

My Journal

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Mishlei (Proverbs) 25:2 CJB - Elohim gets glory from concealing things; Kings get glory from investigating things.

I am a third generation pastor, raised totally Apostolic, Pentecostal. This was all I ever knew. At twenty years of age I was called to the ministry of preaching and teaching the Father's Word. My desire from the inception of the calling was to be truthful concerning His Word. I had read 2 Timothy 2:15 "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (NKJ). So it was my desire to do just that.

Being young, I was influenced by the preaching, teaching styles and methods of the fathers, those of renowned status within our denomination, and I tried to emulate what I had seen to be effective in their approach. It is easy to be a clone and a mimic. It does not require much thought. This happens particularly when you have confidence, and admiration for a people, their style, and their pedigree.

However, the problem rests in whether or not the things mimicked are totally true and correct. This is where the work of the Holy Spirit (Ruach HaQodesh) plays a real important part in the life of the one called by the Father to expound His Word and feed His sheep. Yochanan/(John) 16:13 states, "However, when the Spirit of Truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth." If you sincerely ask the Father to show and teach you the truth of His Word, He will. The truth of His Word to his people is always important and matters.

For forty years, was spent trying to be like everyone else before realizing that there was depth of understanding and knowledge within the Father's Word that was missing from mainstream theological teaching and preaching. There was also the absence of the Judaic and Hebraic thought. After all, in varied circles of Christian doctrine the very term Judaism, in and of itself, was taboo. Questions began to formulate concerning the truth of the Scriptures while studying to teach.

In some instances, the Scriptural explanations taught by mainstream Christianity did not add up. This led to searching within the Scriptures for answers. The Ruach HaQodesh (Holy Spirit) began to direct the course, leading and guiding to truth just as it is recorded in Yochanan (John) 16:13.

In these last days the Ruach (Spirit) is calling people who have an ear to hear to return to the truth of the fathers, that of Avraham (Abraham), Yitz'chak(Isaac), Ya'akov(Jacob), and Moshe(Moses). Scripture teaches us to "hear what the Spirit is saying to the assemblies" [Hazon (Revelation) 2:7]. This is not a building, it is the place within the hearts of people who believe and are converted by the work of the Ruach HaQodesh (Holy Spirit)... and that were I.

The truth of the Father's Word is not after the order of denominational doctrines or the traditions of men. It is in accordance with His Ruach (Spirit); the difference is night and day. You come to accept His truth at any cost irrespective of your position or status in life, because 'Truth Matters'.

If truth mattered, then I had to come to grips with the fact that our Creator does not change. I heard repeatedly, the phrase that He was "the same yesterday, today, and forever," and "He

changes not." I use this phrase myself. The Ruach HaQodesh (Holy Spirit) began to direct my studies of Scripture toward a Hebraic perspective. I don't recall when this took place. However, I noticed from a lot of my sermon notes that much of what I taught was from the Old Testament and re-enforced by the New. I discovered the truth that the Father does not change.

The words of Sha'ul(Paul) spoke to me saying from Romans 3:2." In the first place, the Jews were entrusted with the very words of G-d." To that, extent the Ruach HaQodesh (Holy Spirit) said to me, "if I gave the Jews My Word first, why would I have stopped giving them wisdom and understanding of My Word or the application?"

Dear ones, there are righteous, sanctified people among the Jewish people whom the Father provided (and still is providing) truth and understanding. There are fathers or sages of the Jewish Messianic faith who are filled with wisdom and understanding of the Scriptures. These men understand a depth of the Scriptures that those who study from a Christian thought can never know. It was through this type of study that I became aware that I needed to connect to, and understand my Hebraic roots.

Sha'ul (Paul) in Ma'asei (Acts) 20:29, 30 said, "I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you; and they won't spare the flock. Even from among your own number, men will arise and teach perversions of the truth, in order to drag away the talmidim (disciples) after themselves." The Ruach HaQodesh (Holy Spirit) began to show me who the savage wolves were, and what group of people were influencing Scriptural change...a clear violation of D'varim (Deuteronomy) 4:2.

I discovered that none of the changes were the direct result of the work of the Ruach HaQodesh (Holy Spirit). At that point, it was easy to accept Scriptural total truth, and return to the Torah, and the Tanakh as the foundation of Scriptural understanding. I realized that it was that "Scripture" in D'varim (Deuteronomy) that Sha'ul speaks about in 2 Timothy 3:16 as being the Scripture that was breathed of the Father; it was that "Word" in Yochanan (John) 17:17 where Yahshua prayed to the Father, "Set them apart for holiness by means of the truth - Your Word is truth."

I searched and found a preponderance of evidence (overwhelming/numerous accounts) to support there were Scriptural changes...the result of men who were not righteous men and not led by the Ruach HaQodesh (Holy Spirit). I discovered that the Greeks and the Catholic Church had influenced the understanding of the Scriptures. I read an article from the St. Catherine Catholic Church Sentinel dated May 21, 1995. <http://biblelight.net/st-cath.htm>. It said quote, "Perhaps the boldest thing the most revolutionary change the Church ever did, happened in the first century. The holy day, the Sabbath, was changed from Saturday to Sunday." "The Day of the Lord" (dies Dominica) was chosen, not from any directions noted in the Scriptures, but from the Church's sense of its own power." The article further goes on to say, "people who think that the Scriptures should be the sole authority should logically become 7th Day Adventist, and keep Saturday Holy."

The World Wide Web has many articles like this posted. The point is that truth has been altered by the likes of such men who believe they are higher and smarter than the Father or His Son, who was "obedient even unto death." By the way, Yahshua's obedience was in respect to honoring the Scriptures as His Father had dictated. To Yahshua those Scriptures were the Torah and the Tanakh to which He was completely Torah compliant.

After reviewing scriptural evidence, it was clear how the Sabbath worship changed to the first day of the week and how replacement theology changed the word Torah in Scripture to Law, and evoked Easter as a Holy Christian day. The knowledge of what influenced Christianity to believe that what the Father spoke into existence as Scripture needed to be changed became clear. One could clearly see how some of the truth of His Word became replaced and altered. D'varim (Deuteronomy) 4:2 reads, "do not add to, or subtract from." The problem being is that a half-truth is a whole lie. Scripture teaches us to honor the Sabbath and keep it Qodesh (Holy) and to obey all that is commanded.

I sought the Ruach HaQodesh (Holy Spirit), and He returned me to the original text, the Hebraic Torah, and the study of Scripture from a Hebraic/Messianic perspective. My journey has brought me to this point. I am doing all I can to present myself to the Father as someone worthy of his approval; as a worker with no need to be ashamed, because I deal straightforwardly with the Word of Truth [Bet Timotiyos (2 Timothy) 2:15 CJB]. I believe in the total authority of Scripture. Yahshua says in Yochanan (John) 16:13: "However, when the Spirit of Truth comes, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative but will only say what He hears. He will announce to you the events of the future." My journey does not end here. The Word of Elohim is a continuing journey, ever revealing truth.

I have come to realize that we are living in the time of the end. The book Daniel spoke about is open and knowledge has increased. The Messianic age has begun with Jews accepting Yahshua as Savior, and both Jew and believers of all nations are returning to adherence of the Torah.

So why settle for a half-truth just because that is the way it has always been? Why continue to follow the norm? The Son of Elohim, Yahshua never did. He is our perfect example. Seek the Father's truth for yourself. Ask the questions that are deep in your heart. Ask the Ruach HaQodesh (Holy Spirit) to reveal His truth to you, and become transformed. Begin to walk in the light, as Yahshua is that light shining in the darkness.

Yochanan (John) 5:19 CJB shows us, "So whoever disobeys the least of these mitzvot (commandments) and teaches others to do so will be called the least in the Kingdom of Heaven. But whoever obeys them and so teaches will be called great in the Kingdom Of Heaven."

You too can be great in the Kingdom of Elohim.

It's a great place to be!