



Jews For Yeshua Ministry

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“To the Torah and the Testimony, if anybody does not speak according to these words, it is because they have no light in them”

Isaiah 8:20; Revelation 12:17; 14:12



Revelation 14:13

**Blessed Are those who Die in Yeshua
from this Time Forward**

Revelation 15:3,4

Torah Thought of the Month

How You Have Treated Others, So You Have Treated Me...

Matthew 25:31-46

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Yeshua said that when the gentiles stand before Him on judgment day that they will be judged in accordance to how they have treated the least of His brethren, stating that how they have treated the least of His brethren is how they have treated Him.

When I look around me today at those in America who profess to be believers I often see people who instead of demonstrating a willingness to die for their enemies like Yeshua did, rather look to assassinate the characters of fellow believers. They also seem to believe they have veto power over those who Yeshua has forgiven and transformed.

For example, concerning convicted felons. A person convicted of a felony 30 years ago, or who as a result of becoming a believer has committed no new crimes for 20 years, they will often deny that person as saved, and look for every occasion to falsely accuse them – even though today they are clearly people of integrity and of devout faith. This is especially true of those whose past behaviors are culturally taboo, and it is often those raised in the church all their lives who demonstrate these attitudes against those with undesirable upbringing or socially unacceptable pasts.

The Apostle Paul persecuted believers, imprisoning them and consenting to their murder. But yet once he was converted, his testimony was immediately received as true. Then you had Mary Magdelene who was delivered of 7 demons. Being demon possessed was no doubt culturally taboo in Yeshua's day as it remains even to this day, but yet once she was delivered, her salvation was absolutely received as valid.

But in today's Western version of believing, it seems Paul would still be on trial in the various assemblies of believers today, and be distrusted. Likewise, it seems people would still be leery of being associated with Mary Magdelene the former demoniac or in today's lingo, mentally ill person. It seems people would be continuously spreading doubt about Yeshua's testimony in

their lives, and be looking for opportunities to falsely accuse them of any misdeed, or to assign to him any evil taking place in the community, resembling any of their past behavior.

I say this, because I see this happen on almost a weekly basis against believers today who came from sinful pasts. If a person was a former drug addict, or prostitute, abortionist, or child molester, thief or whatever, and they repent, and Yeshua gives them a new heart and a new character, many raised in the Church or Messianic community will never acknowledge it. Some will even go so far as to make sure nobody ever forgets about that other believer's former life of sin.

This is a tragic thing. Even the world treats former criminals better than I see many people in the community of believers treat former sinners. Especially if it is a sin they don't believe God should forgive, as if their own "less severe" sin somehow makes them better in God's eyes than the ones they are condemning.

When I was young, I did not see this character in those who professed to be believers. In the 70's and 80's a forgiven person was a forgiven person, and if they backslid, these believers, Protestant or other, would help those fallen souls back on their feet. They were there for all believers both great and small, and they gave them the benefit of the doubt until they demonstrated themselves with clear evidence to be unchanged – and even at that they would still try to break through to them for salvation. The radio program "Unshackled" seems to be one of the few places I hear about this kind of Bible based belief anymore – at least in America.

Today's believers often seem to assume people have not changed, and some even believe people cannot change. I have even heard Pastor's plainly preach on numerous occasions a belief that all believers are doomed to sin every day of their lives until the day they die. But these preachers believe in another Gospel, in one that only saves sinners, but that does not transform sinners.

And so they place sinners into tiers, with the smallest most culturally acceptable sinners being elected as Pastors and teachers, and the biggest, or most culturally unacceptable sinners, being marginalized or even excluded from congregational or community living. Originally, believers in Yeshua were defined by how great of sin they had been delivered from – today's believers defined by how good an upbringing they had, how much money they make, and how many letters they have behind their names.

But the Scriptures are clear that the defining characteristic of a true believer is that they are born again, and therefore no longer in bondage to sin; **1 Yehochanan (1 John) 3:9**. That they become a new creature; **2 Corinthians 5:17**, that though there are things that are impossible for man to do, they are not impossible for God to do; **Mattit'yahu (Matthew) 19:26**; **Luke 1:34,37** and that through Yeshua we can do all things; **Philippians 4:13**, and that includes not willfully sinning anymore.

If Yeshua cannot and does not transform the people He saves, then what makes him any different than Buddha, or Mohammed, or a lifeless idol who are all also powerless to change anybody who follows them?

That means the drug addict will always be a drug addict, and the prostitute always a prostitute,

the pervert always a pervert, a liar always a liar, a thief always a thief, and so on. It means our only hope in Him is that we will someday go to heaven. But that is not the Gospel – that is a lie.

But this is exactly what I see those who profess to be believers doing oftentimes today in their actions and attitudes towards believers with sinful past – especially against those whose past are culturally taboo – is speak evil of them; **Yaaqov (James) 4:11**.

Right now we have a whole generation of children being trained in sexual perversion through public education, through media and entertainment, and through government policies. Even as adultery, fornication, divorce and remarriage, homosexuality, and now transgenderism, were once taboo but now normalized or becoming normalized, it is just a matter of time to when child molesting, sex with animals, human sacrifice, and cannibalism will also someday be normalized. Killing babies, sex with animals, and drinking blood at vampire bars is already culturally acceptable in many liberal parts of America - so none of these other things are far behind.

All of these things have likewise been normal parts of pagan cultures throughout history, and it is for these things that God told us he was vomiting the inhabitants out of the land of Canaan over; **V'yikra (Leviticus) 18:24,25**, and brought curses on Israel over; **D'varim (Deuteronomy) 27:11-26; 28:15-68**.

And the Churches' response to all of these things in the last century has been to fight these things at first, but once a new generation arose, to simply embrace those behaviors that the former generation had opposed.

So now we have a whole generation of children being trained in sexual perversion of every kind who are going to rise up very soon to inherit our institutions of government and public schooling, and who are going to be running our businesses.

How are we going to minister to them? By inviting them to become believers and then holding their past perversions that they repented of and overcame perpetually against them? Or in the opposite extreme, invite them to become believers as they are, and to stay as they are, by embracing their sinful lifestyle as acceptable while giving them a false hope of heaven?

Or are we going to tell them about Yeshua, and teach them about His standard of right and wrong, and then like Yeshua, never hold their past behaviors that they have repented of, and been forgiven of, against them again?

I do not care who you are, or what your past is. If you believe in Yeshua and have confessed your sins, and committed yourself to a life of repentance, you are my Brother and Sister in Yeshua.

I don't care if you were a murderer, a liar, a thief, a slanderer, a party animal, a child molester, rock and roll star, a witch, a cross dresser, Nancy Pelosi, a corrupt member of law enforcement or of the courts, a former Nazi, or Hitler himself. If you belong to Yeshua, then He has forgiven you and changed you, and is continuing to change you, and will continue to change and mold you and perfect you, into His glorious image until the day you die; **Galatians 4:19**.

And so your past is no longer anything you need be ashamed of, but is now a Testimony of the

Power of Yeshua to transform sinners into saints; **2 Corinthians 5:17**. Is now a witness of His power to crush the Evil One's hold and free you – not just from the consequences of sin, but from the power of sin itself. To make you into a completely different person, with a completely different set of values, desires, behavior, and perception of reality; **I Yehochanan (I John) 3:8,9**.

So many of the other approaches so commonly used today not only fail to reflect or honor Yeshua's work in people's lives, but also demonstrate a lack of faith in God's Word as true and transforming – and is actually demonic and glorifying of the Evil One.

So as children of the Most High God, and as believers in His Most Holy Son, Yeshua, let us forgive as Yeshua forgives, and love as Yeshua loves. Neither condemning a person for their past sins long ago repented of, nor condoning any sin in their present; but rather acknowledging Yeshua's forgiveness concerning their pasts, and helping them to overcome any sins they are currently struggling with in the present; **Yaaqov (James) 5:16,19,20**.

Neither being high minded nor condescending, but being mindful of our own weaknesses, and working out our own salvation with fear and trembling; **Phillipians 2:12** while assisting them in overcoming their sin in a spirit of humility and kindness; **Galatians 6:1**.

It is the Evil One who accuses believers to condemn and destroy them, and to discredit Yeshua's Testimony in them.

It is for believers to defend fellow believers, and Yeshua's Testimony in them - not to side with the Evil One against them.

That generation I knew and witnessed back in the 1970's and 80's – that generation that though not Nazarene in their Faith, but Protestant, actually reached out to me while I was yet a vile, sinful person, and was able to be used by God to draw me to Yeshua while I was still a vile, sinful person. But that generation just doesn't seem to be around much anymore – though I do still meet a few here and there.

May we not forget the good examples of those former generations who were true to the Faith to the best of their understanding, and not repeat the errors of this current generation which, in the name of the Savior, actually shun and/or persecute those who have been saved and transformed by the Savior.

Yehovah God, in the name of your Holy Son Yeshua, be merciful to us all.

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