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Matthew Chapter 18b Proper Living Instruction

Last week as we dove into Matthew chapter 18, we spoke about who the greatest in the kingdom of heaven actually is. And according to our Messiah the greatest in the kingdom of heaven is the one who humbles himself like a child. And so, before we continue on, I'd like to once again just take a minute or two to expound upon the importance of being humble.

When we are humble in the eyes of our Father in heaven it's much easier for us to not only hear his commandment but to be in obedience of his commandment. Those who are humble before him are those who are much more receptive to what it is that he is conveying to them. Once again, if we are full of narcissism and vanity... its much more difficult for us to accept that God is God and that we are not. And this is one of the biggest problems that we as human beings have. Mankind always has this innate habit of wanting to be his own god and the truth of the matter is that mankind already has a God who is more than worthy and capable of not only giving us life more abundantly... but also ensuring that there is no war and that there is no death or mourning or crying or pain anymore.

The problem is that mankind always has the serpent in his ear. The serpent is always assuring the world that it can be... its own god. Mankind thinks that he can manipulate his flesh in order to live forever.

Mankind thinks that he can eradicate for himself death and mourning and crying in pain. Mankind thinks that he can protect himself even from the wrath of God because mankind thinks... that mankind can be its own god.

And even during our Bible study into the book of Numbers, we have spoken to a great degree about the dangers of narcissism and vanity that cause us to be puffed up in our hearts and in our minds thinking that we are smarter than God. Thinking that we can live in these fleshly bodies forever. Thinking that the world is going to last beyond measure. Mankind always has a newfound plan or a newfound teaching or a newfound understanding of how he can fix things. And unfortunately... fix things he does. The problem is that mankind's idea of fixing things rarely if ever puts things back into order. What usually happens when mankind attempts to fix the natural that God has created... is that mankind winds up creating more chaos because he just simply could not leave well enough alone.

And so, the point in all of this is that if man would simply humble himself in the eyes of God and accept the fact that God is God and that we are not, God himself would do away with death and mourning and crying and pain. Yehovah is the only One True Most High Elohim and there is no other, and it's just that simple. And it takes a humble heart to accept that very humble fact.

Which leads us very nicely into the temptations of sin that our Messiah speaks about in Matthew chapter 18 verses seven through nine. "Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes!" How important is this particular Scripture?

We must remember that mankind fell in the garden of Eden because both Adam and Eve decided to worship the creature rather than the creator. It was Adam that brought sin into the world according to our God breathed Scripture. Let's jump ahead in the New Testament just a little bit to

Romans chapter 5 E1

Death in Adam, Life in Christ

Rom 5:12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—

Rom 5:13 for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law.

Rom 5:14 Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

Rom 5:15 But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.

Rom 5:16 And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification.

Rom 5:17 For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

Rom 5:18 Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men.

Rom 5:19 For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

As we can clearly see here in Romans chapter 5, sin came into the world through one man and death through sin. And death reigned from Adam to Moses through one man's trespass. But... just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners... so too buy the one man's obedience... and I want to stop right here in Romans chapter 5 verse 19... let's read that again... "So, by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous."

Once again, we see that word "obedience" just as we do all throughout the Scripture from the book of Genesis to the book of Revelation. The Bible clearly tells us that the only ones who are going to survive and go on to everlasting life are going to be those who endure to the end and those who conquer. How do we endure to the end and how do we conquer? We endure to the end, and we conquer through... obedience.

You see this is exactly what our Messiah is talking about here in Matthew chapter 18 when he talks about temptations to sin. What is sin? According to first John chapter 3 verse four the biblical definition of sin... is the transgression of the law. In other words,... you cannot have sin if there is no law because the biblical definition of sin is the transgression of... the law. Once you remove the law, you remove sin because there can be no sin without the law according to Scripture. And if you remove the law and sin then you also remove obedience. And this has always been the devil's objective from the very beginning.

This newfound "do as thou wilt is now the whole of the law" religion that the church today often times teaches is nothing more than a throwback to Roman Catholicism and her pagan man-made popery. Which has always been the devil's church from the very beginning. A mixing and mingling of godly things with pagan things. And I tell you the truth... if the Pharisees and the scribes of our Messiah's time were called children of the devil for adding to the word of God and for taking away from the word of God... the Roman Catholic Church itself is tenfold a child of the devil and it is indeed the devil himself who rules and reigns over his false, façade of a church. And the more we study our history and the more we study our Bibles the more we better understand who this beast is that is with us walking on the face of the earth this very day in our time.

But as we can clearly see here once again as we have been told so many different times... it is by one man's obedience that the many will be made righteous key emphasis on the word "obedience". And this is something that today's modern-day version of Christianity has long ago thrown to the ground because of its mother church of Rome. And once again we must add the fact that we should not discount today's so-called "protestant churches" who today protest against absolutely nothing and have bought into Roman Catholic popery and have literally become the daughter churches of Rome keeping her pagan first day of the week

Sunday Sabbath, and her pagan Good Friday, and her pagan Easter, and her pagan Christ mass, and her pagan Advent and her pagan Lent and her pagan All Saints Day and all the rest of her pagan festivals and traditions and doctrines of men.

Once again, our adversary is wonderfully brilliant, and he has indeed cast a spell upon the whole world. A spell that has them believing in a do as thou wilt is the whole of the law religion that is found nowhere within the confines of our God breathed Scripture.

And just as we are told in Matthew chapter 18 verse seven... "But woe to the one by whom the temptation comes!"

Who is the temptation coming from? The temptation is coming from our adversary who runs and owns and operates the Roman Catholic Church who has infiltrated today's protestant churches who no longer protest against anything. The spell that he has cast is indeed a web of deceit that has been cast upon the whole world and yet... the world slumbers because for the world, do as thou wilt is the whole of the law is much more fun and exciting than being... obedient to the word of Yehovah.

And it's also important to understand that there are two different types of obedience. There is the obedience to the world and its do as thou wilt is the whole of the law religion... and then there is a different obedience which leads to righteousness. In the end it's important to realize that all of us are obedient to one or the other. In order to help us better understand these things, let's turn once again to the book of Romans and hear what the apostle Paul has to say about sin and lawlessness. **Romans chapter 6 verses 15 through 23 E2**

Slaves to Righteousness

Rom 6:15 What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means!

Rom 6:16 Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin,

which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?

Rom 6:17 But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed,

Rom 6:18 and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.

Rom 6:19 I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

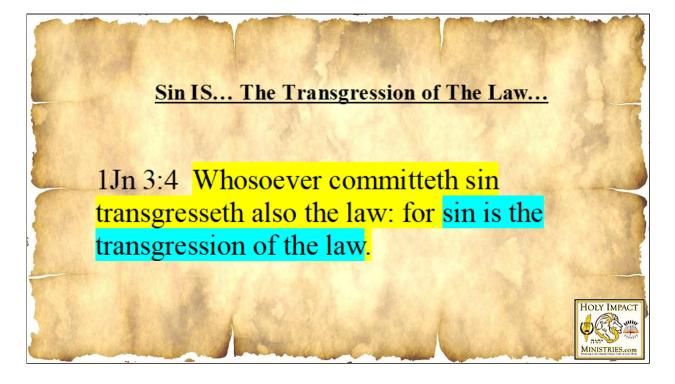
Rom 6:20 For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.

Rom 6:21 But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death.

Rom 6:22 But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.

Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Now before we ever even begin to read from Romans chapter 6, I would like us to make note of what I have highlighted here for us in red. Every place that you see highlighted in red you will find either the word "sin" or you will find the word "lawlessness". (scrn 1)



But... before we can ever possibly understand what it is that the apostle Paul is telling us in Romans chapter 6, we must first understand the biblical definition of the word "sin" and lawlessness. What is the biblical definition of the word of sin? Once again sin is and I quote, "the transgression of the law". And it is extremely important that we understand the biblical definition of sin before we ever even attempt to understand what the apostle Paul is telling us in Romans chapter 6.

And so... now that we understand what the biblical definition of sin is... let us now turn back to **Romans chapter 6 verses 15 through 23; show only E2**

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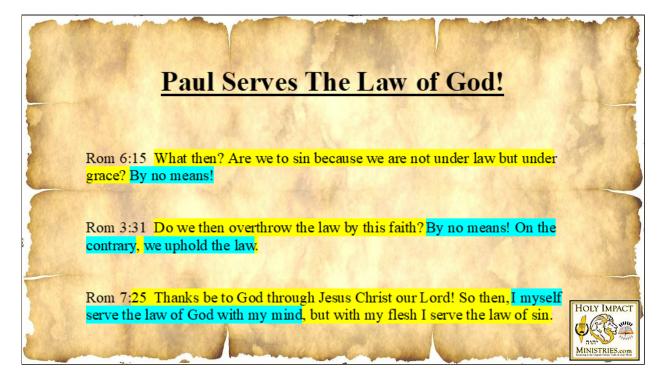
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Once again, I would like us to take note of what is highlighted in red here in Romans chapter 6. The words sin and lawlessness which both mean the exact same thing... are highlighted here in red. And instead of saying the word "sin" as we read through Romans chapter 6, we are going to use the proper translation which is "the transgression of the law". Because by doing so, we will keep in the forefront of our minds that sin is the transgression of the law which will assist us in understanding the true message that the apostle Paul is trying to deliver here in Romans chapter 6. So what is Paul telling us here in Romans chapter 6 exactly? Listen closely...

"What then, are we to transgress the law because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of transgressing the law which leads to death, or obedience which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you who were once slaves of transgressing the law... Have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from transgressing the law... Have become slaves of righteousness.

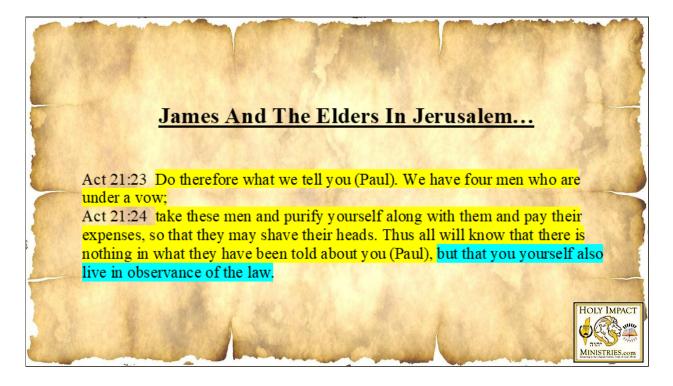
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Do you see how the proper interpretation of what Paul is saying comes through when we use the proper definition of the word "sin". And I want to contrast what Paul says in Romans chapter 6 verse 15 with what Paul says in **Romans chapter 3 verse 31 (scrn 2)**



You see the apostle Paul tells us the exact same thing over, and over, and over again all throughout his teachings. In fact, Paul himself asks that infamous question himself... "Do we then overthrow the law by this faith?" And Paul answers that extremely important question when he says and I quote, "by no means! On the contrary!... we uphold the law."

In fact, the apostle Paul tells us in Romans chapter 7 that he himself serves the law of God with his mind. But that it is his flesh that gets in the way. In the book of Acts chapter 21 verse 24 James and the elders in Jerusalem tell us very clearly that Paul lived in observance of the law. (scrn 3)



It is literally riddled all throughout not only the writings of the apostle Paul, but the New Testament itself. The fact that the apostle Paul always lived in observance of the law is no secret according to the Scripture. It's only a secret according to the church. The devil's church.

Unstudied and ignorant self-proclaimed Christians... who sit in a church pew week after week year after year on the wrong day of the week calling it the Sabbath listening to some huckster that they barely know who pre-programs them not to read the beginning of the Bible because the first half of the Bible is nothing but blank white pages that has to do with a law that is nothing but a curse will continue to teach their blasphemous heresy as long as there are people who will sit in their pews and listen to it!

That's today's modern-day version of Christianity in a nutshell my friends. Do as thou wilt is the whole of the law is... this is what the socalled "church" by and large teaches today in our time. A flagrant heresy. A disobedient breed. A foul bird. And a wicked deception that like a deadly cancer has infiltrated and fooled if possible... even the very elect.

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Mat 18:7 "Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes!

Mat 18:8 And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire.

Mat 18:9 And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

Mat 18:10 "See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven.

Mat 18:12 What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray?

Mat 18:13 And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray.

Mat 18:14 So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

If Your Brother Sins Against You

Mat 18:15 "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.

Mat 18:16 But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses.

Mat 18:17 If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

Mat 18:18 Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Mat 18:19 Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven.

Mat 18:20 For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

Mat 18:21 Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?"

Mat 18:22 Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventyseven times.

Mat 18:23 "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants.

Mat 18:24 When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents.

Mat 18:25 And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made.

Mat 18:26 So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.'

Mat 18:27 And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt.

Mat 18:28 But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.'

Mat 18:29 So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.'

Mat 18:30 He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt.

Mat 18:31 When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place.

Mat 18:32 Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.

Mat 18:33 And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?'

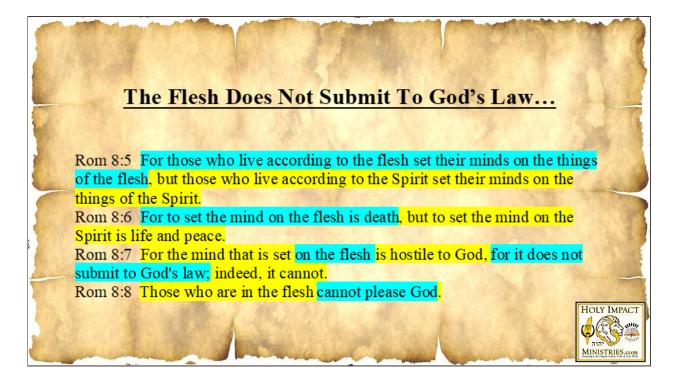
Mat 18:34 And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt.

Mat 18:35 So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

"Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes!"

Our Messiah Yeshua then continues on to explain how deadly sin... which is the transgression of the law... actually is. And he goes on to explain that it would be better for you to pluck out your eye or to cut off a hand or a foot than it would for the whole body to be thrown into the hell of fire. And I want us to think about this for just a moment.

Is our Messiah telling us to mutilate our bodies because our bodies are causing us to sin? Or... is he demonstrating the dangers of transgressing the law? Once again, it's extremely important to understand that our Messiah often times spoke in parables. And when he was not speaking in parables, he was often times speaking spiritually of spiritual things. Yeshua was not commanding people to mutilate their bodies here in Matthew chapter 18. He was teaching us the dangers of transgressing his Father's spoken word, his Fathers law which is once again what "sin" is according to our God breathed Scripture. And he was absolutely correct by the way has always. The point is, that if there is a part of you that is causing you to transgress the law... "Sin"... then you need to deal with that part of you. And we are told all throughout the Scripture that it is indeed the flesh in of itself that causes us to yearn after "sin" which is the transgression of the law. It is our flesh that causes us to want to transgress the law. Romans chapter 8 verses five through eight (scrn **4**)



Once again, we hear the apostle Paul right here in the book of Romans telling us that those who set their minds on the flesh set their minds on death. Why? Because those who set their minds on the flesh are hostile to God. Why? Because the flesh does not submit to God's law because it can't. Therefore... those who are in the flesh cannot please God. And why can't they please God?... Because they cannot submit to his law because they are setting their minds on the flesh that does not and cannot submit to his law.

Now my friends... you don't have to be a rocket scientist to understand what the apostle Paul is telling us right here in the book of Romans. You don't have to be a physicist or a mathematician. You don't have to have four years of seminary training and two years of philosophy training to understand what the apostle Paul is telling us right here in the book of Romans. You don't have to attend a man-made brick-and-mortar institution to be preprogrammed in order to know what the apostle Paul is telling us right here in the book of Romans. Which does indeed once again translate to what we are reading in Matthew chapter 18 which is by the way exactly what our Messiah said in his own red-letter words.

I tell you the truth... the leaders of today's modern day denominational empires are indeed no better than the Pharisees and the scribes who stood behind the pulpits of our Messiah's time. Today in our time we do indeed have literal Pharisees and scribes that are standing behind our pulpits today who honor our Messiah with their lips while their hearts are far from him worshiping him in vain... because they are willfully and intentionally teaching and preaching as doctrines... the traditions of men which are no doctrines at all. At least not according to our God breathed Scripture they're not. Not says I... but says our God breathed Scripture.

Which leads us very nicely into the parable of the lost sheep found in Matthew chapter 18 verses 10 through 14. E3

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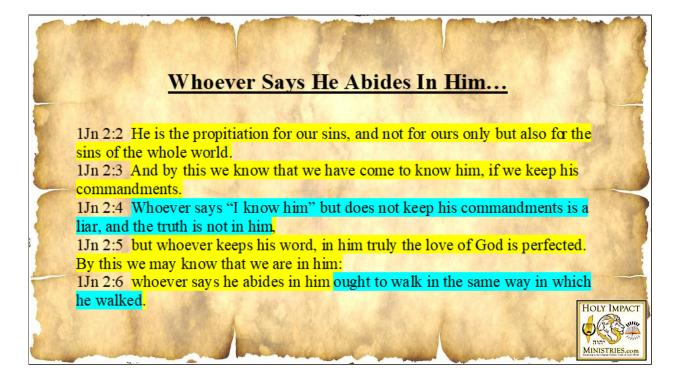
Our Messiah once again warns us not to despise one of these little ones. We must remember that our Messiah is talking about children here. When he was asked who the greatest in heaven was, he called to himself a child and he put the child in the midst of them while he was explaining these things.

And so, he goes on to tell us in verse 10 not to despise one of these little ones because their angels always see the face of his Father who is in heaven. And so, what is our Messiah telling us here in Matthew chapter 18 verse 10? He's telling us that his children who humble themselves like children have angels that always see the face of his Father who is in heaven.

Have you ever heard a Christian complaining that they are alone and that they have no one that believes the same way that they do? Have you ever heard anyone that is depressed because they feel like they are alone? The truth of the matter is, is that we are never alone. There are angels around us at all times. We have angels that tend to us and that see the face of Yehovah who is indeed in heaven. A progress report about as is given to him daily. Our Messiah promised us that he would not leave us as orphans, and he has not. Not only have we been given the spirit of Yehovah himself to lead us and to guide us and to dwell within us and to make us one with him and with each other... but he has also surrounded us with his angels. And if you are not giving thanks for those angels... you ought to. And I'm not talking about praying to angels and aestheticism. I'm talking about praying to Yehovah and thanking him for ordering his angels to be with us and the good work that they do.

And our Messiah goes on to explain to us that if a man has 100 sheep and one of them goes astray, he automatically leaves the 99 on the mountains and goes in search of the one that went astray. And if he finds it... just as our Messiah says... he rejoices over it more than over the 99 that never went astray. Why? Why does he rejoice over the lost more than those who were never lost? Because the lost were in danger. The lost were in great danger from being lost. The 99 were safe. The 99 were never in danger they were safe and sound. But it is the one who wandered off that was in great danger, and it was the one who wandered off that was in need of rescue. And when we find that one who is lost and when we bring them back to the flock and a great work has been done in the name of our Father Yehovah.

Once again, it is written in the very next verse in Matthew chapter 18 verse 14 that it is not the will of our Father in heaven that even one of these little ones should perish. And this is important for us to remember. It is not our Father in heaven's will that any of us should perish. But it is we ourselves that choose our paths. It is we ourselves that choose whom it is that we will serve. It is we ourselves that choose blessings or curses. It is we ourselves that choose... life... or death. There is a choice to be made and that my friends is what life is all about. It's about the choice and it's about not just being called... but being chosen which once again leads us right back to that very popular word... obedience. We are commanded to pick up our crosses and to follow him are we not? (scrn 5)



It is clearly written that whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments... is a liar and the truth is not even in him. Furthermore... it is also written that whoever says that he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which <u>he</u> walked.

And so, the question then becomes, how did our Messiah walk? And the answer to that question is that our Messiah always walked within the confines of his Father's law... his Father's Torah... his Father's spoken word. In fact... our Messiah became so obedient... that he actually became the word of God in the flesh which is what he calls us all to do by picking up our crosses and following him and walking as he walked.

The problem begins with the church. The so-called "church" today in our time that by and large teaches people to walk as <u>they</u> walk and not to walk as our Messiah walked. The church today and its thousands of different denominational empires all want you to walk the way that <u>they</u> walk. They want you to walk the way that <u>they</u> walk in they want you to talk the way that <u>they</u> talk and when you don't walk the way that <u>they</u> walk and talk the way that <u>they</u> talk, you no longer receive the right hand of fellowship, but the left boot of rejection. And why? Because it is not you that they are rejecting. It is our Messiah that they are rejecting. And it is because they rejected him first, that they will also reject we who have become one with him.

Today's church is no longer interested in walking in the way that our Messiah walked or teaching people to walk the way that our Messiah walked. All they are interested in is pre-programming you and your children and your children's children to walk the way that <u>they</u> walk in to talk the way that <u>they</u> talk. Which brings us to exactly how it was that our Messiah walked. How did our Messiah walk?

Our Messiah was in the synagogues on the seventh day Sabbath not on the first day of the week Roman Catholic created Sunday Sabbath. And by the way... we have offered for over 10 years through the World Wide Web around the world and offering to anyone. A very special offer for anyone who would like to earn a brand-new crisp clean \$100 dollar bill. And that offer still stands to this very day. All you have to do is to open up your Bible and show me who it was that ever commanded anyone to keep holy the first day of the week and to call it the Sabbath day of God. You show me who it was the commanded a first day of the week Sunday Sabbath within the confines of the Bible... and I will gladly send you a \$100 bill.

We have offered that challenge for the last 10 years around the world to every human ear and not one person has ever responded with who it was that ever commanded us to keep holy the first day of the week Sunday and to call Sunday the Sabbath day of God within the confines of our God breathed Scripture. And you know why they haven't responded? Because it doesn't exist. You can't find it in the Bible. It's not in there. And the reason that you can't find it is because it doesn't exist. But once again, the church today will by and large teach you to walk as it walks and not as your Messiah walked. They want you to walk the way that **they** walk, and **they** walk as the Pope of Rome tells them to walk. When did our Messiah ever celebrate his birthday? When did our Messiah ever celebrate the birth days of the apostles? When did the prophets ever celebrate their birthdays? Where is the birthday of our Messiah ever recorded within the confines of the 66 books of our Bibles? Where is the birthday of anyone ever recorded in the Bible? Who said that our Messiah was crucified on a Friday? Where you find that in your Bible? Where is Good Friday found in the Bible?

You see it's not about walking in the way that our Messiah walked who always kept his Father's feast days and appointments and <u>his</u> true seventh day Sabbath. It's about keeping Roman Catholic doctrine and the commandments of Roman Catholic popery. It's about walking as the Pope of Rome walks who is indeed the son of the devil himself! And these so-called protestant churches today in the United States who no longer protest against anything are nothing more than the daughters of Roman Catholicism herself and the offspring of the son of the devil himself!

Make no mistake about it... the church today could care less about obedience. For them "do as thou wilt is the whole of the law" that comes right out of the devils Bible itself has become their mantra because it is the devil himself that they serve. The same devil that the men who were standing behind the pulpits of our Messiah's time served.

I tell you the truth... the sand is right now as we speak leaving the hourglass. The time to choose whom it is that we will serve is quickly coming to an end. The time to demonstrate whether or not we have been called or whether we have been chosen is soon coming. There is no more time to waste. There is no more time to sit on our blessed assurances and be silent. There is no more time to hold hands with the world singing Kumbaya. There is no more time to be yoked together with unbelievers who believe in a pagan god that sits upon a pagan golden throne on earth.

Today the time has come to choose whom it is that we will serve. And today the time is come to prove whom it is that we have chosen through

the obedience that brings the justification of what we truly believe and have faith in.

Once again, if we cannot teach anything else here within the confines of the book of Matthew, the first book of the New Testament... we need to have the ability to teach the difference between the called and the chosen, the difference between the clean and the unclean, the difference between those who claim that the law is a curse, and those who know that the law is truth, the difference between those who honor him with their lips while there harts are far from him, and those who have been chosen to pick up their crosses and to follow our Messiah who himself was sanctified through his own obedience which is the same obedience that we are to also demonstrate.

It is written, that if we are lukewarm, he will spit us out of his mouth. It is written that only those who endure to the end will be saved. It is written that only those who conquer will receive the crown. And it is written that we do not overthrow the law by our faith... by no means... on the contrary... but that we uphold and establish... the law... the Torah... the spoken word of God that our Messiah became in the flesh and calls us to also follow him and become.

And with that, we will close the books for this morning, and we will hope, and we will pray that our Father Yehovah in heaven will continue to pour out his Spirit upon his people so that we may continue to have the eyes to see and the ears to hear what it is that he wants us to see and to hear.

And with that being said... We will once again close the books for this morning and allow you to once again take these things to your prayer closet and to bow your head and to bend your knee and to face the holy promised land of Jerusalem and to ask in the name of Yeshua, Hamashiach you if what you have heard here today be true or not.

Ask, seek, and knock on his door and on his door alone so that the

proper door can be opened to you. And if you will do that, and if you will stay the course to the end, you and I will surely walk through the gates of his soon coming kingdom together.