

CHOOSE YE THIS DAY...

YHWH'S PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE

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A QUESTION FOR YOU TO ANSWER:

Everyone alive has to make a choice... upon which foundation will you build your house? Matt. 7:24-27 speaks of two kinds of houses and two kinds of foundations:

24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

ANOTHER QUESTION:

When you think of Religion what comes to your mind? Discuss the positive and negative aspects of the word *religion*. E.g., we will be bound by something be it darkness or light. We have to choose who will be a slave to: the Ruach or the cosmos, evil inclination, HaSatan?

Latin: = re - ligio; from *re* = repeat, do again and *ligare* = tie, to bind

Some have said that, "Religion shows you who you are, where you've come from and where you're going to. I.e., it's a road map of life, an instruction or owners.

But which religion???

- To the Western mindset religion =
 - a system of ethics—do's and don'ts
 - a code of conduct
 - an ideology or creed
 - rituals and ceremonies
 - somewhere you go, something you do
- To the Hebraic mind religion =
 - is defined more by what and who you are, than by what you do
 - a daily journey or pilgrimage toward YHWH Elohim, the Creator
 - a way to walk (Enoch and Noah walked with YHWH)

- a relationship with YHWH and with those of the community of faith
- everything—every thought, word, action is YHWH-oriented; the Shema says to love YHWH with all your heart, soul, mind and strength

But still which religion to choose??

Here are some fundamental differences between the Judeo-Christian religions and all other world religions:

- All other religions are works-based; i.e., one earns one's salvation by being good—at the end of one's life one's good deeds outweigh one's bad deeds and one gains "God's" acceptance into the next world.
- Only J/C is grace and faith-based
- Only J/C believes in absolutes—YHWH's truth is immutable ("I change not...")
- Only J/C reveals a personal and knowable deity
- Only J/C reveals a deity of love
- The only religion where deity has talked face-to-face with man
- Only J/C deals with the corruptness of the human heart—the sin nature or evil inclination and the penalty of that sin which is death
- Only J/C proposes a solution and offers salvation from the consequences of sin
- Only J/C sent a Redeemer/the Son of YHWH to personally show man the path of redemption, to live, die, pay the price for sin and then to resurrect to show man his power and victory over sin and death.
- J/C is the only religion whose main "hero" claimed to be deity
- J/C is the only religion that dared to prophecy/predict the future thousands of years in advance
- **All must choose a path of life—a foundation upon which to build one's house.**
- There are only 2 paths:
 - YHWH or the devil
 - Right or wrong
 - light or darkness
 - straight and narrow vs. crooked and wide
 - heaven vs. hell
 - YHWH-centered vs. man-centered (humanism)
 - Tree of Life vs. Tree of Rebellion and self determination (humanism)
- To defer choice or to not choose is to choose death!!
- We live in the time of great spiritual delusion. There are many choices with many wrong directions like coordinates on a compass—BUT ONLY ONE DIRECTION that points to truth north.
- Satan knows that his time is short and he knows the end of the story—HIS FATE, and he is desperate. So he's pulling out the stops to delude as many potential sons of YHWH as possible and take as many with him as possible:
 - globalism
 - interfaithism
 - spirit of Antichrist
 - tribulation coming
 - world war

WHERE WILL YOU BE IN ALL OF THIS??

- If you choose to obey the YHWH of this book (hold up the Bible) who will you endure, overcome, stay the course, stay faithful through all the world, the flesh and the devil has to throw at you?
- Your house had better be built upon a solid foundation!! What will that foundation be?
 - money (can't buy happiness, can't buy salvation)
 - sex (short-lived and transitory, promiscuity and perversion brings disease, death and misery)
 - education (ever learning and never coming to a knowledge of the truth)
 - materialism (it never satisfies, always want more, the more you have the more you want)
 - drugs and alcohol (the devil's way to knocking you off at a young age)
 - Buddha, Krishna, Mohammed, Confucius, Lucifer, Satan, Mother Earth, Gaia, Sophia, some cult leader
 - self (most people become their own god, men have been looking to self for the answers for 6000 years and look where it has gotten him!, the world is no better a place for it!)
- **There's only one thing you can count on! The words of YHWH Elohim from the mouth of YHWH Elohim—TORAH!** The instructions, teachings and precepts of YHWH as found in the first five books of the YHWH Holy Scriptures.
- What are you going to build your life house on? On the words of men or YHWH Elohim?
- Who or what will be the "God" that you center your life around? Everyone has a "god"—either a god made of your own mind and hands or the "God" of the universe who created you and made you in his image.
- Let's go back to the very beginning. There are clues here as to which way to go.
 - Gen. 1:3 YHWH said, **Let there be light** (Strong's 216). What is this *light* that YHWH created on Day One four days before he created the physical luminaries of the sun and moon on day four in Gen. 1:14? What is this *light* that is mentioned five times between verses one and five and why is it mentioned five times?
light = *owr* (aleph, vav, resh). Again what is light?
 - A clue:
 - Ps. 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.
 - Prov. 6:23 For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life:
 - Ps. 119:142 Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the truth.
 - **Ps. 119:151 Thou art near, O LORD; and all thy commandments are truth.**
- TORAH = tav, vav, resh, hey and contains the word for light: *owh* (vav, resh); i.e., Torah contains that LIGHT, that primordial and supernal light which came directly from YHWH Elohim. That was the light that was created before the physical light of the sun and moon and which comes directly from YHWH. It is the light of Torah and Truth, or Torah-truth. That is why it is mention five times in the first five verses. The Jewish sages call this the five points of light. There are five letters in the name of Elohim (aleph, lamed, vav, hey, yud, mem) who was the one who is revealed and who is speaking in Genesis one and there are five books (the Pentateuch or Chumash) through which that light is revealed to man.
- WHAT IS TRUTH? **Jn. 17:17 says, Thy word is truth. Mt. 4:4 says, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of Elohim.** The word in Hebrew for *truth* is *EMET* (aleph, mem, tav) which is comprised of the first, middle and last letters of the Hebrew alephbet. *Truth* embodies every thing from the beginning to the very end of YHWH's word. Scripture calls Yeshua the beginning and the end of our faith, and the alpha and omega (aleph and tav)—the first and last letters of the Hebrew alephbet. In the first verse of Gen. 1 we see the letters aleph and tav listed twice as a word. The Jewish sages take this word to mean *completion* and *perfection in its ultimate*, spiritual sense. This is an allusion to the Word of Elohim (Yeshua the Messiah) in whom the fullness of YHWH dwelt bodily.

- So THE WORD OF YHWH ELOHIM = TRUTH = TORAH = LIGHT
- Jn. 1:1-5 says,
 - 1 ¶ In the beginning was the Word [Torah], and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
 - 2 The same was in the beginning with God.
 - 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.
 - 4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.
 - 5 ¶ And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.
- Who is this Word/YHWH/Light/Creator/Life?
- It is YESHUA THE MESSIAH!!
 - Jn. 1:6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.
 - 7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.
 - 14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.
 - **Jn. 8: 12 ¶ Then spake Yeshua again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.**
- YESHUA = LIGHT (the Word of Elohim made flesh); Yeshua = light = the Word of Elohim = Torah = life = the Living Word or Torah of Elohim.
- **Back to Gen. 1:3**— That Light of Truth pierced the darkness of the world.
 - Jn. 3:19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.
 - 20 For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd.
 - 21 But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.**
- There are only two paths in existence:
 - (1) Toward YHWH/Truth/Light/Torah/Yeshua/life/eternal life/relationship with YHWH
 - (2) Away from the above and toward darkness/sin/death/hell/separation from YHWH Elohim
- Which will you choose? Everyone has to choose. To not choose is to choose darkness and death.
- To defer choosing is to play Russian roulette. You may not live until tomorrow. Today is the day of salvation. You're only guaranteed this moment to NOW!
- Choosing YHWH/Light/Truth/Relationship with your Heavenly Father — or choosing death/darkness/separation is symbolized by the two trees in the Garden of Eden.
- Man had to choose: my way or YHWH's way
- Man's way = rebellion, sin, darkness, curses, separation, the way of the devil.
- Few men choose 100% darkness or evil.
- Satan offered man a little of each—a little good and a little evil to make man feel better about doing evil to salve his sin conscience.
- Man can play by YHWH's rules or make up his own rules as he goes along.
 - blessings or curses
 - Torah truth or???? (pick your choice)

- life or death..... CHOOSE YE THIS DAY WHO YOU WILL FOLLOW!!
- **Deut. 4:6** Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.
- Deut. 32:47 For it is not a vain thing for you; because it is your life: and through this thing ye shall prolong your days in the land, whither ye go over Jordan to possess it.
- In a sense Torah is neutral: It will either work for or against you—bless or curse you. It all depends on your choice, your heart orientation to it. If you violate /break it = sin and the wages of sin is death. Obey Torah and it becomes a literal force of righteousness inside of you to guide, protect and keep you on the straight and narrow path—to guide you to everlasting joy, life and blessings unspeakable in YHWH Elohim.
- **1 Cor. 2:9** But as it is written, **Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.**

—HOW DO YOU LIVE TORAH?

There is one way to do it!

- The living Torah has to live in us! by the power of the Ruach HaKodesh.
- Through a relationship with the Living Torah/Yeshua the Messiah the force and power of YHWH's Torah-Truth, Torah-Light, Torah-righteousness and divine enablement (grace) will live in us and guide us in the paths of righteousness and blessings.

How does this occur?

- By repenting (teshuvah) of sin (the violation of Torah) and turning away from darkness and an anti-Torah life-style, attitude and orientation...
- By believing on Yeshua the Messiah, confessing him with your mouth as your Adon/Master and Savior...
- By loving him and keeping his commandments as he commanded.
- **Mt. 7:15 ¶ Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.** (Good trees and good fruits = Torah)

16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

21 ¶ Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. (Many false converts = workers of Torahlessness)

22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock.

So build your house on the Rock which is the Torah-Word of YHWH Elohim (both the written Torah-teachings and instructions in righteousness of YHWH Elohim — the first five books of Moses in the Bible — and Yeshua the Living Torah-Word of YHWH Elohim which was made flesh. Do this so that you will inherit eternal life and a place of honor in YHWH's heavenly kingdom, for Yeshua said in Mt. 5:19,

Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.