

Study of Luke 8

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Luke 8:1-56

1 And it came to pass afterward, that Messiah went throughout every city and village, preaching and showing the **glad tidings**, (also known as the Gospel of the kingdom of Elohim, in Matthew 4:23, the Gospel of **Truth**, and Scripture defines the word Truth as the Words of the Torah of Elohim in Galatians 2:5;14, Ephesians 1:13, Colossians 1:5), and His twelve disciples were with Him,

Verse 2 And certain women, who had been healed of tormented spirits and infirmities, **Mary**, called **Magdalene**, out of whom went seven devils,

(מִרְיָם מַגְדָּלָה, Miryam Magdalah, where the word Miryam means bitterness, rebellion, rebelliousness, and the word Magdalah is from the word Migdal, מִגְדָּל, which means, tower, turret, pulpit, cupboard, it means, enlarged, magnified, growing, grown up)

3 And Joanna the wife of Chuza Herod's steward,

(יִזְחָנָה, Yochanah, or Yo Chanah where the word Yo is a short form of the name Yahweh, and the Chanah is from the word Chen, which means, grace, favour, therefore this name means Favour of Yahweh)

And Susanna, and many others, who ministered unto Messiah of their substance.

(שׁוֹשָׁנָה, Susan, was one of many women who were healed by Yeshua, and who helped to support Him and His disciples in their travels)

Verse 4 And when much people were gathered together, and were come to Him out of every city, He spoke by a parable:

The Parable of the sower:

In Matthew 12, the Pharisees accused Messiah and His disciples of breaking the Sabbath by collecting a handful of grain in their hands while they were walking through the wheat field. When Messiah spoke, He scolded and humiliated them by showing them and the multitude of people that were there, from Scripture, that He was doing what the Torah commanded Him to do, and the Pharisees wanted to kill Him for it, but since Messiah was informed by the Holy Spirit of their intention to do Him harm, he departed from there and a great multitude of people followed Him, and we are told that he healed them all. Then the Pharisees brought Him, someone that was deranged who was apparently deaf and dumb, and Messiah healed him also, and because Messiah healed him, the Pharisees accused Messiah of healing this man through the power of the Beelzebub, the devil, and of course Messiah rebuked them, and was easily able to show the idiocy and absolute nonsense of their accusation, and then He explained to the multitude that anyone that was **NOT** with Him, the Living Torah made flesh, which means that

anyone who chooses to **NOT** believe, follow, obey and **DO** the Torah of YHVH, is not only **NOT** with YHVH, **NOT** part of YHVH's Family, **BUT** that they are actually working **AGAINST** Him, they are working for the enemy, satan!

Now with that in mind let's begin to look at Luke 8:4
And when much people were gathered together, and were come to Him out of every city, he spoke by a parable:

We have to understand that Messiah had a great compassion for the multitude, for He **KNEW** that they had been lied to for many years by the leaders of the man made religion of Judaism, with their countless overbearing man made laws that stifle people, laws that do **NOT** allow people, who are seeking the pure **TRUTH** of YHVH's Word, to find that **TRUTH**, for these leaders, the Pharisees and Sadducees, commanded people to obey their man made oral torah, the teachings of their Rabbis, or risk being ostracized, shunned and excommunicated from the Jewish community, which is a very powerful deterrent for most people.

Therefore the mere fact that they were there to hear Messiah's words, tells us how hungry this multitude of people were for the **TRUTH**, and Messiah did **NOT** disappoint, He gave them a taste of our heavenly Father's **TRUTH**, the Words of His Torah of Life.

*Verse 5 A sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed,
Some fell by the way side; and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it.
Some fell upon a rock; and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it lacked moisture.
Some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprang up with it, and choked it.
Other seed fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit a hundredfold.
And when He had said these things, He cried, He that has ears to hear, let him hear.*

Here Messiah is telling His disciples and the multitude of people that were there, **IF** you have ears that are functioning, and can actually hear the Words that I am speaking, then learn to Shemah My Words, learn to hear, listen, pay very close attention to, understand, believe, follow, obey and **DO** what My words Command you to do.

Verse 9 And His disciples asked Him, saying, What might this parable be?

The disciples are confused as to why Messiah is using parables to teach them and the multitude of people, because as far as they are concerned parables need to be deciphered and they tell Messiah that if the people can **NOT** decipher them, then they will **NOT** understand what You are teaching them, and therefore they will **NOT** learn, nor will they be able to follow whatever instructions that are hidden in the Parable.

*Verse 10 And He said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of Elohim:
BUT to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not*

understand.

Why was it given to the Disciples to **KNOW** the mysteries but it was **NOT** given to the multitude to know those mysteries?

First of all we have to understand **WHO** our heavenly Father usually uses to reveal His Mysteries, before we can answer that question. The one who reveals the mysteries of YHVH to His people, according to Scripture **IS** the Father's Holy Spirit, and YHVH has said in *Ezekiel 36:26-27* *A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. And I will put My Holy Spirit within you, and CAUSE you to walk in My Statutes, and you SHALL KEEP My Judgments, and DO them.*

YHVH Himself, tells us through the Words that He spoke in Ezekiel that **IF** we allow the Holy Spirit to **CAUSE** us to walk in obedience to the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, then He, the Holy Spirit of our heavenly Father, will be our helper, who will help us understand the mysteries of the Parables, and the desires of our heavenly Father's heart.

Next we have to ask ourselves, **WHY** is it given to some people to know the mysteries of the kingdom while it is **NOT** given to others, and ponder the question, does that seem fair that it is given to some people to understand while it is not given to others? The reason it is given to some people, and not to others is because some people have, of their own volition, willingly chosen to surrender their hearts, minds, souls and strength to YHVH, and because they have done that, the Holy Spirit helps them to understand the messages of YHVH, while the people who have **NOT YET** chosen to fully surrender their will to YHVH, do **NOT** have the Holy Spirit within them, therefore they are on their own to try and decipher what the Parables that Messiah is using, mean.

Therefore according to the *verses* that I quoted in Ezekiel, what will be given to people who willingly and lovingly surrender their hearts to YHVH, **IS** His Holy Spirit, who is tasked with **CAUSING** every surrendered contrite obedient heart to believe, follow, obey the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, and **IF** they continue allowing the Holy Spirit to **CAUSE** them to obey the Father's Torah, then more and more of YHVH's **TRUTH** will be given to them, they will have it in abundance. However, the people who have **rejected** the Words of Torah of YHVH, whether they know it or not, have actually **rejected** the Holy Spirit of YHVH, which means that they have chosen **NOT TO ALLOW** the Holy Spirit to **CAUSE** them to believe nor obey the Words of Torah of YHVH, which in turn means that whatever amount of understanding that they would have received through simply obeying the Words of the Torah of YHVH, will be taken away from them, since they have expressed their disdain for the Words of the Torah of YHVH, that the Holy Spirit is tasked with teaching them, and they will be left with relying on the finite wisdom of man, which is nothing but foolishness according to Elohim.

Verse 11 Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of Elohim.

We have to understand that many prophets and righteous men of the past, have **NOT** had the blessed opportunity of Seeing and Hearing what these disciples have seen and heard, which means that **NONE** of the righteous men and prophets that came before Messiah's Disciples, have seen the Living Torah in the flesh, and the miracles that our heavenly Father did through Him, and none of them, have actually Heard the Living Torah made flesh speak the inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions of our heavenly Father, His Directives for everlasting Life.

Next Messiah clarifies for everyone what lesson He was teaching us by using the parable of the sower.

*Verse 12 The seed that fell by the way side are they that hear; **then comes the devil, and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.***

This is telling us that we have to be so very diligent, in protecting our hearts against, satan, the great deceiver, for just because YHVH, has put something on someone's heart, it does **NOT** mean that that person will obey it. YHVH loves all of His children the very same way, so He puts His Torah on everyone's heart, **BUT** it is up to the individual to choose to believe it or reject it, and that is why it is so very important to guard our hearts against the deceitful teachings of all man made religious and or secular doctrines, because these falsehoods can rob you of your everlasting resting place in the kingdom of Elohim.

*13 The seed that fell on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word **with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away.***

Here we are being told that when YHVH writes His Torah on the hearts of people that have a heart of stone, a heart that is filled with pride, then even though they might think that what they heard is good teaching, and they enjoy hearing it, **BUT** it really does **NOT** take root in their prideful heart, **THEN**, when some tribulation comes along, some difficulties, some persecutions, like friends telling him that he or she is going back under the Law, then that person is offended and chooses to **reject** what YHVH has put on his heart, he rejects the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life.

14 And the seed which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection.

Here we see that there are some people that will hear the Word of YHVH, and weigh it against the cares of this world, and the Words of the Torah in that person's mind will be found wanting, because they have somehow been lead to believe that riches, or the pleasures of this world are much better than what the Word of YHVH, the Words of His Torah of Life has to offer, **BUT** they are mistaken, for the Word of YHVH, promises that the **cares of this world, which ARE:**

1 – **Wealth**, Scripture says that it is YHVH that gives us power to get wealth, *Deuteronomy 8:18 But you shall remember YHVH your Elohim: for **IT IS He** that gives **YOU** power to get*

wealth, that He may establish His Covenant which he swore unto your fathers, as it is this day.

2 – **Health**, Scripture tells us that YHVH will take **ALL** sickness away from the people who willingly and lovingly choose to believe, follow, obey and **DO** all of His Commandments with a surrendered, contrite, loving, obedient hearts.

3 – **Enjoyment**, YHVH has given us His feasts so that we can party, He has given us marriage in order to satisfy our sexual needs, and the need to procreate, He has told us what we should eat to stay healthy, and **IF** we do all that He commands us, he promises us that we will be joyful.

4 – **Peace and safety**, YHVH has told us that **IF** we obey His Commandments, then it will cause even our enemies to be at peace with us, and **IF** anyone of you want to know more about what is in store for anyone and everyone who willingly chooses to obey YHVH, and actually do what He Commands us to do, then read what YHVH has promised us in the first fourteen verses of *Deuteronomy 28*, and in the first thirteen verses of *Leviticus 26*, and you will see that the cares of this world absolutely melt away, in the face of these great promises.

*15 But the seed that fell on the **GOOD** ground are they, which in an **honest and good heart, having heard the Word, keep it** (Shamar, guard and protect it), and bring forth fruit with patience.*

The word **GOOD**, in the phrase **good ground**, is the Hebrew word *Tov*, which means functioning in the manner that YHVH created it or them to function, therefore when a heart **functions** in the manner that YHVH created it to function, when a heart willingly and lovingly chooses to believe, follow, obey the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, **THEN** that person will produce the Fruit of YHVH's Holy Spirit, which is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law

Now we are told in *Matthew 13*, in the Parable of the sower, that the person that does **function** in the manner that YHVH Created him to **function**, the person who willingly chooses to believe, follow, and obey the Words of the Torah of YHVH will produce fruit and brings forth:
Some a hundredfold,
Some sixty,
Some thirty.

Why did YHVH choose those numbers?

YHVH always wants to refer us back to the Words of His Torah, the very same Torah that He gave to Moses, which was the fulfilment of the promise that YHVH made to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and like what YHVH said in *Malachi 4:1-6* where YHVH ends by telling us that He will **TURN** the hearts of the children to their Fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Abraham was **one hundred** years old when Isaac, the son of promise was born to him and

Sarah.

Isaac was **sixty** years old when his wife Rebecca gave birth of Jacob and Esau

The love of Jacob's life was Rachel, who gave birth to Joseph, who is a shadow picture of Messiah and Joseph was **thirty** years old when He stood before Pharaoh, and became the viceroy of Egypt, and who eventually saved Israel and the world from famine.

Therefore in the numbers of the amount of fruit that the good ground, the ground that functions in the manner that YHVH created it to function, produces, we see that YHVH is referring US, or **turning our hearts, mind and souls back to the Fathers**, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, which means that YHVH is turning the hearts of the children of His Israel, back to the Words of the Torah of YHVH, which He gave to Moses at Mount Sinai, and wanted the world to **remember it FOREVER** (*Exodus 19:9 And YHVH said unto Moses, Lo, I come unto YOU, Moses, in a thick cloud, so that the people may hear* (shemah, which means to hear, listen, pay very close attention to, understand, believe, follow, obey and **DO** what I have commanded you to do) *when I speak with YOU, and believe YOU, Moses, FOR EVER.*

Next Messiah gives us another Parable, He says in *verse 16*

No man, when he has lit a candle, covers it with a vessel, or puts it under a bed; BUT sets it on a candlestick, that they which enter in may see the light. 17 For nothing is secret, that SHALL not be made manifest; neither is any thing hid, that SHALL not be known and come abroad. Here Messiah is telling us that we are **NOT** to hide the fact that we have chosen to believe, follow and obey the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, but we are to be like a Lighthouse, and become a Light for everyone to see, in case they too want to know more about YHVH and His ways, and therefore He makes a point in telling us, that **ALL** things, all of our past deeds, all of the words that we have spoken, **WILL** be brought into the open for everyone to see.

Verse 18 Take heed therefore how you hear, (take heed that you shema, that you hear, listen, pay attention to, understand, believe, follow and obey My Words):

For whosoever has,

To him shall be given;

And whosoever does NOT have,

From him shall be taken even that which he seems to have.

This is telling us that **IF** we have allowed the Holy Spirit of YHVH to cause us to believe, follow and obey the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, **THEN** the Father will use us more and more as His vessels to spread His Words of Life to many other souls, **BECAUSE** Scripture makes it very clear that He does **NOT** want anyone to perish, and the only way to stop people from perishing, is by teaching them that they must learn to believe, follow and obey all the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life. However, the people that do **NOT** allow the Holy

Spirit to cause them to believe, follow and obey the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, will **NOT** be used as vessels of YHVH's Truth, and they will sink deeper and deeper into their depraved way of life, and the promise of everlasting Life, will not be for them, which means that what YHVH has promised all of mankind **IF** they choose to obey the Words of His Torah of Life, will be taken away from them, **BECAUSE** they rejected His Words of Life

*Verse 19 Then Messiah's mother and his brothers came to Him, but they could not come near Him because of the crowd. 20 And it was told Messiah by certain which said, Your mother and your brothers stand outside, desiring to see You. 21 And Messiah answered and said unto them, My mother and my brothers, **ARE** these which hear (shema) the word of Elohim, and do it.*

Is Messiah being disrespectful of His mother and brothers here? What does He mean when He says, *My mother and my brothers, **ARE** these which hear (shema) the word of Elohim, and do it?*

The answer of course is no, Messiah is not being disrespectful to His mother and brothers, He is teaching us, that the ties that bind all believers together, which **IS**, surrendered obedience to the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, is much more important, than any of our ties to immediate family. It does **NOT** mean that the relationship between mother and son, or brother to brother is **NOT** important, it simply means that the relationship that we have between the Words of the Torah of YHVH, His Word made flesh, and our souls, **IS** of paramount importance, and therefore **IF** there comes a time where one has to decide to believe, follow obey and **DO** what the Torah says, instead of what your mother and or brother are advising and maybe even pressuring you to do, then follow and obey the Words of Father's Torah of Life, rather than your mother's or your brother's advice, because, obedience to the Words of the Torah of YHVH is **WHAT** binds Messiah's family together.

*Verse 22 Now it came to pass on a certain day, that Messiah went into a ship with His disciples: and he said unto them, Let us go over unto **the other side** of the lake. And they launched forth. 23 But as they sailed Messiah fell asleep: and there came down a storm of wind on the lake; and they were filled with water, and were in jeopardy. 24 And they came to Him, and awoke Him, saying, **Master, Master, we perish.***

Throughout the Apostolic Scriptures our heavenly Father miraculously healed many people who were sick, and those that suffered from mental diseases, through His healing vessel, Messiah, and His disciples witnessed all of them. However, here we are told that His disciples who, as I said, witnessed all these miraculous healings, are now in a ship with Messiah, who is asleep, and we are told that a storm comes up and that all His disciples are afraid that they are going to perish. Now just stop and think about this for a moment, these disciples have been witnesses of many supernatural acts, that were done through Messiah, and because they are Jewish they know, or should know, that YHVH is the only entity that can and does do miracles, which means that they had to conclude that Messiah **IS** a vessel of YHVH. However, now that their own personal lives are in jeopardy, they panic, and somehow forget everything that YHVH has

just done through Messiah, and they wake Messiah up from His well deserved rest, and in a panic, they plead with Him to save them. And what is Messiah's answer?

Verse 24, continued: Then he arose, and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water: and they ceased, and there was a calm.

As I said above, these disciples have been with Messiah for a while now, and they have been witnesses to all kinds of miracles performed by YHVH through Messiah, and I am sure that they believed that He was from Elohim, for it was said of Messiah, that no man can do what You do, unless Elohim is with You, **BUT** when it came to their own personal safety, their belief in Him **was flawed or lacking a level of Trust**, and they were afraid, which means that they **DID NOT TRUST** that our heavenly Father would protect His Living Torah made flesh, Messiah, who was in the boat with them, and that He would **NOT** let Him perish in some storm.

We have to understand that **IF** they had indeed believed that simple fact, that our heavenly Father did **NOT** send Messiah to earth just to watch Him perish in a storm, **THEN** they would **NOT** have been afraid, **BUT** they would have let Messiah finish his well deserved, and needed nap. So what did Messiah do to alleviate their fears

I believe that this is a shadow picture of His resurrection, where all those who believed in Him, the Living Torah made flesh and His resurrection, will experience this **GREAT CALM**
Verse 25 And He said unto them, Where is your belief (faith)? And they being afraid wondered, saying one to another, What manner of man is this! for He commands even the winds and water, and they obey Him.

It is great that they marvelled after seeing Him calm the winds and the sea, **BUT** YHVH is searching for people who marvel at His Word, before He does any miracles to prove Himself, or does anything for them personally so that they can be convinced to believe in Him, He is looking for hearts that will believe, follow, obey and **DO** the Words of His Torah of Life, because we love our heavenly Father and Him and have willingly chosen to obey Him, and not just because we saw some miracles that were supposedly done by Him.

Next we are told where Messiah went next, in *verse 26*:

*And they arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is over against Galilee. 27 And when He went forth to land, there, out of the city, Messiah met a certain man, who had been troubled by devils for a long time, and this man wore no clothes, neither did he abide in any house, **BUT** in the tombs. 28 When he saw Yeshua, he cried out, and fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, What have I to do with You, Yeshua, You Son of Elohim most high? I beseech You, do **NOT** torment me. 29 (For he had commanded the unclean spirit to **come out** of the man. For oftentimes **it** had caught him: and he was kept bound with chains and in fetters; and he broke the bands, and was driven of the devil into the wilderness.)*

This is exactly the same scenario that I have spoken of many times in the past, and at the risk of repeating myself, I have to say it again and again, the devil **CANNOT POSSESS** people, he can only do what YHVH allows him to do, and the precedent for what the devil is allowed to do, is set in the book of *Job*, in *verses 1-6* where YHVH says to satan, *behold, all that Job has, all his possessions, is in your power to do with what you want, only upon Job, you are NOT TO PUT FORTH YOUR HAND*. This makes it absolutely clear that satan **CANNOT** even put his hand upon any of YHVH's created children, much less possess them and get them to do what he wants.

I have said this many times, so I am sorry if this is repetitive, **BUT** it is very important that we all understand that the devil or satan **CANNOT POSSESS** any of YHVH's children, therefore it is impossible for these so called devils or demons to come **OUT OF** something that they were **NEVER IN**, to begin with. When it comes to the pigs, it is very interesting to me, that it wasn't a flock of sheep or goats, or a herd of cattle that these so called evil spirits were asking to enter into. As you know or should know, the pig, or the swine **IS NOT** to be treated as food for us according to YHVH, therefore the people who have willingly and lovingly committed to obey the Torah of YHVH, do **NOT EAT** swine, pig, for YHVH Himself has told us in *Leviticus 11* that the swine **IS NOT FOOD FOR US**, therefore I find it very interesting that these so called evil spirits are supposedly entering the swine, the pigs, and that at that very point, when they supposedly entered the swine, the swine display fear, which sends them into a panic mode, and they stampede down the hill into the sea and they **ALL DIE**. Because swine are used in this scenario, **IS** Messiah revealing some hidden gem to us here, could He be telling us that **IF** we eat anything that He has designated as **NOT FOOD FOR US**, and especially the swine, that always returns to wallow in the mud, which is a metaphor for sin, and where a person can easily get the germ trichinosis from, which is a disease in the form of a germ that can and does affect the human heart and the brain, so that the people who choose to eat pork, may have **troubled minds** such as this man who was supposedly possessed by evil spirits. We have to realize that it wasn't evil spirits that supposedly possessed this man, it was **mental illness**, it is a similar scenario to what is talked about in *1 Timothy 4:1-2* *Now the Holy Spirit speaks expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from believing the Truth (the Torah, Psalm 119:142), and give heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 2* (we have to understand that these people **ARE NOT** possessed by devils, they are simply out of their minds or they have made up their minds to believe and follow what the devil teaches) *Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;*

And all of this searing of the conscience, can and will happen to many people, because of their flagrant disobedience to YHVH's Word's of Life, the Words of His Torah, His Directives for everlasting Life, and inevitably, this kind of continual rebellious disobedience to the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, will eventually lead all people, who follow this path, into having their minds **seared with a hot iron**, causing some instability in their lives, **that can and often will lead to mental illness**, and it is all because they have rejected YHVH's Path of Life, the Words of His Torah of Life. Why do you think that alcohol is called **SPIRITS**, it is because when people consume a lot of alcohol, **IT CHANGES THEIR SPIRIT**, and some people are

docile drunks, but the majority of people are usually out of their minds, they become belligerent, argumentative and even violent, and the *spirit* that they are possessed by, **IS** Alcohol, whereas, in the case of this man from Gadarene, he was possessed by a mental illness which Messiah cured, which means that he went from ***being out of his mind, to being of sound mind and body***. It was something similar to what Nebuchadnezzar went through when YHVH made him live and eat like a beast, which means that his mind was tormented, but when his punishment was over, we are told that ***he came to his right mind***, but only after serving the seven year sentence of acting like an animal, that YHVH had imposed upon him for his prideful acts.

One more thing, **IF** you have ever been around a herd or a flock of animals, you know that they sense when there is something around them that is not right, something that they believe, might do them harm, and they can quite easily panic and start stampeding, and their fear will cause all of them to do stupid things, like run over a cliff to their death, or run down a hill into the sea, and drown, and that is exactly what happened in this case, the swine sensed that something was wrong, and they panicked and stampeded to their death.

Verse 33 And they that kept them fled,

The people that kept the herd of swine **AS FOOD** for the people in the area to consume, even though the Creator of the universe has stipulated that swine are **NOT** to be food for man, are confused and afraid, and they *went their way into the city, and told every thing, that was befallen to those who were possessed by the devils.*

The Book of Luke is **NOT** the only book that uses the term, *possessed by the devil or devils*, but no matter how often they use that term, **IT IS STILL A LIE**, for it is YHVH that **IS** in charge of all things, and there is absolutely **NO WAY** that He would allow any created entity, such as satan, the devil, or any other entity for that matter, to possess **ANY** of the people that He has created and has dominion over.

Verse 30 And Yeshua asked him, saying, What is your name? And he said, Legion: Because many devils were entered into him. 31 And they besought Messiah that He would NOT command them to go out into the deep.

(Abussos, Strong's number G12 ἄβυσσος, ábussos, it means depthless, specially infernal, abyss, deep, bottomless, bottomless pit, it is described as an immeasurable depth, the underworld, the lower regions, the abyss of Sheol, the dwelling place or the pit that Yahweh locked them in when they fell or rebelled against Elohim and followed satan, as is mentioned in *2Peter 2:4 and cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgement day*, and in *Jude 1:6 where it says: He has reserved them in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day*)

Now please understand that according to what it says here in *verse 31*, **IF** Messiah did indeed command this **Legion**, these so called many devils, to go to the deep (*the Abussos, ἄβυσσος, the abyss, the pit, or hell*), that these devils, would have to obey, because they are created beings and they **HAVE** no choice whatsoever, but to **OBEY** Messiah, However, Scripture quite clearly points out that these demons, these devils, are **ALREADY** in the pit, the abyss, hell (*2Peter 2:4 and Jude 1:6*).

Verse 32 And there was there a herd of many swine feeding on the mountain: and they besought Messiah, the Living Word of the Father, made flesh, that He, the Creator of all things, would allow them to enter into the pigs. And Messiah allowed them.

Does this make any sense to anyone. If it were true, that this devil or demon actually possessed this man, and caused this man, who is a creation that our heavenly Father loves with an infinite love, to hurt himself and others, do you think that the Creator of the universe, would show leniency to them just so they could go and torment someone else? It is totally illogical, for **IF** there were such beings, He would do exactly what He did when they first rebelled, He would toss them in the abyss tied up with chains of darkness until the judgement day (*2Peter 2:4 and Jude 1:6*).

Now according to this story, which I believe was **fabricated** by the Scribes of the Catholic church, these so called devils are permitted by Messiah, to enter into a herd of swine. Now if that is not bad enough, the next thing we are told is that these swine, where these so called devils called legion, entered into, ran down the hill and drowned in the lake. So what purpose did it serve, where would they go from there? Would they go into the fish in the lake, would they drown, would they be sent back to the Abyss, where they clearly did **NOT** want to go? Its all nonsense, human beings have not, cannot and never will be able to be possessed by demons, it is all a fabrication of the Catholic church in order to control their followers, and scare them into obeying the man made edicts of the church, which threatens people that IF they do NOT obey the Church edicts, that they will be taken over by the devil and lost forever.

Verse 33 Then the devils went out of the man, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the lake, and were choked (drowned).

This is absolute nonsense?

*Verse 34 When **THEY** that **tended** to and **fed** the pigs, saw what was done, **they fled**, and went and told it in the city and in the country. 35 Then the people of the city went out to see what was done; and they came to Yeshua, and found the man, out of whom the devils were departed, sitting at the feet of Yeshua, clothed, **AND IN HIS RIGHT MIND:** (Messiah cured this man's mental illness, And they were afraid.*

Now please understand the severity and the sadness of this statement. These people that raise swine for a living, an animal that they sell to people to eat, and since there were so many pigs

we can surmise that they too, the people of the city were eating swine, which is something that is forbidden in the Torah of YHVH, which means that these people were **NOT** walking in obedience to the Commandments of YHVH, which in turn means that they did **NOT** recognize Messiah, the Living Torah made flesh as their potential Saviour, and therefore they asked Him to leave. The implications of asking the Saviour of the world to leave your city, is just mind boggling, because they are actually saying that we are **OK** with eternal damnation.

*Verse 36 They also which saw it, told them by what means he that was possessed of the devils was healed. 37 Then the whole multitude of the country of the Gadarenes round about besought Messiah **TO DEPART FROM THEM**; for they were taken with great fear: and He went up into the ship, and returned back again.*

If Messiah came to the average Christian church or household today, and told them, that they were forbidden to eat pork chops, bacon, ham, shrimp, or any of the other categories found in *Vayiqra (Leviticus) 11*, that YHVH has designated as **NOT FOOD FOR US**, would they, like these people of the city mentioned above, **ASK HIM TO LEAVE?** I know, what I think they would do, what about you?

Verse 38 Now the man out of whom the devils were departed besought Messiah that he might be with Him: but Yeshua sent him away, saying, 39 Return to your own house, and show how great things Elohim (Not Me) have done unto you. And he went his way, and published throughout the whole city how great things Yeshua had done unto him.

As you can see Yeshua told this man to go and tell the people of his house and of his city, all the **GREAT** things that Elohim has done for you, however, the man went home and told everyone that Yeshua, **NOT** Elohim, had done unto him.

Now the man was not being malicious, he just wanted everybody to know that he had been healed from his **mental illness**, **BUT** he gave glory to Messiah, rather than give the glory to whom it belonged to, to our heavenly Father, which is whom Messiah had told him to give the glory to. We also have to be very careful to attribute **ALL** glory and honour to our heavenly Father, for Messiah Himself tells us that He only **does** and **says** what the Father has told Him to **SAY** and **DO**, therefore, everything Messiah does, has done or will ever do is directed by our heavenly Father, and that is to whom **ALL** glory belongs.

Next we are told about another incident where a couple of miracles was performed by our heavenly Father, through Messiah.

Verse 40 And it came to pass, that, when Yeshua was returned, the people gladly received Him: for they were all waiting for Him.

It is rather ironic that one group could not wait to get rid of Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, and another group welcomes Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah made

flesh, with open arms. Which group do you think will keep the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life and be blessed?

*Verse 41 And, behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a **ruler of the synagogue**: and he fell down at Yeshua's feet, and besought Him that he would come into his house: 42 For he had one only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she lay a dying. But as He went the people thronged Him.*

We are told in the Apostolic Scriptures that the Pharisees and Sadducees, who are the rulers of the synagogues, wanted to kill Messiah, and here we see one of these leaders, named Jairus, comes to Messiah, and asks Him to save his daughter who was about to die. There is definitely some irony in this situation, for the **ONE** that they wanted to **KILL, IS** now the **ONE** that this young Synagogue leader, named Jairus, goes to, to save his daughter, and cure her of her illness. Why would Jairus do that? It is because he truly believed that Messiah could save his daughter, for he was risking being ridiculed and maybe even ostracized or excommunicated from the Jewish community for turning to Messiah in his time of need.

Now the type of belief that this young synagogue leader is displaying, does indeed, in my mind, rival the belief of the centurion, which belief, Messiah said, was greater than any belief that He had encountered anywhere in Israel, for this man tells Messiah that his daughter is nearly dead, **but** he still believes that Messiah can and **WILL** bring her back to Life, **IF** only Messiah agrees to come to his house and put His hands upon her. That means that in his heart, this ruler actually **BELIEVES** that Messiah **IS** the Son of Elohim, and that Elohim, can and will do what Messiah asks of Him, otherwise there is no point in him asking Messiah to come to his house at all, since he knows that his daughter is going to die unless something or someone intervenes on her behalf; and Messiah answers him and says that He will come with Him.

Verse 43 And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any, 44 Came behind Him, and touched the border of His garment (His Tzitziot): and immediately her issue of blood stanch'd. 45 And Yeshua said, Who touched me? When all denied, Peter and they that were with Him said, Master, the multitude throng You and press against You, and You ask, Who touched Me? 46 And Yeshua said, Somebody has touched Me: for I perceive that virtue is gone out of Me.

Here we are told that on the way to the ruler of the synagogue's house, to see his daughter who was dying, Messiah is surrounded by a throng of people, and a woman, who had an issue of blood for twelve years, touched Him, and we are told what she did in *verse 44 She came behind Him, and touched the border of His garment (His Tzitziot): and immediately her issue of blood stopped. 45 And Yeshua said, Who touched me? When all denied, Peter and they that were with Him said, Master, the multitude throng You and press against You, and You ask, Who touched Me? 46 And Yeshua said, Somebody has touched Me: for I perceive that virtue is gone out of Me.*

WHY did this woman believe that she would be healed just by touching Messiah's garment? This is yet another incident of a person that has a very strong belief in the power of our heavenly Father and His Son, Messiah the Living Torah made flesh, for she is absolutely convinced in her heart, mind and soul, that simply touching Messiah's garment, His Tzitziot, will heal her, and for her to really believe that, it means that she believes that there simply was no other possible outcome, other than her being **healed** of her disease of the issue of blood that had been troubling her for **twelve years**, because, for her, her belief made it an absolute forgone conclusion, for in her heart, she knew that all she had to do, **IS TOUCH** the Living Torah made flesh, and **ALL** would be well in her life. It is also very significant that her disease lasted for a **twelve** year period, for the number **twelve** in Scripture, represents the perfect Way that YHVH governs His kingdom; it is through belief, her belief in the love, grace, mercy, compassion, forgiving nature and omnipotence of our heavenly Father, who can do **ALL** things, that she **KNEW** that she would be healed.

*Verse 47 And when the woman saw that she was **NOT** hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before Him, she declared unto Him before all the people (confession) for what cause she had touched Him, and how she was healed immediately 48 And Messiah said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: your belief (faith) **HAS** made you whole; go in peace.*

Scripture makes it very clear that believing, trusting and obeying the Word of YHVH from a surrendered contrite obedient heart, has many benefits, and this woman who had an issue of blood for **twelve years**, which meant that she could not participate in **ANY** of the Jewish community's events, which means that she had to go through these twelve years on her own, without any support from friends and or neighbours, will now be able to once again become a participating member in all the community activities including going to the Temple to praise and worship YHVH.

*Verse 49 While Messiah was speaking, there came a person from the house of the ruler of the synagogue, saying to him, **your daughter is DEAD; Do NOT** trouble the Master anymore.*

Now Messiah is on His way to Jairus' house to heal his daughter, and on the way there, a person came from the house of this ruler and said **your daughter is DEAD; do NOT** trouble the Master anymore.

Now in the face of this supposedly irrefutable evidence, that Jairus' daughter was dead, **WHAT** did Messiah say to Jairus?

*Verse 50 But when Yeshua heard it, He answered Jairus, saying, **DO NOT FEAR: ONLY BELIEVE, and (IF** you do) she **SHALL** be made whole.*

If it was your daughter that was lying on her bed dying, and someone came to you and said your daughter is **DEAD, BUT** Messiah told you, do **NOT** Fear, only believe, would that set your mind at ease right away, would you automatically believe the Words of Messiah, or would there

be a little doubt in your mind, **UNTIL** you actually **SAW** your daughter alive? These kind of questions are **NOT** instructional, unless we choose to answer truthfully.

*Verse 51 And when Messiah came into the house, He suffered no man to go in, except Peter, and James, and John, and the father and the mother of the maiden. 52 And all wept, and bewailed her: but He said, do **NOT** Weep; **she is NOT dead, but sleeps.***

And what was the reaction of the crowd after Messiah said those words? It says in *verse 53*

*And they **laughed** Messiah to **scorn**, knowing that she was dead.*

How many people laugh at and or scorn you, because you believe and obey **ALL** the Words of the Torah of YHVH, and tell them that the Words of His inerrant and **EVERLASTING** teaching and instructions are still **in full effect today**? I would venture to say that the majority of people would laugh you to scorn, and if they do **NOT** do it to your face, you can rest assured that they are mocking you behind your back. However what these people who mock you do **NOT** understand, **IS** that every time they **ridicule us** for believing, following and obeying the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life, what they are actually saying to Messiah, the Living Torah made flesh, **IS**, we do **NOT** want You nor Your miracles in our lives, just like the people of the Gadarenes did not want Messiah in their midst, after He cured that man of his mental illness.

Just try and imagine a scenario where the ruler believed as these people did, and chose to laugh and or scorn Messiah, instead of asking for His help, I can guarantee you, that his daughter would have remained **DEAD, BUT** since he believed with all his heart, **THEN** our heavenly Father resurrected that little girl in the very same manner that He resurrected Messiah.

Verse 54 And Messiah put them all out, and took her by the hand, and called, saying, Maid, arise

(Arise is translated from the Greek word egeirō, which is Strong's number G1453 ἐγείρω, egeirō, pronounced, eg-i'-ro, which is probably akin to the base of 58 (through the idea of collecting one's faculties); to waken (transitively or intransitively), to rouse from sleep, from sitting or lying, from disease, from death; or figuratively, rise from obscurity, inactivity, ruins, nonexistence; awake, to lift up, raise again, raise up, rear up, arise, stand, take up, and Strong's number G1454 is the word Egersis, which is a cognate of Egeiro, and it is translated as **resurrection**).

Belief and surrendered obedience to YHVH's Torah of Life is what activates **ALL** of YHVH's blessings, **INCLUDING** Resurrection, which is what **ALL** believers are hoping will happen for, and to them; **BUT** there is a caveat to experiencing resurrection into the kingdom of Elohim, **ONE** must learn to believe, follow, obey ad **DO** YHVH's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, YHVH's Torah of Life, with all their heart, mind, soul and strength. Amein.

Therefore the moral of this story is that we are **NOT** to get discouraged, even when people do

NOT believe us, and maybe even laugh at us openly or behind our backs, for what we believe. Just remember, that they **ARE** the ones that are loosing out on **ALL** of YHVH's blessings, for YHVH's blessings **ONLY** flow to those who have a surrendered heart that is willing to lovingly believe, follow, obey all the Words of His Torah, His directives for everlasting Life.

Verse 55 And her spirit came again, and she arose straightway: and Messiah commanded them to give her meat. 56 And her parents were astonished: but He charged them that they should tell no man what was done.

Once the their daughter was brought back to life, Messiah instructed them that they were to tell no one what was done. Messiah does **NOT** want people to believe the **TRUTH**, the Words of the Torah because they have seen signs and wonders, He wants them to believe without any signs other than creation itself.

*John 20:24-31 But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Yeshua came. The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Master. But he said unto them, **EXCEPT I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I WILL NOT BELIEVE.** And after eight days again His disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Yeshua, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you. Then He said to Thomas, Reach here with your finger, and behold My hands; and reach here with your hand, and thrust it into My side: and be not without belief (faithless), **BUT** believe. And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Master and my Elohim. Then Yeshua said unto him, Thomas, **BECAUSE** you have seen Me (signs and wonders), you **NOW BELIEVE: BLESSED** are they that have **NOT SEEN, AND YET HAVE BELIEVED.** And many other signs truly did Yeshua do in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that you might believe that Yeshua is the Messiah, the Son of Elohim; and that believing, you might have Life through His Name. The name of the Living Torah made flesh. Amein.*

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*Have a great Elohim blessed week and may YHVH bless your every thought,
and your every deed. Until we meet again. Amein*