

Study of Luke 9
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Luke 9:1-62

1 Then Messiah called His twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases. 2 And He sent them to preach the kingdom of Elohim,

Why did Messiah have twelve disciples? It is because the twelve represent the twelve tribes of Israel and therefore it is shadow picture of the kingdom of Elohim and beside representing the twelve tribes it represents the Way that YHVH governs His kingdom.

What does Messiah mean when He says that He sent His disciples out to preach the **kingdom of Elohim**? What **IS** the kingdom of Elohim?

*Mark 4:30 And he said, Whereunto shall we liken the kingdom of Elohim? Or with what comparison shall we compare it? 31 **IT IS** like a **grain of mustard seed**, which, when it is sown in the earth, **is less** in size than all the seeds that are in the earth: 32 But when it is sown, it grows up, and becomes greater than **ALL** herbs, and shoots out great branches; so that the fowls of the air may lodge under the shadow of it.*

The kingdom of Elohim seems insignificant to many people, some might even think that it is a ferry tale, **BUT**, whether people believe it or not, it **IS** the **BEST** of **all** kingdoms, because it is the Home of our heavenly Father, where He will rule over the house of Jacob forever (*Luke 1:33*) and the house of Jacob represents the reunited tribes of Israel and everyone that has joined themselves to them, it represents **ALL** the people of Israel and the world that have chosen to surrender their wills to YHVH, and have chosen to live blameless and innocent lives, the people that believe, follow and obey the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life, the people who are filled with YHVH's integrity, His Word, the people that are honest and upright, the Yeshariym, the people who believe and speak the **TRUTH** are the ones that will enter therein and remain there for eternity, and these people are Yeshar El, Israel.

And to heal the sick.

Messiah sent out His disciples with the very same message that the Father sent Him out with, and that **IS**, heal the sick. The sickness that Messiah healed people from was **NOT** only their physical and mental illnesses, Messiah healed people from their spiritual illnesses also, illnesses that are caused by rejecting the Words of His Torah of Life, refusing to believe and obey them and choosing instead to believe the **LIES** of the enemy, the Lies that state, that the Words of the inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions of our heavenly Father have somehow been changed, and or done away with in whole or in part.

Verse 3 And He said unto them, Take nothing for your journey, neither staves, nor scrip, neither bread, neither money; neither have two coats apiece.

Why did Messiah tell His disciples to take **NOTHING** with them? It is because they needed to learn to **TRUST** that YHVH would provide **ALL** that they needed to complete the tasks that He sent them out to do.

*Verse 4 And whatsoever house you enter into, there abide, and then depart. 5 And whosoever will **NOT** receive you, when you go out of that city, shake off the very **DUST** from your feet for a testimony against them.*

Our mandate as believers that follow and obey the Words of the Torah of the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, is to warn people about the danger that comes from the enemy of mankind, satan, for he has come to steal, kill and destroy everything that YHVH has created. Once we have done that with a loving heart, then it is up to all people that have heard our message, to either believe and accept it, or reject it. It is not our responsibility to convince them to obey, that is the purview of the Holy Spirit of YHVH. Therefore when the people of the village refuse and or reject the message that YHVH sent His disciples out (which includes us, for we are His disciples also) to give them, then His disciples are commanded to shake the dust from their feet for a testimony against them. Therefore we have to ask ourselves **WHAT** is it that YHVH is teaching us and them, and what **TESTIMONY** are these people suppose to get when they see Messiah's disciples shaking the dust **OFF** of the feet?

*Genesis 3:17 And unto Adam YHVH said, Because you, Adam, have hearkened unto the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree, of which I commanded you, saying, You **SHALL NOT EAT** of it: **cursed** is the ground for your sake; in **sorrow SHALL** you eat of it all the days of your life; 18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to you; and you **SHALL** eat the herb of the field; 19 In the sweat of your face **SHALL** you eat bread, till you return unto the ground; for out of it were you taken: for **DUST** you **ARE**, and unto **DUST SHALL** you return.*

*Ecclesiastes 3:20 All go unto one place; all are of the **DUST**, and all turn to **DUST** again.*

*Daniel 12:2 And many of them that sleep in the **DUST** of the earth shall awake, **SOME** to everlasting life, and some to **shame and everlasting contempt**.*

The **testimony** that Messiah's disciples gave these villagers and us, **IS, IF** anyone chooses to reject the Words of the Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life, then YHVH will **reject the DUST with which they were made**, which means, that when they are awakened on judgment day, they will be the ones that suffer **shame and everlasting contempt**. That is the message that YHVH is giving these people and us.

*Verse 6 And they departed, and went through the towns, preaching the **Gospel** (the Truth), and healing every where.*

What is the Gospel that Messiah's Disciples were preaching according to Scripture?

*Acts 8:25 And they, when they had testified and preached **the Word of YHVH**, returned to Jerusalem, and preached the **Gospel** in many villages of the Samaritans.*

Here in this *verse* of the book of Acts, the Word of YHVH, which of course **IS** His eternal **TRUTH**, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life, are forever associated with the **GOSPEL**, because it says, they testified and preached the **Word of YHVH**, His Torah of Life and **then**, it says in the same *verse*, they preached the **GOSPEL** in many villages, YHVH is showing us that the **GOSPEL** of Messiah and the **WORD** of YHVH, the Words of His Torah of Life **ARE** one and the same teaching, they are echad they are **ONE**.

*Ephesians 1:3-14 Blessed be the Elohim and Father of our Master Messiah Yeshua, who has blessed us with **ALL** spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Messiah: According as He has chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Yeshua Messiah to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, To the praise of the glory of His Grace, wherein He has made us accepted in the Beloved. In whom we have redemption through His blood, His Torah obedient Life, the forgiveness of sins, of transgressions of the Words of His Torah of Life, according to the riches of His Grace; Wherein He has abounded toward us in **ALL** wisdom and prudence; Having made known unto us, the mystery of His Will, according to his good pleasure which He has purposed in Himself: That in the dispensation of the fulness of times, He might gather together in one, **ALL** things in Messiah, the Living Torah made flesh, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in Him: In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of Him who works **ALL** things after the counsel of His own will: That we should be, to the praise of His glory, who first trusted in Messiah. In whom you also trusted, after you heard the **WORD OF TRUTH, THE GOSPEL OF YOUR SALVATION**: in whom also after that you believed, you were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of His glory.*

Here we are told that the Gospel, which **IS** the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life, **ARE WORDS of TRUTH**, and Pslam 119:142 says: *Your righteousness **IS** an everlasting righteousness, and Your Torah **IS THE TRUTH**.*

Therefore what Messiah's disciples were preaching through the towns, was the Words of His Torah of Life, which brought healing to all the people that they spoke to.

Verse 7 Now Herod the Tetrarch heard of all that was done by Messiah: and he was perplexed, because that it was said of some, that John was risen from the dead; 8 And of some, that Elias had appeared; and of others, that one of the old prophets was risen again. 9 And Herod said, John have I beheaded: but who is this, of whom I hear such things? And he desired to see Him.

Here we are told that Herod heard of all that Messiah was doing, and that he was confused

because there were a bunch of rumours that Messiah might be John the Immerser resurrected, or maybe Elijah, or one of the prophets of old that was risen again. It isn't much different today, for the majority of the people that profess to believe in the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, don't really know who Messiah is, therefore they fabricated a Messiah for themselves. Some, like the majority of our Jewish brothers have been taught over the millennia that Messiah Yeshua is an imposter, an agent of satan that is **NOT** to be listened to, while others from the Christian perspective believe that He is Jesus, a character that they believe and teach has come to do away with the Words of the Torah of YHVH, while others believe that He is just a fictional character, dreamt up by some writer. It appears that without believing the Gospel, the **TRUTH**, the Words of YHVH inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life, that **NO ONE** will be able to say for sure who Messiah is, for it is only in believing the **TRUTH** of YHVH, His Words of Life, than a person can discern that Messiah **IS** the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, made flesh.

Verse 10 And the apostles, when they were returned, told Him all that they had done. And He took them, and went aside privately into a desert place belonging to the city called Bethsaida.

(בֵּית צֵיֵד, Beyit Tzayad, where the word Beit means house, and the word, Tzayad means, to feed, provide with provisions, he equipped, furnished, provided, supplied, provisions for the journey, it also means, hunter, hunting, game)

It is very telling to me, that once Messiah's Disciples returned from preaching the Gospel, YHVH's eternal **TRUTH**, the Words of His Torah of Life, He chose to take His disciples to a place that means, the house where ***I will provide all you need for your journey.*** And the journey that this is talking about is our journey through life, and the provisions that He gives His Disciples and us to sustain us through this Life of ours, **IS** the Words of His Torah of Life.

Verse 11 And the people, when they knew it, followed Him: and He received them, and spoke unto them of the kingdom of Elohim, and healed them that had need of healing.

When it says that He spoke to them of the **kingdom of Elohim**, what do you suppose Messiah was trying to communicate to His disciples and to us?

*Matthew 6:31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? 32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father **KNOWS** that you have need of all these things. 33 But **seek you first the kingdom of Elohim, and His righteousness** (YHVH's **Righteousness IS** the Words of His Torah of Life, Deuteronomy 6:25); and **ALL** these things (all of YHVH's provisions, food, water, clothes, and **ALL** His blessings) **SHALL be added unto you.** 34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.*

Verse 12 And when the day began to wear away, then the twelve came, and said unto Messiah, Send the multitude away, that they may go into the towns and country round about, and lodge, and get victuals: for we are here in a desert place. 13 But Messiah said unto them, You, My

*disciples, give them something to eat. And they said, We have no more but **five loaves** and **two fishes**; unless we go and buy meat for **ALL** this people.*

*Verse 14 For they were about **five** thousand men. And he said to His disciples, Make them sit down by **fifties** in a company. 15 And they did so, and made them all sit down. 16 Then Messiah took the **five loaves** and the **two fishes**, and looking up to heaven, he blessed (them) Elohim, and broke them in pieces, and gave these pieces to His disciples to set before the multitude. 17 And they did eat, and were **ALL FILLED**: and there was taken up of fragments that remained to them twelve baskets.*

The feeding of the five thousand was covered in *Matthew 14:13-21: Verse 14 And Yeshua went forth, and saw a great multitude, And was moved with compassion toward them, And He healed their sick. 15 And when it was evening, his disciples came to Him, saying, This is a desert place, and the time is now past; Send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages, and buy themselves victuals.*

Here Messiah's disciples plead with Him to send the people that had gathered together to hear Him speak, to send them away so that they could get something to eat from the surrounding villages, **BUT** Messiah would have none of it.

Messiah said in *verse 16 But Yeshua said unto them, They do **NOT** need to depart; give them something to eat.*

Now just imagine being one of Messiah disciples that advised Him to send the people away, but Messiah then turns around and tells you, don't send them away, **GIVE** them something to eat.

How would you answer Messiah? His disciples answered Him this way in *verse 17*

*And His disciples said unto Him, We have here but **FIVE** loaves of bread, and **TWO** fishes. Yeshua said, Bring them here to Me. And He commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass,*

Now I want **YOU** to think of **YOURSELF** as one of Messiah's disciples, and **YOU** have just told Messiah to send the people away so that they can get something to eat from the neighbouring villages, **BUT** Messiah says to **YOU**, they do not need to depart, **YOU FEED THEM**, and **YOUR** answer, **IS** one of disbelief, and **YOU** sarcastically say to Messiah, **BUT** all we have is **FIVE** loaves of Bread and **TWO** fishes, and Messiah tells **YOU**, bring the **bread** and the **fishes** here to Me, and then Messiah commanded the people to sit down on the grass.

As Messiah's disciple **WHAT** would **YOU** say is going through **YOUR** mind at this moment? Is it confusion, is it questioning what He is going to do with **five** loaves of **bread** and **two fishes**?

There is also another question that **WE** have to ask ourselves, why were there **FIVE** loaves of **BREAD**, and **TWO FISHES**, what is the message that YHVH has hidden in these numbers?

Next we are told that Messiah took *the five loaves, And the two fishes*, And looking up to heaven, he blessed our heavenly Father, then, He broke the bread, gave the broken pieces of the bread and the fishes to **YOU**, His disciples, and instructed **YOU** and the other disciples to give what He gave **YOU**, to the multitude.

Now as a disciple of Messiah, **YOU** have seen Him lift the **bread** up to our heavenly Father, and bless the Father for this provision, and then Messiah gives **YOU**, and the other disciples portions of the broken **bread** and **fishes** and tells you to feed the masses with it. What is going through **YOUR** mind at this time, for all you actually have in your basket, is but a **few morsels of food**, that **YOU** are supposed to give out to feed thousands of people? It is very important that **WE ALL** understand the mindset of Messiah's disciples, for in actuality, we are asked to do the very same thing that Messiah's disciples are doing here, we too, are to bring the Bread of Life to the peoples of the world, that are mired in darkness.

Now as **YOU** are giving out this food, portions of the **five** loaves of bread and portions of the **two** fishes, **YOU** start noticing that your basket doesn't seem to be running out of morsels of bread nor fishes, no matter how much you are giving out, the basket that **YOU** are holding **IS NOT BEING EMPTIED**, it stays full, which makes **YOU** an integral part of a miracle that is taking place right before your eyes; what do **YOU** think that would do to your belief that Messiah **IS** indeed the Son of the Most High Elohim?

Next we are told that *ALL the people that were there did eat, and were filled: And they took up of the fragments that remained TWELVE baskets full. 21 And they that had eaten were about five thousand men, Beside women and children.*

Five loaves of bread and **two** fishes fed **five** thousand hungry men plus their wives and children which could easily have been another five thousand people.

Do any of you here today, or you reading these words, actually understand what has just transpired here, can you tell me what message that is contained in this miracle, that YHVH wants all of us to understand?

Let's go back to the beginning, Messiah instructs His disciple to **NOT** send the people away, but that **YOU** and the other disciples are to feed them, **BUT** all **YOU** and the other disciples have, is **five** loaves of bread and **two** fishes, and Messiah tells **YOU**, bring the **five** loaves of bread and the **two** fishes to Me, and have the people sit down on the grass in groups of fifty. Once Messiah has the **five** loaves of bread and the **two** fishes, He gives thanks to our heavenly Father for these provisions, and then He breaks the bread and fishes up into pieces and gives it to **YOU** and His other disciples to distribute it to the people, which **YOU** did.

The message contained in these words, **IS** that the **FIVE** loaves of Bread represent the Words of the Father's Torah, His Bread of Life, the **TWO** fishes on the other hand represent the Northern kingdom of Israel (Ephraim) and the Southern kingdom of Judah, that have been

separated for a thousand years, the number **TWO** is also the number for witness and the Number **FIFTY** speaks of the Jubilee which represents the restoration of all things. Furthermore, in Scripture, when people are asked to sit down on the grass, it means that they are about to be taught something. Now after these people have been fed the Bread of Messiah, we are told that Messiah instructed His disciples to gather up all the morsels that were left over, so that they could clean up the area and leave it exactly as they found it, and we are told that they gathered **twelve** basket full of morsels.

Messiah is telling You and all people that choose to be His disciples, which includes all people that have chosen to surrender their will over to Him, that **IF WE** will learn to give the Bread of Life that He gave us, which of course **IS** the Words of His Torah of Life, which is represented by the **FIVE** loaves of bread, **IF** we will give that **BREAD** to the people, as a witness of the Love of Elohim, then they will be nourished and strengthened, and since there were **twelve** baskets or morsels collected after everyone had eaten, it means that **IF** we obey Messiah, and give out His Bread, the Words of His Torah of Life, exactly as He gave it to **YOU** and us, without adding anything of our own to it, nor taking anything away from it, then **ALL** the **TWELVE** tribes of Israel will be reunited as one family, the Family of Elohim, and Messiah will triumphantly return as our conquering king, to restore all things back to how they were created in the first place.

*Verse 18 And I say also unto you,
That you are Peter,
And upon this rock I will build My Qahal, My Assembly, My Ekklisia, My Church;*

What is the Rock that Messiah will build His Qahal on?

Messiah has just told Peter and us, that Peter **DID NOT** get the revelation that He, Messiah was the Son of the Living Elohim, from flesh and blood, **BUT** that He got the revelation of who Messiah **IS**, from our heavenly Father, through His Holy Spirit, therefore the Rock that Messiah will build His Qahal, His assembly on, **IS** the solid foundation set by the Holy Spirit, who only Speaks the Father's **TRUTH**, and please remember that our heavenly Father promises us, in *Ezekiel 36:26-27* that He will give each and every person who willingly and lovingly chooses to surrender their hearts, minds, souls and strength to Him, a heart of Flesh and a new spirit, and furthermore He promises that He will **fill** the people that surrender their hearts to Him, with His Holy Spirit, who in turn is tasked by YHVH, to **CAUSE** every surrendered contrite obedient heart to believe, follow, obey and **DO** what our heavenly Father has commanded us to **DO**, and that of course is, believe, follow, obey the Words of His Torah of Life, therefore the foundation of Messiah's Qahal, His Assembly, **IS THE WORDS OF THE TORAH** of our heavenly Father, the Words that were made flesh and dwelt among us, that **IS** the **ROCK**, the very solid foundation that He will **BUILD** His Qahal on.

And the gates of hell shall NOT prevail against it. There is **NOTHING** that can prevail against Elohim and His Word, the Words of His Torah of Life, for YHVH's **TRUTH** will always win out.

*Verse 19 And I will give unto **YOU** the keys of the kingdom of heaven:*

Who is the **YOU**, that Messiah is speaking to here? Many will answer that he is speaking of Peter, and while that is true, we have to understand that Peter represents **ALL** the people who have willingly and lovingly chosen to surrender their hearts, minds, souls and strength to our heavenly Father, to walk in total surrendered obedience to the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life, for they are the ones that Messiah is speaking of when He says *and whatsoever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever you shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.*

Verse 20 Then Messiah charged His disciples that they should tell no man that He was, Yeshua the Messiah.

Why did Messiah insist on their silence as to His identity? The answer to that question is found in *1 Corinthians 2:6-8 Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: 7 But we speak the wisdom of Elohim in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which Elohim ordained before the world unto our glory: 2:8 Which none of the princes of this world knew: **FOR HAD THEY KNOWN IT**, they would not have crucified the Master of glory.*

Here we can see that Messiah **KNEW** the redemption onto salvation plan of our heavenly Father, which was, to send His only begotten Son, Messiah, to the cross, for the salvation of the lost sheep of the tribes of Israel, and **IF** the princes, the leaders of this world **KNEW** Elohim's plan, then they would have done all they could to **STOP** that from happening, and as we all **KNOW**, it was imperative that this event take place, or else the whole world would have been lost.

*Verse 21 From that time forth began Yeshua to show unto His disciples, how that He must go unto Jerusalem,
And suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes,
And be killed,
And be raised again the third day.*

How did Messiah teach His disciples this **TRUTH** about His impending death and resurrection? He taught them this **TRUTH** from the Scriptures, and we have to understand that there were **NO** Apostolic Scriptures written Yet, **NO NEW TESTAMENT** written yet. Therefore any teacher that only teaches from, what they call the New Testament, without paying attention to YHVH's eternal **TRUTH**, the Words of His Torah of Life, that are only found in the Hebraic Scriptures, **IS NOT TEACHING** YHVH's complete **TRUTH**, but some twisted version of the **TRUTH**.

*Verse 22 Then Peter took Messiah, and began to rebuke Him, saying,
Be it far from You Master:*

*This **SHALL NOT** be unto you*

Here Peter is saying, this shall **NOT** be your fate Messiah, Your disciples and I, will **NOT** allow that to happen to You. **BUT** what did Messiah say to Peter?

Verse 23 But Messiah turned, and said unto Peter,

Get you behind me, satan:

You are an offence unto Me:

*For you do **NOT** savour, you are **NOT** concerned with the **things** (words, doctrine) that pertain to Elohim,*

*But you are only concerned with those **things** (words, doctrine) that pertain to men.*

Messiah is saying to Peter, you Peter are only concerned with your flesh, your own will, your own desires, your own wishes, and **NOT** the Will, nor wishes of our heavenly Father, for He is the One that has devised this plan for My life, and anyone that goes **against** His plan, **IS** actually going against Him, therefore Messiah calls Peter, satan, or an agent of satan, because his flesh, his desire, his will, **IS** to stop the perfect plan of Elohim, to have Messiah put to death on the cross, for the salvation of the lost sheep of the children of Israel.

Verse 24 Then said Yeshua unto His disciples,

If any man will come after Me,

1 – Let him deny himself

2 – Take up his cross,

3 – And follow me.

What is Messiah asking these disciples and us to do, **IF** we want to **go after Him**? The first thing we have to do according to Messiah, **IS** deny the lust of our flesh, deny our own fleshly desires, the desires, such as Peter is expressing here, to stop Messiah from dying on the cross. While it seems like the natural thing to do, to **NOT** allow a loved one to be killed, Messiah is telling us that we have to first find out what the will of our heavenly Father **IS**, and **THEN** willingly and lovingly acquiesce to **HIS WILL**, and **NOT** try to force our own **will** upon the situation, no matter how distasteful the decision is to us.

The second thing that Messiah tells us to do, **IS**, we are to Take up our Cross. What does that mean? Messiah **KNEW** that He would have to go through incredible suffering to fulfill the will of our heavenly Father, to become the Saviour of the lost sheep of the house of Israel, **BUT** He willingly and lovingly chose to obey the Will of our heavenly Father anyway, therefore Messiah is telling us to **SEEK FIRST** the kingdom of Elohim, **DO** the **WILL** of Elohim **FIRST** and foremost in your Life, and then all these other things will be added onto you.

And the third thing He tells us is that we are to **FOLLOW HIM**, and how do we do that? Well John told us how to do that in:

1John 2:6 He that says he abides in Messiah, He that says he will follow Messiah, ought himself also so to walk, even as Messiah walked;

Scripture makes it abundantly clear for **ALL** to see, that Messiah walked in total loving surrendered obedience to **ALL** of the Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life, for Messiah Himself said in:

*John 5:30 I can of My own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and My judgment is just; **BECAUSE** I do **NOT** seek My own will, **BUT** I seek the **will** of the Father who has sent me.*

*John 6:38 For I came down from heaven, **NOT** to do My own will, but to do the will of Him that sent Me.*

*John 8:28 When you have lifted up the Son of man, then you shall know that I am He, and that I do nothing of Myself; **BUT** as my Father has taught Me, I speak these things. 29 And He that sent Me **IS** with Me: the Father has **NOT** left Me alone; **FOR** I always **DO** those things that please Him.*

*John 12:49 For I have **NOT** spoken of Myself; **BUT** the Father who sent Me, He gave me a Commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. 50 And I know that His Commandment **IS** life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto Me, **so I speak**.*

*Verse 23 And He said to them all, If any man will come after Me,
1 – Let him deny himself, and
2 – Take up his cross daily
3 – And follow Me.*

*Verse 24
For whosoever will **save** his life, **shall lose it**: And whosoever **will lose his life for My sake**, the living Torah, **shall find it**.*

What is Messiah telling us here? Messiah is telling us that **IF** we try to save our own lives, in, by or through our own understanding, our own strength, without having a totally surrendered loving relationship with Him, we will die, for everlasting Life **IS ONLY** attainable through obeying the Commandments of our heavenly Father, which were manifested in the flesh as our Messiah. Therefore, **IF** we willingly and lovingly surrender our hearts, minds, souls and strength to our heavenly Father, and commit to believe follow and obey His Torah of Life, **THEN** we **WILL** be blessed with eternal life, in the kingdom of Elohim, where we will rule and reign with our bridegroom, Messiah, over the whole kingdom for eternity.

Verse 25 For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away?

In this *verse* YHVH tells how precious our souls are to Him. Let me ask you a question, Have you ever thought about how **precious** your soul is to our heavenly Father, and have you ever thought whether or not you would be willing to sell your soul for something that you really and desperately wanted in this world? Things like millions of dollars, fame, popularity, acceptance in a particular group, or to be transformed into a different person, or have a different body than the one you were born with, or maybe different parents, or a different wife or husband, the list of reasons **WHY** people **DO** sell their souls **IS** endless, but while the reasons for selling ones soul are multiple and diverse, there are really only two options for **ALL** people, and those options are; **YES** I will sell my soul **IF** the Price is right, or **NO**, I won't sell my soul under any circumstances?

Messiah is telling us that there is **NO** profit in selling our souls even for all the riches of the world, for our lives here on earth are temporary, they are but a small blimp on the radar of eternity, and nothing in this world that we could acquire is **WORTH** eternal damnation, nothing is worth burning in hell for eternity.

Matthew 16:27 For the Son of man SHALL come in the glory of His Father with His angels; and then, He shall REWARD every man according to HIS WORKS.

Now **IF** I look at this statement through the filter of the teaching of the Christian church fathers, where they believe and teach that the **WORKS** of YHVH, His Torah of Life, **HAS** somehow been done away with, in whole or in part, and that the adherents to their man made Christian doctrine, the people that profess to be Christians, **ARE NOT TO DO ANY OF THE WORKS** of the Torah, because they wrongfully believe and teach that doing the **WORKS** of the Torah **IS** bondage, and that it is the same as **working for your salvation**; What do you think will happen to **THEM**, the people that willingly choose to follow their man made false Christian doctrine, instead of the Father's Torah of Life, when **Messiah shall come in the glory of His Father with His angels to REWARD the WORK**, to reward people for willingly and lovingly choosing to believe, follow, obey the **Words** of the Father's Torah, as He Commanded all of us to **DO, BUT** instead, they chose of their own accord, **NOT** to believe, follow, obey **NOR DO** the Father's Torah, because of the false teaching of their church fathers?

Messiah Himself makes it abundantly clear that we the people **WILL be rewarded** according to our **WORKS**, rewarded for willingly and lovingly obeying His inerrant and the Words of inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of life, **BUT** people understand that people will also be rewarded for abandoning the Father's Torah of Life, for casting the Father's Torah of Life out of their lives, in favour of some finite man made doctrine, **BUT** the reward that they will receive **ISN'T** so great, it is everlasting damnation.

Verse 26 For whosoever shall be ashamed of Me and of My words, of him, SHALL the Son of man be ashamed, when He SHALL come in His own glory, and in His Father's, and of the holy angels.

Messiah **IS** the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, and as such He only speaks the Words of the Father's Torah of Life. And here Messiah says, **IF** anyone is ashamed of Me **OR** My Words, which **ARE** the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, **THEN** I, Messiah will be ashamed of you. What do you think Messiah's statement does to the false doctrine of the Christian church that teaches that the Words of the Torah of YHVH are done away with? Does that **NOT** mean that since they believe that keeping the Words of the Torah of YHVH, what they call the **LAW**, puts people in bondage, that they **ARE** ashamed of the Words of the Torah that Messiah spoke, and **IF** they are indeed ashamed of the Words that He spoke, does that **NOT** mean that Messiah will be ashamed of them?

*Verse 27 But I tell you the **TRUTH**, there are some of you standing here, which **SHALL NOT** not taste of death, **UNTIL** they see the kingdom of Elohim.*

Here we have a *verse* that is misunderstood by most people; for the majority of people think that this is talking about the good people, believers that will not die but have everlasting life, **BUT** they would be wrong, Messiah is talking to the multitude, which means all of us, when He says, there are some people standing here with Me, who will **NOT** experience death, until they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom, which means that there were **SOME** people, standing there and listening to Messiah speak, in *Luke 9:27*, that **WILL experience death** when He returns, and the death that Messiah **IS** talking about, **IS** the second death, the death of the soul, everlasting damnation, the same death that He talks about in *Matthew 10:28* **And do NOT fear them who kill the body, BUT are NOT able to kill the soul: BUT rather, fear Him who IS able to destroy BOTH SOUL AND BODY IN HELL.**

As you can see by Messiah's own words, the One entity that we are to fear, is **NOT** satan, but it **IS** our heavenly Father, for He is the only One that can **KILL THE SOUL**, by causing a soul to be sent to hell for eternity for their rebellious disobedience of the Words of His Torah of Life, and please remember this very important **FACT**, that the **FEAR** of YHVH that we are to experience **IS** also **the beginning of WISDOM**, the Father's infinite **WISDOM**, the very same infinite **WISDOM** that is contained in His Torah of life, therefore, Messiah is telling us to **BE WISE**, and **IF** we do indeed take His advice and learn to be **WISE**, **IF** we learn to believe, follow, obey and **DO** the Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instruction, His Torah of Life, **THEN** we will **NOT** be part of the group that Messiah defined as those, who **WILL** see death when He comes back to earth, to be with us in His everlasting kingdom. Amen

*Verse 28 And it came to pass about **eight** days after these sayings, that Messiah took Peter and John and James, And went up into a mountain to pray. 29 And as He prayed, the fashion of His countenance was altered, and His raiment was white and glistening. 30 And, behold, there talked with Him two men, who were Moses and Elias: 31 Who appeared in glory, and spoke of His death, which He should accomplish at Jerusalem.*

What is YHVH communicating to us here in these three *verses*?

We have the eight day, three Apostles, Moses who represents the Torah, Elijah who represents the Prophets, and then We have Messiah shining brightly as the *sun*, and his clothing shining as white as the Light.

I believe that the Eight days, represents new beginning which is what will happen when Messiah returns as our conquering king, shining brightly as the sun, and He is coming for the lost sheep of the house of Israel, those who have chosen to believe, follow and obey the Words of the Torah of YHVH that he gave to Moses and who have heeded the warnings of the prophets (Elijah) to return to the Torah, and have the testimony of doing so, just like the three Apostles that willingly obeyed Messiah and followed Him to the mount of transfiguration, and the fact that there are three apostles present and attests to the fact, that they have come from death, Sin, to Life, because of their loving surrendered obedience to the Father's Torah of Life.

Verse 32 But Peter and they that were with him were heavy with sleep: and when they were awake, they saw His glory, and the two men that stood with Him.

Nest we see that, as Peter witnessed this blessed event he got very excited and he says in *verse 33 And it came to pass, as they departed from Him, Peter said unto Yeshua, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elias: not knowing what he said.*

34 While Peter spoke, there came a cloud, and overshadowed them: and they feared as they entered into the cloud. 35 And there came a Voice out of the cloud, saying, This is My beloved Son: hear (shema) Him. 36 And when the Voice was past, Yeshua was found alone. And they kept it close, and told no man in those days any of those things which they had seen.

Now just imagine yourself being there at this event; you have Messiah right there in front of you, shining brightly as a white Light, and then you have Moses, the one and only person to whom YHVH spoke face to face with, the one person whom YHVH actually gave the Tablets of Stone to, upon which are written the Ten Commandments, and then proceeded to give Moses the rest of the written Torah, and then to see Elijah there also, would be simply overwhelming and you would want that day to never end, and that is why I believe that Peter suggested to build three tents, so that they could all three abide with them forever.

Now it is pretty obvious that the voice that came out of the clouds was the voice of our heavenly Father and He said, this *IS* My beloved Son in whom I am *WELL* pleased.

WHY was our heavenly Father well pleased with His beloved Son? He was please with His Son because, His Son, our Messiah, obeyed *ALL* of our heavenly Father's Commandments, and *DID* what the Father told Him to do, even onto death. However the church fathers would have us believe that Messiah broke the Sabbath, created or made up some of His own commandments, did away with some of the Father's so called antiquated Commandments, that

He changed the Father's feast days, and much more; **NOW** I ask you, **DOES** that sound like a son in whom a Father would be **WELL PLEASED**?

The answer is of course is a resounding **NO, NO** father would be pleased in a son that constantly disobeys him. Please remember that Messiah Himself said **I do NOT SAY NOR DO ANYTHING** except what the Father **tells me to SAY and DO**, I only speak the words of My Father (*John 7:16*)

Therefore we can rest assured that since our heavenly Father **IS** well pleased with His only begotten Son, **IT IS BECAUSE** the Son willingly and lovingly kept **ALL** of the Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, **ALL** the Words of His Torah of Life and He instructed us to do the same. *John 7:16 Yeshua answered them, and said, My Doctrine is not My own, but it IS the Doctrine of Him that sent Me.*

In Matthew rendition of this event we are told in verse 6 And when the disciples heard the voice, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid. 7 And Yeshua came and touched them, and said, Arise, and DO NOT be afraid.

How would you feel, **IF** you were in an obscure place and a loud voice came out of the clouds? As far as I am concerned, **IF** I am with Yeshua, then I would like to think that I would **NOT** be afraid, for there is **NOTHING** that can harm me, for greater is He that is in me, than he that is in the world. As you can see the famous words that Elohim, YHVH, and Messiah have spoken throughout Scripture, are used here yet again, **DO NOT BE AFRAID**, and since the omnipotent Creator of the universe tells me to **NOT** be afraid, I would like to think that I would believe Him, and **NOT** be afraid

Peter's wish to build three tents and have Moses, Elijah and Messiah remain with them for a period of time or permanently, did not materialize, and when the event or the vision was over, the only one left behind was Messiah the Living Torah, the other two, Moses and Elijah had vanished, or had they? The reason I ask this question is **BECAUSE** Messiah the Living Torah made flesh, embodies the Torah of Moses and the teaching of the prophets, therefore while their physical presence was gone, the essence of what they represent was left behind **IN** Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh.

Verse 37 And it came to pass, that on the next day, when they were come down from the hill, much people met Him. 38 And, behold, a man of the company cried out, saying, Master, I beseech You, look upon my son: for he is my only child. 39 And, lo, a spirit takes him, and he suddenly cries out; and it tears him that he foams again, and bruising him, hardly departs from him. 40 And I besought Your disciples to cast him out; and they could not.

That my friends sounds like an **epileptic fit or seizure**. An epileptic seizure, is a brief episode of abnormal excessive or synchronous neuronal activity in the brain. The outward effect can vary from **wild thrashing** movement, called tonic-clonic seizure, to as mild as a brief loss of

awareness, called absence seizure. The syndrome of recurrent, unprovoked seizures is termed epilepsy, but seizures can occur in people who do not have epilepsy. Normally, salivary glands in our mouth produces saliva, which is ingested. But, during a seizure, all of our smooth and skeletal muscles go into tonic state, a state of contraction; which leads to **hyper excretion** of saliva from glands, plus sometimes tongue, which is in tonic state, and blocks our esophageal entry. And this excessive amount of saliva in our mouth, presents as **foaming** during seizures. This is the same mechanism, which causes foaming due to some neurotoxic poisons.

Here we are being led to believe that this poor child was somehow possessed by some kind of demon, and yet, his symptoms are symptoms of an epileptic seizure, and his father tells Messiah that His disciples were **NOT** able to cure him of his epileptic seizures. Again and again we are bombarded with stories of people being possessed by the devil or demons, and that is **NOT TRUE**, it is a fabrication of man made religions, so that they could have full control over their followers. The Creator of the universe, has shown us in the book of Job what He has allowed satan to do, and please remember that satan is a being that YHVH created. *Job 1:10-13 Have You NOT made a hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he has on every side? You YHVH, have blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land. But IF You put forth Your hand now, and touch ALL that he has, he, Iyov WILL CURSE You to Your Face. And YHVH said unto satan, Behold, All that he has (his possessions) is in your power; only upon himself DO NOT put forth your hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of YHVH. Therefore all satan can do IS*, trouble, lie, torment deceive and cheat people, and try to convince them that they can be possessed by devils, and if and when people believe his lies and nonsense they become slaves to what they believe, their consciences are suppressed and they are led into doing evil. **BUT** as you can see, the Creator has put limits on what satan can do, and satan cannot surpass those boundaries, for there is only **ONE** ultimate authority and it is **NOT** satan, it is our Creator YHVH. Furthermore what this boy is going through sounds a lot like the boy was having epileptic fit, that made him thrash around like a fish out of water, and based on how superstitious people were and still are today, it is easy to understand that someone could believe that this boy was possessed by a devil, when they saw him writhing on the ground in the midst of a fit.

Verse 41 And Yeshua answering said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you, and suffer you? Bring your son here.

Verse 42 And as he was yet a coming, the devil threw him down, and tore him. And Yeshua rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the child, and delivered him again to his father.

Messiah manifested in the flesh, has no supernatural power in and of Himself, all Messiah had was a totally surrendered heart, that was zealous to believe, follow and obey the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, and because of that, our heavenly Father made Him a vehicle of His healing, a perfect vehicle through which He could deliver His Words of Life, and show people how much He loves us, and therefore Messiah was able to rebuke the devils as all people can do, **IF**, like Messiah, they willingly choose to submit their will to the Father, and resist the

devil's lies, because **IF** they can do that, then the devil **HAS** to flee from them, for that is what YHVH has promised would happen. Amein

*Verse 43 And they were all amazed at the mighty **power** of Elohim. But while they wondered every one at all things which Yeshua did, He said unto His disciples, 44 Let these sayings sink down into your ears: for the Son of man **SHALL** be delivered into the hands of men.*

It is apparent that Messiah knew His destiny, and that my friends was revealed to Him through the Holy Spirit.

*Verse 45 But they did **NOT** understand this saying, and it was **hid** from them, that they did **NOT** perceive it: and they feared to ask Him of that saying.*

Sometimes people are afraid to ask questions because they fear that they will look stupid, and therefore they remain quiet.

Verse 46 Then there arose a reasoning among them, which of them should be greatest. 47 And Yeshua, perceiving the thought of their heart, took a child, and set him by him, 48 And said unto them, Whosoever shall receive this child in My Name, receives Me: And whosoever shall receive Me receives Him that sent me: For he that is least among you all, the same shall be great.

Here we are told that Messiah's disciples are arguing amongst themselves as to which one of them would be the greatest Disciple, and Messiah chose to let them know which one would be the greatest, by giving them an example; He paraded a young boy in front of them and said, whosoever will receive this child, an immature person, which could mean immature in years, or in his beliefs, and then He said, **IF** you can find it in your heart to receive this immature person, with love in your heart and have a desire to educate him in the Ways and the Words of our heavenly Father, If you have a heart that is as innocent as a child, then **YOU** will be **ONE** of the great **ONES** of the kingdom of Elohim.

*Verse 49 And John answered and said, Master, we saw one casting out devils in Your Name; and we forbade him to do so, because he does **NOT** follow with us. 50 And Yeshua said unto him, **DO NOT** Forbid him:*

WHY?

For he that is not against us is for us.

In *Matthew 12:30*, Messiah said, *He that is not with Me is **AGAINST** Me; and he that does **NOT** gather with Me scattereth abroad.*

Although these two statements appear to be the same they are very different, for in *verse 50 of Luke*, Messiah tells us that someone who is **NOT** against Him, if they are actively fighting to abolish, and get rid of the Words of the Torah, someone that is speaking the message that I am

speaking to the people, even though he is not part of our group, is on our side, for he is **NOT** actively trying to undermine the Ways and the Words of YHVH. However, the person that is **NOT** with Messiah, is a person that is actively working against the Works that messiah is doing they are against the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, that He is preaching.

*Verse 51 And it came to pass, when the time was come that He should be received up (Crucified died, buried and risen again), He steadfastly set His **face** (His desire, His countenance) (Strong's number G4383 πρόσωπον, prosopon, it is from G4314, the visage, from 3700); the front, as being towards view, i.e. the countenance, aspect, appearance, surface; by implication, presence, person; outward appearance, before, countenance, face, fashion, person, presence.)*

To go to Jerusalem, 52 And sent messengers before His face (His desire, His countenance) (Strong's number G4383, πρόσωπον, prosopon)

And they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for Him. 53 And they did not receive Him, because His face, (His desire, His countenance) (Strong's number G4383, πρόσωπον, prosopon)

Was as though He would go to Jerusalem.

The word Face is used three times, and the number three in Scripture speaks of death and resurrection, therefore that is why Messiah was so determined to go to Jerusalem, even if His disciples did **NOT** want Him to go, because He knew that He had to go through this pain, suffering and humiliation, for the sake of the people that our heavenly Father had given Him, and will give Him in the future, for without Messiah going through the ordeal of being crucified in Jerusalem, there is **NO** resurrection for anyone.

Verse 54 And when His disciples, James and John saw this, they said, Master, do you want us to command that fire comes down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elijah did?

These disciples could not even rebuke a devil from tormenting a child and now they are asking Messiah if He wants them to call down fire from heaven. I don't know if they wanted to help Messiah or if they were excited about trying to bring down fire from heaven.

*Verse 55 But He turned, and rebuked them, and said, You do **NOT KNOW** what manner of spirit you are of.*

Messiah rightfully rebuked them for they were trying to fulfill the lust or the wish of their flesh, by keeping Messiah from His destiny of Dying on the cross for our sins. They wanted **their** will to be done, rather than the Father's Will, they wanted to save Messiah from death, but in doing so they would have done satan's work, and caused everyone to be doomed to be lost forever.

Messiah tells them why He rebukes them and their attitude in *verse 56 For the Son of man is **NOT** come to destroy men's lives, **BUT** to save them.*

*And they went to another village. 57 And it came to pass, that, as they went in the way, a certain man said unto Messiah, Master; I will follow You wheresoever You go. 58 And Yeshua said unto him, Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; **BUT** the Son of man does **NOT** have anywhere to lay His Head.*

What does it mean, when Messiah says: I have nowhere to lay My head? To understand what that means we have to understand that Messiah **IS** the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, and therefore that means that Messiah could **NOT** find even one heart, in all of Israel, that was totally surrendered to the Father in obedience to the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, as He was totally surrendered to the Father, He could find no willing heart where the complete Words of the Living Torah, dwelt.

*Verse 59 And He said unto another; Follow me. But he said, Master; allow me first, to go and bury my father. 60 Yeshua said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: But **YOU**, go and **preach** the kingdom of Elohim.*

*Verse 61 And another also said, Master; I will follow You; **BUT** let me first go and bid them farewell, which are at home at my house.*

What does that mean?

The dead are the people that have chosen to discard, reject, abolish, change and or cast aside, the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, for according to Scripture, obedience to the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah, **IS LIFE** to all people who internalize and obey it.

Next YHVH tells this young man that **IF** he wants life, Life everlasting, then he had better learn to first surrender his heart to YHVH, then choose to believe and obey the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life, and then teach those Words to others.

*Verse 62 And Yeshua said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is **FIT** for the kingdom of Elohim.*

What does that mean? In those days they did not have tractors with GPS systems, which means that they plowed their fields by hand, and if the person that was plowing looked back, then the plow and the oxen would go off course and the furrows, (*which is a metaphor for our walk in life*) would be crooked. And as you know or should know, there is no room in the kingdom of Elohim for those who walk on a crooked path, for YHVH has reserved His kingdom for the people that have willingly chosen to walk on His straight Path, His Yeshar Derek, and that is the Path that His children, His Yeshar El, His Yisrael is to walk on. 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*