

Study of 1 Corinthians 5

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In *1 Corinthians 5* Paul tells us of a report that he has received of the abominable fornications that are taking place in Corinth; Sins of sexual promiscuity. Paul says, it is bad enough, that ***SINFUL*** behaviour is happening on a regular daily basis in Corinth, but, Paul says: there are some among these people of Corinth, that are actually boasting of these so called conquest, rather than turning to Elohim in total repentance for the ***SIN*** that is being committed in their midst. Let me ask you a question! Have you ever fallen on your face before Elohim for the ***SIN*** that is running rampant in our own communities, or in our country? Even though we may ***NOT*** be participating in that ***SIN***, we ***MUST*** realize, that we are one race, the human race. Yes, we must learn to repent for ***ALL of our individual sins, but since we are ONE RACE, we are tol also repent for ALL of the sins of the corporate entity***, the human race, for ***WE ARE, ACCORDING TO SCRIPTURE, OUR BROTHER'S KEEPER***, which means that we ***MUST*** take responsibility for the ***SINS*** of the whole community, and fall on our faces before Elohim, because of those ***SINS*** and ask Him to have mercy on us as a corporate entity, and fall upon our faces before Him and, actually ask Him for forgiveness.

There is no doubt in my mind, based on what Paul has told us here in *1 Corinthians 5*, that the people at Corinth, as a corporate body, were doing abominable things, ***BUT WE TODAY, AS A CORPORATE BODY, ARE DOING MUCH WORSE THAN THEY DID***, and therefore, we are grieving the Holy Spirit of the Elohim of Abraham, Yitzchaq, and Ya'aqov.

*Verse 1 It is reported commonly that ***THERE IS FORNICATION AMONG YOU***, and such ***FORNICATION*** as is ***NOT*** so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife. 2 And you are puffed up, and ***HAVE NOT RATHER MOURNED***, that he that has done this deed might be taken away from among you.*

The word *Fornication* is the Greek word *Porneia*, πορνεία, it is Strong's number G4202 from G4203; meaning *harlotry, including adultery and incest; figuratively, idolatry, fornication*.

In Hebrew it is the word *Zanah*, זָנָה, and it means, *to commit fornication, to be a harlot, to go after the imaginary gods of others, to be a prostitute*.

When we look at the definition of the word fornication that is used in both the Greek, *Porneia*, πορνεία and the Hebrew, *Zanah*, זָנָה, we see how far away from the ***PURE*** inerrant and everlasting Word of Elohim, that the majority of these Corinthians were at.

Paul tells these Corinthians in his letter to them that based on the report that he received, he has already judged this individual that has done this abominable ***SIN***, but, Paul did not stop there with his indignation, for he says, I also also judges ***YOU*** people of Corinth, that ***STAND BY AND DO NOTHING ABOUT IT***. Paul gives his recommendation of what should be done with this Sinner and with ***ALL*** peoples who participate in the ***SIN of FORNICATION***.

*Verse 3 For I, verily, as absent in body, ***but*** present in spirit, I have judged already, as though I were present, concerning him that has done this deed. 4 In the name of our Master Yeshua Messiah, when you are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Master Yeshua Messiah, 5 To deliver*

such a sinner unto **satan** for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of our Master Yeshua.

First Paul tells these Corinthians that they are to behave in the manner that he Paul taught them to behave, even though he **IS NOT** physically present with them, and furthermore we can detect the indignation in his voice, when he says: I have judged this individual, and his abominable deed as though I was indeed present with you, for the Torah of Yahweh is to be totally obeyed whether or **NOT** you have someone that is supervising your every move or **NOT**.

Furthermore, as you can see for yourself, Paul tells them and us that such an individual **IS** to be delivered to **satan**, so that his flesh may be destroyed in order that his spirit **MAY BE SAVED IN THE DAY OF JUDGEMENT**.

What does Paul mean when he says to turn this individual over to satan? What Paul means **IS** that we are to allow this person to be tormented and maybe even physically harmed by those that believe follow and are under the influence of satan and his deceitful ways, so that this sinner, will hopefully be lead to recognize, that **WHAT HE IS DOING IS CONTRARY TO THE WORDS OF ELOHIM** and, that when and **IF** he does come to that realization, he would willingly and lovingly choose to turn to Elohim, **EVEN IF IT IS THE LAST THING THAT HE DOES ON THIS EARTH**, so that his spirit **WOULD NOT BE LOST FOR ETERNITY**, because *we have to understand and believe* that the day of judgment that Yahweh prophesied was coming, **WILL INDEED HAPPEN** and that **ALL** the people that have chosen **NOT** to turn from their abominable practices, their transgression of the Torah, those that have **NOT** turned away from iniquity and **SIN, WILL, ON JUDGEMENT DAY, BE SENT TO THEIR SECOND DEATH, IN THE LAKE OF FIRE, NEVER TO BE HEARD FROM AGAIN**.

Paul admonished these Corinthians that their reaction to the **SIN** of fornication, that seems to be running rampant in their community **IS NOT GOOD, BECAUSE**, instead of being absolutely disgusted with such behaviour, the so called believers, in Corinth, seem to have chosen to tolerate it, and in some cases, some people are even applauding it, and, we have to understand that what a person tolerates, **THEY CANNOT CHANGE**.

*Verse 6 Your **GLORYING** or **BOASTING IS NOT GOOD. KNOW YOU NOT** that a little leaven, leavens the whole lump?*

Can you think of something that the bible tells us, **IS** an abomination to Elohim and that mankind as a society, as a corporate entity **ARE LAUDING AND APPLAUDING TODAY IN 2026?** As far as I am concerned there are really too many abominable practices or **SINS** that are committed and tolerated and even applauded in our society today. And that is because many people are afraid to stand firm for the Word of our heavenly Father's Torah, His Directives for everlasting Life, **because**, they believe it will make them different and maybe, even become outcasts of society, and therefore, many choose to be politically correct, and tolerate these abominable practices, rather than rock the boat, and stand firm for Yahweh's **TRUTH**, His Torah, His everlasting Word. Therefore, in the name of tolerance and political correctness, very few people have the intestinal fortitude to choose to speak out in opposition to these abominable practices, and, some of them even go as far as to applaud these actions, so that they will **NOT** be accused of being bigots, or homophobic, Islamophobic, or racist, or against the so called rights of transgender people to mutilate their own children, and, because of this kind of attitude towards **SIN**, I would dare to say that we are at least at

the level that Sodom and Gomorrah were at, in biblical times, before they were destroyed by Yahweh, and we are probably much worse.

Therefore, as we look back on the activities of these Corinthians, we certainly ***CANNOT POINT THE FINGER AT THEM, AND SAY, WE, THE BELIEVERS of TODAY WOULDN'T DO THAT, BECAUSE WE HAVE AND CONTINUE DOING THE VERY SAME THINGS THEY DID AND MUCH WORSE.*** Therefore ***IT IS*** my belief, that it behooves us, as believers and followers of the Elohim of Abraham, Yitzchaq and Ya'aqov, to fall on our faces in absolute repentance for the ***SINS*** that are running rampant throughout the houses of Elohim today, in Christianity, Catholicism and Judaism, and the ***SINS*** that are running rampant in the secular world of our societies today, for we are ***ALL*** part of the human race.

I therefore believe that we, who profess to be obedient believers in the Elohim of Abraham, Yitzchaq and Ya'aqov, should ***fall on our faces*** on a daily basis, and ask Yahweh for forgiveness for the corporate ***SINS*** of Yisrael, the Father's one and only family. Furthermore, we are to earnestly ask Yahweh to forgive us for ***ALL OF THESE SINS.*** As believers, ***WE SHOULD PRAY*** that along with His forgiveness, that Yahweh would manifest Himself to all people, in any manner that He chooses, so that people can learn to believe and accept ***WHO HE IS*** and turn from their wicked ways and live.

Paul emphatically tells us in *verse 7* that we are to ***PURGE OUT THEREFORE THE OLD LEAVEN (SIN), that you may be a new lump (A NEW MAN), as you are unleavened.***

Here Paul is talking to those that have already given their lives over to Elohim, and, that have been regenerated, called born again in Christianity, ***BUT*** have partially or fully returned back to their old abominable practices, or become complacent in their beliefs, in the Elohim of Abraham, Yitzchaq and Ya'aqov. ***IT IS*** very important that we all understand very clearly, that the people that Paul is talking to here in *1Corinthian 5*, are people that have gone through the so called born again experience, and here in *verse 7*, Paul is telling them to *purge out the old leaven that you may be a New Lump*. I know that I may be repeating myself, ***BUT IT IS*** extremely important that we understand what Paul is saying here in this verse! He is talking to people that have already gone through the ***BORN AGAIN EXPERIENCE, THE REGENERATION OF THEIR SPIRIT*** and become a new creature according to Scripture, and ***THEN***, Paul tells them, to purge out the old leaven, which represents our passed sinful ways, so that they can become ***A NEW LUMP***. That my friends is the born again or regeneration experience, ***IT IS A*** cleansing, a mikvah ***IF*** you will, a purging out of ***ALL PAST SINS (Romans 3:25)*** in and with a total surrendered obedient heart to our heavenly Father. I truly hope that you can see and understand that the born again experience ***IS NOT JUST A ONE TIME EVENT, BUT, THAT IT IS AN ONGOING RITUAL*** that we are to do every time that we ***SIN***. Paul is actually telling us that we absolutely have to come to Elohim and ask Him to forgive us, every time we sin, for without that regeneration process, that repenting and asking Elohim to please forgive us again, we are and will continue to be in an unclean state, which means, that we are still in a sinful state, and unless we ask for and receive Yahweh's forgiveness, then, we will be like the people that Messiah spoke about in *Matthew 7:21-23* ***NOT every one that says unto Me, Master, Master, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; BUT he that does the WILL of My Father who is in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, Master, Master, have we not prophesied in Your Name? And in Your Name have rebuked devils? And in Your Name done many wonderful works? And then, I Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, WILL profess unto them, I***

never KNEW you: Yada You, I was never intimate with you, DEPART from Me, you that work Lawlessness, iniquity, you that constantly transgress the Words of My Father's Torah of Life.

After reading these verses in Matthew, we have to ask ourselves what Messiah meant, when He said, the only people that will enter the kingdom of Heaven, **ARE the people that DO the Will of our heavenly Father**. Therefore we have to ask our selves, **WHAT IS the will of our heavenly Father?**

*Devariym 5:29 O that there were such a heart in My people Yisrael, that they would fear Me (the Fear of Yahweh **IS** the beginning of wisdom) and Keep, shamar, guard **ALL** My Commandments **ALWAYS**, that it might be well with them, and with their children **FOR EVER!***

*Devariym 6:24-25 And Yahweh Commanded us **TO DO ALL** these Statutes, to fear Yahweh our Elohim, for our good always, that He might preserve us alive, as it is at this day. And **it shall be our RIGHTEOUSNESS, IF WE OBSERVE TO DO ALL** these Commandments before Yahweh our Elohim, as He has Commanded us.*

*Devariym 10:12-13 And now, Yisrael, what does Yahweh your Elohim **REQUIRE** of you, **BUT** to fear Yahweh your Elohim (the fear of Yahweh **IS** the beginning of wisdom), to walk in **ALL** His Ways, and to love Him, and to serve Yahweh your Elohim with **ALL** your heart and with **ALL** your soul, To keep the Commandments of Yahweh, and His Statutes, contained in the Words of His Torah of Life, which I command you this day for your good?*

As you can see by these verses, it is quite clear that the will of the Father, is that all of His children, learn to willingly and lovingly choose to believe, follow and obey all the Words of His Torah of Life

We simply have to understand that we are so blessed, because Scripture tells us that when we earnestly repent and turn to our heavenly Father for forgiveness, that Elohim **IS FAITHFUL AND JUST TO FORGIVE US OUR SINS AND CLEANSE US FROM ALL OUR UNRIGHTEOUSNESS**, which means that He will cleanse and renew each and every person, who willingly and lovingly chooses to come to Him with surrendered, obedient, repentant and contrite hearts, and confess their **SINS**; no matter how many times we sin, for it always depends on your heart condition, for Yahweh knows whether or not our hearts are truly repentant, and when He finds a repentant heart, that asks for forgiveness, that He will forgive that person of their Torah transgressions.

Next, Paul refers to Messiah as our Passover Lamb, **WHO IS UNLEAVENED**, without **SIN**, and then, Paul admonishes us **TO KEEP THE FEAST**, with the unleavened bread of sincerity and **TRUTH**. The unleavened bread of course, **IS** a metaphor for the pure, unblemished by **SIN**, body of Messiah, which was given up for us, and the word **TRUTH** in Scripture always refers to our heavenly Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life (**Psalms 119:142**).

Therefore Paul is actually telling these Corinthians **AND ALL OF US, TO TURN TO, OR RETURN TO** believing, following, and obeying the Words of the Father's Torah, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions for Life, wherein are found the instructions on Yahweh's Feasts, **HIS APPOINTED TIMES** in *Vayiqra (Leviticus) 23*.

I want you to also notice, that Paul **IS ADMONISHING ALL** of the Corinthians and therefore **ALL**

OF THE BODY OF MESSIAH, including those who would read these Scriptures in the future, to **KEEP THE FEASTS OF YAHWEH** (delineated in *Leviticus 23*).

We have to understand that these incidents are happening at least 20 to 25 years after Messiah's death, resurrection and ascension into heaven, **AND YET**, Paul **IS STILL ADMONISHING ALL BELIEVERS, TO KEEP THE FEASTS OF YAHWEH**.

What we have to realize **IS THAT THE FEASTS OF YAHWEH, HIS APPOINTED TIMES, HAVE NEVER BEEN ABOLISHED**, and that the body of Messiah, the Assembly of Elohim **ARE INDEED STILL MANDATED TO KEEP THEM, EVERY YEAR, WITH THE UNLEAVENED BREAD OF SINCERITY AND TRUTH**, for our heavenly Father has established His Feasts as eternal Commandments, that we are to be obeyed and followed, and furthermore, He has admonished **ALL** of the people of His Yisrael, the people **OF HIS ONE AND ONLY FAMILY, TO KEEP AND DO THEM FOREVER**.

Verse 7 For even Messiah our Passover IS sacrificed for us: 8 Therefore LET US KEEP THE FEAST, NOT with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; BUT WITH THE UNLEAVENED BREAD OF SINCERITY AND TRUTH.

Next Paul warns these Corinthians and us that **WE ARE NOT TO KEEP COMPANY WITH, or BE FRIENDS WITH, FORNICATORS, or COVETERS** of other people's possessions, or **EXTORTIONERS**, or **IDOLATERS**. Paul continues on to say that **IT IS OK** to deal with them, because **IF** we didn't deal with those kind of people and tried to only deal with people that **DO NOT** have these types of **SINS** in their lives, that we then would have to leave this world, for this world **IS** filled with people that commit these **SINS** on a regular basis in their lives.

Verse 9 I wrote unto you in an epistle NOT TO KEEP COMPANY with fornicators: 10 Yet NOT altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must you need to go out of the world.

Furthermore Paul admonishes us, **NOT** to eat with brothers or sisters that have fallen into these sinful ways, for according to Paul, we run the risk of **BEING DRAWN INTO** their sinful way of life, for we are admonished by Messiah, Paul and all the Apostles and Prophets that a little leaven (**SIN**) leavens the whole loaf. Paul **IS** admonishing us **NOT** to even associate with brothers and sisters that we know are living this type of sinful lifestyle, **BECAUSE**, by shunning them, **IT MIGHT** force them to recognize the **SIN** that **IS** dominating their lives and then, hopefully, help them decide to turn to Elohim with repentant hearts and fall on His mercy, and ask for forgiveness; **AND ALSO, BECAUSE** the inevitable consequence of being exposed to sinful behaviour **IS** that, **WE WILL BE** desensitized to it, and more than likely begin to be involved in it ourselves. **THEREFORE** as Paul admonishes us, we **MUST AVOID ALL SIN** and **HABITUAL SINNERS** and **willingly choose NOT** to associate with people that live sinful lives.

11 But now I have written unto you NOT TO KEEP company, IF any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such a person DO NOT EAT with them.

Eating together, **IS** an intimate social experience and **WE ARE NOT** to be intimate with those that habitually **COMMIT SIN** in their lives.

Paul tells us that we are **NOT** to bother ourselves to judge what the people of the world are doing **BUT WE ARE TO** avoid having any intimate types of relationships with them. However, we are to judge the fruit of our brothers and sisters in the belief (faith), and, **IF** they are habitual sinners, **THEN** according to Paul, we are to put these people away from us, we are **NOT** to have any type of intimate relationship with them.

12 For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? Do not you judge them that are within? 13 But them that are without, Elohim judges. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person.

IT IS UP TO US who we surround ourselves with, **BUT** Elohim, through Paul, admonishes us to choose our friends very carefully, for we will eventually adhere to, and or believe in, and become part of whatever the philosophy and way of life of the people that we are intimate with. I would admonish each and every one of you, therefore, to please heed Paul's warning and choose your friends and your spiritual group very carefully, for **IT IS** a matter of life and death for you. Amein.

Please remember that Solomon was the **WISEST** man that ever lived, and he let his many wives lead him away from Yahweh, and they, over a period of time, actually taught him, to worship the gods of others, their man made imaginary gods, and because of it, Solomon in his last days was called an evil king by Yahweh.

These may seem like harsh words and even harsh treatment towards people we know, because we all have friends from the past that **DO NOT WALK** as we have now willingly chosen to walk, which hopefully is in total loving surrendered obedience to the Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life, and to disown or shun them **IS NOT VERY EASY TO DO**, nor is it socially acceptable or politically correct in today's society, **BUT, WE MUST** choose, as Joshua chose, whom we will follow!

Let me put it this way, it only takes one bad or rotten apple in the bushel to ruin and corrupt every other apple in that bushel. A good apple tossed into a bushel of rotten apples will **NEVER** make those rotten apples **GOOD**, **BUT ONE** bad or rotten apple tossed into a bushel of **GOOD** apples, **WILL** eventually make **EVERY** good apple in the bushel **ROTTEN**, and therefore Paul's admonishment to shun those that participate in habitual sinful behaviour **MUST** be obeyed for our own sake, for our eternal resting place does depend on it.

Studying and keeping Torah together as a community.

Have a great Elohim blessed week and may Yahweh bless your every thought, and your every deed. Until we meet again, שְׁלוֹם עֲלֵיכֶם, Shalom Aleykem. Amein!