

A Reflection On Our Life Styles...

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I start this reflection with an excerpt from an especial article on Daniel 8,

“The three-part plan of 1871 is right on course, and speedily moving towards its conclusion. Gulf War II was the “ground zero for launching many things—but I believe it was also used to open the pit, and allow the ancient spirits to come upon the face of the earth for the final wrap-up. I’ve never heard so much craziness out of people in my life--mindlessness. And what is worse is the tolerance that even decent people have toward what the Bible calls “evil”. For example: Christians watch TV, go to movies, or read books, absorbing and even enjoying adultery, fornication, rape, violence, homosexuality, murders, thefts, rebellion against good authority as in children disobeying parents and teachers, men who are wimps with controlling wives, divorce, drug addiction, alcoholism, demeaning jokes, and all sorts of filth, and call it “entertainment”. Their desire for the Word is almost zilch.

We must disassociate with the “god of this world”, and come out of it quickly, for it is like a drug, programming the minds of people, where they have no desire for seeking Truth or seeking the Source of Truth. Oh the joy of life without TV! Because I spend much time with the Word and with the Ruach, and in study and research, He reveals His secrets to me and leads me in the most miraculous ways. You can have that kind of life—a miraculous life—being supernaturally led daily by the Ruach.”

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It is Shabbat! HalleluYah! I will rejoice in the face of opposition and lift up my being to worship You!

November 25, 2007 (5:01am).

Blessed be Your name Father Yah! Blessed be the name of Yahushua the Messiah! I come to You this morning with a heart of thanksgiving to worship You!

I beseech You my Father to manifest Yourself and teach us not to hurt each other with the lack of knowledge of Your ways.

We have all sinned and sold ourselves to the god of this world and we are not willing to come out of the world.

We reject any mention of us changing our lifestyles to live a life separated unto You. We insist in living whichever way we see fit to live without being accountable to each other or to You.

And anyone who dares to mention or exhort Your people to come out of the worldly system is accused of being judgemental and unfit to speak Your words.

A great number has heard Your call and partially obeyed, for even though they came out of the system, they keep the ways of the world in the matters of dress and entertainment.

For years we have been informed about the evil of TV being the Satanic medium to program our minds to worship him, have we even made an attempt to at least quit watching TV much less to get rid of it?

Oh no, we don’t have to be radical it’s okay to compromise for the sake of peace! The Bible says to live at peace with your neighbor.

And that’s that! We continue to live just like the world lives with just a hint of our intrinsic values.

Same dress code, same jewelry, same theaters, same music. We claim that those things don’t matter because they are externals.

But Father, shouldn’t our externals reflect our inner lives? It is wrong to keep up the externals if our inner life does not match up.

You call us to be perfect. Is it perfect to accomodate our lives accordingly to our surrounding woorldly ways in order to fit in the world?

And the commerce! If Yahushua would come to our congregations I am sure He'll make a whip and bust all the Messianic Market places.

Father, we are no different than the worldly system, except that we sell Hebraic material and each other's teachings.

When Yahushua comes, will He find faith among us? We don't know how to live on faith in Your provision.

You have provided the tithes and the offerings for our teachers to live on. If we all pay our tithes and offerings, shouldn't the teachers teach us out of their free will?

Why do the leaders sell their information? Is it their own information or has Your Ruach inspired that information to them for the edification of Your saints?

And the buyers of this information, why are they so hungry for extra knowledge? Isn't the Bible and inspired free messages enough to lead us into the knowledge of Your ways?

You are revealing Yourself plainly on these days and You have provided us with many ministers who are willingly and freely supplying us with Your revelation.

The Messianic congregations are slowly becoming an extension of the pagan system of which we have come out. It's like they said, out of the pot and into the frying pan.

Father, I have brought to You all these concerns this morning because all attempts I have made to reach out to my children and Your people has caused much hurt and misunderstanding. You know all the accusations against me.

I thank You for the Scriptures You have brought to my remembrance, to reassure me of Your mercy for me and for all concern.

Isaiah 49:20-26 The Scriptures 1998+

(20) "The sons of your bereavement shall yet say in your ears, 'The place is too narrow for me, make room for me to live.'

(21) "And you shall say in your heart, 'Who has brought forth these for me, since I am bereaved and barren, an exile, and wandering to and fro? And who reared them? See, I was left alone – from where did these come?'"

(22) Thus said the Master Yahuweh, "See, I lift My hand up to the gentiles, and set up My banner for the peoples; and they shall bring your sons in their arms, and your daughters carried on their shoulders;

(23) "And sovereigns shall be your foster fathers, and their sovereignesses your nursing mothers. They bow down to you with their faces to the earth, and lick up the dust of your feet. And you shall know that I am Yahuweh – those who wait for Me shall not be ashamed."

(24) Is prey taken from the mighty, and the captives of the righteous delivered?

(25) Yet thus said Yahuweh, "Even the captives of the mighty is taken away, and the prey of the ruthless is delivered; and I strive with him who strives with you, and I save your children.

(26) "And I shall feed those who oppress you with their own flesh, and let them drink their own blood as sweet wine. All flesh shall know that I, Yahuweh, am your Saviour, and your Redeemer, the Elohim of Yaaqob."

Isaiah 59:14-21 The Scriptures 1998+

(14) And right-ruling¹ is driven back, and righteousness¹ stands far off. For truth has fallen in the street, and right is unable to enter. Footnote: ¹Amos 5:7.

(15) And the truth is lacking, and whoever turns away from evil makes himself a prey. And Yahuweh saw, and it displeased Him that there was no right-ruling.

(16) And He saw that there was no man, and was astonished that there was no intercessor. So His own arm saved for Him, and His righteousness upheld him.

(17) And He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of deliverance on His head. And

He put on garments of vengeance for clothing, and wrapped Himself with ardour as a mantle.

(18) According to their deeds, so He repays, wrath to His adversaries, recompense to His enemies. He repays recompense to the coastlands.

(19) And they shall fear the Name of Yahuweh from the west, and His esteem from the rising of the sun, when He comes like a distressing stream which the Spirit of Yahuweh drives on.

(20) “And the Redeemer shall come to Tsiyon, and to those turning from transgression in Ya‘aqob,” declares Yahuweh.

(21) “As for Me, this is My covenant with them,” said Yahuweh: “My Spirit that is upon you, and My Words that I have put in your mouth, shall not be withdrawn from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your descendants, nor from the mouth of your descendants’ descendants,” said Yahuweh, “from this time and forever.”

Father! Your Word is an anchor to my soul! As soon as I utter a cry towards You, You are swift to manifest Yourself and bring Your Word to my remembrance!

Thank You Father for inscribing Your Word in my heart and bringing it to my remembrance when I am about to sink in the mire of pain and distress.

Yes, we are the captives of the righteous, caught in the net of our sins. Caught and cursed because of our rebellion to Your rightful commandments.

You know Father that my sinful past hunts me at every turn of the way. My children flaunt it to me because they were hurt by it. I have not earned their respect.

But Your faithfulness and mercy! You have saved us, even from our own wicked beings. You sent to us Your Son, Yahushua our Savior! HalleluYah!

Yes, like Israel and in Israel, I am bereaved and barren, an exile, and wandering to and fro suffering the consequences of my past sins. For it is written,

Jeremiah 30:11-17 The Scriptures 1998+

(11) ‘For I am with you,’ declares Yahuweh, ‘to save you. Though I make a complete end of all gentiles¹ where I have scattered you, yet I do not make a complete end of you. But I shall reprove you in judgment, and by no means leave you unpunished.’ Footnote: ¹See 46:28, Isa. 34:2, Isa. 45:17, Dan. 2:44, Amos 9:8, Hag. 2:22.

(12) “For thus said Yahuweh, ‘Your breach is incurable, your wound is grievous.

(13) ‘No one pleads your cause, to bind up. There are no healing medicines for you.

(14) ‘All those loving you have forgotten you, they do not seek you. For I smote you as an enemy smites, with cruel chastisement, because your crookedness is great, your sins have increased.

(15) ‘Why do you cry about your breach? Your pain is incurable. Because of your many crookednesses, because your sins have increased, I have done this to you.

(16) ‘However, all those who devour you shall be devoured. And all your adversaries, every one of them, shall go into captivity. And those who exploit you shall be exploited, and all who prey upon you I shall make a prey.

(17) ‘For I restore health to you and heal you of your wounds,’ declares Yahuweh, ‘for they have called you an outcast saying, “This is Tsiyon, no one is seeking her.”’

Jeremiah 46:28 The Scriptures 1998+

(28) “Do not fear, O Yaaqob My servant,” declare Yahuweh, “for I am with you. Though I make a complete end of all the gentiles to which I have driven you, yet I do not make a complete end of you¹. But I shall reprove you in right-ruling, and by no means leave you unpunished.” Footnote: ¹See 46:28, Isa. 34:2, Isa. 45:17, Dan. 2:44, Amos 9:8, Hag. 2:22.

Exodus 34:6-7 The Scriptures 1998+

(6) And Yahuweh passed before him and proclaimed, “Yahuweh, Yahuweh, an El compassionate and showing favour, patient, and great in kindness and truth,

(7) watching over kindness for thousands, forgiving crookedness and transgression and sin, but by no means leaving unpunished¹, visiting the crookedness of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation." Footnote: ¹This is confirmed in Num. 14:18, and in Jer. 30:11.

Thus the trials and tribulations I am going through, because You have so decreed it. Nevertheless, it is also written,

James 1:2-5 The Scriptures 1998+

(2) My brothers, count it all joy when you fall into various trials,

(3) knowing that the proving of your belief works endurance.

(4) And let endurance have a perfect work, so that you be perfect and complete, lacking in naught.

(5) If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of Elohim, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it shall be given to him.

Father, I set my mind like a flint towards the sacrifice of Yahushua my Savior. As it is written,

Romans 3:10-31 The Scriptures 1998+

(10) As it has been written, "There is none righteous, no, not one!

(11) "There is no one who is understanding, there is none who is seeking Elohim.

(12) "They all have turned aside, they have together become worthless. There is none who does good, no, not one."

(13) "Their throat is an open tomb, with their tongues they have deceived," "The poison of adders is under their lips,"

(14) "Whose mouth is filled with cursing and bitterness."

(15) "Their feet are swift to shed blood,

(16) ruin and wretchedness are in their ways,

(17) and the way of peace they have not known."

(18) "There is no fear of Elohim before their eyes."

(19) And we know that whatever the Torah says, it says to those who are in the Torah, so that every mouth might be stopped, and all the world come under judgment before Elohim.

(20) Therefore by works of Torah no flesh shall be declared right before Him, for by the Torah is the knowledge of sin.¹ Footnote: ¹Ex. 20:20, Rom. 4:15, Rom. 7:7.

(21) But now, apart from the Torah, a righteousness of Elohim has been revealed, being witnessed by the Torah and the Prophets,

(22) and the righteousness of Elohim is through belief in Yahushua Messiah to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference,

(23) for all have sinned and fall short of the esteem of Elohim,

(24) being declared right, without paying, by His favour through the redemption which is in Messiah Yahushua,

(25) whom Elohim set forth as an atonement, through belief in His blood, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His tolerance Elohim had passed over the sins that had taken place before,

(26) to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He is righteous and declares righteous the one who has belief in Yahushua.

(27) Where, then, is the boasting? It is shut out. By what Torah? Of works? No, but by the Torah of belief.

(28) For we reckon that a man is declared right by belief without works of Torah.

(29) Or *is He* the Elohim of the Yehudim only, and not also of the gentiles? Yea, of the gentiles also,

(30) since it is one Elohim who shall declare right the circumcised by belief and the uncircumcised through belief.

(31) Do we then nullify the Torah through the belief? Let it not be! On the contrary, we establish the Torah.¹ Footnote: ¹See 7:12.

Romans 5:6-11 The Scriptures 1998+

(6) For when we were still weak, Messiah in due time died for the wicked.

(7) For one shall hardly die for a righteous one, though possibly for a good one someone would even have the courage to die.

(8) But Elohim proves His own love for us, in that while we were still sinners, Messiah died for us.

(9) Much more then, having now been declared right by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

(10) For if, being enemies, we were restored to favour with Elohim through the death of His Son, much more, having been restored to favour, we shall be saved by His life.

(11) And not only this, but we also exult in Elohim through our Master Yahushua Messiah, through whom we have now received the restoration to favour.

Romans 6:21-23 The Scriptures 1998+

(21) What fruit, therefore, were you having then, over which you are now ashamed? For the end thereof is death.

(22) But now, having been set free from sin, and having become servants of Elohim, you have your fruit resulting in set-apartness, and the end, everlasting life.

(23) For the wages of sin is death, but the favourable gift of Elohim is everlasting life in Messiah Yahushua our Master.

And so, to conclude these reflections, I suggest that we must adjust our lives to reflect the glorious change that Yahushua's salvation has effected in us.