

Study of John 17
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John 17:1-26

These words spoke Yeshua, and lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You: 2 As You have given Him power over ALL flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him.

In these verses **IT IS** quite evident that whatever a follower of Messiah has, or ever will have, are given to Him **BY THE FATHER**. This just further confirms that Messiah **IS** the Living Word of the Father and that He and the Father are one, which means that Yeshua **CANNOT and WOULD NOT** transgress the Torah, for He **IS** the Torah of our heavenly Father made flesh.

Verse 3 And this is life eternal, that they might know You, the only true Elohim, and Yeshua Messiah, whom You have sent.

The Scriptures clearly teach us that Messiah **IS** the Words of the Torah, the Living Word of our heavenly Father made flesh, and here in this verse we are told that everlasting Life **IS**, *knowing the Father and His SON, His Living Word made flesh*. The word **knowing IS** the Hebrew word *Yada*, which means *to have intimate relationship with*, therefore those who **KNOW** the Father and have willingly and lovingly chosen **TO BE IN AN INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM**. *And the only way that anyone can be in an intimated relationship with Him, is by willingly and lovingly choosing to surrender their heart, mind, soul and strength to Him in total loving surrendered obedience to His Commandments, to ALL the Words of His Torah of Life*, for the Father has said, **IF** you love **Me**, **KEEP** My Commandments, and **IF** we are being intimate with Him, it means that we **ARE WILLINGLY KEEPING and OBEYING HIS COMMANDMENTS**. It is very important that we understand that **IT IS IN BELIEVING AND OBEYING THE FATHER** that eternal life at His side in His kingdom is guaranteed.

BELIEVING THE SON AND REJECTING THE WORDS, THE TORAH OF THE FATHER IS NOT SALVATION, IT IS REBELLION.

Salvation is, was, and always will be what the Father and the Son have said throughout Scripture, **OBEY THE COMMANDMENTS OF THE FATHER, ALL OF THEM AS THEY WERE GIVEN TO MOSHEH AT MOUNT SINAI**, *without adding anything to them nor taking anything away from them, as I Messiah did.*

Man, through man made religions, has chosen of their own volition to change that message, **BUT** our heavenly Father **HAS NEVER, NOR WILL HE EVER** deviate one iota from this eternal and inerrant and everlasting message, the Words of His Torah of Life.

Verse 4 I have glorified You on the earth: How could Messiah possibly **GLORIFY THE FATHER IF**, as the religious church fathers and leaders of today would have us believe, that He did away with the Torah of the Father, the Words of the Father's inerrant and everlasting

teaching and instructions? The Christian teaching or doctrinal positions that Messiah ***DID NOT KEEP THE TORAH OF THE FATHER, IS ABSOLUTELY FALSE AND RIDICULOUS.***

Now it is up to you, whom you will believe, for Messiah Himself emphatically states many times throughout Scripture, that He ***ONLY DOES*** what the Father has told Him to do. Messiah says: *I have finished the work which You, Father gave Me to do.* How could Messiah claim to have ***FINISHED THE WORK of the Father, IF***, as the religious leaders of the houses of Elohim of Abraham, Yitzchaq and Ya'aqov, of today, teach that He has abolished or did away with the Torah, the inerrant and everlasting Words of the Father? My friends ***IT IS*** only man, with their man made religious doctrines that teaches, that the Word of Yahweh, His Torah of Life has somehow been changed or done away with in some manner, for both the Father and the Son ***AFFIRM*** that the Word of the Father ***IS EVERLASTING, INERRANT AND UNCHANGING.***

Verse 5 And now, O Father, glorify Me with Your Own Self with the glory which I had with You before the world was. THIS IS A VERSE THAT PROVES to all those who choose to believe that Messiah was ***NOT*** Elohim, that He was indeed the Son of our heavenly Father, He was and ***IS*** Elohim. It is made quite clear in this *verse* that Messiah was with or part of the Father since before time began.

Verse 6 I have manifested Your Name unto the men which YOU GAVE ME out of the world: Yours they were, and You gave them to Me; and they have KEPT YOUR WORD FATHER.

Messiah Himself says that the ones that the Father has given Him, and that would be, ***people from His one and only Family, the lost sheep of the children of Yisrael***, of whom you and I, and all the people that have willingly chosen to surrender their hearts, minds, souls and strength to our heavenly Father, in total loving surrendered obedience to His Word, His Torah of Life, and have willingly chosen to allow the Holy Spirit of Yahweh to cause them to believe, follow, obey and ***DO*** His Torah of Life (*Ezekiel 36:26-27*) are a part of, for Messiah Himself made it very clear that He has only come for the ***Lost Sheep*** of the children of Yisrael, and that of course includes the Apostles, and all their disciples, which means that they too ***KEPT*** the Words of the Father.

Now think about this for a moment, ***IF*** the people that our heavenly Father gave to Messiah, did indeed ***KEEP*** the Words of the Father, ***THEN*** that means that Yeshua ***TAUGHT HIS DISCIPLES THE WORD OF THE FATHER, HIS TORAH OF LIFE***, the very same Torah that He gave to Mosheh at Mount Sinai, or else ***HOW*** would they ***KNOW*** that they ***WERE TO KEEP*** the Word or the Torah of the Father? And ***IF, HE DID TEACH*** His Apostles the Words of the Father, the Father's Torah of Life, ***THEN***, that in turn ***MEANS*** that His Apostles ***ALSO TAUGHT*** the very same Word of the Father, the Torah of Mosheh, to the people. ***IF YOU COME UP WITH ANY OTHER CONCLUSION, THEN YOU ARE FORCING YOUR OWN OPINION INTO THE SCRIPTURES, AND NOT BEING FAITHFUL TO THE TRUTH OF YHVH.***

*Verse 7 Now they have known that ALL things whatsoever You have given ME ARE OF YOU.
8 For I have given unto them THE WORDS WHICH YOU FATHER, GAVE ME; and*

THEY HAVE RECEIVED THEM, and HAVE KNOWN SURELY that I came out from You, and they have BELIEVED that You did send Me.

Again and again, Messiah confirms that His Words ***ARE NOT HIS OWN, BUT*** that they ***ARE*** the Father's Words, and here, He even says that those that He taught, that would be the Apostles and all their disciples, and all other people that listened to Messiah's teaching, He taught them that the Words that He was speaking ***WERE WORDS FROM THE FATHER*** and He says to the Father, ***THE WORDS THAT I GAVE THEM FATHER, ARE THE EXACT WORDS THAT YOU GAVE ME***, and they, meaning the people that He was teaching, ***RECEIVED THEM***, and ***BY THESE WORDS THAT I GAVE THEM, THEY KNEW***, that I Messiah, ***CAME FROM YOU***, our heavenly Father, ***AND THEY BELIEVED THAT YOU SENT ME.***

Since Scripture clearly defines the Words of the Father, as the Words of His Torah of Life, then the people who believe that the Torah of our heavenly Father has somehow changed or that it has been done away with in whole or in part, ***ARE NOT part of the people that our heavenly Father gave to Messiah to KEEP***, and if they are ***NOT*** among the people that the Father gave Messiah to ***KEEP***, then that means that someone else is keeping them, and I will let you guess who that is.

My friends, the Scriptures ***CANNOT MAKE IT ANY CLEARER***, the Words that Messiah Spoke and taught and wanted us to follow ***ARE THE VERY SAME WORDS THAT OUR HEAVENLY FATHER GAVE HIM***, and that means that Messiah ***TAUGHT THE WORDS OF THE FATHER'S TORAH OF LIFE***, the Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His directives for everlasting Life to all that had an ear to hear, to shemah. Furthermore, we have to understand that when Messiah said: *For I have given unto them, the Ones that You gave Me, the Words WHICH YOU FATHER GAVE ME*, and that of course does ***NOT*** include any words of Man, it is ***ONLY*** the Words of our heavenly Father, and they (the people that You, Father, gave Me) ***have received them*** (Your Words Father), and ***have known surely that I came out from You, and they have BELIEVED that You Father, did send Me.***

Verse 9 I pray for them: I DO NOT PRAY FOR THE WORLD, BUT FOR THEM which You have given Me; for they are Yours.

Did you know that when Messiah was here on earth, that He did ***NOT PRAY FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD, BUT THAT HE ONLY PRAYED for the ones that the Father had given Him? WHY IS THAT?*** Why did He only pray for the ones that the Father gave Him? It is because the Son of our heavenly Father, ***OUR MESSIAH, IS AN OBEDIENT SON*** and ***HE ONLY DID*** what the Father instructed Him to do, and ***THE FATHER INSTRUCTED HIM TO GO AND TEACH THE CHILDREN OF YISRAEL MY WORDS, MY TORAH***; and Messiah did exactly as the Father Commanded Him to do. *Matthew 15:24 But Messiah answered and said, I am NOT sent BUT unto the lost sheep of the house of Yisrael.* That, my friends, is the example of ***TRUE OBEDIENCE.***

Verse 10 And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine; and I am glorified in them.

When Messiah says: *I am glorified by the people that You Father; gave Me*, He means the people that willingly and lovingly choose to **KEEP** Your Words, the Words of Your Torah of Life, that You gave Me to give to them.

*11 And now I am no more in the world, **BUT** these (the people that you gave Me) **ARE** in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, **KEEP** through **YOUR OWN NAME** those whom **You have given Me**, that they may be one, **AS WE ARE ONE**. 12 While I was with them in the world, **I KEPT THEM IN YOUR NAME: those that You gave Me I have kept, AND NONE OF THEM IS LOST, BUT THE SON OF PERDITION**; that the Scripture might be fulfilled.*

John, through his words, makes it so obvious that the Father and the Son are One and that they share everything, as we can see from these *verses*. Messiah tells us that **IT IS** the Father who gave these people to Him, and that He, Messiah, **HAS KEPT THEM IN THE FATHER'S NAME**. How could Messiah **KEEP** them in the Father's Name, **IF**, like the religious leaders of the man made religion Christianity would have us believe, that He did away with the Words of the Father, did away with the Father's Torah of Life? It is or should be very very obvious, **BY** Messiah's own Words, that He willingly and lovingly followed and obeyed the Word or the Torah of our heavenly Father, exactly as the Father had given it to Mosheh at Mount Sinai.

*Verse 13 And now I come to You; and these things I speak in the world, so that they (the people that You Father gave Me) might have **MY JOY** fulfilled in themselves.*

What joy is Messiah speaking of? **IT IS THE JOY** of both **KNOWING** the Father and **OBEYING** Him, which gives **ALL WHO CHOOSE TO DO THAT**, a sense of holiness and purity, for embedded in the Word of Yahweh **IS HIS HOLINESS**, and He has Commanded us to be Holy as He is Holy. In this Statement, our heavenly Father **IS** telling us that He too lives **BY HIS WORD** and therefore **HIS WORD IS unchanging BECAUSE He is unchanging**.

*Verse 14 I Messiah have given them **YOUR WORD***; Whose Word did Messiah say He gave to the lost sheep of the house of Yisrael? Messiah Himself emphatically states that He gave them **THE WORDS OF THE FATHER**, He gave them the Father's Torah of Life. Again and again the Scriptures points to the Fact that while Messiah was here earth, He **LIVED BY AND OBEYED** ALL the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, His inerrant and everlasting Word, His directives for everlasting life, and, that He taught all that would listen to Him, to believe, follow, obey and **DO** the Father's Torah of Life.

*Verse 14 continued: and the world has hated them (they have hated My people whom I have kept in Your Name, because they have chosen to believe, follow, obey and **DO YOUR** Torah, heavenly Father), **BECAUSE** they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.*

Now this is very, very important for us to understand. What Yahweh is telling us here in this *verse*, **IS, IF anyone hates you, or despises you for keeping the Torah of the Father**, the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His inerrant Word, **THEN THEY ARE NOT OF HIM, THEY ARE NOT OF ELOHIM, BUT THAT INSTEAD, THEY ARE OF THE WORLD**, and **BECAUSE** they are of the world, **THEY WILL HATE WHAT YOU SAY, WHEN YOU TELL THEM THAT THE TORAH OF THE FATHER IS NOT**

ABOLISHED, BUT THAT THE TORAH OF YAHWEH IS AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE IN FULL FORCE FOR ETERNITY.

This may seem to some of you like a very harsh conclusion, to say that those who criticize, mock and even plot against the people that have willingly and lovingly chosen to **ALLOW** the Holy Spirit of our heavenly Father to **CAUSE** them to believe, follow and obey **ALL** the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, **ARE NOT OF MESSIAH, NOR ARE THEY OF THE ELOHIM, OF ABRAHAM, YITZCHAQ AND YA'AQOV, BUT, IT IS THE ONLY** possible conclusion that we can arrive at, **based on Messiah's own words.**

Therefore, we should **NOT BE** surprised when it happens, when people actually display hostility or hatred towards us for our Torah obedient ways, **BUT** regardless of what they do or say, we are to follow the example that Messiah so graciously laid out for us, and forgive all those that come against us and pray for them.

*Verse 15 I pray **NOT** that You should take them out of the world,*

Now **IF** there is any passage in **ALL** of Scripture that speaks out **against** the Christian man made **FALSE doctrinal teaching of the RAPTURE**, this would definitely be one of them, for Messiah Himself says **I PRAY THAT YOU WOULD NOT TAKE THEM (the people that you have given Me Father) OUT OF THE WORLD.** In other words, He wants **ALL** of His followers to be here until the end, **SO THAT THEY CAN BE AVAILABLE TO MINISTER TO ALL THE PEOPLE THAT NEED IT, AND BE HERE TO SEE HIS TRIUMPHANT RETURN.**

*Verse 15 continued, but that You should **KEEP** them from the **EVIL.** 16 They are **NOT** of the world, even as I am **NOT** of the world.*

Once we accept the Living Word of the Father, His Living Torah made flesh, our Messiah, as our Master and Saviour, we are no longer of this world, for **IF** we have truly surrendered our hearts to Yahweh, **THEN** according to Scripture, **WE**, have the mind of Messiah, like we are supposed to have, and that means that we no longer want what this world has to offer, because we have supposedly learned to want what the Father wants, and that is, we are to be holy as He is Holy.

*Verse 17 Sanctify them through Your **TRUTH:** Your Word, Your Torah, **IS TRUTH.***

Again **THIS IS SELF EXPLANATORY**, the Torah, the Word of the Father, **HIS WORD, IS TRUTH.**

*Psalm 119:142 Your righteousness **IS** an everlasting righteousness, and Your Torah **IS the TRUTH.***

*Verse 18 As **YOU** have sent Me into the world, even so, have I also **SENT THEM** into the world. 19 And for their sake I sanctify Myself, that they also might be sanctified through **THE TRUTH, THE TORAH** (Psalm 119:142).*

How does Messiah say a person **IS SANCTIFIED**? We are sanctified through **THE TRUTH**, and we are told in the previous *verse* and throughout Scripture that **THE TORAH OF THE FATHER, HIS INERRANT AND EVERLASTING TEACHING AND INSTRUCTIONS, HIS DIRECTIVES FOR EVERLASTING LIFE IS the TRUTH.**

Verse 20 Neither pray I for these alone, BUT for them also which shall believe on Me (the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life made flesh) through their (the people that You have given Me) word; 21 That they ALL may be one; as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You, that they also may be one in Us:

The Son and the Father are One, and the Scriptures tell us that a house that **IS** divided **WILL FALL**, therefore that means that the House of the Father **IS NOT, AND CANNOT BE DIVIDED**, and **THAT** in turn means, **THAT the Son agrees with the Father**, and **THAT** means, **that Messiah agreed with, lived by, and taught the Torah of the Father or else the house of Elohim would have been divided and collapsed.**

Why are we to keep the Torah of the Father? It is **SO THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD MAY SEE THE BLESSINGS THAT YAHWEH POURS OUT UPON HIS PEOPLE WHO WILLINGLY CHOOSE TO OBEY THE WORDS OF HIS TORAH OF LIFE, AND HOPEFULLY, CAUSE MANY OF THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD TO BEGIN TO BELIEVE THAT OUR HEAVENLY FATHER HAS SENT MESSIAH, HIS SON, THE WORDS OF HIS TORAH MADE FLESH, TO SAVE THE WORLD.**

The sad reality however, **IS THAT** the majority of the houses of the Elohim of Abraham, Yitzchaq and Ya'aqov of today, **DO NOT KEEP, NOR OBEY** the Words of our heavenly Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life, in the manner that He wants them to. Therefore, that means that **THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD DO NOT BELIEVE THE MESSAGE OF OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, NOR WILL THEY BELIEVE THE MESSAGE OF HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, OUR MESSIAH**, the message that states th at **ALL** peoples of the world, are to believe, follow, obey all the Words of the Torah that Yahweh gave to Mosheh at Mount Sinay, exactly as they were given to Mosheh at Mount Sinay, without adding anything to it, **NOR** taking anything away from it. Scripture emphasizes the fact that we will **ALL** reap what we sow, and therefore, **IF** we sow unbelief, we will reap unbelief, and unbelievers **CANNOT** enter the kingdom of our heavenly Father.

Verse 22 And the GLORY which You Father, have given Me, I have given them; that they may be one, even as We are One: 23 I in them, and You in Me, that they may be made perfect in one.

Have you ever thought of yourself as being the **GLORY** of Elohim? Well, here, we are told that **THOSE WHO BELIEVE, FOLLOW AND OBEY THE MESSIAH'S TEACHING, THOSE WHO BELIEVE, FOLLOW, OBEY AND DO THE FATHER'S TORAH, BECOME THE GLORY OF THE FATHER.**

Verse 23 And that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them, as You have loved Me. 24 Father, I will that they also, WHOM YOU HAVE GIVEN ME, be with Me

where I am; **THAT THEY MAY BEHOLD MY GLORY, WHICH YOU HAVE GIVEN ME:**
for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

This shows us that Messiah **IS** our constant intercessor, before the Father, and that He loves us and wants us to spend eternity with Him, and furthermore, Messiah makes it very clear that His Glory was given to Him **BY** the Father. That means that **IF** Messiah were to choose to disobey the Father, as Christianity falsely teaches that He did, that the Father would no longer glorify Him.

*Verse 25 O righteous Father, the world has **NOT KNOWN YOU: BUT I, I have known You, and these (the ones that You gave Me) have known that You have sent Me. 26 And I have declared unto them **YOUR NAME**, and will declare it: that the love wherewith You have loved Me may be in them, and I in them.***

What a beautiful way to end this chapter. Messiah is praying to the Father, that the Love of the Father, which is an infinite and perfect love, would be in us through Messiah, who is the Words of His Living Torah made flesh. There is only one conclusion that we can arrive at, based on Messiah's own words, and that is, that the Torah of the Father, **IS LOVE**, and **IF** we profess to love the Father, **THEN WE MUST, WE ABSOLUTELY MUST OBEY HIS LIFE GIVING TORAH.** Amein

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*Have a great Elohim blessed week and may Yahweh bless your every thought,
and your every deed. Until we meet again. Shalom Alechem. Amein*