Lesson No. 159 – Are We Sure Of The Tree or Trees, From Which We Are Eating?

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We have been very blessed to discuss a great variety of subjects within ELOHIM's WORD, and yet we each should know that we are only scratching the surface of the part we have been given. Recently, in Lesson No. 142, we repeated a discussion about the Trees of ELOHIM, Which Will We Become.

Well, recently I have heard some very interesting thoughts from others who purport to be members of the Household of Faith. I myself do not judge who is or who isn't as such. However, the scripture teaches us the following:

• Mat 7:15 <u>Beware of false prophets</u>, <u>which come to you in sheep's clothing</u>, <u>but inwardly they are ravening wolves</u>. Mat 7:16 <u>Ye shall know them by their fruits</u>. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Mat 7:17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. Mat 7:18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither *can* a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Mat 7:19 <u>Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire</u>. Mat 7:20 <u>Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them</u>.

I believe these verses are not given their adequate consequence by the members of the Household of Faith. We attend the appointed times of YAHWEH. And we seem to believe that this is enough, because at the same time, we offer spiritual thoughts that are borderline totally unreasonable.

For an example, a Brother of the Household of Faith asserted that each of days of creation week were 24-hour time periods.

He asserted this in very strong terms, yet without looking at the big picture. Every member of the Household of Faith should be familiar with the Apostle Paul's admonishment.

• Eph 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

Have no doubt Brothers and Sisters, we are encouraged to be strong in YAHSHUA, and in the power of HIS might. This has been encouraged of man from the very beginning of creation. The question is, however, how do we, as this man created to exist for a while on this earth full of flesh, be strong in YAHSHUA. The Apostle answers this question for us.

• Eph 6:11 Put on the whole armour of ELOHIM, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

He says for us to put on the whole armor of ELOHIM, so that we can stand against the wills of Satan the devil. And what is the whole armor of ELOHIM? The Apostle teaches us in verses 14-18 of this chapter that it is the truth (the breastplate of righteousness), the gospel of peace, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, and most importantly, the sword of the spirit, which is the WORD of ELOHIM. These all represent the full armor of ELOHIM. And, we have always needed these things because of the following.

• Eph 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*. Eph 6:13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of ELOHIM, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

With that understanding, let's discuss a very important thought process that each of us must continually confront. Let's ask the question of Lesson No. 159 –Are We Sure Of The Tree or Trees From Which We Are Eating?

YAHSHUA offers the warning to us to beware of false prophets, which come to us in sheep's clothing. Have we truly confronted the issue of potential false prophets in our lives, and, in the midst of the Household of Faith?

• Mat 24:24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if *it were* possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

We have been warned of the presence of those who will lead us astray. They shall portray themselves as if they are Christs and prophets in order to deceive the very elect.

• 2Pe 2:1 But there were false prophets also among the people, <u>even as</u> there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. 2Pe 2:2 And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

How is the truth "evil spoken of"? Any teacher or pastor who speaks words to others that are not found in ELOHIM's WORD is speaking evil of the truth. These false prophets shall be accompanied by false teachers among us whom many will follow.

So, why am I reading about false prophets and false teachers? YAHSHUA said beware of these false prophets. They are amongst us. It is the duty of each person who sincerely believe they have repented and been baptized in the name of YAHSHUA to discern their surroundings, and even more importantly, to discern that their own fruit that they themselves grow and feed to the Brethren is full of the vitamins that is found only in ELOHIM's WORD, as given to those drawn, called and chosen through the protocol established by ELOHIM from the very beginning.

In fact, discerning whether or not our own fruit is good fruit is essential. As we do this, we must remember certain required protocols that began in the beginning and have never waned throughout the totality of the part we have been given, even the WORD of ELOHIM.

• Isa 55:8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith YAHWEH. Isa 55:9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

When I myself repented and was baptized, I was incredibly excited to join what I thought was this unusual group of persons who had chosen to walk in the same direction, with the goal of getting to the Kingdom of ELOHIM through the growth in ELOHIM's WORD, only. However, at times I believe we forget this important protocol. YAHWEH's thoughts are not our thoughts. They are HIS thoughts. HIS ways are HIS ways, and they are higher than our ways, just as HIS thoughts are higher than our thoughts.

• Isa 55:10 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: Isa 55:11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

Just as we visually see the effect of HIS rain upon the earth causing the growth of life sustaining food, HIS WORD goes forth from HIS mouth to accomplish HIS pleasure, prospering where HE sends it.

And, what the Household of Faith should without hesitation totally agree upon is the protocol by which HIS WORD goes forth out of HIS mouth. We must be careful not to interfere with our own thoughts that do not measure up to HIS thoughts, or speak our own words, that do not measure up to HIS words. This next verse has amazing implications about this protocol.

• Isa 55:12 For <u>ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace</u>: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and <u>all the trees of the field shall clap their hands</u>.

If we are walking in HIS words, joyful should we be. We are being led forth with peace. And then HE said that "the mountains and the hills shall break forth before us into singing"; and, "all the trees of the field shall clap their hands". Who then are these trees of the field who shall clap their hands? Are these the trees we see that grow the physical fruit that nourishes our physical bodies? Are these the Brothers and Sisters we studied about in Lesson No. 142, who become trees?

YAHSHUA gave us much to understand this, and to caution us.

Mat 13:24 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, <u>The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field</u>: Mat 13:25 But <u>while men slept</u>, <u>his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat</u>, and went his way.

This is why we must continuously discern our sources. Once the seed is sown, trees will develop in the field. However, the enemy of this man sows tares in the midst of these that also shall grow into trees.

• Mat 13:36 Then YAHSHUA sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field. Mat 13:37 He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; Mat 13:38 The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; Mat 13:39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.

These verses teach us much from ELOHIM's WORD. We now know that the field is the world.

We know that YAHSHUA, then the Son of Man, sowed the good seed. And being that every member of the Household of Faith should be totally understanding of who YAHSHUA was in the beginning of creation, we know that HE first sowed this good seed to Adam, which we are going to take another look at shortly. But pay close attention to these tares. They are sown in the midst of the good seed, and, they are sown by Satan, the serpent. As we shall see, he has been doing so since the beginning. Which is why it is so important that we understand that we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but spiritual forces of wickedness, from which our only protection is the whole armor of ELOHIM.

But first let's look at a couple of parables reflecting joy as offered by YAHSHUA.

• Luk 15:4 What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it? Luk 15:5 And when he hath found *it*, he layeth *it* on his shoulders, rejoicing. Luk 15:6 And when he cometh home, he calleth together *his* friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost.

This happens to us in so many ways, whether we are shepherds or even searching for lost items. Our joy is great when we find those lost items.

• Luk 15:7 I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.

Well, HE is telling us how wonderful HE and the hosts of heaven are when one sinner repents, more than of those who need no repentance. This is because a lost soul has been found. YAHSHUA's words have now accomplished their mission and will not come back void.

• Luk 15:8 Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find *it*? Luk 15:9 And when she hath found *it*, she calleth *her* friends and *her* neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost.

This simply continues the thought pattern as she rejoices when the lost piece is found. And then HE says this.

• Luk 15:10 Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of ELOHIM over one sinner that repenteth.

The bottom line is that HIS angels are joyful over one sinner that repented. YAHWEH said that the trees of the field shall clap their hands when HIS WORD prospers and does not come back to HIM void. And sure enough, the trees of the field can be those who receive the good word and walk in it. However, we know through study that ELOHIM has presented HIS WORD on a basis of dualism right from the beginning. And right from the beginning man has failed to identify the spiritual forces that he wrestles with.

If we see the process, when we are drawn to HIM by the FATHER, HE then calls us. We repent and are baptized into HIM; these trees are clapping. The angels are joyful. Who are these trees of the field? We must understand this dualism that has always been present. So, lets once again return to the beginning to gain a greater understanding of the trees that exist in this creation.

• Gen 2:4 These *are* the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the YAHWEH ELOHIM made the earth and the heavens, Gen 2:5 And <u>every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew:</u> for <u>YAHWEH ELOHIM had not caused it to rain upon the earth</u>, and *there was* not a man to till the ground. Gen 2:6 But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.

• Gen 2:7 And the 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.

Here in the beginning of the creation of this earth and heavens, there were plants and herbs, both in the field, which we now know was the world as it existed at that time. It was also called a field because they were yet to grow, because there was no rain upon the earth. They had yet to be watered.

• Gen 2:8 And the YAHWEH ELOHIM planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

Now we see YAHWEH planted something else, a garden in Eden. This garden was planted also in the field, and yet it is described a little different than the plants and the herbs.

• 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.

Now look at the result of YAHWEH planting this garden. In it, HE caused every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food to grow, and also, the Tree of Life in the midst of this garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. These descriptions form what we shall see were the first of the great metaphors in ELOHIM's WORD.

Before YAHWEH allowed man to eat animals for meat, all that mankind ate was from the ground. What we are seeing here is that this included the obvious physical food (the plants and the herbs), and now, we see these trees that are pleasant to the sight, and good for food.

What food were these trees of the garden good for?

So, we have these trees in the garden, not the plants and herbs planted in the field, but in the garden in Eden, along with the Tree of Life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in their midst. Now, even though there are some in the Household of Faith who may be uncertain of this, each of us, I believe, are satisfied about the identity of these two trees planted in the midst of the garden.

Based on our study of ELOHIM's WORD, we know conclusively that the Tree of Life is metaphorically presented as none other than YAHWEH HIMSELF. But, this other tree, the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, continues to be thought by many in the Household of Faith as being a literal physical tree. Some even proclaim that it was an apple tree.

So far, we have read of the plants and herbs planted in the field needing water, and mankind to till them. There is no Biblical record here however of these trees in this garden needing the rain in order for them to grow. At the same time, these trees were "pleasant to the sight, and good for food". If these were not the physical plants and herbs, then what in the heck were they? Earlier, we read these words about these plants and herbs.

• Gen 1:29 And ELOHIM said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

This is an obvious reference to the plants and the herbs in the field that needed the rains in order to grow. The distinction was made when ELOHIM said that these were trees which fruit yielded seed. Obviously, someone might easily say that those trees in the garden that were "pleasant to the sight, and good for food" might also be for physical food. But remember, these trees are pleasant to the sight. There is no evidence that these needed the rain in order to grow, nor is there any mention of them bearing fruit yielding physical seed.

Notice what we learn after the man and woman are punished for their disobedience.

• Gen 3:22 And YAHWEH ELOHIM said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever: Gen 3:23 Therefore YAHWEH ELOHIM sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. Gen 3:24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

Notice this very carefully, this was because of the man's disobedience. It was because that the man chose not to be what he was created to the be, the head of his family which at that time was just he and his wife, he was sent forth from garden. Had he been allowed to remain, he would have had direct access to "take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever".

Earlier, I stated that through study, we know that this Tree of Life was YAHWEH, now YAHSHUA. However, for the benefit of those who may not yet have this understanding, let's allow YAHSHUA HIMSELF teach us of HIMSELF.

• Joh 6:48 <u>I am that bread of life</u>. Joh 6:49 Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. Joh 6:50 <u>This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die</u>. Joh 6:51 <u>I am the living bread which came down from heaven</u>: <u>if any man eat of this bread</u>, <u>he shall live forever</u>: and <u>the bread that I will give is my flesh</u>, <u>which I will give for the life of the world</u>.

So, of Adam, YAHWEH said that unless he "<u>take also of the tree of life</u>, and eat, and live forever", he was driven from the Garden of Eden. This would have been the result of his eating of the Tree of Life. Now, YAHSHUA is teaching us what is the result of our eating of HIS body.

• Joh 6:52 The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us *his* flesh to eat? Joh 6:53 Then YAHSHUA said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. Joh 6:54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

And here YAHSHUA breaks it down for us. If we don't eat of the Son of Man, there is no life in us. If we do, HE will raise us up at the last day.

Throughout the entire WORD of ELOHIM, only the Tree of Life and YAHSHUA's body are presented providing eternal life to those who eat of them. As such, spiritual reasoning teaches us that they are one and the same. YAHSHUA is the TREE OF LIFE. HE is the TREE that every member of the Household of Faith should be eating of. And we know that HE has established protocols to teach us how to eat of HIM. And yet, it is these protocols that we must be sure of.

What we of the Household of Faith must also acknowledge is that ELOHIM's WORD did not deny the man's access to those other trees in the garden that were "pleasant to the sight and good for food".

With this background we have now read in ELOHIM's WORD, we should be able to identify these trees. The Prophet Isaiah wrote of YAHWEH saying that "all the trees of the field shall clap *their* hands". What should be obvious is that the field in which the plants and herbs were planted, is a different area than that part of the field that contains trees that shall "clap their hands". And remember, why they shall clap their hands. It is because that the WORD of YAHWEH does not come back void. This is a different kind of food. The man was told the following:

• Gen 2:15 And YAHWEH ELOHIM took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

• Gen 2:16 And YAHWEH ELOHIM commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: Gen 2:17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Let's clearly understand what we are being taught here. The man was allowed to eat of every tree of the garden, except for the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. What does this say to us?

He was allowed to eat of all those trees that were pleasant to the sight and good for food, as well as directly from the Tree of Life. However, he was commanded to not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, because in the day he ate of this tree, he shall surely die. Let's remember another fact given to us.

• Gen 3:2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: Gen 3:3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, ELOHIM hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

Remember, it is YAHSHUA, who in the beginning is presented as YAHWEH ELOHIM, who sows the good seed. HE had done so with the man Adam. Obviously, Adam had fulfilled his responsibility to feed the woman, as the head of his family. The woman knew that she could eat of all of the trees in the garden, including the Tree of Life, except the one forbidden tree.

• Gen 3:4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

Now we have what was officially the first lie found in the creation, as the serpent told the woman she would not surely die. This is how Satan became the "father of lies", and began spreading "the fruit of lies". Here he is presenting himself as one of the trees in the midst of the garden. Let's remember what ELOHIM's WORD has taught us.

• 2Co 11:13 For such *are* false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of YAHSHUA. 2Co 11:14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

Today in modernity, we are told that there are false apostles who are deceitful workers transforming themselves into apostles of YAHSHUA. And yet, we are told that we shouldn't marvel at this because Satan is transformed into an angel of life. This began as he spoke the first lie to the woman. And the lies were mixed in with a few truths to entice the woman as though his words were pleasant to the sight, and good for food.

• Gen 3:5 For ELOHIM doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

Now we have another interesting statement to discern. The serpent now tells the woman that by eating of this forbidden tree, her eyes shall be opened. Did the woman know that she was talking to the forbidden tree at this point? Believe it or not, this should be our question in modernity as well, as many of us seem to be caught up on the teachings and spiritual advices of sources other than what we know to be the WORD of ELOHIM.

Adam had been told that the other trees in the garden that YAHWEH said were "pleasant to the sight and good for food". Prior to the woman being deceived by the serpent, had either she or Adam eaten of these trees that were pleasant to the eyes?

• Gen 3:6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

This shows women the importance of their roles in these earthly families that should be patterned in the likeness of the family of ELOHIM.

Some of the Household of Faith believe that the man was with the woman as she spoke to the serpent. And yet, we must always apply spiritual reasonableness. The scripture plainly says that "she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat". And then it says "and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat". The Spirit of Truth must always be our source. It would never teach us what ELOHIM's WORD does not clearly teach.

Here, Eve fed her husband fruit from one of the trees in the garden. I always will wonder with amazement how that any member of the Household of Faith fails to understand the nature of these other trees in the garden of Eden. We were given a spiritual hint when taught that Satan presents himself as an angel of light, as a tree that was pleasant to the sight (light).

Eve was created as a full-grown woman, not a little girl. Adam had given her the same instructions that YAHWEH had given to him. One of the points we must realize here is that the man had direct access to the Tree of Life, meaning he had direct access to YAHWEH ELOHIM. Here, the serpent coerces the woman into believing that her eating of the forbidden tree would not cause her to die, but will open her eyes (i.e., give her light), and cause her to be as gods, knowing good and evil. This is interesting because she knew that she wasn't to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and here was the serpent saying that she would now know good and evil.

A lot happened as she ate of this tree. It was good for food and pleasant to the sight. It did give her light. This is what YAHWEH said of the other trees. So, we are seeing that the serpent presented the tree of the knowledge of good and evil as though it was one of the permitted trees of the garden. And, it appears obvious that the woman had not yet eaten of one of those trees, because she doesn't appear to know what was pleasant to her eyes.

But what about the man?

• Gen 3:7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

It was only after they both had eaten of this forbidden tree that we learn that "the eyes of them both were opened and they knew that they were naked". What does this say to your comprehension? Doesn't this imply that prior to eating of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, their eyes had not yet been opened? They did not know that they were naked.

However, we need to remember that the man had been given permission to eat of those other trees of the garden, which we are told were "pleasant to the sight". It appears reasonable that had he already eaten of some of these other trees he would have had clearer sight to know that he was naked, physically. But perhaps, this is not talking so much about the physical sight, but the spiritual sight, or perhaps his perception of what it meant to be naked. What am I saying?

Is it possible that the man knew that they had no clothes on, but did not consider it to be nakedness in a purely negative or evil sense? I.e., it was their perception that had not yet been opened. It is possible that the man had eaten of those other trees.

And let's remember, YAHWEH told the Prophet Isaiah that these are the trees that are joyful when YAHWEH's WORD does not come back void. These trees clap their hands. This is just another clue as to the identity of those trees that were in the garden that were pleasant to Adam's sight, his spiritual sight, and good for food, spiritual food. These were YAHWEH's spiritual beings, HIS ministering spirits, HIS angels, which Satan was attempting to present himself as one of them.

The serpent knew that the man might recognize that he was a fraud. It would not be as easy to deceive the man because the man had direct access to the Tree of Life, as well as to those other trees.

However, the man allowed himself to be persuaded by his wife, and did eat of the fruit of the forbidden tree. And now, his eyes were opened to the knowledge good and evil. Up until that time, his nakedness may have been irrelevant. Everything was good. And with these actions, we now know the following:

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

As the result of him allowing his wife to give him food from the forbidden tree to eat. The fact is that the serpent told Adam and Eve that they were improperly naked. And with this action by the man, sin entered into the world. And remember, this is even though it was the woman who transgressed first.

• 1Ti 2:14 And Adam was not deceived, but **the woman being** deceived was in the transgression.

Yes, the woman transgressed first. However, the responsibility had been given to the man, as the head of the family. It was because of his transgression that sin entered into the world. All of this that we have read shows in just a little more detail the craftiness of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. And perhaps, we see why ELOHIM developed a protocol that came into existence upon Adam's transgression, and that continues even until today in modernity.

Adam was driven out of Eden, so that he would not have direct access to the Tree of Life. The TREE of LIFE was and is YAHWEH/YAHSHUA. We know this also because the Tree of Life was now surrounded by the cherubims after Adam's sin. The prophets taught us that side of this understanding.

• 1Sa 4:4 So the people sent to Shiloh, that they might bring from thence the ark of the covenant of **YAHWEH of hosts, which dwelleth between the cherubims**: and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, *were* there with the ark of the covenant of ELOHIM.

The Ark of the Covenant represented YAHWEH. These cheribims always surrounded the Tree of Life, YAHWEH. The Prophet Ezekiel amplified this as well.

• Eze 10:18 Then the glory of YAHWEH departed from off the threshold of the house, and stood over the cherubims. Eze 10:19 And the cherubims lifted up their wings, and mounted up from the earth in my sight: when they went out, the wheels also were beside them, and every one stood at the door of the east gate of YAHWEH's house; and the glory of the ELOHIM of Israel was over them above. Eze 10:20 This is the living creature that I saw under the ELOHIM of Israel by the river of Chebar; and I knew that they were the cherubims.

This is why the cherub angel Gabriel said the following to Yochanon the Baptist's father.

• Luk 1:18 And Zacharias said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years. Luk 1:19 And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of ELOHIM; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings.

At that time, before the birth of YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC, ELOHIM was YAHSHUA and YAHWEH. YAHWEH said that HIS words would not return void. Adam took away the direct access to YAHWEH. And now, YAHWEH was using one of the chief angels to deliver two very important messages.

While Moses may have been an apparent exception, YAHWEH's protocol shifted to engage the use of those other trees that clap their hands to carry forth HIS words to man. Let's repeat something we read earlier.

• Isa 55:11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

YAHWEH's WORD now goes forth from HIS mouth. We now know how this happens. It is given to these ministering spirits that there in the garden were "pleasant to the sight and good for food". They bring YAHWEH's WORD to those whom YAHSHUA of ELOHIM, the FATHER, draws to YAHWEH of ELOHIM, now YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC. YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC then gives it to HIS ministering spirits, who gives it to HIS chosen called-out ones.

And yet, as did happen in the beginning, there is confusion about whether or not we are eating from the correct trees. Eve was confused enough to convince Adam.

Today in modernity I have heard many points of interest discussed by those who appear to be of the Household of Faith. Since we are talking about the beginning, you may remember the disagreement I had with a Brother in the faith I have Feasted with for over 25 years, about each day of creation week being a 24-hour period of time. This is where we must put on the whole armor of ELOHIM, relying only on it as our defense.

The Prophet wrote to us that YAHWEH's ways were not our ways. HIS thoughts are above our thoughts. And yet, through HIS prophets and HIS apostles, HE has given us plenty of bits and pieces to begin to understand HIS ways and HIS thinking. Adam should have known that the food he was being fed from his wife was faulty, because it did not agree with what YAHWEH ELOHIM had instructed him. What about these 24-hour days during creation?

After creating all that YAHWEH created, we know the following happened.

• Gen 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. 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.

ELOHIM rested on the 7th day "from all HIS work which HE had made". Now, if the first six days were mere 24-hour time periods, this 7th day must also have been a 24-hour time period. Adam and Eve were created on the 6th day. Thus, they would have been a day old when ELOHIM rested on the 7th day. Is that spiritually reasonable? But wait, there is more.

ELOHIM's WORD informs us that those who walk with ELOHIM continue to look forward to a certain day.

• Heb 4:4 For he spake in a certain place of the seventh *day* on this wise, And ELOHIM did rest the seventh day from all his works. Heb 4:5 And in this *place* again, If they shall enter into my rest. Heb 4:6 Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief: Heb 4:7 Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, Today, after so long a time; as it is said, Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts. Heb 4:8 For if YAHSHUA had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day. Heb 4:9 There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of ELOHIM.

We now know through the writings of YAHWEH's prophets and YAHSHUA's apostles, that this future 7th day is a 1,000-year time period when YAHSHUA shall rule this earth with HIS saints. YAHSHUA made it plain through HIS Apostle the following.

• 2Pe 3:8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day *is* with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 2Pe 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

The only question for each member of the Household of Faith is whether or not we believe in what we have been provided. You see, as we decide of the validity of the trees from which we are eating, we must also decide on what we believe to be the WORD of ELOHIM. We must decide on whether YAHSHUA and YAHWEH are indeed the same personage. We must decide on whether or not we believe 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.

These words were spoken by YAHSHUA to those disciples whom ELOHIM's WORD proclaims became YAHSHUA's apostles. The most important point of the New Covenant is that these apostles were given direct access to the TREE OF LIFE, YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC. It was to them that the "another Comforter" was first sent. It was they, whom YAHSHUA prayed for as HE prepared to become our PASSOVER.

Today, many proclaim themselves to be apostles and add to and subtract from ELOHIM's WORD. However, YAHSHUA spoke these words ONLY to HIS apostles, of which we now know HE also proclaimed another important protocol.

• Joh 17:20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

By the words of this prayer, we now have an additional protocol. We now believe on YAHSHUA through the word of these apostles, ONLY.

Remember, in the beginning, Adam had direct access to YAHWEH before listening to his wife. Now, we are learning how that YAHWEH came unto HIS own, the Children of Yisrael (COY) and chose 12 disciples to assist HIM in sowing the good seed, now the Gospel of the Kingdom, to others whom FATHER ELOHIM would draw unto HIM. If we, the so-called Household of Faith do not accept this protocol, then which trees are we eating from?

The Apostle Peter was clear in his teaching. "One day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day". Brothers and Sisters, YAHWEH through HIS Prophet told us HIS thoughts and ways are not the same as ours. When will this register to us? If we know that YAHSHUA and HIS saints shall reign this field for 1,000 years, and, that this is the Sabbath day that the Apostle Paul taught us of in the Book of Hebrews, where did this teaching of the days of creation being 24-hour days come from? It is not in ELOHIM's WORD, and as such has as a source a false teacher. We learned this from ELOHIM's WORD.

• 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 1:15 And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. Gen 1:16 And ELOHIM made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: *he made* the stars also. Gen 1:17 And ELOHIM set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, Gen 1:18 And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and ELOHIM saw that *it was* good. Gen 1:19 And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

The WORD of ELOHIM plainly proclaims that the light of the sun and moon of this field, the world called the earth, was created on the fourth day of creation as a guide for man.

They are a guide for signs, seasons (appointed times), days and years applicable to man's life in this field of creation. They are not a guide for YAHWEH. These are for our ways, our thoughts.

However, when we seek to understand how ELOHIM thinks, we must accept what we have been provided in the WORD of ELOHIM. It is by the Apostle given the keys of the Kingdom, that we now know that in ELOHIM's way of thinking, a day is as 1,000 years. Even our human reasoning, if we are being led by the Spirit of Truth, should discern that if man's concept of a 24-hour day was not given until the fourth day of creation week, this concept has no bearing or applicability to these days of creation.

What the example of Adam and his wife have shown all of us is that the chosen of ELOHIM have a great responsibility in the plan of ELOHIM. It was by Adam's transgression that death came into the world. He made a great mistake.

Why are we being called in the first place? Well, once again it was the Apostle given the keys of the Kingdom that answers this question.

• 2Pe 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that *pertain* unto life and godliness, **through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue**:

Virtue is from the Greek word "arete" which means praise and moral excellence. We were called to this and glory. To accomplish this YAHSHUA HIMSELF spoke to us through HIS teaching HIS words to those chosen disciples.

• Joh 15:1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Joh 15:2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every *branch* that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

• Joh 15:3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

We must bear fruit. But whose fruit must we bear? It is the word which HE gave unto these disciples.

• Joh 15:4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. Joh 15:5 I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

Adam was invited to do what YAHSHUA is commanding these disciples, and us, to do; abide in HIM and in HIS words, as HE proclaimed to HIS disciples and prophets. But, HE HIMSELF gave preeminence to the words of these disciples, who became HIS apostles to the Household of Faith.

• Joh 15:6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast *them* into the fire, and they are burned. Joh 15:7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Joh 15:8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

Remember, we were called to glory. As we abide in YAHSHUA's words as given to us by HIS chosen disciples/apostles, the FATHER is glorified.

• Joh 15:9 As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. Joh 15:10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. Joh 15:11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and *that* your joy might be full. Joh 15:12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

Are these designated trees the trees that each of us are eating from? Or are we being sidetracked by other trees that may not be pleasant to our sight or good for food?

Today, the field is reeling to and fro. All called out to the Household of Faith have a commanded mandate to bear fruit from the TREE OF LIFE. Are we doing so?

Have you taken a clear picture of the state of the field lately? And even more importantly, have you taken a picture of the people who based on their history must be the descendants of the COY? Where is the fruit? Who is leading them towards YAHSHUA, the ELOHIM of the COY?

There are many congregations of the Hebrew Yisraelites that teach the following:

- 1. Enoch still lives today because he never died. Is this spiritually reasonable, based on all that ELOHIM's WORD has provided?
- 2. The instructions by HAMASHIAC to HIS disciples to wash one another's feet at Passover, as HE gave them the example, was not commandments that were meant for the members of these congregations. Well, these are HAMASHIAC's words, HIS sayings to those called out to take the Gospel of the Kingdom to the world.
- 3. During the Feast of Unleavened Bread, only the bread is required to be removed from these followers' homes. Where was the fact that it is leaven which pictures sin get lost? If one only removes leavened bread from the home, other leavened products remain. Thus, metaphorically, sin remains in the home during the Feast of Unleavened Bread.
- 4. Only the first day of the Feast of Tabernacles, and the eighth day must be kept by these memberships. And I challenge any of these Hebrew Yisraelites to find this in ELOHIM's WORD.

A valid question must be asked, does the WORD of ELOHIM include these teachings?

If not, this would mean that this fruit comes not from the trees that are pleasant to the sight and good for food. The question for each member of the Household of Faith is whether or not we are eating of the fruit from the trees that teach these or any doctrines that cannot be read in ELOHIM's WORD. What are we convicted of, and from what are the sources that have us so convicted?

In this world of disinformation, how do we ensure that we are receiving the proper nutrition? The Prophet Isaiah was led to teach this.

• Isa 8:11 For YAHWEH spake thus to me with a strong hand, and instructed me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying, Isa 8:12 Say ye not, A confederacy, to all *them to* whom this people shall say, A confederacy; neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid.

Is this message not applicable to the COY in modernity? It is applicable, and I agree with some of what the Hebrew Yisraelite pastors teach about the darkness in the world because of the COY abdicating their calling by eating from all the wrong trees in their midst.

• Isa 8:13 Sanctify YAHWEH of hosts himself; and *let* him *be* your fear, and *let* him *be* your dread. Isa 8:14 And he shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

Does the Household of Faith know that when YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC is sanctified, so too is YAHWEH of Hosts? When we do so, HE is our sanctuary. But HE is a stumbling block and a rock of offence to the COY because of their unbelief.

• Isa 8:15 And many among them shall stumble, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken. Isa 8:16 Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples.

This process continues. But each of us must be sure to understand that this must be our trees of choice that we must accept in order to "sanctify YAHWEH of Hosts. YAHWEH has bound the testimony and sealed the law amongst HIS disciples, known to us as HIS apostles.

• Isa 8:17 And I will wait upon YAHWEH, that hideth his face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for him. Isa 8:18 Behold, I and the children whom YAHWEH hath given me *are* for signs and for wonders in Israel from YAHWEH of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion. Isa 8:19 And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their ELOHIM? for the living to the dead?

The Prophet is telling us who he will wait upon. What about us? The COY of modernity are seeking familiar spirits by indulging in physical and spiritual practices that are taking them even further away from YAHWEH than ever before. Many of our women are openly, and yet deceptively, seeking to destroy the manly image created by YAHWEH HIMSELF. And remember how the tree of the knowledge of good and evil has accomplished this.

The organization Black Lives Matter, founded by three homosexual women, includes this language in their beliefs.

"We are self-reflexive and do the work required to dismantle cisgender privilege and uplift Black trans folk, especially Black trans women who continue to be disproportionately impacted by trans-antagonistic violence.

We build a space that affirms Black women and is free from sexism, misogyny, and environments in which men are centered.

We disrupt the Western-prescribed nuclear family structure requirement by supporting each other as extended families and "villages" that collectively care for one another, especially our children, to the degree that mothers, parents, and children are comfortable.

We foster a queer-affirming network. When we gather, we do so with the intention of freeing ourselves from the tight grip of heteronormative thinking, or rather, the belief that all in the world are heterosexual (unless s/he or they disclose otherwise)."

This is a movement that has come to prominence amongst the COY of modernity by mixing this seed with the following:

"Black Lives Matter began as a call to action in response to state-sanctioned violence and anti-Black racism. Our intention from the very beginning was to connect Black people from all over the world who have a shared desire for justice to act together in their communities. The impetus for that commitment was, and still is, the rampant and deliberate violence inflicted on us by the state."

This last quote is one that practically all of modernity's COY could follow. However, one of the problems with the Household of Faith in modernity is our failure to put on the "whole armor". How many COY have read the entire slate of beliefs of this organization? And, once we have, have we asked whether or not the entire slate comes from those trees that are pleasant to our sight and good for food, or others?

ELOHIM declares the following:

• Gen 1:27 So ELOHIM created man in his *own* image, <u>in the image of ELOHIM created he him; male and female created he them</u>. Gen 1:28 And ELOHIM blessed them, and ELOHIM said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

This is how we were created by ELOHIM, male and female. This is the spiritual food that the leadership of the BLM movement is openly attempting to overthrow. Later the Prophet wrote the following:

• Isa 8:20 To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, *it is* because *there is* no light in them.

We know both what the law and the testimony are, and the sources of both. Yet, have we clearly identified the trees in our lives that speak according to this word? Isn't it interesting that many still maintain that the tree of the knowledge of good and evil is a regular fruit tree, possibly an apple tree? The Prophet says that the law and the testimony come to us by speaking. When Adam and his wife ate of that tree, YAHWEH said this.

• 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? Gen 3:12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest *to be* with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

Shouldn't it be clear to anyone led by the Spirit of Truth that YAHWEH equates the eating of this tree to hearing spoken words? This leads us to another teaching we have received over the years about there being a famine in the land. For the failure of man to listen only to those who speak the law and the testimony, it is obvious that the field of today follows every god but ELOHIM. The Prophet was led to write this.

• Isa 8:21 And they shall pass through it, hardly bestead and hungry: and it shall come to pass, that when they shall be hungry, they shall fret themselves, and curse their king and their ELOHIM and look upward. Isa 8:22 And they shall look unto the earth; and behold trouble and darkness, dimness of anguish; and *they shall be* driven to darkness.

This is the world of modernity, full of all types of trees that outnumber the Household of Faith by the millions, perhaps even billions.

So, if we think that we are immune to the trees that have been planted in our individual spaces, we deceive ourselves. We have already been told that these have as their source the spiritual forces of darkness, led by the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Many Brethren follow European-led congregations and have accepted all of the teachings of the leaders of these congregations. Based on my experiences, many of these Sabbath-keeping organizations are teaching much of ELOHIM's WORD. And yet, there are many teachings maintained in ELOHIM's WORD that they refuse to accept. One such is the fact that the prophets clearly teach that the COY are scattered amongst the nations existing in a second or third-class manner. They wield no power or great wealth in this field.

In fact, many, if not all of the leaders of these groups openly support civil leaders that are clearly led by the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. In fact, in modernity, the evil that is spoken by these civil leaders is overtly obvious. So, these leaders have chosen to accept certain forms of evil versus other forms. Is it any wonder that they cannot accept the true identity of the COY?

The leadership of these groups teach that the second goat of the Day of Atonement ritual represents Satan. As I have listened more, I have learned more. These learning includes the fact that this teaching about Satan and the Day of Atonement originated from the Book of Enoch. It is also taught that the Book of Enoch was amongst the findings with the Dead Sea Scrolls, apparently left by certain Yehudan sects that existed in the land of Yisrael around the 8th century.

It is because of the false teaching that these, and the Europeans in the US and Great Britain, are descendants of the COY, that these groups accept this teaching about the goat, rather than simply teaching what the Word of ELOHIM provides. This is a great deception that many true COY have been deceived about.

Another deception lies in the fact that these have changed the name of ELOHIM's Feast of Weeks to Pentecost, a Greek word meaning fifty. Nowhere in ELOHIM's WORD is this taught by YAHWEH or YAHSHUA. What tree did this originate from?

Our concern this evening is each of us as individuals in the Household of Faith. We are told, better yet, we are commanded to take the "whole armor of ELOHIM" in order to ensure that we are not eating of the wrong trees. In fact, this is how we have this assurance. ELOHIM's WORD further includes this.

• Eph 5:14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and HAMASHIAC shall give thee light.

Are we following HAMASHIAC, and HAMASHIAC alone? For if we are not, we are eating of false doctrines from the wrong trees, led by the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

• Eph 5:15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Eph 5:16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Eph 5:17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord *is*.

And we know HIS will by reading and relying on HIS WORD, and HIS WORD only.

• Eph 5:18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; Eph 5:19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Eph 5:20 Giving thanks always for all things unto ELOHIM and the Father in the name of our Lord YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC; Eph 5:21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of ELOHIM.

This is where our mindsets should be as Brothers and Sisters.

• Eph 5:22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.

Wives, do not be like Eve. It is ELOHIM that established this hierchal order of things for the species of man and woman, not the three women leaders of BLM. This we have read of from the beginning.

• Eph 5:23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as HAMASHIAC is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Eph 5:24 Therefore as the church is subject unto HAMASHIAC, so *let* the wives *be* to their own husbands in everything.

We are reading and hearing of many who are defiant to this in modernity. From which trees are these teachings coming from? Now obviously, these words are presented on a spiritual basis. But remember the duality by which ELOHIM created the world.

Does it matter that one's husband is not walking by the spiritual commission he has been given due to his ignorance? Yes and no. Each woman of the Household of Faith has this as her commission for the stability of ELOHIM's established protocol for man. The Apostle addressed this.

• 1Co 7:13 And the woman which hath an husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him. 1Co 7:14 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy.

Obviously, there is more to this, but these words provide a basis through which peace is maintained under the order of each home that includes a member of the Household of Faith. The phrase "if he be pleased to dwell with her" implies that this is based on his acceptance of her spiritual teachings she must follow, and the fact that he will not interfere.

• 1Co 7:15 But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such *cases:* but ELOHIM hath called us to peace. 1Co 7:16 For what knowest thou, O wife, whether thou shalt save *thy* husband? or how knowest thou, O man, whether thou shalt save *thy* wife?

The essence of it all is for each of us to put ELOHIM first. And note how that the Apostle specifies that "if the unbelieving depart, let him depart". I.e., believing man or woman, you don't depart. You allow ELOHIM to work it out, in faith.

You see, if our unbelieving husbands or wives hinder us from following the truths we know and have committed to as a result of our baptism into YAHSHUA, we must prayerfully stand on the WORD of ELOHIM. For we also know that YAHSHUA taught us that we cannot love our physical families more than we love HIM. But our actions must be in order. If that husband or wife agrees to live with us, and does not subvert our walk with YAHSHUA, we become a blessing to them and may win them over.

• Eph 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, even as HAMASHIAC also loved the church, and gave himself for it; Eph 5:26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, Eph 5:27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. Eph 5:28 So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. Eph 5:29 For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: Eph 5:30 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

These words form the basis by which we eat of the TREE OF LIFE. It all begins with the family led by the husband receiving the WORD of ELOHIM by the set protocols. This is what is missing amongst the COY in modernity.

Women seeking to act like men. Men seeking to subject women to the teachings of false prophets. And our children are running wild.

We cannot save this world in itself. However, we can make a difference if we follow our spiritual commissions. We are called to glory and virtue.

• 2Pe 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. 2Pe 1:5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; 2Pe 1:6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; 2Pe 1:7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. 2Pe 1:8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make *you that ye shall* neither *be* barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord YAHSHUA HAMASHIAC.

The Apostle makes the point for us. We must be morally excellent based on our knowledge. We add to those attributes temperance and patience. Temperance is the Greek word "egkrateia", meaning self-control. How important is this as we seek to eat of the proper tree sources, and exist in our chosen lives? We then must add godliness (piety and humility), brotherly kindness (Philadelphia love, or brotherly love), and charity (agape love of selflessness). The Apostle makes it pretty simple for us.

• 2Pe 1:9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. 2Pe 1:10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

If anyone of the Household of Faith teaches based on their own thoughts, they are impatient, lack humility and self-control. Whatever condition we existed in when we were called, it was for the purpose of ELOHIM's glory and our virtue.

In order for us to accomplish this we must make sure of the trees that lead us, that speak to us, that we choose to follow. There may be times when we must assert a strong hand to those in our lives that hinder us. And as we follow the directions given us in ELOHIM's WORD, we know that we are following the correct instructions.

So, Brothers and Sisters, be diligent to discern the spirits and the sources from which they come into our presence. A lie is a lie. An untruth is an untruth. Neither a lie or an untruth comes to us by one of the trees that are pleasant to the eyes and good for food.

Put on the whole armor of ELOHIM, not just a piece here or a piece there. Love ELOHIM, love the Brethren.

Shalom!