after informing us that it was the member of the ELOHIM family presented as YAHWEH of ELOHIM that actually carried out ELOHIM's creation, for the first time, we see only YAHWEH alone dealing with man. The word LORD is the tetragrammaton YHWH, pronounced YAHWEH, commonly called Jehovah in modernity.

- Gen 4:3 And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto YAHWEH. Gen 4:4 And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And YAHWEH had respect unto Abel and to his offering:
- Gen 4:6 And YAHWEH said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?
- Gen 4:9 And YAHWEH said unto Cain, Where *is* Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: *Am* I my brother's keeper? Gen 4:10 And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground. Gen 4:11 And now *art* thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand; Gen 4:12 When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth.

So, right from the beginning we see how ELOHIM was presented as they will be presented in the end, as two operating as one. And then, by design, one of the two began to carry out THEIR plan of creation, and even having conversations with man.

As we have proceeded in our growth in understanding this plan, we know that YAHWEH eventually became flesh in order to die for the prize creation of ELOHIM. Why? Because man and woman seemed to never be able to carry out their commissions on their own. On their own, they constantly failed.

Now, whether this was in the original plan or not, I DO NOT KNOW. What I do know is that when YAHWEH became flesh, HE began to enlighten us as to who ELOHIM was.

- Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with ELOHIM, and the Word was ELOHIM. Joh 1:2 The same was in the beginning with ELOHIM. 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. Joh 1:5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

We need to understand this term “Word”. It is translated from the Greek word “logos”, which means spokesman. And equally as important, it is taken from the Greek word “lego”, which means to lay forth or set discourse. This implies that HE, YAHWEH, now known as YAHSHUA, was in charge of overseeing the plan of ELOHIM as both the SPOKESPERSON and also the ONE who would lay it forth and set it in motion. It was HE who delivered the plan to man from the beginning.

- Joh 1:10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. Joh 1:11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.
- Joh 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

The Apostle John (Yochanon) was chosen to present this process; to present YAHWEH who under the New Covenant, came to man as YAHSHUA. And as the Apostle presented this process to us, we read something very interesting.

- Joh 1:17 For **the law was given by Moses**, *but* **grace and truth came by YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC**.

- Joh 1:18 No man hath seen ELOHIM at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared *him*.

Here we see Moses being presented as being a major, major person of interest. By implication here, Moses gave man the law. And, it was a major part of the plan, that is, until YAHWEH, as YAHSHUA, showed up to give man grace and truth.

I don't know about you, but this says to me that something was missing in the law given by Moses, if YAHWEH had to come and provide man with both grace and truth. Notice the strength assigned to this revelation as Yochanon is led to write that NO MAN HAS SEEN ELOHIM AT ANY TIME.

By ELOHIM, he is talking about that member of ELOHIM that is only spoken of in a few places in the Old Covenant, but presented as the FATHER in the New Covenant.

- Joh 3:12 If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you *of* heavenly things? Joh 3:13 And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, *even* the Son of man which is in heaven.

Notice how YAHSHUA begins to teach truths that the Old Covenant did not make clear. From Adam to now, no man or woman has gone up to heaven. Verse 13 informs us that HE, now the SON of MAN, came down from heaven.

- Joh 3:16 For ELOHIM so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Joh 3:17 For ELOHIM sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

When HAMASHIAC was presented to Yisrael, their non-acceptance of HIM shows they didn't think they needed HIS help. Why, because they had Moses, or so they thought. I wonder, has this changed in modernity? Thankfully, HE knew better. And because ELOHIM knew this, one of them had to intercede on man's behalf.

- Joh 5:37 And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. **Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape.**

Remember, from Adam and Cain until today, man has only spoke to and seen YAHWEH, now YAHSHUA. When I recently ask a leadership group of the Church of God International (CGI), who did Moses and the prophets speak to and get their directions from, the only response was God. I sometimes wonder, is the leadership of these various groups within the Household of Faith studying for themselves, or simply flowing along with whatever their individual group hierchy is teaching.

That being said, let's look at the first mention of a comforter in ELOHIM's WORD. We love to quote the man considered to be the wisest man to ever live, Solomon.

- Ecc 4:1 **So I returned, and considered all the oppressions that are done under the sun: and behold the tears of such as were oppressed, and they had no comforter; and on the side of their oppressors there was power; but they had no comforter.**

In this age of the coronavirus and governmental corruption, where is the comforter? Now, let's look back to see what led Solomon to say this.

- Ecc 3:1 To every *thing there is* a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

- Ecc 3:9 What profit hath he that worketh in that wherein he laboureth?
- Ecc 3:16 And moreover I saw under the sun the place of judgment, *that* wickedness *was* there; and the place of righteousness, *that* iniquity *was* there. Ecc 3:17 I said in mine heart, ELOHIM shall judge the righteous and the wicked: for *there is* a time there for every purpose and for every work. Ecc 3:18 I said in mine heart concerning the estate of the sons of men, that ELOHIM might manifest them, and that they might see that they themselves are beasts. Ecc 3:19 For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them: as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath; so that a man hath no preeminence above a beast: for all *is* vanity. Ecc 3:20 All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again. Ecc 3:21 Who knoweth the spirit of man that goeth upward, and the spirit of the beast that goeth downward to the earth? Ecc 3:22 Wherefore I perceive that *there is* nothing better, than that a man should rejoice in his own works; for that *is* his portion: for who shall bring him to see what shall be after him?

So, we see that Solomon was bemoaning man's physical presence and vanity when he spoke of a comforter; a Hebrew word "macham" which means to sigh or to feel sorrow or pity, or to avenge. Both the CJB and NASB present the verse as follows.

- Ecc 4:1 Then I looked again at all the acts of oppression which were being done under the sun. And behold *I saw* the tears of the oppressed and *that* they had no one to comfort *them*; and on the side of their oppressors was power, but they had no one to comfort *them*.

Here, the oppressed had no comforter. This word comforter is only in the Old Covenant two other times.

- Lam 1:9 **Her filthiness is in her skirts; she remembereth not her last end; therefore she came down wonderfully: she had no comforter.** O YAHWEH, behold my affliction: for the enemy hath magnified *himself*.

We read how that YAHWEH was sought out to comfort this affliction.

- Lam 1:16 **For these things I weep; mine eye, mine eye runneth down with water, because the comforter that should relieve my soul is far from me: my children are desolate, because the enemy prevailed.**

As we read these verses today, we must wonder. Was this a prophecy of the conditions to befall upon the Children of Yisrael (COY) in modernity. This week, I heard a lesson by the European leadership of the CGI on The Birthright, where they focused only on what they perceived to be the birthright promises of Yisrael given to the two sons of Yosef, Ephraim and Manasseh. And of course, by their interpretations, only the US and Great Britain could possibly fulfill these promises of wealth and materialism. Again, this teaches me that these groups fail to study the full package of the part we have been given, because they fail to acknowledge that Yosef and his two sons are included with all of the COY in that they broke their covenant with YAHWEH and were sent into captivity amongst the nations of the world where they would not become a nation of wealth. If we, as the Household of Faith are being led by YAHWEH, we must include all that HE has set forth into our conclusions.

So, in the first uses of the word comforter we see the concept of needing to be comforted, or needing someone to have pity on another.

Now in the 1st chapter of John, verse 17, we read that the law was given by Moses. This language puts Moses in a very, very, lofty place before ELOHIM. Now there are some who teach that Moses was the first intercessor. Why am I mentioning this, you might ask?

Well, the concept of comforter is also all about an intercessor. Let's return to see something in Genesis the 4th chapter.

- Gen 4:13 And Cain said unto YAHWEH, My punishment *is* greater than I can bear. Gen 4:14 Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth; and from thy face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth; and it shall come to pass, *that* every one that findeth me shall slay me.

So, we find YAHWEH punishing Cain for slaying his brother. Yet Cain was disturbed because he would now be driven out and away from the presence of YAHWEH. It is safe to say he was in discomfort.

- Gen 4:15 And YAHWEH said unto him, Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And YAHWEH set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him. Gen 4:16 And Cain went out from the presence of YAHWEH, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden.

Here with Cain, we see another aspect of YAHWEH. HE comforted Cain, and perhaps even more importantly, became Cain's protector. This is the first indication of HIS role as a comforter to man. YAHWEH comforted Cain, and interceded on his behalf.

- Gen 4:25 And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth: For ELOHIM, *said she*, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew. Gen 4:26 And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: **then began men to call upon the name of YAHWEH.**

Why would men begin to call upon the name of YAHWEH? Mankind obviously developed a relationship with YAHWEH. Yet, when mankind is in need, it always seeks a comforter, an intercessor.

However, ultimately, mankind seems to always forget the requirements needed to maintain this relationship.

- Gen 6:5 And ELOHIM saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every imagination of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually. Gen 6:6 And it repented YAHWEH that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. Gen 6:7 And YAHWEH said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them. Gen 6:8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of YAHWEH.
- Gen 7:1 And YAHWEH said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation.

Then came the flood and a reset in the plan. However, with Noah, YAHWEH saw righteousness and interceded on the behalf of Noah and his family. So, from the beginning, we see that YAHWEH was the first comforter and intercessor man ever knew.

After Noah's descendants repopulated the earth, it was time for ELOHIM to implement the key act in their plan, Yisrael. This began with Abram.

- Gen 12:1 Now YAHWEH had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: Gen 12:2 And **I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:** Gen 12:3 And **I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.**

YAHWEH interceded on Abram's behalf, first promising to make of him a great nation.

We remember how we have read how that Abram had his wife tell Pharaoh she was his sister in fear for his life.

- Gen 12:17 And YAHWEH plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai Abram's wife.

YAHWEH interceded for Abram. I want us to understand that YAHWEH has always served a role as comforter and intercessor to HIS servants and mankind, beginning with Cain.

Now, just as the Apostle Yochanon in the New Covenant provided a greater understanding of ELOHIM, the New Covenant expands our understanding of the concept of the comforter. Let's carefully look at YAHSHUA's words to HIS disciples prior to HIS returning to FATHER ELOHIM in heaven.

- Joh 14:16 And **I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;**

Now, this is the first mention of a comforter in the New Covenant. And as is much of how the New Covenant was presented to mankind, it incorporated obvious changes. This word comforter is translated from the Greek word "parakletos", which means consoler, intercessor or advocate. And notice here that YAHSHUA says HE will pray that the Father gives them, HIS disciples, **another** comforter; **another** intercessor or advocate.

This strongly suggests that they previously had a different comforter than the one HE is now promising to them. Who was these disciples' first comforter? Who interceded for them? I believe if we all take a step back and open our minds and our thoughts, we can see that YAHSHUA was the comforter to HIS disciples. We also know that YAHSHUA was YAHWEH in the flesh. And to this end, we have now read where YAHWEH was the original comforter of mankind. YAHSHUA continues in HIS teaching.

- Joh 14:17 *Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.*

Now this verse must be read very carefully to fully comprehend what we are being instructed. Often, when we see the word spirit, we perceive of some non-earthly entity. However, let's understand the total and dual context of what is being presented here. What is the spirit of truth?

There are 3 other verses where this phrase “spirit of truth” occurs in scripture. However, before we read those, we need to consider the next verse.

- Joh 14:18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

YAHSHUA makes a very strong statement here, which many within the Household of Faith use to conclude that YAHSHUA HIMSELF is the Comforter whom HE prayed for the FATHER to send to HIS disciples. And, we are reading how that the disciples will not be left comfortless, why? Because YAHSHUA said HE would come to them. Well, here again is where too many are failing to consider the entire part we have been given. In next Sabbath's Lesson No. 157 – Faith In The Comforter, we will discuss how that YAHSHUA did come and shall come to HIS disciples in greater detail.

- Joh 15:26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: Joh 15:27 And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.

So YAHSHUA continues this dialogue by saying when the parakletos, the intercessor and Comforter is come, sent by YAHSHUA from the Father, the “spirit of truth”; He or it shall testify only of YAHSHUA.

Interesting words here. What else do we see that testified of YAHSHUA?

- Joh 5:39 **Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.**

Here HE is talking about the Old Covenant scriptures which testified of HIM. So, in the future, the “spirit of truth” would testify of HIM also, except now, as YAHSHUA rather than as YAHWEH.

Let’s look at the next example of this phrase, also in the Book of Yochanon.

- Joh 16:12 **I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.** Joh 16:13 **Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.**

Brothers and Sisters in the faith, if we truly seek to identify who or what this Spirit of Truth is in faith, also known as the Comforter, also known as the Holy Spirit of the New Covenant, we must incorporate these words from the mouth of YAHSHUA HIMSELF into our understanding of this most important spiritual equation. YAHSHUA told HIS disciples that there were other things HE wanted to share with them, but at that time, they couldn’t handle it. Yet, once the “spirit of truth” comes, it will guide them into “all truth”, speaking not of himself, but whatsoever he hears, and will show them things to come. Is there a need for me or anyone else to interpret these words from YAHWEH of ELOHIM!!

- Joh 16:14 **He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.** Joh 16:15 **All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.**

This “spirit of truth” will glorify YAHSHUA, and take “of mine”, which is simply another way of saying “take from Me” and shew it or give it to the disciples. Is this not bringing to the Household of Faith a clearer understanding of this “Spirit of Truth”; that is, if we are being led by the Spirit of Truth?

The final instance of this phrase is also from Yochanon, one of those disciples of whom YAHSHUA prayed to FATHER ELOHIM about, just prior to HIS becoming our PASSOVER, for those who would believe of HIM through their words. Remember?

- 1Jn 4:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of ELOHIM: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. 1Jn 4:2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of ELOHIM: Every spirit that confesseth that YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC is come in the flesh is of ELOHIM: 1Jn 4:3 And every spirit that confesseth not that YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC is come in the flesh is not of ELOHIM: and this is that *spirit* of antiHAMASHIAC, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. 1Jn 4:4 **Ye are of ELOHIM, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.** 1Jn 4:5 **They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them.** 1Jn 4:6 We are of ELOHIM: he that knoweth ELOHIM heareth us; he that is not of ELOHIM heareth not us. **Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.**

How powerful is this? And again, I urge us to remember the duality of the ELOHIM’s WORD. There are various kinds of spirits. We now know that ELOHIM is two spiritual beings presented in a concept of one unit. The Spirit of Truth that confesses that YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC is come in the flesh as of ELOHIM, also must teach us that YAHSHUA was YAHWEH before HE would come in the flesh as YAHSHUA.

And in having this spirit within us, we know that “greater is he that is in us, than he that is in the world”. This is how we know that we are being led by the “Spirit of Truth”. Think about all that we have read thus far in this lesson. All of this is a part of our learning how “that YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC is come in the flesh is of ELOHIM”. Remember this scripture?

- Joh 4:24 **ELOHIM is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.**

Here we see two types of spirits. First, the spiritual essence of the Father; and then the spirit by which we must worship HIM; the Spirit of Truth.

Now, Satan is a created spiritual being. Let’s read about him.

- Eze 28:13 Thou hast been in Eden the garden of ELOHIM; every precious stone *was* thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. Eze 28:14 Thou *art* the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee *so*: thou wast upon the holy mountain of ELOHIM; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Eze 28:15 Thou *wast* perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. Eze 28:16 By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of ELOHIM: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

This is Satan, the tree of the knowledge of good and evil; also, the father of lies.

- Joh 8:44 Ye are of *your* father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for **he is a liar, and the father of it.**

1 John 4:6 spoke about the “spirit of truth” and the “spirit of error”. Let us reason together. How is the knowledge of good and evil manifested to us? How is the spirit of truth manifested to us? In John 8:44 it says there is no truth in Satan because he **speaks** lies. Let’s revisit this.

- Gen 3:9 And the YAHWEH ELOHIM called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where *art* thou? Gen 3:10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I *was* naked; and I hid myself. Gen 3:11 And he said, Who told thee that thou *wast* naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

If, we are being led by the Spirit of Truth, these verses alone should have taught every member of the Household of faith the identity of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and, the spirit of error. Just as HE did to the Pharisees in the new Covenant, YAHWEH is identifying the ultimate liar to Adam. When Adam told YAHWEH why he was hiding, what was the very first thing HE said? “Who told you that you were naked?” Did others in the Household of Faith not read this? Or, are they simply ignoring this to accept the teachings of their individual group leadership? And if it is the latter, they are living in dangerous territory because they are allowing the subtlety of the spirit of error to teach them.

After YAHWEH ask that question, HE ask Adam a second question. “Have you eaten of the tree, that I told you not to eat?” It was YAHWEH of ELOHIM who plainly equated Adam being told something with his also eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

He told Eve a lie. There is no truth in him. His lies are manifested in the words that he and his fellow spirits speak. Contrarily, the “spirit of truth” guides us in “all truth”.

Now here is where we once again must accept the principle of duality. The spirit of truth is manifested to us in two ways. And understanding these ways is the key to our understanding and walking in “the spirit of truth”.

First, let’s remember, YAHWEH was the first comforter. HE clarified HIMSELF through the Apostle Yochanon as the “WORD”. It is HE that gives the WORD of ELOHIM to man and woman. Again, the question is how is this manifested; how does YAHWEH provide man and woman with this truth? HE was faithful to not leave us in doubt, just like HE clarified in the New Covenant the true definition of sin.

- Rev 1:1 **The Revelation of YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC, which ELOHIM gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:** Rev 1:2 **Who bare record of the word of ELOHIM, and of the testimony of YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC, and of all things that he saw.**

Remember when YAHSHUA told HIS disciples HE had more to tell them, when they were able to receive it? HE said this would become clearer when the other comforter is come unto them. This was obviously the Apostle Yochanon’s primary commission; to clarify the mission of the Comforter that was to come. Here we see it in operation. What was the first revelation we are taught by Yochanon’s testimony?

The FATHER is obviously the master planner. YAHSHUA is the WORD. YAHSHUA gives this WORD, which HE received from the FATHER, to HIS angel (HIS ministering spirit), who gives it to man. Here is the first side of this duality. Spiritual beings are sent from the FATHER by the SON to minister unto man HIS truth to mankind. What is the other side?

- Joh 17:15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. Joh 17:16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Joh 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

YAHSHUA acknowledges in HIS prayer to the FATHER that the FATHER's word is truth. HE earlier told us the following.

- 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.** Joh 6:64 But there are some of you that believe not. For YAHSHUA 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.**

So, we now know that the FATHER's word is truth. We also know YAHSHUA speaks the FATHER's words. These words are spirit and are life. So, we have the full duality principle at work. Angels, which are spirits, are sent to us from YAHWEH, one of the two supreme SPIRITS, and also the first comforter, to give us the truth of ELOHIM. The 65th verse we just read also provides an interesting backdrop in that this concept of ELOHIM may not have been understandable to those that lived during and under the Old Covenant.

However, there is still some clarity needed to understand the Comforter YAHSHUA spoke about to HIS disciples. Let's revisit something we read earlier.

- Joh 14:16 And **I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever;**

- Joh 14:17 *Even **the Spirit of truth***; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for **he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.** Joh 14:18 **I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.**

These verses have created such a variation of teachings amongst Biblical readers; particularly verse 18. Why, because the principle of duality is not widely taught. Let's see if we can break this down.

- 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, YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC the righteous:**

Now we come to the conclusion of the matter. The Apostle who gave clarity to YAHWEH and ELOHIM, now gives us more clarity on the comforter. He tells us here that we have an advocate who is none other than YAHSHUA. This word advocate is translated from the Greek word, guess what, "parakletos". Yes, it is the same word as comforter, which means advocate as well as intercessor.

YAHSHUA is and always was the Comforter, and the intercessor. However, we must understand how HE, the ultimate COMFORTER works operates with mankind. When HE tells the disciples HE will come to them, what is HE saying? Is HE personally coming back to them prior to the resurrection? How would HE comfort them? This has confused many within the Household of Faith community.

HE said HE would "send" the "spirit of truth", which we know consists of HIS angels, HIS messengers, and the words they would convey to HIS followers. This is how HE spoke the words of HIS revelation to the Apostle Yochanon. HE also said the spirit of truth would not speak of himself. So, we cannot simply say YAHSHUA is the comforter without also recognizing the fuller picture of the comforter principle. YAHWEH gave us so much to guide us.

Because we know that the “spirit of truth” would not speak of himself, we must accept that this concept is not YAHSHUA HIMSELF, but something or someone else who would guide YAHSHUA’s followers in all truth about YAHSHUA by what he or it actually heard from YAHSHUA. This truth includes the fact that if man and woman are willing to trust in YAHWEH’s words, HE would be our comforter, our intercessor. Yet, HIS words inform us HE would do so through another comforter, another intercessor. Women, remember this example?

- 1Co 11:10 **For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head because of the angels.**

Why does the Apostle Paul exhort the woman to cover her head because of the angels? Isn’t it because these angels both comfort and intercede on behalf of all women who walk in the ways of YAHWEH, which would include her covering her head during prayers and her prophesying as a spiritual protocol?

Let’s look at another prime example, starting in the Book of Revelations.

- Rev 22:16 **I YAHSHUA have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches.** I am the root and the offspring of David, *and* the bright and morning star.

Here, YAHSHUA sent HIS angel to testify HIS and the FATHER’s truths. If we live by it, truth is always comforting.

- Exo 20:22 And **YAHWEH said unto Moses, Thus thou shalt say unto the children of Yisrael, Ye have seen that I have talked with you from heaven.**

So, we see this is YAHWEH talking to Moses.

- Exo 21:1 Now these *are* the judgments which thou shalt set before them.

YAHWEH gives the COY HIS judgements through Moses.

- Exo 23:20 **Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared.** Exo 23:21 Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgressions: for my name *is* in him. Exo 23:22 But if thou shalt indeed obey his voice, and do all that I speak; then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries. Exo 23:23 For mine Angel shall go before thee, and bring thee in unto the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites: and I will cut them off.

Wow! So, we see YAHWEH operating in the Old Covenant the same way YAHSHUA operated in the New Covenant. Here HE sent HIS angel before the COY to intercede on Yisrael's behalf. This angel would intercede for them as long they were in obedience. They were hardheaded.

- Isa 63:7 I will mention the loving kindnesses of YAHWEH, *and* the praises of YAHWEH, according to all that YAHWEH hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Yisrael, which he hath bestowed on them according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his loving kindnesses. Isa 63:8 For he said, Surely they *are* my people, children *that* will not lie: so he was their Saviour.

YAHWEH was the savior of the COY.

- Isa 63:9 **In all their affliction he was afflicted,** and **the angel of his presence saved them:** in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old.

As the COY were afflicted, YAHWEH had pity on them. HE was their comforter. HE gave them another comforter, HIS angel, to comfort and intercede for them; saving them, bearing them, and carrying them.

- Isa 63:10 **But they rebelled, and vexed his holy Spirit: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, and he fought against them.**

However, the COY rebelled and vexed HIS holy spirit, HIS angel, sent to be their comforter; who then turned to be their enemy. This is a lesson to each of us from long ago.

Now what about this Moses. Was he an intercessor?

- Isa 63:11 **Then he remembered the days of old, Moses, and his people,** *saying*, Where *is* he that brought them up out of the sea with the shepherd of his flock? **where is he that put his holy Spirit within him?** Isa 63:12 That led *them* by the right hand of Moses with his glorious arm, dividing the water before them, to make himself an everlasting name?

In verse 11 it says “within him”. It obviously should read “within or in the midst of **them**”. Here YAHWEH led the COY with HIS angel, HIS holy spirit, by Moses. We know that Moses consistently interceded for the COY to YAHWEH. We should also recognize that Moses was metaphorically elevated to a position representative of YAHSHUA.

- Act 3:19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; Act 3:20 And he shall send YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC, which before was preached unto you: Act 3:21 Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which ELOHIM hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

- Act 3:22 For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall YAHWEH your ELOHIM raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.

The Apostle Peter, speaking at the Feast of Weeks, repeats Moses words from Deuteronomy 18:15 where Moses said: “YAHWEH thy ELOHIM will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken”. So yes, Moses was an intercessor to the COY in the image of YAHSHUA, who was to come.

And finally, let’s remember how the comforter originally came to the disciples; which is another seemingly mistaught doctrine in the midst of the Household of Faith.

- Act 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. Act 1:9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

This holy spirit here is the comforter that was to be sent, even the “spirit of truth”.

- Act 2:1 And when the fiftieth day was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. Act 2:2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. Act 2:3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

These cloven tongues were angelic beings sent from the FATHER by YAHSHUA to intercede for the disciples.

- Act 2:4 And **they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.**

And now the disciples were filled with the holy spirit, the word of ELOHIM, brought to them by the angelic beings. And, as they spoke, something quite phenomenal happened.

- Act 2:5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. Act 2:6 Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. Act 2:7 And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? Act 2:8 And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?

The Apostles spoke the WORD of ELOHIM by these the angelic beings, appearing as cloven tongues translating their words into all the various languages of the Yehudans attending the Feast of Weeks, who came from various countries. Yet, they were all Yehudans, including what we now know included a remnant of the Nation of Yisrael. This was to happen once more, with the Apostle Peter and the first Gentile baptized into the church, Cornelius.

- Act 10:44 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. Act 10:45 And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that **on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.** Act 10:46 For **they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify ELOHIM.** Then answered Peter,
- Act 11:15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning.

In this verse, we discover that the events that occurred with Cornelius happened just as it did with the disciples at the Feast of Weeks. Isn't teaching us, without specifically saying it, that there were cloven tongues over the head of Cornelius on this occasion? The comforter was sent to Cornelius at it was sent to the disciples at the Feast of Weeks.

We see where the angels intercede on the behalf of YAHWEH's/YAHSHUA's people. But, let's make no doubt about it. YAHWEH of the New Covenant, who is also YAHSHUA of the New Covenant, was and is the comforter to all those who worship the FATHER in "spirit and in truth". To these, HE provides another comforter, HIS holy spirit, even "the spirit of truth". If we are walking "in spirit and in truth" it is not based on vain simplistic thoughts. To each of us, any angelic spirit YAHSHUA sends to us to comfort us or to intercede for us, is our other comforter, our other intercessor.

Many are not now able to understand this, which is why the Apostle Yochanon followed his words about YAHSHUA, the advocate with the following:

- 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.***

This word propitiation is taken from the Greek word "hilamos" which means atonement. YAHSHUA made atonement for 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 ELOHIM 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.

No comments necessary here.

- Heb 3:13 But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. Heb 3:14 For **we are made partakers of HAMASHIAC, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end;** Heb 3:15 While it is said, **Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts,** as in the provocation.

If we are led by the Spirit of Truth, the other comforter, we have heard HIS voice, beginning with HIS WORD given to Moses, the intercessor and human comforter to the COY. However, the Spirit of Truth has also enlightened us to the fact that there exists a counterfeit spirit of error, which speaks lies by mixing a little truth to cover the lies. Through the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, we have heard the words of YAHWEH and YAHSHUA. And if we have heard HIS words, we must not harden our hearts, as in provocation, as our ancestors so obviously did.

They are our examples of foolishness, for which their descendants are paying a dear price today in modernity.

So, for us today, men and women of the Household of Faith, the Apostle Yochanon in 1Yochanon the 4th chapter admonished us to test every spirit whether or not it testifies of YAHSHUA in truth. If it does, it probably is our other comforter, and if so, let us not harden our hearts, no matter what those other spirits, which profess not YAHSHUA, YAHWEH of ELOHIM, seek to convict us on; and regardless of what source they use to convey their message of error and of lies.

So, when someone says to you that YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC is the Holy Spirit, agree with them. Yes, HE is my COMFORTER. HE sits at the right hand of the FATHER, and HE intercedes for me.

And then ask them the following: But, are you being led by the other Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, that HE promised that would come from the FATHER, be sent to us by HIM, that would speak not of himself, but of YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC, based on what he has been told by ELOHIM? If not, you need to repent, be baptized, and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, another comforter.

Shalom!