

Another Gospel?

We have a Gospel out there today that most people assume is the same Gospel that was taught in the 1st century by Yeshua and His Emissaries, and in one way it is, but in other ways it is unrecognizable.

Let me share with you first what is recognizable and unchanged. That God sent His only begotten Son into the world to die for our sins, so that whosoever should repent and place their trust in Him for the remission of their sins past, would be forgiven of their sins and be "saved"; **Yehochanan (John) 3:16-21; Romans 3:25**.

Another component of this same message is that because He was sinless, He rose from the grave.

Thankfully, these two things are all that must be believed in order to be saved and then begin the process of transformation into a person of new character and values reflective of God's character upon repentance.

However, outside of this, every imaginable variation of what a walk with the Savior looks like can be found wherever people profess a belief in Him.

So as far as salvation goes, I was saved as a chief of Jewish sinners living as a gentile. And when I called on "Jesus" (because I didn't know His Hebrew name at that time), my status as a "saved" person was very firmly established beyond doubt in my mind, via a supernatural experience and encounter, within a minute or so after saying what a person might call a "sinners" prayer - but done in my own words.

After this, when I began reading Scripture and doing some historical research, I forsook Christ-mass and Isht-r. After this I was still a saved person. Then when through further reading of Scripture and research of history I learned that "Jesus" name is more accurately stated as "Yeshua", and that God's name was not LORD, but Yahweh or Yehovah, I was still saved at that time as well.

Then after this, after much more study of Scripture, historical research, and much debate, I began to keep the Sabbath, the Feast Days, and to eat Kosher. And after all this, I was indeed still saved after all this as well, and also had a 10 day long supernatural experience that was distinctly different from my supernatural being "saved" experience. That is, whereas the "saved" experience was like a spiritual "washing", the 10 day experience was like being born inside a womb.

Then when I began dressing modestly (yes, I believe men need to dress modestly too), and to wear a kippah and tzit tzit, and replace the Constantinian form of services and worship with the more accurate Hebraic form of services and worship that included the Torah processional and liturgy, I was still saved then as well.

But yet all along the way, so many of the other people who had also been initially saved while yet living sinful lifestyles like I had been, have never made it past X-mass and Isht-r. And I have no reason to believe they were not saved, as their lives were radically changed after they were initially "saved" just like my life had been radically changed after I had been initially saved. They were instantly delivered from drugs or alcohol, or suddenly had a clean mouth and honest character; or were delivered from their sexual sin, or smoking, or whatever. Their deliverance was just as real and as authentic and as supernatural as my own "being saved" and "baptized" into the Holy Spirit experience had been.

So why the difference in our walks? The difference, as I have laid out in recent articles presented over the last few months is concerning the Hebrew/Biblical concept of "Ascent". We all, after being "saved", ascend to different planes of obedience on the vertical plane of ascension. This process of

"ascension" would be akin to the Christian concept of "sanctification" - except much more defined (See page 5, bottom of page, for general details of the 7 Planes of Ascension).

How high we ascend, likewise, is hindered by only 3 things after we are "saved".

They are:

- 1- Complete ignorance,
- 2- Diminishing degrees of ignorance, and,
- 3- Willfull ignorance

Concerning complete ignorance, this is concerning sinful activities and behaviors we engage in that we have no idea we committed, and therefore cannot repent of or "ascend above" because we had no idea that we did it. Like perhaps accidentally pocketing the pen at the bank after filling out the deposit slip, or as a cashier, unknowingly giving back the wrong amount of change - even if only a penny off. Or maybe telling somebody you would do something for them on a certain date, and then totally forgetting about that commitment. Sins committed in complete ignorance are automatically forgiven at the personal level at the Cross, and at the national level on Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement). As Yeshua said on the Cross, "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do."; **Luke 23:34.**

Then concerning diminishing degrees of ignorance, this is activity that causes our ignorance to begin to be "peeled away" through exposure to facts and information that we had not been aware of prior. This ignorance comes in two forms.

The first form of diminishing ignorance is contact with new information that is "insufficient" in and of itself to override our current understanding or convictions. For example when people hear that X-mass and East-r are pagan festivals "christianized" in violation of God's commandments on the one hand, while on the other hand erroneously taught that Passover and Tabernacles are just Jewish traditions. So caught up in the confusion between the two positions (that is, one that they see Christianity practicing, and the other presented as just "Jewish Traditions), and apart from further evidence, they simply remain committed to that which they are familiar with. This in turn limits their ability to "ascend above" their current plane of spiritual maturity.

This form of diminishing ignorance is automatically forgiven at the Cross or at Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) as long as sincere confusion exist in the heart concerning the commandment, doctrine, or circumstance at hand.

The second form of diminishing ignorance is contact with new information that "is sufficient" in its content, form, and presentation to override our current understanding or convictions, and that upon reaching this "turning point" in our understanding, is responded to with repentance. For example, concerning those who supported Yeshua's crucifixion; **Ma'aseh (Acts) 3:14-19**, or when the Emissary Shaul (Apostle Paul) persecuted believers; **I Timothy 1:12,13**, and when he spoke disrespectfully to the High Priest; **Ma'aseh (Acts) 23:1-5**. To this kind of ignorance the Scriptures state, "God in times past has winked at our ignorance, but now commands men everywhere to repent"; **Ma'aseh (Acts) 17:30.**

This form of diminishing ignorance is automatically forgiven at the Cross or at Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) until it comes to one's attention. But once the sin has come to the person's attention, they must confess that sin and repent of it to be forgiven of it, the same as a willfull sin needs to be confessed and repented of.

But once again, as Yeshua stated on the execution stake (cross) concerning these honest forms of ignorance, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do"; **Luke 23:34.**

Then there is willfull ignorance. Willfull ignorance, sometimes called a “3rd form of diminishing ignorance”, is when a person has come into contact with new information sufficient in its content, form, and presentation to override their current understanding or convictions, but purposely ignores it, refutes it, or otherwise refuses to conform to, or to repent in response to that new information that they have come to realize is clearly truth being spoken to them.

When a whole generation turns to willful ignorance to excuse its sinful behaviors, this is when God often raises up national prophets like Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, or the like in that generation in order to strip away their excuses. The two witnesses of **Revelation 11** will likely be raised up for this very reason in our generation today for choosing to blatantly reject that which is clearly truth - in favor of their wicked and perverted lifestyles.

Like Yeshua said in His day when He, as the long awaited Messiah to come, proclaimed "If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin (that is, not be accountable for their sin), but now they have no excuse for their sin"; **Yehochanan (John) 15:22**. The 144,000 being virgins with no deception in their mouths will likewise also be raised up as a standard to strip away the excuses this generation has given itself to justify its dishonesty and sexual perversions.

Willful ignorance is intellectually dishonest by nature, and so is not automatically forgiven like complete ignorance and diminishing degrees of ignorance are. Those who choose to be willfully ignorant are those who like Korah, purposely avoid or disregard any evidence that would require them to have to change their behavior, or that would interfere with their ulterior motives or agenda.

This group is no different than one who willfully sins. People who choose to purposely remain ignorant often only conform to "peer" pressure, "political" pressure, or to "cultural" pressure. Willful ignorance is not automatically forgiven anymore than willful sin is, but must be confessed and repented of like any other sin one has "knowingly" committed, become consciously aware of, or came to intellectually comprehend as truth.

Concerning the Lesser and Greater of Commandments

In **Mattit'yahu (Matthew) 7:21-23**, those who willfully break God's Law are told to depart from Yeshua, but in **Mattit'yahu (Matthew) 5:17-19** Yeshua states that those who break the least of His commandments will be least in the Kingdom of Heaven. So if willfully breaking the commandments causes a professing believer to be cast away into the lake of fire, then how can one break the least of His commandments, and teach others to break those same commandments, and still make it into the Kingdom - though only as a least of citizens?

The answer is in part concerning the biblical concepts of complete ignorance and diminishing forms of ignorance as explained earlier – *but also involves* understanding the difference between what the greater commandments and lesser commandments are.

The greater commandments are concerning internal matters of the heart - that is, concerning morality, honesty, and integrity of character. That is, the greater commandments have to do with “what” kind of person we are (moral, immoral, honest, dishonest, etc...). Whereas the lesser commandments are concerning external matters outside the heart, such as clothing, hygiene, diet, holy day observation, and so on. That is, has to do with “who” we are (a gentile, a jew, a male or female, a Russian, a Chinese, etc...).

Using explanations from previous studies on the Hebrew concept of "ascending", we are all conceived and born into the two lower planes of the devil's kingdom. Manmade religions emphasizing the good side of our fallen nature causes people to ascend from the 1st plane to the 2nd plane, but because the values emphasized are limited to human understanding of right and wrong, and of truth and error, they can ascend no further.

People within Judaism and Christianity, because they have access to the true standard of right and wrong, and of truth and error, are able to ascend yet one more plane higher to the 3rd plane of ascension, but because both Judaism and Christianity compromise to some degree with the world and with human traditions, they are able to ascend no further than the 4th plane of ascension.

However, this 3rd vertical plane where many people first enter salvation at, moral uprightness and integrity of character is an absolute must to be learned and mastered before a person can successfully ascend to any plane above the 4th plane of ascension.

The commandments that teach us this morality, and instill in us this integrity of character, are among the more critically important of commandments. They are the "greater" commandments, and they are so important that they must be learned and mastered before one can successfully ascend to the 5th vertical plane of ascension.

The traditional, though erroneously entitled, "**10 Commandments**", the commands of the Sermon on the Mount; **Mattit'yahu (Matthew) 5-7**, and Kingdom commands; **Galatians 5:16-26** provide a good summary of what these greater commandments dealing with the "inward" man looks like. They are commandments dealing mostly with issues like sexual purity, honesty, justice, and prohibition against idol worship and related activities. They are commands regarding morality and integrity of "inner" character.

The "least" of the commandments, are those commandments, judgments, and statutes outside those things directly related to moral uprightness and integrity of character, and deal largely with the "outward" man. They are commandments mostly dealing with externals like celebrating the feasts, wearing tzit tzit, not shaving the beard, matters related to health and disease control, and so on. They are things that though often associated with and reflective of good character, are not an accurate measure in and of themselves of good character.

Another way put, a person who has an impressive "outward" appearance, may or may not, have good "inward" character. But a person of good inward character, if they live long enough and have ample opportunity, will always eventually develop a holy "outward" expression as well. A fake orange can look pretty convincing on the outside, but a real orange is always genuine on both the inside and the outside.

Take note however, that this is not a "7 step program" that you do to go from step one to step 7, but rather these 7 planes of ascension reflect where your heart condition will naturally layer you out at. In other words, your personal efforts are not what will determine what plane of ascension you end up on, but rather the condition of your heart will determine this.

Now, to provide an example of why practicing "the least of the commandments" associated with the higher planes of 5 through 7, without doing the "greater of the commandments" associated with planes 3 and 4, is not acceptable before God, can be seen in **Yesh'yahu (Isaiah) 1:10-17** concerning the appointed times, and in **verse 58:3-14** concerning fasting.

In summary, the lesser commandments associated with the higher planes of ascension (planes 5-7) provide no benefit to the individual when practiced apart from the greater commands mandatory to learn and master at the 3rd and 4th planes of ascension.

Additionally, just because somebody is practicing a commandment associated with a higher plane, like the feast days for example that are associated intimately with planes 5 through 7, does not automatically mean they are on plane 5, 6 or 7.

Many Messianics for example practice the feast days, but have still not mastered the commandments concerning moral uprightness and integrity of character required of them on planes 3 and 4, and so in

fact are on the same horizontal plane as most Protestants (vertical plane of ascension 4).

Let me make clear also, that even though the Appointed Times of Scripture, the dietary laws, the sacred names, etc.. are acts of obedience intimately related to the higher planes of vertical ascension, they are not more important than the teachings to be learned on the lower planes of vertical ascension of moral character, justice, and of taking care of the oppressed, the widow, and the poor, etc...

There is a reason why the teachings of moral uprightness and justice, etc... are part of the 1st biblical planes (vertical planes 3 and 4, see graphic below), because "without" these foundational practices and moral behaviors, the feast days, fasting, and sacrifices, and other "external" commandments, have no merit before God; **B'resheet (Genesis) 4:3-7; I Shemuel (I Samuel) 15:18-22; Yesh'yahu (Isaiah); 1:10-17; 58:3-8.**

In other words, keeping the Appointed Times provides no advantage if you have no moral character, or are an oppressor of people, slanderer, or otherwise unjust person. Like Shaul says, concerning the "moral" requirements of God's Law, "will not they who are uncircumcised but obey God's Law judge you, who though being circumcised, are knowingly breaking God's Law?"; **Romans 2:17-29.**

Another way put, even as circumcision is among the lesser of God's commandments, but morality among the greater of His commandments, even so, though the keeping of His feasts is important and beneficial as well as an integral part of a higher plane, it is not more important than being a morally upright person.

As such, even though keeping Passover through Sukkot (Tabernacles) is associated with the "higher" 5th plane of vertical ascension as shown in the following graphic, it is not a short cut to the 5th plane of ascension that allows one to bypass the moral uprightness of character necessary to be learned at the "lower" 3rd and 4th planes of vertical ascension.

On the other hand, failing to obey these "lesser" commandments of the higher vertical plane, and teaching others to do the same, will cause one to be "least in the Kingdom"; **Mattit'yahu (Matthew) 5:17-19**, and so obeying these "lesser" commandments is not only important for being successfully grafted into Israel, and for reaching full maturity in the Faith and successfully overcoming, but is also important if you desire to be "great" in the Kingdom. And the greater in the Kingdom one is, the closer they will have the privilege of interacting directly with God, and in approaching His Throne.

The various "Vertical planes of Ascension" that are sometimes referred to as "Horizontal Planes of Ascent", can be understood as generally laid out as follows from **highest plane to lowest plane.**

Plane 7: *The Plane of "Enoch", Tier of Transcension (Entry into heavenly realm without first dying)*

Plane 6: *The Plane of "Abel", Tier of Martyrdom (the Highest Sacrifice)*

Plane 5: *The Plane of "David", Tier of Overcoming (Overcomes all non-biblical pressures to conform)*

Plane 4: *The Plane of "Saul", Tier of Misdirected Obedience (tends to persecute non-conformist)*

Plane 3: *The Plane of "Cain", Tier of False Pretense (tends to murder and/or destroy non-conformist)*

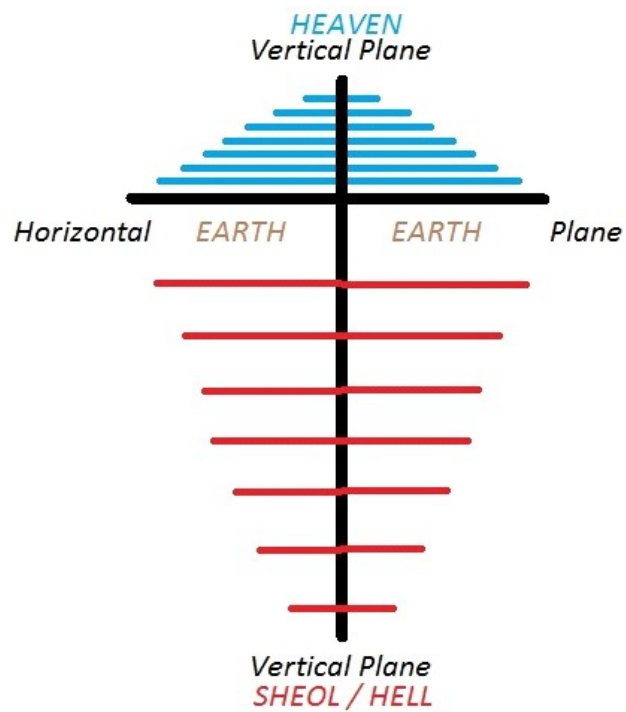
Plane 2: *The Plane of "Eve", Tier of Self-Ascendency (Glorification of virtuous human behavior & wisdom)*

Plane 1: *The "Serpent" Plane, Tier of Carnal Birth and Division (Glorification of sinful behavior)*

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*BLUE LINES -Represent the 7 Levels of Ascent
RED LINES – Represent the 7 levels of Descent*

PLACE OF GOD'S THRONE



PLACE OF THE WICKED ONE'S THRONE

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PLANE OF "ENOCHE" - TIER OF "TRANSCENSION"

Those who enter Heaven without dying,
like Enoch and Eliyahu (Elijah).

(VERTICAL PLANE 7 - Plane of Obedience Perfected - Plane of the Most Holy Place)

PLANE OF "ABEL" - TIER OF "MARTYRDOM"

Martyrdom for one's biblically based Faith when combined with a clear conscience before God concerning one's sincerely & honestly held understanding of Scripture. Only qualified individuals from Planes 3-5 can enter the Plane of Martyrdom.

(VERTICAL PLANE 6 - Plane of Acceptable Sacrifice - Plane of the Holy Place)

PLANE OF "DAVID" - TIER OF "OVERCOMING"

Whole House of Israel

Biblically based faith with emphasis on salvation, personal repentance, and of obedience to God's commandments over human traditions. Compares self to Heaven's standard, successfully resists pressure to conform to human traditions made in substitute of God's commandments. Overcomes their sin. Has sacrificial love for others. Does not seek division from other believers, does not persecute others, but planes 1-4 do divide from them and persecute them to varying degrees. These interact with all denominations and sects, but are marginalized wherever they go. They are the whole House of Israel (the natural branches); **Yechezk'el (Ezekiel) 37:11-14; Romans 11:26**, and all those successfully grafted in to Israel (the wild branches); **Yechezk'el (Ezekiel) 47:21-23; Romans 11:17-24; Ephesians 2:11-19**. Planes 5-7 are first resurrection. All saved people who also become "born again", if given opportunity and living long enough, ascend to this 5th plane.

(VERTICAL PLANE 5 - Plane of Obedience Over Tradition - Plane of the Wholly Set Apart)

The Narrow Gate - The Gate of Humility - The 2nd Womb and Plane of the Born Again

The "Completed" Man in Yeshua - The Court of Israel

PLANE OF "SAUL" - TIER OF "GOVERNANCE BY MORALITY"

House of the Gentile Church

*Biblically based human religions that emphasize salvation, with Scripture as a foundational basis for morality, but which still emphasize some "human tradition" over the authority of Scriptures (Protestantism, Messianic, Mennonite, etc...). Somewhat still compares self with others, and submits to peer pressure and divides from others to determine acceptance before God and man. There is light persecution between, within, and out from, all these groups. Most "saved" people walk out their walk, and gain access to eternal life on this 4th plane. These are the "saved Gentiles"; **Mattit'yahu (Matthew) 25:31-46**, the sheep of His "other" fold; **Yehochanan (John) 10:14-16**, and the least in His Kingdom; **Mattit'yahu (Matthew) 5:17-19**. Plane 4 is made up mostly of 2nd resurrection "Sheep" and some goats. People can be "saved" at any plane from 1-4, but all saved people, if they have opportunity and live long enough, eventually ascend to this 4th plane.*

(VERTICAL PLANE 4 - Plane of Morality Over Full Obedience - of Distillation and of Imperfect Obedience)

The Straight Way and 2nd Conception - The Perfection of Moral Character of the "inward" man - The Women's Court

PLANE OF "CAIN" - TIER OF "GOVERNANCE BY TRADITION"

Biblically based human religions that emphasize and reward the "good" side of our fallen nature, with Scripture as a general template for morality, but heavily emphasizes "human tradition" over authority of Scripture (Catholicism, Russian Orthodox, Greek Orthodox, Amish, Judaism, etc...). Still compares self with others, submits to peer pressure and divides from others, to determine acceptance before God and man. There is moderate to heavy persecution between, within, and out from, all these groups. There is "some" salvation to eternal life through Yeshua among a small number on this 3rd plane whose sins are in ignorance. The False Messiah enters here. This plane is a general mix of 2nd resurrection sheep and goats.

(VERTICAL PLANE 3 - Plane of Tradition Over Full Obedience - Plane of False Pretense and of Mixing)

The Narrow Way - The Dawn of Salvation to the Gentiles to the "outward" man - The Outer Court / Gentile Court

PLANE OF "EVE" - TIER OF "NEW ORDER"

Non-biblical human religions and other human systems that emphasize and reward the "good" side of our fallen nature, but are devoid of the Truth of Scripture as their "compass" (Buddhism, Islam, Hinduism, etc...). Compares self with others, and submits to peer pressure and divides from others, to determine acceptance before God and/or man. This 2nd plane leads to civil societies, but not to Salvation.

(VERTICAL PLANE 2 - Plane of Good and Evil - Plane of the Pursuit of Knowledge)

The Wide Gate - The Gate of Self Ascendancy - The 1st Womb

PLANE OF "THE SERPENT" - HORIZONTAL PLANE OF "CHAOS"

Satan's Kingdoms, the Secular World, is "division" oriented based on race, stature, reputation, talent, wealth, influence, sexuality, culture, nationality, personal beauty/strength/intelligence, competitive ability, education level, etc...

(VERTICAL PLANE 1 - Plane of the Serpent - Plane of Carnal Conception and Division)

The Broad Way and 1st Conception